

## Spain

Spain, formally Kingdom of Spain, is a transcontinental sovereign country, constituted as a State social and democratic of law and whose form of government is the parliamentary monarchy. Is one of the twenty-seven sovereign States that make up the European Union. Its territory, with capital in Madrid, It is organized into seventeen autonomous communities, in turn made up of fifty provinces, and two autonomous cities.

Spain is located mainly in the southwest of Europe, although it also has a presence in the north from Africa. In Europe, it occupies most of the Iberian Peninsula, known as peninsular Spain, and the Balearic Islands (in the Mediterranean Sea). In Africa are the cities of Ceuta and Melilla, the Canary Islands (in the Atlantic Ocean) and several Mediterranean possessions called "plazas de sovereignty". The municipality of Llívia, in the Pyrenees, constitutes an exclave completely surrounded by French territory. The set of territories is completed by a series of islands and islets in front of the own peninsular coasts. It has an area of 505,370 km<sup>2</sup>, making it the fourth largest country extensive continent, and with an average altitude of 650 m above sea level, one of the countries most mountainous in Europe. Its population almost reaches 48 and a half million inhabitants, although the Population density is low when compared to the European context. Specifically, on January 1 of 2024 reached 48,592,909. The peninsular territory shares land borders with France and Andorra to the north, Portugal to the west and Gibraltar to the south. In their territories Africans, shares land and maritime borders with Morocco. Share with France the sovereignty over the island of Pheasants at the mouth of the Bidasoa river and five facerías Pyrenees.

Article 3.1 of its Constitution establishes that "Castilian is the official Spanish language of the State. All Spaniards have the duty to know it and the right to use it. In 2012, it was the mother tongue of 82% of Spaniards. According to article 3.2, "the other Spanish languages will be also official in the respective Autonomous Communities in accordance with their Statutes. Language

Spanish or Castilian, the second most spoken mother tongue in the world with 500 million native Spanish speakers, and up to almost 600 million including proficient speakers limited, is one of the most important legacies of the cultural and historical heritage of Spain in the world. Culturally belonging to Latin Europe and heir to a vast influence Greco-Roman, Spain is also home to the world's fourth largest collection of declared sites. Heritage of humanity by unesco.

It is a developed country – it enjoys the fourth highest life expectancy in the world – and high income, whose gross domestic product places the Spanish economy in fourteenth position world (2021). Spain is a great tourist power, since it stands out as the second most visited in the world—more than 83 million tourists in 2019—and the second country in the world in income economic benefits from international tourism. It has a very high human development index (0.904), according to the 2020 report of the UN Development Program. Spain also has a notable international projection through its membership in multiple organizations international organizations such as the United Nations, the Council of Europe, the World Trade Organization, the Organization of Ibero-American States, the OECD, NATO and the European Union — included within It is in the Schengen area and the eurozone—in addition to being a de facto member of the G20.