



18 Top Facts

Viva España



1. The Spanish name for Spain is España.
2. The Spanish language is spoken in many areas of the world due to the early influence of the Spanish Empire.
3. Spain is located in Europe.
4. It is a developed country with a high quality of life.
5. The largest city and capital of Spain is Madrid.
6. The second largest city is Barcelona, which is located in Catalonia.
7. The population of Spain in 2012 was around 47 million.
8. The currency used in Spain is the Euro.
9. In Spain they drive on the right-hand side of the road.
10. It is believed that modern humans first arrived in Spain around 32000 years ago.
11. Mount Teide is the highest mountain in Spain (3718 m, 12198 ft) and an active volcano.
12. The Pyrenees is a mountain range that divides Spain and France.
13. Spain includes a number of islands including Mallorca, Tenerife, Ibiza and Gran Canaria. Many can be found in the Canary Islands, an archipelago off the northwest coast of Africa.
14. The Spanish tourism industry is one of the largest in the world, bringing in billions of Euros into the Spanish economy.
15. Spain produces a large amount of renewable energy, including wind power and solar power.
16. Spain has a variety of foods and unique dishes such as paella (a type of rice dish) and tapas (a range of small snacks or appetizers).
17. Football (soccer) is the most popular sport in Spain.
18. The 1992 Summer Olympic Games were held in Barcelona.