

Spain

A country, more diverse than you ever imagined, Spain is located in Southwestern Europe. The coastlines include the Bay of Biscay, Mediterranean Sea, and Northern Atlantic Ocean. From the ancient Roman architecture, to the magnificent landscapes with cathedrals and castles, from splendid islands to the Pyrenees Mountains, the vibrant nightlife, delicious cuisine and the oh-so-beautiful countless beaches, Spain offers its visitors a delightful treat. The country offers a great amount of love for fine food, popular Flamenco dancers and legendary bullfights. That is why it is one of the cultural centers of Europe, which represents the country's intense history, rich culture, and charming natural beauty. You are certainly tempted to make a comeback after your first visit to Spain.

Recharge yourself

You will be pleasantly awestruck with the stress free life in Spain. The diversity of the country is evident in its wide landscapes with castles, golden sand beaches, large cathedrals, green forests and deserts. Small mediaeval towns, historic city centers soaked in history, astounding rural areas with peculiar traditions, popular festivities and a delicious culinary fare make Spain a beautiful and interesting country for holidaying. These are some of the ways in which you can forget the stresses and strains of everyday life and immerse yourself in the pleasures of slow and a rejuvenating experience in Spain. You can always talk to the locals and understand the many stories and legends that surround the city's history and monuments.

History & Culture

The history of Spain is strikingly different from that of the rest of the continent. The Spanish history tells the story of a land that has been sought after by many civilizations; the Carthaginians and Romans fought over it, the Arabs conquered it and the Catholic monarchs had recovered Spain and converted it into the most powerful empire in the world upon the discovery of America.

Top must see sights in Spain

Madrid – The capital city of Spain offers a variety of places and things to do. Madrid's largest and most beautiful building, Royal Palace is a must see. From world famous Flamenco dancers to bull fights, from real Madrid play to try some tapas(a quintessential Spanish food), the city is full of energy with a vibrant night life.

Ibiza – Located in the Mediterranean Sea, the Island is known as one of the famous party places. The travellers from across the globe mainly visit in summers to enjoy the night clubs, beach bars and restaurants, which certainly increases the population.

The Sargada Familia – One of Europe's most unconventional churches, it is still unfinished, so as you look down from its tower you can see the work in progress below. It resembles a beautiful piece of sculpture more than a building and is indeed a masterpiece.

Seville – With antique charm, Seville is home to three UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The Alcazar palace complex is a remarkable collage of architectural styles, and the Cathedral will sway you with its beauty. The Metropol Parasol is the world's largest wooden structure that contains a market and a terrace observatory.

Mosque of Cordoba– One of the largest mosques in the world, located in the Spanish region of Andalusia is known to be the most beautiful and fascinating buildings. It is most famous for its giant arches and the forest of pillars in the main hall. Certainly, it has the

finest Moorish architecture.

The White Towns of Andalucía - The White Towns are not just beautiful; they speak of the region's long and fascinating history. Most spectacular is Arcos de la Frontera, whose plaza beside the Gothic church has a high cliff, which shows the views across a valley of olive, orange, and almond orchards.

La Concha – La Concha in San Sebastian is known to be one of the best city beaches in Europe. Here you can go surfing, walk along the promenade in search of good restaurants and enjoy the beautiful views of the beach.

Granada – The Alhambra fort of Granada is one of the most famous buildings in Spain. A Moorish fortress with grand archways and delicate ornamental mosaics is a candy for eyes. You will be astonished with beautiful views from the Mirador San Nicolas. Granada's nightlife is vibrant and varied.

Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao – This charismatic, gleaming titanium and glass museum, houses majorly the artworks of 20th century. The collection in the museum focuses on postwar painting sculpture in America and Europe and it ranges from the mid20th century till the present day

Best time to visit Spain

Spain is favourable for travel during March – May, September and October. The weather is mild and clear with lesser crowd during this period. During summer, it can be too hot at some places, that you can certainly avoid visiting. June to August is the peak season with warm, dry and sunny weather but more humid in coastal areas and the accommodation prices increase tremendously.

How to reach Spain

Almost all flights from Europe, America, and Asia land in Madrid and Barcelona airports. Spain's national carrier, Iberia Airlines has more routes into and within Spain than any other airline. It offers daily nonstop service to Madrid from New York all year and from Chicago, Boston, and Miami seasonally.

There are direct trains from Switzerland, France, Italy and Portugal

Traveller's Tips – Do's and Don'ts

Do not eat with your hands.

Do not watch the street entertainers as the pickpockets are there making a living too

Do not wear shorts in public.

Do dress stylishly with nice accessories.

Do wear money belt to avoid pick pocket

Do carry small changes for using public toilets

Be prepared for late lunch and dinner.