

Spain



Seville City: Plaza de Espania

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If you were doing a country project on any country in the world which country, would you do? I chose to do Spain because my grandma and grandpa went to the Canary Islands and said it was beautiful. I also wanted to do it because I really like their football (soccer) team F.C. Barcelona. While I was researching, I found some interesting stuff. Let me share.

Spain is a country located in the south-west part of Europe. It has several bordering countries including Andorra, France, Gibraltar, Morocco and Portugal. Spain also has the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean surrounding it. Spain's lowest elevation point is also the Atlantic Ocean. The highest elevation point is Pico de Teide (Mount Teide), it is 3718 metres tall! Pico de Teide is on the Canary Islands which are all the down beside the southern Morocco and the northern part of the western Sahara. Spain is 505,992 km² and an additional 75 metre border exists in Morocco. The terrain is a large flat plateau surrounded by rugged hills with the Pyrenees in the north. Spain is not landlocked. The Canary Islands are not landlocked and were made by volcanic eruptions millions of years ago and all the western islands are taller than 1200 metres! It would be so fun to go to Mount Teide!



Pico de Teide (Mount Teide) Canary Islands

North Atlantic Ocean



France

Zaragoza

Barcelona

Salamanca

★ Madrid

Valencia

Palma

Spain

Sevilla

Granada

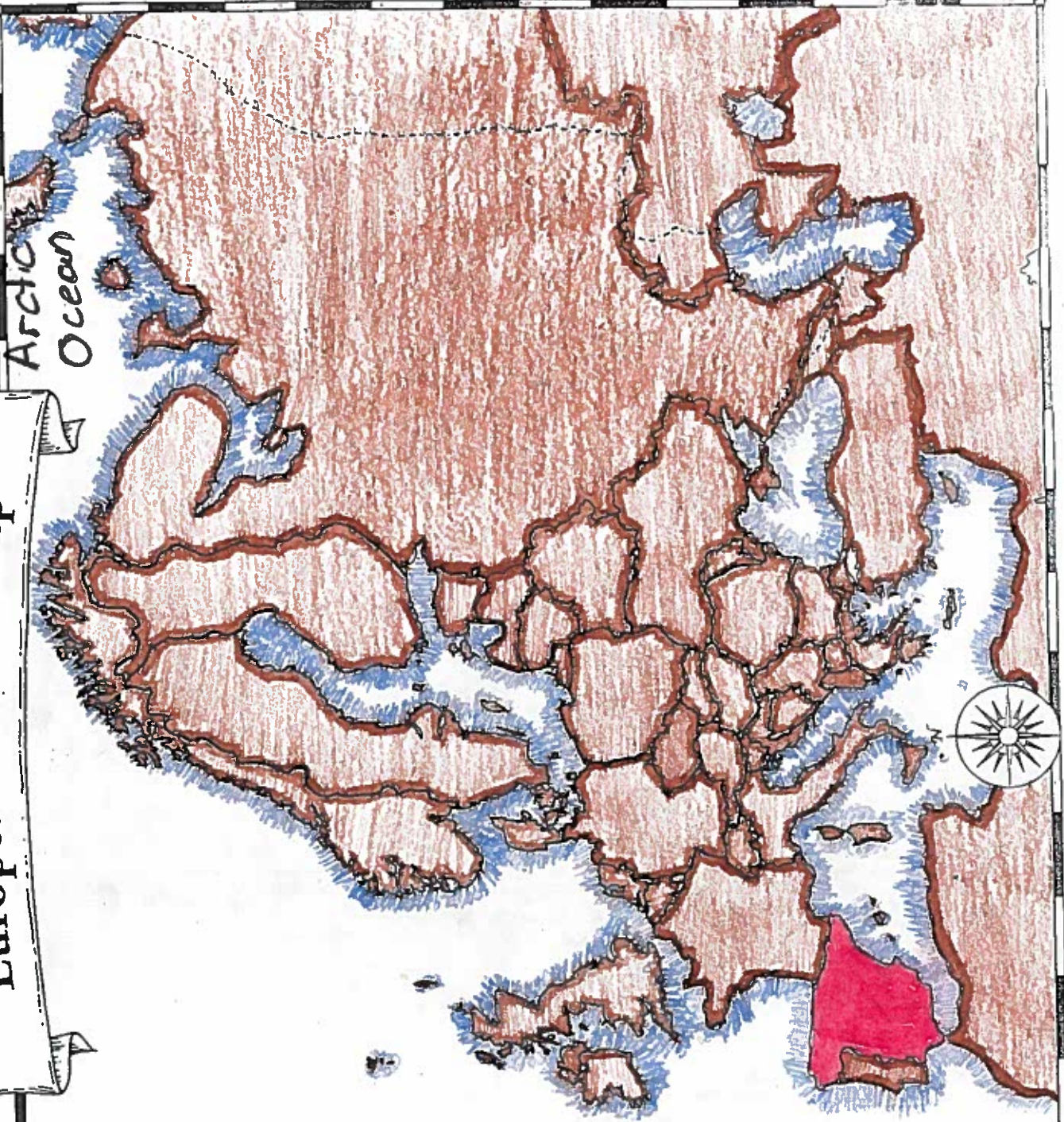
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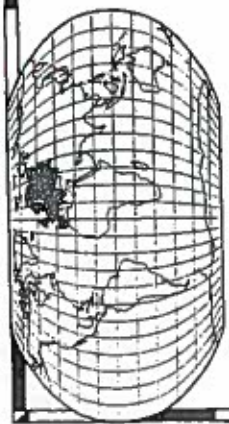
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Europe: Political Map



Arctic Ocean

North Atlantic Ocean



Spain is in a Mediterranean climate and in the interior of Spain, Spain has clear hot summers and cloudy cold winters. Along the outside they have more moderate, cloudy summers and in winter Spain is partly cloudy and cool along the coast. In the Canary Islands they have a subtropical climate with long hot summers and moderately warm winters. Sounds like a really nice place to go!

Spain has a lot of great foods and drinks. Paella is probably the most popular food by far. It is basically Short grain rice, rabbit, vegetables, chicken and saffron. Those are the main ingredients, but you can also add other spices and ingredients to add extra taste. It is usually cooked in olive oil and chicken broth. The most popular drink is sangria. It is made of mostly red wine, triple sec and brandy also added. You can also add lemon-lime soda, lemons, oranges, sugar and ice. Sounds Delicious! When I am older of course.

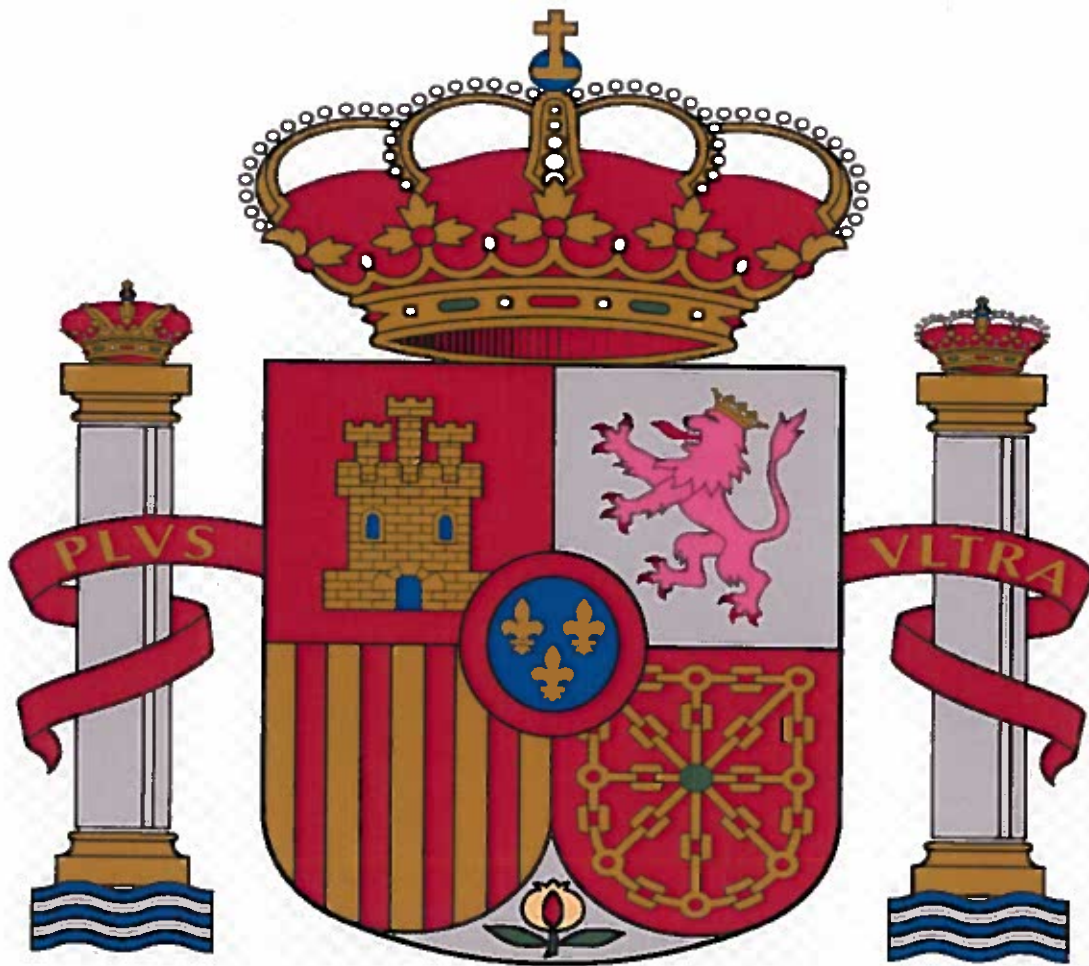


Paella



Sangria

Spain's national sport is football, and they have some pretty good teams such as F.C. Barcelona and Real Madrid, but Spain also has some other popular sports. Tennis, Basketball, golf and team handball. The traditions and festivals are remarkably interesting though. The Bull Run and the Tomato Festival are extremely popular, but many people do get hurt in them, especially the Bull Run. Many people get trampled and charged then impaled in the Bull Run. The reason for this festival is from when the Spaniards would transport the bulls from outside of the city to the bullring where they would be killed. The tomato festival is where the Spaniards would through and bathe in tomatoes. They did this purely for entertainment. Doing all that sounds fun, minus the bull run.



Spanish coat of arms

The Spanish Coat of Arms is incredibly detailed and informational. The top left part of the coat of arms is a three towered castle representing Castile. The top right part of the coat of arms is a lion rampant purpure crowned for León. The bottom left corner of the coat of arms is a yellow shield with four vertical red lines representing the former crown of Aragon now Catalonia. The bottom right corner of the coat of arms there is a cross, a saltire and an orle of chains linked together with a green centerpiece for Navarre. The pomegranate with one leaf on either side representing Granada. In the middle of the coat of arms is three spade like things that are also on the flag of Quebec. It also has the royal crown (because it was a kingdom). On either side of the shield, it has a Pillar of Hercules and "Plus" on the left pillar and "Ultra" on the right pillar. "Plus Ultra" means further beyond which is the Spanish Motto. I think it looks like a cool and interesting flag. Don't you think?



After doing all this research I realize that Spain seems like an awesome place to go. I would love to go to the Canary Islands and go swimming or look at all the beautiful sights. It would also be amazing to go to Barcelona and watch F.C. Barcelona play soccer. Although I would love to go to those places in Spain, I do not think I would want to do the Bull run or the Tomato Festival. Overall, I think going to Spain would be an awesome experience!

Fun Facts

- Spain has been an official country since 1492 which is almost 400 years older than Canada
- In 2018 Spain caught 922,564 tons of fish and shellfish.
- Spain produces the most oranges and mandarins in the world
- The official name of Spain is The Kingdom of Spain
- An additional 75 metre border exists in Morocco for Spain
- Christopher Columbus sailed under the Spanish flag
- The name Spain comes from Hispania which means land of the rabbits
- Spain is the second most visited country in the world
- Spain is in three hemispheres

Official Country Name: Kingdom of Spain

Capital City: Madrid

Area: 505,992 km²

Population: 46,770,160 people

Location: Southern Western Europe (between 27°N and 43°N, 17°W and 3°E)

Highest Elevation: Pico de Teide (3,718 metres)

Lowest Elevation: Atlantic Ocean (Sea Level)

Main Rivers: Ebro, Duero, Tagus, Guadalquivir and Guadiana

Religions: Roman Catholic, Protestant and Muslim

Languages: Castilian Spanish, Euskara, Galician and Catalan

Exported Resources and Food: Automobiles, Iron and Steel, Pharmaceutical Products, Petroleum Products, Vegetables and Fruits

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Trading Partners: United States, United Kingdom, Netherlands, France, Germany, China, Italy and Portugal

National Day: October 12 (1492)

Currency: Euro

Type of Government: Parliamentary Monarchy

Head of State: Monarch

Head of Government: Prime Minister

Common Jobs: Sales Rep, Warehouse Assistant, Programmer and Telemarketer

National Sport: Football (Soccer)

