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## MEET ME IN SPAIN!

With 504.030 km<sup>2</sup> and surrounded by The Mediterranean Sea, France, Andorra and Portugal. The capital city is **Madrid** and the most important cities are Barcelona, Valencia, Seville and San Sebastian (Donosti).

**SPAIN MAP**



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The population in Spain is about **46 millions of people**, Madrid is the third biggest city in the UE after London and Berlin.

There are about 4 millions of **foreign people** living in Spain, most of them from South America, Romania, Morocco, United Kingdom and Italy.

Our **flag** is red, yellow and red. Spain has 17 autonomous communities. There are some other **official languages** apart from the **Spanish** one in Cataluña, Galicia, Valencia, Vasque Country and some other dialects in some villages in



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Extremadura for example “la Fala” and a curious dialect made up of different oral whistles in the Canary Islands the “Silbo Gomero” en La Gomera Island.

It is a **democracy** with a prime minister and a parliament, it is still a monarchy and The **King** is Felipe VI.

The **climate** is different depending on the different areas: north areas have Alpine Climate with cold winters and cool summers, it rains a lot; inner areas have got Continental Climate with cold winters and very hot summers; and finally areas near the coast have Mediterranean Climate where winters are mild and summers are hot.

Spain is the “cradle” of some **greatest artists** and writers like: Cervantes, Pablo Picasso and Salvador Dalí; and the films directors Almodovar and Amenabar.

We are the sixth economy the **European Union**, the tourism is one of the engines of our economy.

Spain is made up of **different cultures** and different Autonomous Communities, each of them has their own traditions, food, traditions, celebrations and personality which finally contribute to the richness of our country.

**Galicia** celebrates their patron saint in July: Santiago Apostol. Many pilgrims go there for the whole year. It has a tradition of witches (Meigas) and spiritual things... Their traditional food is based on Sea Food. They have a famous drink... Their traditional dance is La Muñeira. In their music Pipes are commonly used, like in celtic countries like Ireland.

**Extremadura** is famous for some of their celebrations like Jarrampas in Piornal, El Peropalo in Villanueva de la Vera or La encamisá in Navalvillar de Pela. Their food is base on pork, they are famous by their Iberic Ham and other kinds of cooked and roasted meats: Cochinillos, Chorizos... One of the most traditional dishes is called MIGAS.



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**Andalucía** is the biggest Autonomous Community in Spain. It has a lot of celebrations in the whole area, religious demonstrations at Easter, April Fair in Seville and El Rocío in Huelva in May. In both celebrations, they wear their traditional wonderful flamenco clothes.

**Valencia** is on the Mediterranean Coast and it is famous by their celebrations with Fireworks, called “Las Fallas” and their wonderful dish with rice, “Paella”.

**Catalonia** has celebrations like Saint Jordi in which men give a rose to the women and women give them a book in return. They have wonderful food like “sobrasada” and their typical dance is “La Sardana”.

**Vasque Country**, they have very famous celebrations like “Los Sanfermines”, they have a different wine called “txacoli” and their food is very good in general, one of their typical food is Marmitako de Bonito del Norte.