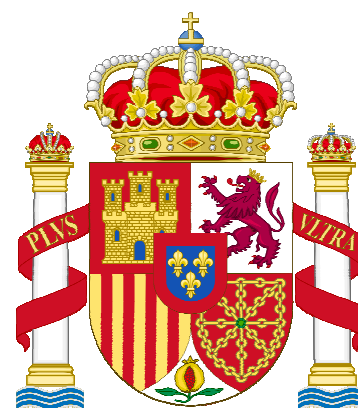


Country Fact File: SPAIN



short-toed snake eagle
the national bird



Name of country	Reino de España from the Latin <i>Hispania</i>
Continent	Europe
Hemisphere	northern
Borders	France, Portugal, Gibraltar, Andorra, Morocco
Capital City	Madrid
Official languages	Spanish, Catalan, Basque, Galician
Population	46,423,064 (2015 estimate)
Area	505,990 km ²
Currency	Euro
Time Zone	UTC +1
Motto	Plus Ultra
National Anthem	La Marcha Real
Highest mountain	Mount Teide 3718 m above sea level
Longest river	El Tajo 716 km
National sport	football

Other Spain facts

- ♦ one of the world's first global colonial empires, leaving a vast cultural and linguistic legacy of over 500 million Spanish speakers
- ♦ Mount Teide is an active volcano, and the 3rd largest in the world.
- ♦ Spain comprises 17 autonomous communities and 2 autonomous cities.
- ♦ has the most extensive high-speed rail network in Europe
- ♦ After Italy and China, Spain has the most World Heritage Sites.

Famous Spaniards

Miguel de Cervantes	Penélope Cruz
El Çid	Sara Montiel
Federico García Lorca	Rafael Nadal
Diego Velázquez	David de Gea
Pablo Picasso	Catherine of Aragon