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# SPAIN: OUR COUNTRY

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# INTRODUCTION

Spain is a country located in Southwestern Europe. The coastlines include the Bay of Biscay, Mediterranean Sea, and Northern Atlantic Ocean. Neighboring countries include Andorra, France, Gibraltar, Portugal, and Morocco. Spain controls a number of territories in northern Morocco including several enclaves and the Canary Islands. Spain borders the Pyrenees Mountains, but much of the country is high plateaus. The government system is a parliamentary monarchy; the chief of state is the king, and the head of government is the president. Spain has a mixed capitalist economy in which there is a variety of private freedom, combined with centralized economic planning and government regulation. Spain is a member of the European Union (EU).

To explain some of the most important things of our country, we have paid attention on some aspects such as: sports, food, music, dance,...

# SPORTS

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## HANDBALL SPANISH TEAM

Spain is one of the biggest potencies of handball in the world, and one of the best skills of our team is that they look after the whole team, not only themselves.

The most important competition was the 2018 European Champion, because it was the first international competition we won.



## TENNIS: RAFA NADAL

Rafa is considered one of the best players in the history of tennis and he works so hard to improve himself. He is the best example to follow because he reflects a lot of important values.

Thanks to his tireless spirit he won a lot of competitions, but the most important were the 2017 Roland Garros and the US OPEN Championships.



## **MOTORCYCLING: MARC MÁRQUEZ**

Marc is the youngest driver in history who has won six titles in three different categories. He represents a case of improvement and continuous effort. One of his last achievements was the 2017 World Champion.



## **BASKETBALL SPANISH TEAM**

Our basketball team is one of the best generations of the Spanish basketball, because they don't stop improving their team skills and they put ahead the team's interests before the individuals.

Thanks to their great effort, they have won a lot of matches and competitions. But one of the most important was the 2015 European Champion.



## **FOOTBALL SPANISH TEAM**

Our Spanish team was founded in 1920 with the aim of representing Spain at the Olympic Games in Antwerp. Since then, they have participated in many international competitions. One of the most important was the 2010 World Champion because we won our first World Cup.



# TYPICAL FOOD

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## - JAMÓN SERRANO

It is the star product of the Spanish gastronomy, specially the variety of the Iberian race and among this, the one that is fed with acorns and grown in freedom, better known as black leg. This one has an unmistakable flavour.



## - GALICIAN STYLE OCTOPUS

It is a very well-known typical Spanish dish too that comes from Galicia. This dish is made of tender pieces of cooked octopus over boiled Galician potato, olive oil, coarse salt and paprika of La Vera . A delicious dish!



## **- SPANISH OMELETTE**

It is a very well-known typical dish of Spain. It is consumed in every home and it's the most requested tapa in bars and restaurants. A legend says that the Spanish omelette inventor was a humble peasant who lived in Navarra's forest and because of the visit of an important general, she made this dish because she only had eggs, onions and potatoes.



# MUSIC AND DANCE

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## - ALEJANDRO SANZ

Alejandro is a Spanish guitarist, composer and musician. He has won 20 Latin Grammys and 3 American Grammys. He has also collaborated with national and international artists, making him one of the most important artists in the history of Spain.



## - FLAMENCO

It's a typical dance style of Andalucía and also cultivated in Extremadura and Murcia. Its main facets are singing, playing and dancing, also counting on its own traditions and rules. In 2010, Unesco declared it Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.



## - **ENRIQUE IGLESIAS**

Enrique is a singer, composer, record producer and Spanish actor who has won the most important and prestigious awards in the recording industry. The artist has sold more than 140 million musical productions in English and Spanish.



# TOP 10: SPANISH FAMOUS PLACES

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## **10. BURGOS CATHEDRAL**

It's a temple of Catholic worship dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Its construction began in the year 1221, following French Gothic patterns and it has had important modifications in the XV and XVI centuries. It was declared a National Monument in 1885 and a World Heritage Site by Unesco in 1984.



## **9. MONTSERRAT MONASTERY**

It's a Benedictine monastery located on the mountain of Montserrat, in Barcelona. Montserrat has one of the oldest singing children choir in Europe and takes part in the Marian Route, an itinerary guided by Marian devotion and spirituality.



## **8. SEGOVIA AQUEDUCT**

It's a Roman aqueduct that carried water to the city of Segovia. It was built at the beginning of the second century at the end of the reign of Emperor Trajan and at the beginning of Hadrian's. The most famous part is the arcade that crosses the Plaza del Azoguejo.



## **7. SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA CATHEDRAL**

It's a temple of Catholic worship located in the city of Santiago de Compostela, in Galicia. Here you can see the tomb of the Apostle Santiago, which made the temple one of the main destinations of pilgrimage in Europe during the Middle Ages. It was declared an Asset of Cultural Interest in 1896.



## **6. ESCORIAL MONASTERY**

It's a complex building that includes a royal palace, a basilica, a pantheon, a library, a school and a monastery. It's located in the Community of Madrid and was built between 1563 and 1584. It was considered, since the end of the XVI century, the Eighth Wonder of the World.



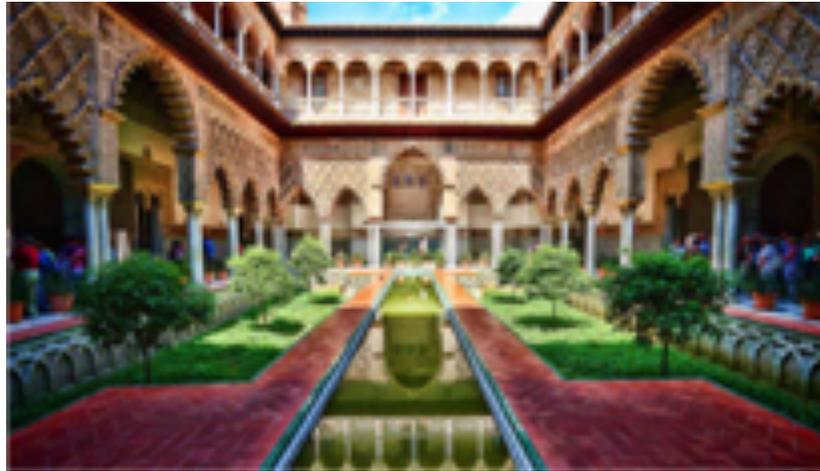
## **5. ROMAN THEATRE OF MERIDA**

It's a historical theatre built by Ancient Rome and inaugurated around the years 16-15 BC. It has undergone several restructurings, one during the first century A.D and another between the years 333 and 337. It's a World Heritage Site since 1993.



#### **4. ALCÁZAR OF SEVILLE**

It's a fortified palace ordered to build by Abd Al Rahman III and composed of areas built in different historical periods. It's the oldest royal palace in Europe and was declared a World Heritage Site in 1987.



#### **3. SAGRADA FAMILIA (BARCELONA)**

It's a Catholic basilica designed by the architect Antoni Gaudí. It was started in 1882 and it's still under construction. The front of the building of the Nativity and the crypt, were included in 2005 by UNESCO in the World Heritage Site «Works by Antoni Gaudí».



## **2. CORDOBA MOSQUE**

It began to be built as a mosque in the year 785, with the appropriation and reuse of the materials of the Hispano-Roman basilica of San Vicente Mártir. It was the second largest mosque in the world and in 1238, its consecration was carried out as a cathedral.



## **1. ALHAMBRA (GRANADA)**

It's an Andalusian palatine city located in Granada and it consists of a set of palaces, gardens and a fortress. It served as accommodation to the monarch and the court of the Nasrid Kingdom of Granada. It was declared an asset of cultural interest in 2004.

