Discover Spain's Natural Charm



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Spain's geography results in DIVERSITY





Surprising facts and figures about Spain

Table 3.4. Ranking of countries according to total mountain area and mountain population

	Mountain area		Mountain population
	(km²)		
Norway	298 409	Italy	18 267 183
Spain	284 348	Spain	15 681 826
Sweden	232 122	France*	8 577 499
Italy	181 615	Germany	8 254 700
Finland	169 750	Switzerland	6 132 208
France	138 469	Romania	5 535 706
Greece	103 630	Greece	5 365 931
Romania	89 845	Austria	3 993 337
UK	63 370	Bulgaria	3 637 787
Austria	61 550	Norway	2 854 051
Bulgaria	53 549	Portugal	2 741 590



What makes living in Spain GREAT

The things that you can take for granted throughout the country

- Safety Peace
- Good and free healthcare and public infrastructures
- Affordable cost of living (in comparison to other countries)
- Beautiful places (history, architecture)
- Great food (and wine!)
- Good weather (depends on the region)
- Beautiful nature
- Easy going / friendly people





What makes living in Spain not so GREAT

- Taxes (safety and free healthcare have a cost)
- Unemployment (few ready-made jobs but plenty of opportunities)
- Bureaucracy (getting better though)





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GOOD AND FREE HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURES

- For serious issues, people generally choose the national healthcare system.
- Talented, highly-educated, kind staff in hospitals.
- Medicins are very heavily subsidized.
- Fantastic road network (mostly free)
- Good, fast, comfortable and convenient trains.





BEAUTY EVERYWHERE

- Long and colorful history
- Old / charming old towns, villages and quarters almost everywhere. UNESCO sites all over the country
- Always great places to explore that look very different from others
- General good infrastructure to visit places
- Great holidays / trips to take in the country





FOOD AND WINE

- Much more to Spain than Rioja wine and Sangria
- Much more than tapas, pintxos and paella
- Great way to integrate into the local culture





WEATHER AND NATURE

- Gentle weather all year 'round (depends on regions)
- A vast collection of natural and national parks
- Good infrastructure to move around the country. Great roads even in remote places. Good train network





PEOPLE AND LIFESTYLE

- Culture very suited to the post-modern lifestyle that the Western World is seeking. Natural wisdom.
- Well defined set of priorities, lined up with the ones that retirees have.
- Naturally open minded / welcoming people.





All yours for QUESTIONS



