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SPAIN

Positioned between Europe and Africa, Spain is the land of wine and olives, the flamenco, beautiful storybook castles, bullfights, rich cultural traditions and people with a contagious zest for life. No other country in Europe can boast such a range of contrasting natural attractions and cultures. Nowhere is the diversity more evident than in the rich, bustling cosmopolitan cities. Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia and Seville are dotted with some of the grandest museums and galleries in Europe, contrasted with a vibrant nightlife. If you can muster up the stamina after a day's exploring, you can eat, drink and party all night at the bars and restaurants that remain open till dawn.

Spain's currency is the Euro. Spain is three and half hours behind India in summer and four and half hours in winter. Spanish is spoken throughout, although regional variations can be significant. Catalan, with its elements of French and Spanish and its own unique charm, is spoken in Barcelona.

Barcelona

Located on the Mediterranean coast, Barcelona is Spain's second leading city in terms of size and importance. Luxurious resorts are dotted along its pristine beaches, making Barcelona a sunbather's haven. Its main thoroughfare, Las Ramblas, runs all the way from the quayside through the heart of the city and it is here that you should start your tour of one of Europe's most exciting cities. You particularly don't want to miss the fabulous architecture of Gaudí, Barcelona's favourite son. The Gothic Quarter and Montjuic are also well worth exploring, with ancient and ornate architecture everywhere you look.



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Madrid

Spain's capital and its largest city, Madrid is one of the chief commercial and cultural centres of the country. As the capital of the Spanish Empire, Madrid was once the richest and most powerful city in the world and still remains a majestic city with refined tastes. The Royal Theatre in Madrid is Spain's most important classical music venue, hosting several opera and concert events. The area of Malasana is packed with bars and restaurants that stay open until dawn. There is a growing interest in the traditional flamenco dance among Madrid's young population, which has led to shows and clubs springing up across the city.



Malaga



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The Province of Málaga is situated on the southern coast of Spain, in the Autonomous Community of Andalusia. It is bordered by the Mediterranean Sea to the South, and by the provinces of Cádiz, Sevilla, Córdoba and Granada. Málaga contains 100 municipalities and 6 regions. Besides the capital, its main cities are Marbella, Vélez-Málaga, Antequera and Ronda. The regions are: La Axarquía, Valle del Guadalhorce, Serranía de Ronda, Comarca de Antequera, Costa del Sol Occidental and Vega de Málaga.

Birthplace of Picasso, the attractive, cosmopolitan city of Málaga is the capital city of the Costa del Sol and lies on a beautiful sweep of bay in Andalusia. Málaga is surrounded by mountains, lying in the southern base of the Axarquía hills, and two rivers, the Guadalmedina and the Guadalhorce. The climate here is mild and equable, the mean annual temperature being about 19 °C (66 °F). Málaga has an International Airport, Pablo Ruiz Picasso Málaga International Airport, that provides the gateway to all of the other Andalusian towns. There are a lot of hotels and tourist facilities to support the number of visitors the surrounding villages and beaches attract each year.

Ibiza



Ibiza is definitely one of the best attractions that you can find in Spain. Also called **Vila d' Eivissa**, this amazing city is located in the Mediterranean Sea. Covering an area of 585 km², Ibiza is the third largest of the Balearic Islands and its population is about 11,482 inhabitants; this makes Ibiza the most populated Balearic Island.

Ibiza has been occupied too many times by different invaders. Ibiza became a colony of Carthage in 700BC. Then it was conquered by the **Romans**. The Arabs stayed there for almost 500 years and constructed a mosque. Then it was invaded by the Catalans, who created and settled their churches all around the town. Ibiza also had to deal with Pirates who wanted to ransack the town. If you want to know a little more about all these invasions, you can visit Ibiza where you will still find some archeological remains around the city.

One of the most important Ibiza's tourist attractions are definitely its **beaches** of white and golden sands and crystal waters. Ibiza beaches are considered as the best beaches in Europe. Ibiza is also the perfect destination to enjoy water sports such as surf, scuba diving and snorkeling. Due to its mild weather, you can visit any of its **56 beaches** at any time of the year. You can find **hotels** of every kind near the beaches: from cheap & comfortable hotels to luxurious and pleasant hotels. But if you do not like to stay in a hotel and you like the nature, you can also camp in any of the beaches. Traveling to Ibiza is an experience that you will not regret.

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