

# Some facts about Spain

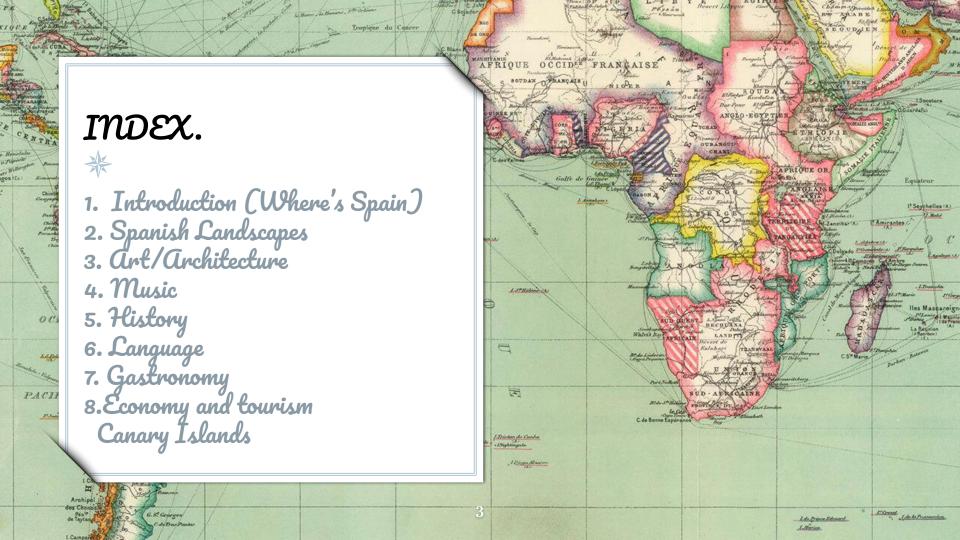
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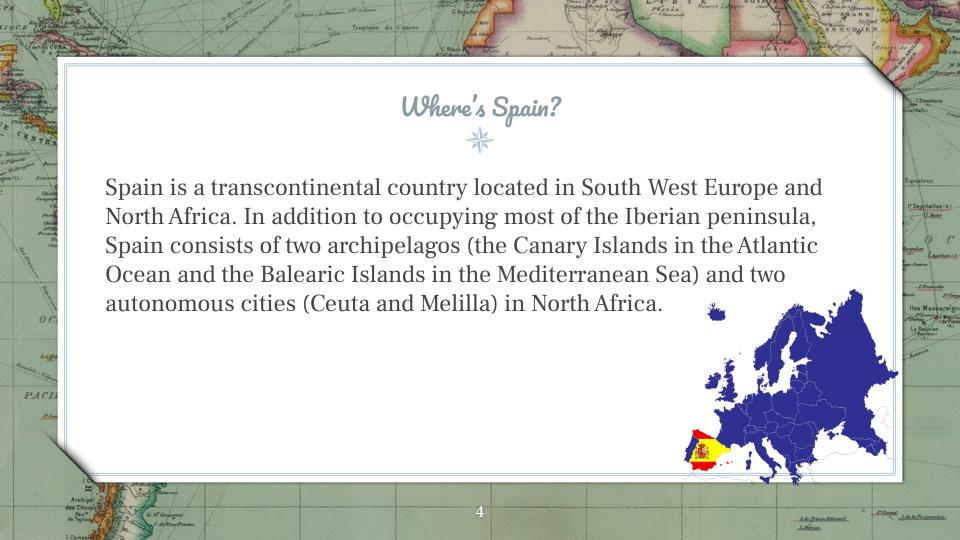
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### Spanish Landscapes



Spain is full of beautiful natural landscapes, and many still unknown. A country full of wonders of nature, beautiful geological landscapes as if taken from another planet, lush forests that contrast with the driest deserts, volcanoes, lakes and high mountains.









#### Art and architecture

Spanish art has an overwhelming personality and its world-class teachers have contributed to the universal stage of the arts a dimension in fields and slopes that today are considered key to explain the

progress of art.

And the spanish architecture is so impressive that it can perplex anyone. Large structures with detailed details, designs that stand out among the buildings, historical monuments that fit in the midst of modernity and more.

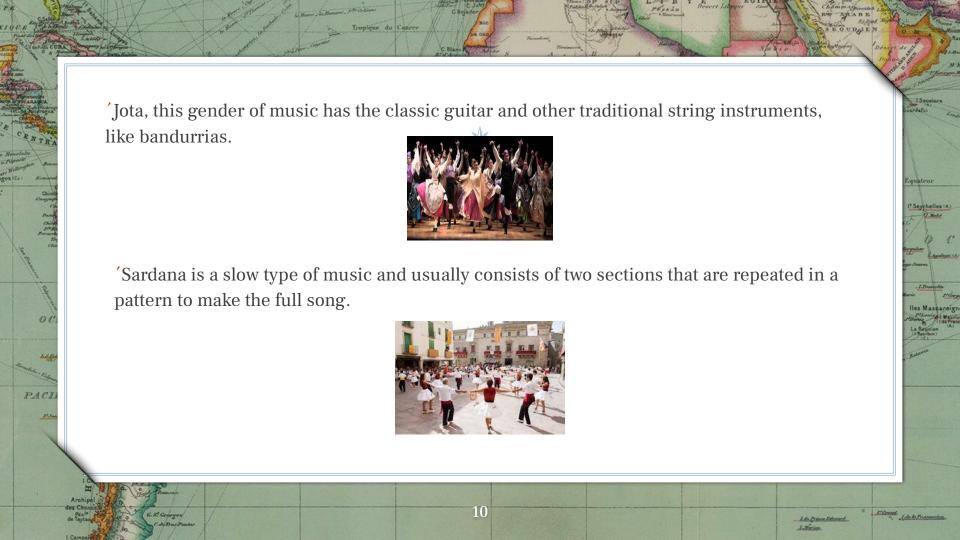




Music of all kinds are an essential part of any festival or fiesta.

'Flamenco is probably the well-known genre of Spanish music. It started in the Andalucia region (southern Spain).

'Zarzuela is somewhere between music and theater, combining dramatic representations with sung and spoken scenes.





## History



The history of Spain encompasses the period from the first human colonization in prehistory in the Iberian Peninsula until today. Although the formation of the Spanish state would date from the end of the Middle Age with the union and invasion (case of Navarra and Granada) of the kingdoms that would end up forming it: Castilla, León, Aragón, Navarra and the Kingdom of Granada, and it is from that moment that it begins to be known as a unique state until today.



Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world, after Chinese. It is also one of the most complex languages in the world.



#### Literature



Don Quijote de la Mancha: Don Quijote is a spanish novel by Miguel de Cervantes. Published in two parts, in 1605 and 1615. Don Quijote is the most influential work of literature from the Spanish Golden Age and the entire Spanish literary canon.





In our country there are many typical dishes, depending on each autonomous region. The most prominent are:

Paella is a cooked dish that is mainly composed of rice seasoned with lemon.



The Spanish omelette or tortilla is a fried food made from the mixture of potatoes and beaten egg.



Boiled octopus dish has three simple ingredients: paprika (pimenton), crusty rock salt and olive oil. It's a signature Galician dish and you'll find it on the menu in many Galician restaurants around Spain



Gazpacho is a dish which principal ingredients are tomato, peppers, garlic, bread and lots of olive oil. In Andalucía in southern Spain, people have it in summer because is a cold soup. You can find it in a lot of restaurants in Spain.



## **ECONOMY AND TOURISM**



## Economy and tourism



The tertiary sector or service sector is the most important in Spain. Spain's currency is, since 2002, the euro.

Spain is a tourist country with a developed infrastructure in the service sector, ranking among the three most visited in the world, to which millions of travelers annually come attracted by its beaches and pleasant climate, the country's rich artistic heritage and gastronomic wealth



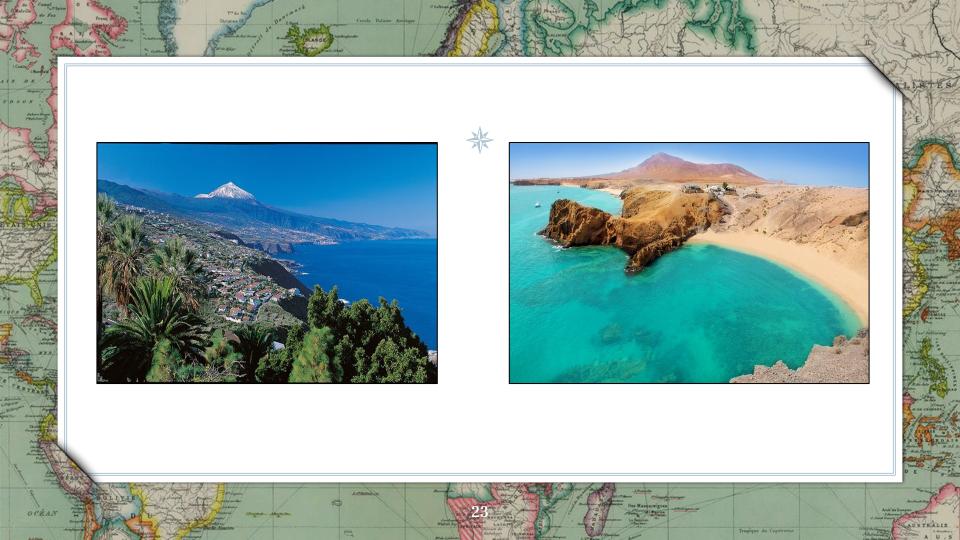


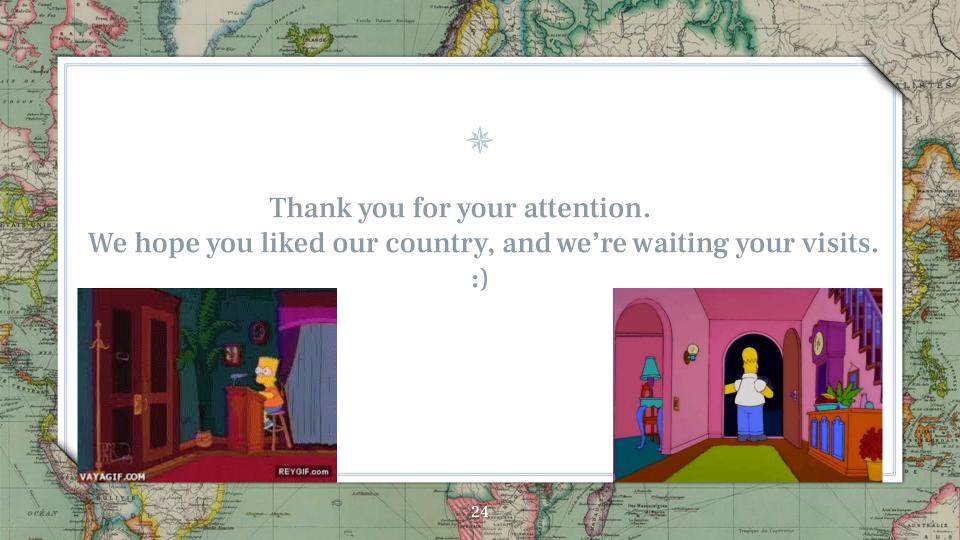
#### Canary Islands



The Canary Islands are a Spanish archipelago and the southernmost autonomous community of Spain located in the Atlantic Ocean, west of Morocco at the closest point.

The seven main islands are (from largest to smallest in area) Tenerife, Fuerteventura, Gran Canaria, Lanzarote, La Palma, La Gomera and El Hierro. The archipelago includes many smaller islands and islets: La Graciosa, Alegranza, Isla de Lobos, Montaña Clara, Roque del Oeste and Roque del Este.







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