



**SPAIN**

the country I'm going to

# SPAIN

- the largest country in Southern Europe, the second largest country in Western Europe and the European Union
- Population : about 47 million
- capital and largest city : Madrid
- officially the **Kingdom of Spain** (*Reino de España*)
- area : 505,990 km<sup>2</sup>



# SPANISH TERRITORY

- Spain is located in Southwestern Europe
- Spain territory is situated on the Iberian Peninsula
- Its territory also includes two archipelagos: the Canary Islands off the coast of Africa, and the Balearic Islands in the Mediterranean Sea
- Spain is the only European country that have a physical border with an Africa
- Several small islands in the Alboran Sea are also part of Spanish territory



# CLIMATE

Three main climatic zones:

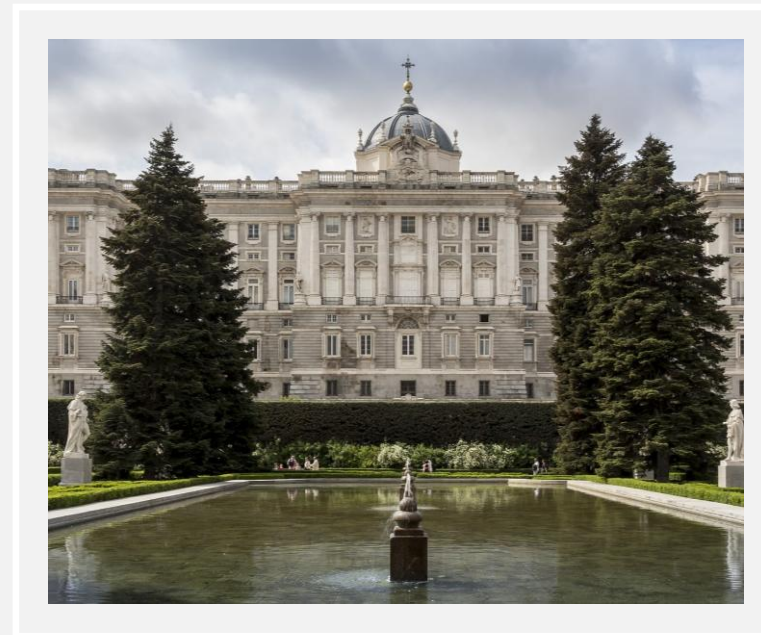
- The **Mediterranean** climate
  - warm and hot summers
  - it is predominant in the Mediterranean and Southern Atlantic coast and in the center of the country.
- The **semi-arid** climate
  - predominant in the southeastern quarter of the country
  - dry season extends beyond the summer
- The **oceanic** climate
  - predominant in the northern quarter of the country
  - winter and summer temperatures are influenced by the ocean
  - have no seasonal drought

Apart from these main types, other sub-types can be found, like the **alpine** climate, the **humid subtropical** climate and the **continental** climates.

# GOVERNMENT

- Spain is a constitutional monarchy
- Spain is organisationally structured as a so-called Estado de las Autonomías ("State of Autonomies")
- **Head of State**  
King Felipe VI, since 19 June 2014
- **Head of Government**  
Prime Minister of Spain (*Presidente del Gobierno*): Pedro Sánchez Pérez-Castejón
- **Cabinet**  
Council of Ministers (*Consejo de Ministros*) designated by the Prime Minister

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# TOURISM

- In 2018, Spain was the second most visited country in the world
- Most visitors arriving to Spain on a short term basis were from the United Kingdom
- The most popular tourist attractions in Spain:
  - The Palacio Real (Royal Palace)
  - La Concha
  - Aqueduct of Segovia
  - Ibiza
  - Sagrada Familia
  - Alhambra
  - Palma Cathedral
- Largest cities in Spain: Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia, Seville.



# SPORT

**Sport in Spain** in the second half of the 20th century has always been dominated by football.

Primera División (The Spanish League) is considered to be one of the world's best competitions. Successful teams in recent European competitions are Real Madrid, FC Barcelona, Sevilla, Athletic Bilbao, Valencia CF and Atlético Madrid.

Other popular sport activities include basketball, tennis, cycling, handball, motorcycling, Formula One, watersports, rhythmic gymnastics, golf, bullfighting and skiing.

# MUSIC

The **music of Spain** has a long history. It has played an important role in the development of Western music, and has greatly influenced Latin American music. Spanish music is often associated with traditional styles such as flamenco and classical guitar. While these forms of music are common, there are many different traditional musical and dance styles across the regions. Nowadays commercial pop music dominates.

Popular spanish singers:

- Enrique Iglesias
- Shakira
- Ricky Martin
- Daddy Yankee
- Jennifer Lopez
- Julio Iglesias
- Luis Fonsi





# FOOD

Spain is a country of regions. Each region has its own traditional foods.

Spanish food is full of flavour and character.

There are a number of traditional or typical foods in Spain. Some of the popular foods include Croquettes, Salmorejo, Paella, Gazpacho, Pisto, Turrón.



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