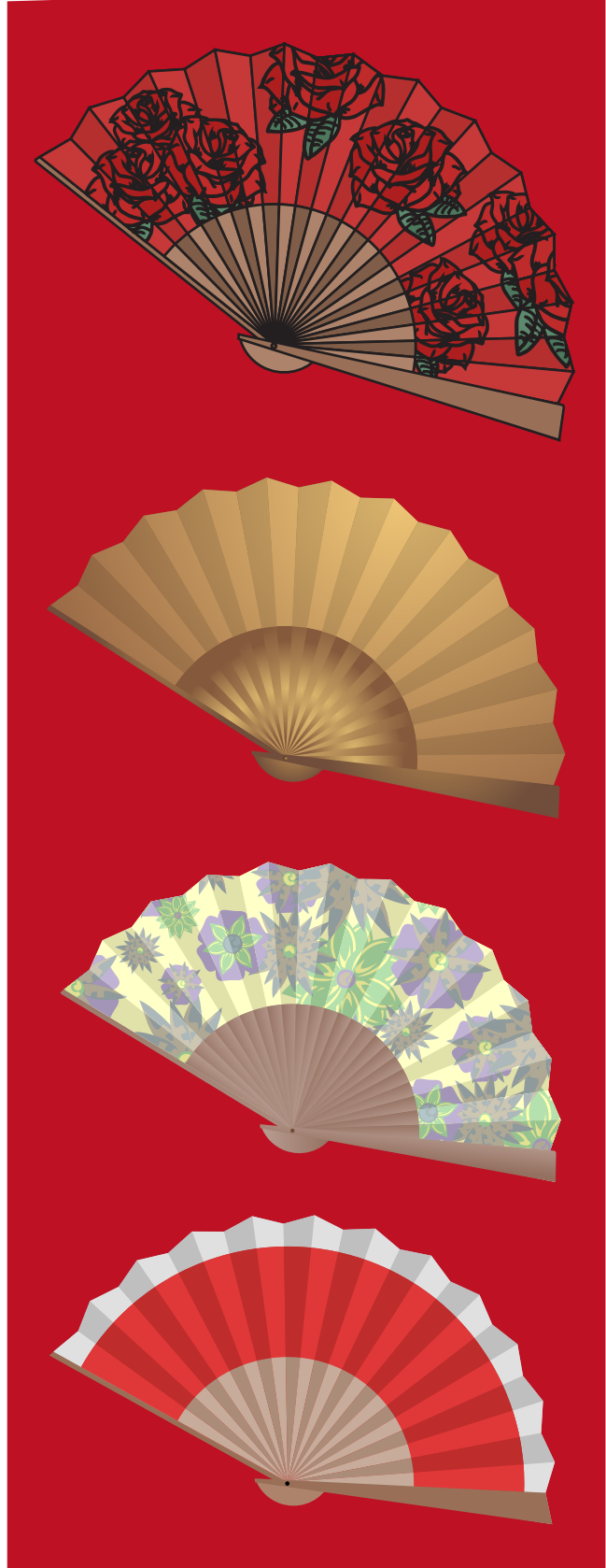




SPAIN



Travel to Spain for an unforgettable experience. Spain awaits ready to unveil her treasures. On our vast array of Spain vacation Ideas you can envision yourself...Roaring “Ole” during a fiery Flamenco...Toasting “salud” with new friends over “tinto de verano”...Exclaiming “delicioso” for delectable dishes...Feeling truly “bienvenido” by the warm, inviting and open-hearted Spaniards. Spain is without a doubt one of the hottest, most sought-after vacation destinations. Here, you can explore the distinctive architecture, history and traditions brought by Moorish, Sephardic, and Christian cultures over the 800 years of “Reconquista” (Reconquest), ending in the 13th century with virtually the entire peninsula under Christian leadership. With its rich and varied past, you’ll live the art, cross-cultural allure, and zest for exploration that gave birth to the discovery of the Americas. The country’s capital, Madrid offers an unsurpassed experience waiting for your exploration on one of our Spain travel packages. This eclectic city boasts many attractions, including the Prado Museum, the world-famous Opera House and Royal Palace, plus fabulous restaurants, shopping, and virtually unending nightlife options. Bask in the warmth along the sun-drenched beaches of the Costa del Sol and enjoy evenings filled with soft Mediterranean breezes and near-endless summers. Our Southern-focused Seville Spain vacation packages take you to stroll along the cobblestone streets of Seville and the famed white towns of Andalucia. Picture a dreamy stay in one of the country’s historic castles towards the North. Savor succulent wines across Spain’s acclaimed wine regions of Ribera del Duero and Rioja. Discover a distinctive Barcelona Spain vacation, featuring the unique opportunity to explore one of the most cosmopolitan cities of Spain with its Gothic Quarter, Art Nouveau structures, and the largest port in Spain. Amazing Spain travel packages designed by our destination specialists take you to live your dreams in the Iberian Peninsula. From the tantalizing "tapas", relaxing mid-day "siestas", and many renowned annual "fiestas", to the city sparkle of Madrid, idyllic golden beaches of the South, and the artistic hub that is Barcelona...Spain is a living, breathing kaleidoscope...evoking passion, invigorating life, and inspiring memories at every turn.





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CURRENCY

Euro





LANGUAGE

Spanish



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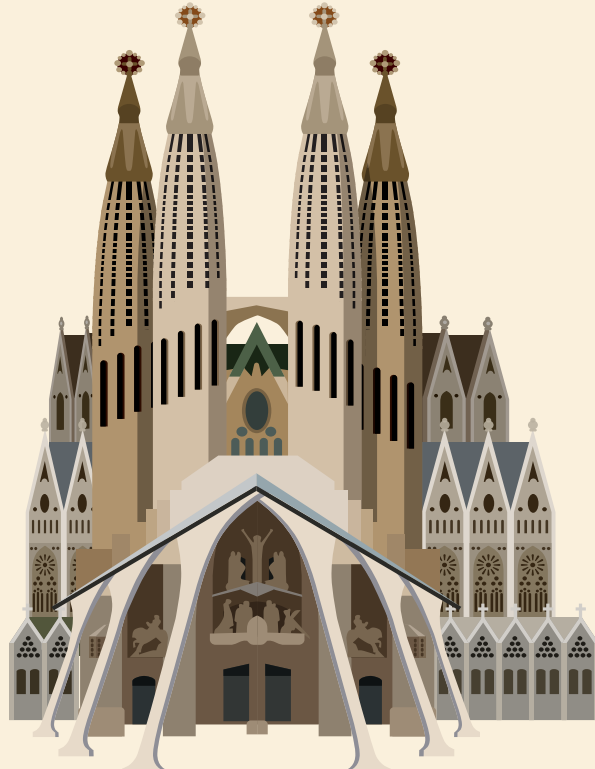


THE BEST TIME TO VISIT SPAIN

Spain is a fantastic year-round travel destination thanks to its varied climate and diverse landscapes. From the sunny Mediterranean coast and the warm Canary Islands to the cooler northern regions and historic highland cities, travelers can enjoy beaches, culture, and outdoor activities in every season. Whether you're seeking summer sun, mild winter escapes, or pleasant spring and fall sightseeing, Spain offers ideal weather somewhere in the country all year long.

BARCELONA

The vibrant capital of Catalonia, is famed for its unique architecture, lively streets, and Mediterranean charm. Visitors are drawn to Gaudi's masterpieces like the Sagrada Família and Park Güell, the historic Gothic Quarter, bustling markets, and beautiful beaches. With a rich cultural scene, delicious cuisine, and dynamic nightlife, Barcelona offers a perfect mix of art, history, and modern urban energy.



SPAIN CUISINES

Spanish cuisine is vibrant, diverse, and rooted in regional traditions. It features fresh ingredients, including seafood, meats, vegetables, and olive oil, often prepared in simple yet flavorful ways. Iconic dishes include paella, jamón ibérico, gazpacho, and tortilla española. From hearty stews in the north to Mediterranean seafood along the coast, Spanish food reflects the country's rich history and local flavors.

TAPAS CULTURE IN SPAIN

Tapas culture in Spain is a beloved culinary tradition of enjoying small, flavorful dishes ranging from olives and cheeses to seafood and cured meats, often shared with friends and family. More than just food, tapas are a social experience, encouraging conversation, barhopping (ir de tapas), and sampling a variety of regional flavors in a relaxed, convivial atmosphere.



DANCE

Flamenco is without doubt the most famous of Spanish dance styles. Other styles of Spanish dance include the Fandango, the Bolero, the Sevillanas, the Sardana and the Jota.

MUSIC

Spain has a wealth of traditional folk music and dance, particularly flamenco and classical guitar, which are popular throughout the country.

REGIONS OF SPAIN

Spain is made up of 17 autonomous regions, each with its own culture, traditions, and landscapes. The Mediterranean coast (Catalonia, Valencia, Murcia) is known for sunny beaches and vibrant cities. The north (Basque Country, Galicia, Asturias) features lush landscapes, seafood, and cooler climates. The central plateau (Castile and León, Madrid) is rich in history and architecture. The south (Andalusia) offers flamenco, Moorish heritage, and warm weather, while the islands, the Balearic and Canary Islands; provide year-round sunshine, stunning beaches, and outdoor adventures.



THE ROYAL PALACE

The Spanish Royal Palace, officially the Royal Palace of Madrid, is the largest royal palace in Western Europe and is used primarily for state ceremonies.



SPORTS IN SPAIN

Sports are an integral part of Spanish culture, with football (soccer) being the most popular, home to world-famous clubs like Real Madrid and FC Barcelona. Spain also excels in

basketball, tennis, and cycling, producing top international athletes. Traditional sports such as bullfighting and polo have historical significance, while outdoor activities like hiking, sailing, and skiing reflect the country's diverse landscapes and active lifestyle.

COUNTRYSIDE

While Spain is famed for its popular holiday resorts and cosmopolitan cities, it is also home to some of Europe's most beautiful rural areas.



SPANISH TRADITIONS

Spain has a rich cultural heritage reflected in its traditional customs and festivals. Corrida de toros (bullfighting) is one of the most famous, showcasing skill, ritual, and spectacle, particularly in Andalusia and Madrid. Other traditions include flamenco music and dance, Semana Santa (Holy Week) processions, regional festivals like La Tomatina in Buñol, and vibrant local celebrations featuring folk costumes, music, and cuisine. These traditions highlight Spain's deep historical roots and regional diversity.

MADRID

Is Spain's capital and largest city, known for its vibrant culture, history, and energy, with major attractions like the Royal Palace and the Prado Museum.



ISLAS BALEARES

The Balearic Islands, located in the Mediterranean, are a sun-soaked Spanish archipelago known for their stunning beaches, turquoise waters, and vibrant nightlife. Mallorca, Menorca, Ibiza, and Formentera each offer unique experiences from historic towns and scenic landscapes to world-famous party scenes and serene retreats. With a mild climate year-round, the islands are a perfect destination for relaxation, outdoor activities, and cultural exploration.

