

BENIDORM CITY GUIDE - THINGS TO SEE AND DO



See inside for details about getting around, sightseeing, shopping, nightlife and more

Benidorm is a city located on the Costa Blanca, Spain and is comprised of three main areas. Sheltered from the North and East by mountain ranges providing a micro climate with golden sandy beaches washed by the clear blue Mediterranean sea.

To the East lies the 'New' town with high rise hotels and apartment buildings, a very lively nightlife with discos, comedy clubs, cabaret shows and karaoke, very much aimed at the British visitors. At this end is the **Levante beach, lined with cafes and themed bars**. English food and drink is cheap and available everywhere. The streets are wide and full of shops.



Midway between the two main beaches is the Peninsular which makes up the 'Old' town or the Spanish quarter, with its quaint narrow streets, beautiful church and a square '**Plaza del Castell**' with amazing views.

The harbour where fishing boats are moored and pleasure boats leave for the island or along the coast is in this part of Benidorm as is a small beach mostly used by the locals. The 'Old' town is famous for its tapas bars and also a very lively Gay scene.

In the 'Old' town the Spanish maintain their traditional way of life with many religious processions, fiestas, fireworks, tapas parties for all the family and a siesta! To the West lies the **Poniente beach**, noticeably quieter and lined with little cafes and apartment blocks with a few hotels. It has a delightful new promenade designed to represent waves. Near to the harbour there is a very pleasant park with palm trees, fountain, doves and a children's playground. This is the area frequented by the Spanish more, especially the older generation. The far end of Poniente is called La Cala.

Moving around – Transportation

Walking ... A good place to visit on foot would be the old town of Benidorm. Also, if it comes to enjoying the beach, a visit to Benidorm is not complete without a stroll along the promenade of Avenue d'Alcoy, Playa de Levante, which is two km long and is the site where there are located the majority of large hotels, restaurants and bars of the city. This promenade is full all the time, being the place to see and be seen. On the other side of the old town is the Parque de Elche beach and Poniente beach, the most secluded beach, ideal for those who want peace in their walks and enjoy the serene spectacle of the sea.



Taxi... Benidorm has a good taxi service at reasonable prices, although at night the price increases. Every taxi has a counter faced to the public that applies the exact fare in urban transportation.

There are taxi stops throughout Benidorm and taxis are easy to spot because they are white with a blue stripe.



Urban bus – city bus.... To reach any part of Benidorm is very easy to catch the bus. The bus service is provided by the company Llorente Bus. The bus network has 17 bus routes and a tram line that connects the entire city. A single ticket is 1.25 €, but you have the possibility of getting a card that is valid for 24 hours and has unlimited rides on all bus lines.

Visitors who use the bus service on a regular basis may find it useful to purchase a 'Bonobus 20', instead of paying for each individual journey. The bus transportation in Benidorm is reliable and there are timetables located at each bus stop. Tourist buses are also available.



City Tours.... Benidorm has two scenic bus routes that allow knowing the town and its immediate surroundings (Altea, Albir and Cala de Finestrat) from a different and fun perspective.

The double-decker buses (line N°30) begins their journey in “Rincón de L’oix” and pass by Mediterranean Av., Town Centre, “Parque de Elche”, “Paseo de Poniente” and finally, it gets to the “Cala de Finestrat”.

Line 31, with their sightseeing bus also starts from the “Rincón de Loix” (where you can tranship to or from line 30) and goes by Atmella de Mar Av., Severo Ochoa Av. And then, it goes to Albir and Altea beaches

Not to be missed!

Benidorm Old Town... The labyrinth – like old quarter is just a must to see! The streets are narrow to keep cool from the heat of the summer sun and balconies are adorned with colourful geraniums. The Old Town is great for shopping and it's also a food lovers Paradise.



A visit to Tapas Alley is a must, located in the very heart of the Old Town.

Tapas Bars are an experience in themselves. They are noisy, boisterous and above all an absolute delight.

Don't let the language barrier hinder you. The staff are very friendly and they want you to come in and enjoy. Simply order a couple of items, point and eat! When you want more, do it again – until you are full. Don't be put off by messy floors strewn with napkins, the more napkins on the floor indicates a sign of a good Tapas Bar.



The Old Town has a beautiful 'plaza' area. Just head for the Church of San Jaime. You can't miss it. You simply walk up and follow its blue dome to the top.

As you walk past the Church you enter an area which gives you breathtaking views of all of Benidorm. Have your camera ready!

If you look over to the Poniente side of the headland you will find steps which take you down to the area's own small beach. This is Mal Pas Beach.

Once down you will also find Benidorm's small harbour area and Park de Elche with its shady palms and famous doves.



Benidorm Island....Visible from all the beaches is Benidorm Island (Isla de los Periodistas). It's a great spot for a day trip. You can take a submarine trip from the harbour around the island, land on the Island and walk to the top for a view back to the mainland, or just swim and sunbathe with a picnic. You can take a small boat (golondrina) visit from the harbour too.

The island is the emblem of Benidorm, with local legend calling it the block of rock missing from the nearby Mount Puig Campana. The Benidorm myth has a ravine being gashed with a sword, causing a lump of rock to end up in the sea – hence the island.



A Walk Along the Promenade or Take the Tourist Train – Benidorm Train Vision....

The promenade that skirts the town and traverses the length of both beaches is wide, well paved and easy to walk. On a morning you're likely to find exercise classes on the sands.

Running every day of the year, Benidorm Train vision begins its routes at 10 am. and runs every 45 minutes. There are two routes, which both cost €5.50 (€4 for seniors in the winter months) the Poniente Route and the Levante Route. Each route takes around an hour and stops can be found on the Ave Mediterraneo.

Benidorm's Beaches

Fine golden sand, transparent waters and beaches that are clean and cared for throughout the year are a trademark of the Benidorm seafront.

At its north end, two small coves of sand and rock are very suitable for diving and for those who like to swim alone, **Tio Ximo Cove** and **Almadrava Cove**. Further on, starts the bustling promenade of the popular and busy **Levante beach** which in addition to its many facilities on offer also has the added attraction of being lively throughout the year.

South of the port, the magnificent **Poniente beach**, competes in beauty and facilities and both have in common that they have a south facing orientation, so in winter the sun shines all day until sunset and in summer until after eight. Between them, in the old town area and below the shelter of the Canfali hill is the small cove of **Mal Pas Beach** and opposite the Benidorm island, a paradise for scuba divers.



Tio Ximo Cove....At the foot of the Sierra Helada and to the north of the resort, this beach is situated between steep cliffs. This is a small cove where visitors can escape from the hustle and bustle of Benidorm's busier beaches.

Combining fine sand and rock, this cove is ideal for snorkeling, as it has crystal clear waters, where you can view the beautiful rocky seabed. There is also a life guard service here.



Almadrava Cove.... is next to the Cala Tio Ximo and like the previous one, its rocks and scarce services and facilities make this an ideal for lovers of tranquility seeking a day of true relaxation to escape the crowded beaches in high season of the Poniente and Levante.

The beach has a flag indicating the status of the sea and sunbeds and umbrella rentals in high season.

Rocky bottoms and clear waters of this part of the coast make it the ideal spot for diving or underwater sports.



Levante beach....This is perhaps one of the best known beaches in Europe. It is an urban beach over two km long that runs from Punta Pinet to Punta Canfali. It is a stretch of fine golden sand bathed by the calm waters of the Mediterranean and sun all day thanks to its south facing orientation.

The services on offer are very complete including life guard surveillance and equipment, as well as other services such as: sun loungers, foot showers, walkways, and play areas for children.

Running parallel to the beach is the bustling promenade full of restaurants and bars always a hive of activity, with people from all nationalities.



Poniente Beach.... A jewel of the Mediterranean - This is the longest beach in the resort, more than three km long, making it an ideal place to stroll along the shore. It is characteristically quieter than Levante beach .

It is an urban beach with a new modern promenade with a large number of bars, clubs and restaurants to enjoy.

It has a full range of services and leisure facilities such as floating platforms, Beach Library, playground, recreational games, sports, shaded areas for reading and an accessible beach service for the disabled.

Shopping in Benidorm

No holiday would be complete without a touch of shopping. Benidorm indeed is a shopper's paradise. A visit to Benidorm would not be complete without picking up some souvenirs and gifts! So, If you fancy a stroll around a local street market or a day of serious shopping, here are a few suggestions....



La Marina Shopping Mall....lets start with the big one!

It's in the commercial area, Finestrat, You can't miss it. It is just off the N332 and can be seen from the motorway. There is a massive Carrefour, Lidl and McDonalds across the road with ample free parking.

The mall itself has all the typical major retailers such as Mango, Zara, C&A, Gerry Weber, Guess, Häagen Dazs, Jack & Jones, Orange, Paco Martinez, Vodafone and H&M. There is also a good food court including Burger King and cinema.

Benidorm Flea Market – El Cisne Rastro....

Only 15 minutes outside Benidorm and near the towns of Alfaz del Pi, Albir and Altea, this is a wonderful place to spend a few hours, not just for the cheap shopping but for the food and entertainment too.



The market has grown up around an old Spanish farmhouse, on the road from Benidorm to Altea, is now a popular market visited by both visitors to the area and the Spanish themselves. The main area of the market is actually located inside what used to be the old stone farmhouse. Each of the many rooms has been converted into separate market stalls that sell antiques and collectibles – everything from old military paraphernalia, to paintings, pottery, jewellery, furniture and collectibles.

Outside, on the farmhouse land, is an outdoor market that's sprouted up, selling artwork, arts and crafts, second-hand clothing, books, jewellery, and more. Many of the stalls are owned by Germans and Brits, who've lived in Spain for years and run market businesses.



Wandering around the market, you'll also come across several stalls selling huge selections of cheeses, sausages, meats, snacks and sandwiches. Buy a sandwich and a coffee at one of the small stalls as you walk into the market and sit and watch the crowds walk by, or pick up a skewer of roasting chicken at another stall further inside, and of course traditional Pallea is available.

There are two large cafes here with both indoor seating or outdoor seating in a courtyard. Both places make excellent cafe con leche, serve spirits, large selections of Spanish wine and have a great variety of bottled beer and beer on tap – both the local brew and imported brands.



One of the big reasons why the market is so popular is the free music that's on offer on Saturdays and Sundays. The musicians come from all over the local area and you'll hear all types of music. The musicians and singers play on a raised patio next to the farmhouse and overlooking both large cafes. Grab a beer, a coffee or a full meal, relax, enjoy the sun, and listen to the amazing music. The atmosphere is wonderful and the music fun. Also from around 3pm on Thursdays and sometimes Saturdays watch a typical Spanish Flamenco show.

Shops in Benidorm Old Town....Some of the most popular shops in Benidorm can be found in the **Avenida Martinez Alejos** in the pedestrianised Old Town district. Also **Gambo street** and the **Passaig de la Carretera** are the main and most popular shopping area of Benidorm Old Town region.



If you head up towards the blue domed church at the top and go under the arch you come to the Mirador, sometimes referred to as the look out point, or as the Spanish call it "El Castell".

Here the nightly craft market opened for the Summer season, with the stalls setting up at around 6pm and there till around midnight. The market stalls will be there until the end of the Summer - 30th September.



Leather Goods....There are a wealth of shops in this area specialising in leather goods, which are usually reasonably priced and include leather jackets, handbags, shoes and purses.

A good selection of leather goods can be found around the Passeig de la Carreterra, and also between the Avenida del Mediterraneo and the main promenade, in the Rincón de Loix district. Leather shops in Spain are known locally as 'Merca Piel'.



Clothing Shops....Many of the most popular fashion boutiques are a near to the Passeig de la Carretera, and along the Avenida Martinez Alejos, the Avenida del Mediterraneo and the Avenida Dr Perez Llorca

Gift Shops....Ranging from quality souvenirs to cheap Spanish goods, many gift shops in Benidorm target the tourism market, selling castanets, sombreros, T-shirts and postcards, particularly along the Avenida 'Ametlla de Mar and around the Old Town's Placa de la Creu.



Local Handicrafts....An array of local Spanish handicrafts can be found in many shops throughout the area, with Bordados Rodriguez along the Avenida Martinez Alejos specialising in embroidery.

Theme Parks in Benidorm

Benidorm offers so much choice when it comes to theme parks and entertainment. What's on offer is so varied in just one single town, that you will not be able to decide on which one, but that's not a problem because you can visit them all!

To spend a day enjoying all the fun that a water park has to offer, then **Aqualandia** or **Aqua Natura Benidorm** is your choice. Combine this with a visit to the animal park **Mundomar**, your day can be perfect.

If you decide to ride on the longest wooden roller coaster in Europe, **Terra Mitica** awaits. But that's not all, **Terra Natura** gives you the chance to get to know more than 200 animal species from all over the world of which 50 are in danger of extinction.

Here are a few words about each....



Aqualandia, the largest water park in Europe

During the last 30 years, the park has offered non stop fun and enjoyment as Aqualandia is a great "Water Festival" for all.

The park has attractive and exciting water attractions to suit all tastes and ages. Water slides of differing heights, playgrounds, swimming pools and relaxation areas.

In Aqualandia anything is possible because it has unique facilities in Europe. Its vertigo attractions position it as the water park preferred by the younger generation whilst still providing areas for hydrotherapy massage.

Aqualandia also think of the little ones. They offer parents the chance to spend with their children a relaxed day's play in the playgrounds where the "kings of the house" will find all they could want for an unforgettable day.

Highlights amongst the many attractions of Aqualandia include the "**Wave Pool**", ideal for enjoying the fun of the beach without leaving the park, **The Kamikaze**, two slides only suitable for lovers of strong emotions and in which you challenge your rival in a race where you compare your strength, or the **Big Bang**, a test of courage for those who dare. Splash, **Black Hole**, **Rapids Pool Activities** complete the long list of possibilities with family or friends every summer .

The fun arrives, the Water Festival has just begun!





Aqua Natura, the newest and most modern water park in Benidorm, is located next to Terra Natura.

The park is composed of unique attractions such as **Tornado, The Crest (unique in Europe), Kamikaze, Adventure River, wave pool with geysers and waterfalls, Black Hole, Adventure River, zigzag-giant slide**, and more than 700 metres vertiginous slides and exclusive areas for children will make a day of fun and excitement guaranteed!

A water park of 40,000 square metres designed for everyone to enjoy and that its design offers a visual field that allows parents to quietly relax in the Jacuzzi and the spa and relax while the kids play and have fun in the water.



The lighthouse breakwater separates this beach and water slides area from an immersion into the underwater world: an impressive aquarium with underwater vision of Mediterranean species will make you feel like a fish in water and, last but not least, you can swim with sharks! Do you dare?

Do you want to freshen up in the Greek islands? The waterfront at Aqua Natura will guide you to the beach where you can lie, sunbathe and cool off.



Mundomar is the most popular flora and fauna park in Spain. Over the past 15 years Mundomar has been devoted to the care of more than 80 animal species.

A visit to Mundomar is an adventure in which you can share the friendliness of small primates that live in harmony in the park's facilities and "steal" a smile from both young and old.



Mundomar has a clear purpose of fun but is also educational as it offers the opportunity to learn interesting curiosities of its flamingos, turtles, swans, otters, Saimiri.

Dolphins are part of this big family and this year they have a new member. The small Christophe, as the dolphin is called, quickly became familiar with their surroundings, with his mother and the rest of the dolphins.



Benidorm Terra Mitica Park

Discover the hidden areas of the Mediterranean, Greece, Rome,, thousands of years of history converted into many moments of fun, excitement and adrenaline.

Have you seen the faces of your children when you go on an attraction and they share those feelings with you? They are priceless, Listen to their laughter and forget everything else. The fun is not about age but about desire.

Do you know what adrenaline is? No need to know. The important thing is to know that here are so many attractions that you will lose your breath, so take a breath.

Just for fun professionals.



Attractions.... Turn upside down a hundred km per hour is one of the proposals for a park that mixes emotions with cultural ideas. **Titanide** releases adrenaline in 35 seconds of plummeting, loops of 360 degrees and corkscrews. **The Magnus Colossus** wooden roller coaster, the longest in Europe. The main attractions also have mini replicas.

Shows.... Enjoy shows like never before in a spectacular setting of several Mediterranean civilisations and blessed with a unique climate.

Shops.... The souvenir shops are full of memories for you to leave full of bags, gifts, t-shirts, dolls, ... well everything, let's go. Choose a gift, or two, or three!

Restaurants.... With using so much energy up and down you will gain an appetite, I assure you. So it's time to eat!. Only you know if you prefer a burger or steak, wine or fizzy drink.

No matter what you ask, in the restaurants you will find what your stomach has asked for.

The table is set!





Terra Natura Benidorm is a new generation animal park where you can discover the "Zooimmersion" a new concept in habitat design which allows you to make contact with animals with invisible barriers to the human eye.

The 320,000 square metre park is divided into four zones or areas: **Pangea, the entrance to the park area, America and Asia.**

At Terra Natura Benidorm you can see over 1,500 animals of 200 different species, 50 of which are in serious danger of extinction, and more than 2,500 specimens of more than 160 species of trees, shrubs and ground cover in these regions.

In addition to the complete and extensive menagerie, their provision of education (through signage and information points biological teaching), its architectural setting and the range of entertainment, animations and adventure activities.

All of this make Terra Natura the preferred choice for families wanting a nice day and fun in a natural environment.



Benidorm Nightlife

Benidorm is a city in constant motion, continually transforming and reinventing itself, offering a vast array and choice of nightlife and entertainment.

Its modern nightclubs and 160 disco-pubs are a reflection of the vibrant nightlife to be enjoyed in the town, with venues to suit all tastes, be it on the **Levante beach promenade**, Old Town, the **Rincon de Loix** area, or the national N322 road on the outskirts towards Altea, where the main discos are located for a night of nonstop enjoyment. Another popular place is **Magic Excalibur** where you can enjoy an unforgettable Medieval Night.

The popularly known '**English Zone**', which includes the streets Gerona, Ibiza, Mallorca and London, submerge visitors into another world. Dozens of places where cider and beer flow and where you can listen to the sounds of the latest hits, live music, and people of all nationalities enjoy themselves well into the early hours.

Enjoy a world-class show at **Benidorm Palace**, where you can enjoy a show with the best international dancers and artists who delight the audience for over two hours with the possibility of dining during the course of the evening.

With each season, they always manage to surprise their spectators, Benidorm Palace renews this seasons show, in the same way that they have been triumphing each night since 1977 (year of its inauguration), changing its show, dances, costumes and decor.



Benidorm Palace...to go and see a show here is one of the most essential nightlife activities if you are visiting Benidorm. A sort of cabaret show with dinner included, it involves lots of dancing and extravagant costumes.

With a variety of original, top artistes from around the world, this will surely be an evening to remember.

As a guide to prices this is what you can expect to spend – Show + Menu Gran Palace Plus: Adult price €53, Children under 13 €23 with a special children's menu. Show + Gran Palace Menu: Adult price €44, Children under 13 €23 with a special children's menu. Benidorm Palace Show: Adult price €27 Children under 10 – FREE.



Medieval Night - Moors and Christians.... offers an unforgettable night for all your family. Live, learn and participate in history first hand!

Like a magic time tunnel you will travel to the lands of the Levant where Moors and Christians struggled. It is located in the Medieval complex Magic Excalibur between Benidorm and Alfaz del Pi.

What is included

- Dinner with drinks, in a medieval style
- Show with fights, tournaments, etc. Running time 1 hour 30 minutes (no break)
- English commentary
- Entry ticket to the Discotheque 'Torture Lounge'

Best Bars to Watch Football in Benidorm

If you are in Benidorm during the football season you'll be wanting to find somewhere to watch 'the big match', where could be better than a bar? Here are a couple of suggestions for you that come recommended.



The Red Lion

Get there about an hour before kick off to soak up the pre-match atmosphere. Loads of TVs and areas to be able to see the game, cheap beer too! Quick service at the bar.

Tropical Bar Benidorm

Tropical Bar is a nice one located in the Benidorm New Town and offers an outside terrace area with big screens where you may enjoy major sporting events and watch football.

Tropical Bar is also famous for its wide range of cocktails and the best of British cabaret.

Benidorm and it's surrounding areas

If Benidorm is a unique town, equally its surrounding areas also offer various differing landscapes to the coast only a few kilometres away.

Due to its proximity to the mountains ,a stay in Benidorm invites to go on various excursions where you can discover surprising places of natural beauty and varied topography, and participate in and enjoy rewarding activities such as hiking or simply a leisurely stroll to observe everything around us.

Try and take the time to visit beautiful towns such as **Altea** and **Calpe**, you'll be glad you did!



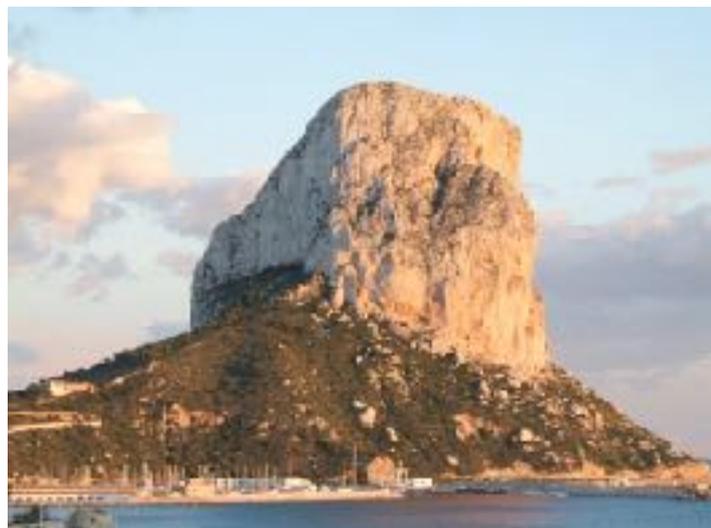
Altea....Although Altea is just 10 kilometres from Benidorm it is a world apart in terms of its beauty, culture and visitors. It's much quieter for a start and appeals to people seeking tranquility amid beautiful scenery.

You can get to Altea via the N332 coast road. The Denia to Benidorm train also stops at Altea station or you can get the tourist bus from Benidorm.

Altea old town looks typically Spanish with its pretty, narrow cobbled streets with white houses leading up to a beautiful central square.

It's a charming place to wander through the little streets finding fabulous, family-run shops and restaurants. Along the way you will see remains of the ancient walls and gateways which protected the hilltop town from pirates.

While in Altea, also visit the lovely beaches and seafront promenade brimming with cafes, bars and restaurants for refreshments.



Calpe.... has a wonderful mixture of old Valencian culture and modern tourist facilities. It also has three of the most beautiful sandy beaches on the coast.

The town is dominated by the towering **Rock of Ifach** which reaches an impressive 332m,

The summit of the rock is reached after a tough climb up a footpath, by means of a short tunnel through the upper part of the rock.

From the top, magnificent panoramic views can be had. On a clear day, the island of Ibiza is visible

Getting There

The closest airport to Benidorm is **Alicante** which is 35 miles away. Here are a list of the airlines that fly to Alicante from across the UK and Ireland.

Aer Lingus from Dublin

British Airways from London-Gatwick and Southampton

easy Jet from Belfast, Bristol, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Liverpool. London-Gatwick, London-Luton and Manchester

Jet 2 from Belfast, Birmingham, East Midlands, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds/Bradford, London-Stansted, Manchester and Newcastle.

Ryanair from Aberdeen, Belfast-City, Belfast-International, Birmingham, Bournemouth, Bristol, Cork, Dublin, East Midlands, Edinburgh, Exeter, Glasgow, Kerry, Knock, Leeds/Bradford, Liverpool, London-Gatwick, London-Luton, London-Southend, London-Stansted, Manchester, Newcastle upon Tyne, Newquay, Prestwick, Shannon and Teeside.

TUI from Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Doncaster/Sheffield, East Midlands, Glasgow, London-Gatwick, Manchester and Newcastle upon Tyne

Vueling from Cardiff and London-Gatwick

Wizz-Air from Cardiff, Doncaster-Sheffield and London-Luton.

You can also fly into Valencia airport (88 miles away). The following airlines offer direct flights from the UK and Ireland to Valencia: **British Airways** from London-Heathrow. **easyJet** from London-Gatwick

Ryanair from Belfast City, Bristol, Dublin, East Midlands, Edinburgh, London-Stansted and Manchester.

Vueling from London-Gatwick

Know before you go

Voltage in Spain is 220 AC, 50 Hz. Plugs are two pin.

In a real emergency, dial 112, this is the equivalent of 999. You will then be immediately connected to an English speaking operator. Here are some other useful telephone numbers.

How can I make a phone call to, or from, Spain?

If you wish to make a phone call to Spain from abroad, dial the international access code of the country you are calling from, then 34 (Spain's country code), and the phone number, which should have 9 digits. If you wish to call abroad from Spain, dial 00 + country code + the phone number. You can place international calls from a public phone. Phone booths use coins or cards, which can be purchased at tobacconists' shops.

If you wish to make a phone call within Spain, just dial the number with no prefixes. The phone number always has 9 digits, whether it is a cell phone or a regular phone. If you wish to use your mobile in Spain, you should contact your service provider to make sure you will be able to use your phone in Spain (some carriers will have to activate international service for your phone). Once those steps are taken at the country of origin, use your mobile in Spain as if you were calling from a Spanish line. That is, you will need to dial 00 + country code + phone number to make international calls.

Other than cash how else can I pay?

With credit cards: Payment using recognised international credit cards is also commonly available in Spanish shops. They usually have signs indicating this option at the entrance to the establishment. When you make a payment you should show your passport or ID card.

With traveller's cheques: Traveller's cheques, accompanied by a passport, are also accepted in many hotels, restaurants and shops.

Where can you change foreign currency?

You can change currencies in bureaux de change and some banks. This service is also available in many hotels and travel agencies.

Is tipping mandatory?

No; in every single establishment in Spain, service is included with the price of the meal or drink. However, tipping is a common practice at bars and restaurants, hotels, and taxis, depending on the total price for the service, and on the generosity of the client. It is usually around five to ten percent of the total price.

How can you go online and check your emails?

If you want to connect to the internet, numerous establishments in Spain offer free WiFi connections: cafes, restaurants, kiosks... You'll also find it in a number of airports, train and bus stations, and some shopping centres and hotels. You may sometimes need to ask for the password. What's more, many venues offer free WiFi in public spaces like parks or squares.

Remember that WiFi connections have a maximum speed limit, so they're mainly useful for finding specific information. You can also connect to the Internet via your mobile device. Another advantage is that in Spain you can enjoy extensive 4G mobile coverage . Remember to check your usual mobile phone operator's conditions and rates before you travel.

How can I send a letter or a postcard?

You can send a letter from anywhere in Spain. In order to do it, you need to find stamps, which you can buy at any tobacconist's shop or "Estancos". To send your letter, put it in a mailbox.

Mailboxes are yellow, and they can be found in the street, at railway and bus stations, and at the airports.

It is also possible to leave your mail in the reception of your hotel, if it offers that service, for the staff to take care of the mailing for you.

Public Holidays 2022

1st Jan Sat	New Year's Day	15th Aug Mon	Assumption of Mary
15th Apr Fri	Good Friday	12th Oct Wed	Columbus Day
1st May Sun	Labour Day	1st Nov Tue	All Saints' Day
		6th Dec Tue	Constitution Day
		25th Dec Sun	Christmas Day

