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Spain Fact File



- Population: 48 million people live in Spain (2018)
- Capital: Madrid, with 3.3 million inhabitants, is Spain's biggest city
- Name: Reino de España (Kingdom of Spain), short form: España
- Government: Parliamentary Monarchy
- Languages: Spanish (Castilian), Catalan, Valencian, Galician, Basque
- Religion: mainly Christians (Roman Catholics 94%)
- Currency: 1 Euro=100 cents
- National Symbol: The pillars of Hercules, short-toed eagle (national bird), red carnation (national flower). The official Spanish anthem is one of only four anthems in the world without lyrics.
- Spanish is the official language of the following 20 countries, as well as Puerto Rico, Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Uruguay, and Venezuela.
- Spain is located in Europe.
- In Spain they drive on the right-hand side of the road.
- The Pyrenees is a mountain range that divides Spain and France.
- Spain includes a number of islands including Mallorca, Tenerife, Ibiza and Gran Canaria. Many can be found in the Canary Islands, an archipelago off the northwest coast of Africa.
- The Spanish tourism industry is one of the largest in the world, bringing in billions of Euros into the Spanish economy.
- Spain produces a large amount of renewable energy, including wind power and solar power.
- Spain has a variety of foods and unique dishes such as paella (a type of rice dish) and tapas (a range of small snacks or appetizers).
- Football (soccer) is the most popular sport in Spain.
- Spain is known for its flamenco dance.



### Geography facts:

- Longest river: Rio Ebro with 910km/566 miles
- Largest lake: Mar Menor is also the largest salt lake in Europe
- Highest mountain: El Teide on Tenerife (Canary Islands) with 3,718m.  
It is an active volcano
- Largest island: Mallorca (which is part of the Balearic Islands)
- Spain borders the countries Portugal, Andorra, France, Gibraltar and also Morocco, as the two Spanish enclaves (territories) Ceuta and Melilla are located in Morocco.
- Spain is the only European country which borders Africa. It is separated by Africa by the straits of Gibraltar and two of the cities belonging to Spain are inside Morocco.



### Wildlife in Spain:

- The Mediterranean or Iberian lynx is almost extinct, there are only a few surviving mammals left in the south of Spain and Portugal. The lynx is the most endangered cat in the world.
- Other protected animals are the Iberian wild boar, the Iberian fox, the Iberian wolves and the Cantabrian brown bear.
- The short-toed eagle is Spain's national bird. The region of Andalusia is home to the Andalusian horses which are known for their speed and strength.

Iberian lynx



Iberian wolf



Cantabrian brown bear

