

NICK & AYA TRAVEL TO SPAIN AT A GLANCE!

TEACHER CLASSROOM UNIT
GRADES 1-4



QUICK FACTS



Continent:
Europe



Capital City:
Madrid



Language:
Spanish (Castilian)



Currency:
Euro (€)



Population:
About 49 million people

FUN FACT!

Spain has 48 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, one of the highest numbers of any country in the world!



IMPORTANT PLACES TO KNOW



Madrid

The capital of Spain and home to the Royal Palace, Retiro Park, and world-famous museums.



Barcelona

Known for Antoni Gaudí's colorful buildings, Park Güell, and the amazing Sagrada Família.



Granada

Home to the beautiful Alhambra, a palace built by the Moors over 700 years ago.



Santiago de Compostela

The final destination of the famous Camino de Santiago pilgrimage.



Canary Islands

Spanish islands in the Atlantic Ocean with volcanoes, beaches, and unique wildlife.



Pyrenees Mountains

A mountain range forming part of Spain's border with France and Andorra.



BEFORE READING

Ask students:

- 1 Where is Spain located?
- 2 What do you already know about Spanish culture?
- 3 Why do people build castles and palaces?
- 4 Have you ever seen buildings with unusual shapes?
- 5 What foods do you think people eat in Spain?



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

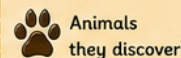
Students will:

- ☒ Locate Spain on a map
- ☒ Learn about Spain's geography
- ☒ Explore famous landmarks
- ☒ Discover Spanish traditions
- ☒ Understand how history shaped modern Spain



TEACHER TIP

As students read the book, have them keep track of:



Animals they discover



New places they visit



Historical landmarks



Traditions and cultures they learn about





SPAIN'S REGIONS, CULTURE & TRADITIONS



Spain is made up of 17 autonomous communities, or regions. Each region has its own traditions, foods, festivals, music, and even languages. Traveling across Spain is like visiting many different places in one country!

1. MANY LANGUAGES

Spanish (Castilian) is spoken throughout the country, but some regions also have their own official languages.

- ¡Hola!** Spanish (Castilian) spoken everywhere
- Bon dia!** Catalan spoken in Catalonia and the Balearic Islands
- Kaixo!** Basque (Euskara) spoken in the Basque Country
- ¡Ola!** Galician spoken in Galicia



Did You Know?
Many children in Spain learn two languages at school!

MINI ACTIVITY

Match the Tradition

Draw a line to match each item.

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|-------------|---|------------------------|
| Paella | • | - Rice dish |
| Flamenco | • | - Traditional dance |
| Barcelona | • | - Famous football club |
| Pamplona | • | - Running of the Bulls |
| La Tomatina | • | - Tomato festival |

2. DELICIOUS SPANISH FOODS

Every region has its own favorite dishes.

Paella from Valencia	Spanish Tortilla a classic dish throughout Spain	Jamón Ibérico famous cured ham from Spain	Churros with hot chocolate	Olives a healthy snack enjoyed everywhere

3. MUSIC & DANCE: FLAMENCO

Flamenco began in southern Spain, especially in Andalusia. It combines music, dance, and deep emotion.

Guitar	Dancing	Singing	Hand clapping

5. FOOTBALL (SOCCER)

Football is Spain's most popular sport. Many children dream of playing for famous clubs like Real Madrid or FC Barcelona. Spain has won many international championships!



4. FESTIVALS ALL YEAR LONG

Spain celebrates many exciting and colorful festivals.

Running of the Bulls Pamplona	La Tomatina Buñol (Valencia)	Las Fallas Valencia

These celebrations bring together music, food, art, and local traditions.

★ TEACHER EXTENSION

Ask students:

- Which Spanish food would you like to try?
- Why do some countries have more than one language?
- Which festival looks the most exciting?
- What traditions make your community special?



WILDLIFE & GEOGRAPHY OF SPAIN

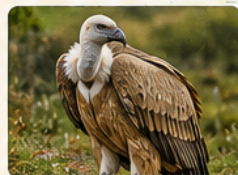
Spain has amazing landscapes and a rich variety of plants and animals. From mountains and forests to islands and coasts, nature thrives in every part of the country!

1. AMAZING WILDLIFE



Iberian Lynx

One of the world's rarest cats lives in southern Spain. Thanks to conservation efforts, their numbers are slowly increasing!



Griffon Vulture

These huge birds soar high in the sky above Spain's mountains and canyons, helping keep the environment clean.



Spanish Ibex

These sure-footed goats live in rocky mountains and can climb steep cliffs with ease!

4. UNIQUE LANDSCAPES



Mountains

The Pyrenees in the north form a natural border with France and Andorra.



Mediterranean Forests

Pine forests, fragrant herbs, and wildflowers grow in the warm, dry climate.



Cork Oak Forests

Spain produces much of the world's cork. The bark is carefully harvested so the tree can keep living!



Deserts

In places like Almeria, the land is dry and rocky — almost like a desert!

2. ISLANDS OF SPAIN

Canary Islands

Volcanic islands in the Atlantic Ocean with black sand beaches, warm weather, and unique plants.



Mount Teide in Tenerife is Spain's highest mountain and an active volcano!



Balearic Islands

Beautiful islands in the Mediterranean Sea, including Mallorca, Menorca, Ibiza, and Formentera.



Cuevas del Drach in Mallorca has an underground lake and amazing caves!

5. GEOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

A. Label the Map

Write the names in the correct places.

- Atlantic Ocean
- Mediterranean Sea
- Pyrenees Mountains
- Canary Islands
- Balearic Islands



3. TWO COASTS, TWO SEAS

Spain is bordered by two different seas, each with its own beauty and life.

Atlantic Coast

Rugged cliffs, green landscapes, and strong ocean waves.



Mediterranean Coast

Sunny beaches, clear waters, charming towns, and gentle waves.



Two seas, one incredible country!

6. NATURE VOCABULARY



Volcán
Volcano



Bosque
Forest



Costa
Coast



Isla
Island



Mar
Sea

7. THINK & DISCOVER

- Why is it important to protect animals like the Iberian lynx?
- How do volcanoes create islands?
- What are some differences between the Atlantic Coast and the Mediterranean Coast?
- Which place in Spain would you most like to visit? Why?



FUN FACT!

Spain is one of the most biodiverse countries in Europe, home to thousands of plant and animal species!



Take care of nature today so future generations can enjoy it tomorrow!



PEOPLE & NATURE TOGETHER

Spain's parks, protected areas, and conservation projects help keep nature healthy for everyone.

