

Presentation of

SPAIN

Map of Spain




Capital: Madrid



Flag



Languages



spanish is the third
most widely
spoken language on the planet

The **languages of Spain**, or **Spanish languages** are the languages spoken [Romance languages](#) are the most widely spoken in Spain, of which [Castilian](#), or Spanish, is the country's [official language](#).

Various other languages have co-official or recognized status in specific territories, and a number of unofficial languages and dialects are spoken in certain localities, like Catalan, Galician or Basque languages.

Spain currency or the currency used in Spain is Euro as it is located in southern portion of Europe.

Being a part of the European Union

and the Euro zone, Spain adopted the common European Currency Euro(symbol: €) in the Year 2002.



Prior to the year 2002 Pesetas was the Spain Currency.

Different buildings in Spain



Guggenheim



Santiago Cathedral



Puerta de Alcalá



Andalucía

Some of the most representative trees in Spain.

Summer Oak



Sabina; from Canary Islands



Olive Tree



Fig Tree



List of facts about Spain:

Capital of Spain: Madrid

Top 3 Largest cities in Spain: Madrid 5.9 million inhabitants, Barcelona 5.3 million inhabitants, Valencia 1.6 million inhabitants.

Population size: 44,7 million in 2006.

Density: 88,39 inhabitants per square kilometer.

Size: 506,000M square meters (Spain is the second largest country in Europe after France).

Mean Altitude: 600 m. (which makes Spain the second highest country in Europe after Switzerland).

Highest Point: Pico de Teide in Tenerife 3,719 m.

Political Structure: Parliamentary monarchy (since 1978).

Regions: Spain is made up of 17 autonomous regions.

Time zone: +1 GMT except Canary Islands +2 GMT.

Currency: The introduction of the Euro in 2002 replaced the former Spanish Peseta.

Religion: approximately 90% of the population are Catholic and there is freedom of religion in Spain.

Measures: Weight measured in kilograms, distances measured by the metric system, temperature measured in degrees [Celsius](#).

Spanish Gastronomy: Throughout Spain the food is influenced by the geographic situation and also by its long and interesting history. Many elements in the Spanish kitchen today have its origin from the Moorish occupation or even go back to the Roman occupation.

The most famous dishes in Spain are La Paella (the world famous rice dish), El Jamón Serrano (Spanish Ham), El Gazpacho (cold vegetal soup) or La Tortilla (Spanish Omelet) and the many different sausages.



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