

WHAT IS IMPORTANT IN SPAIN?

Living conditions of the families:

The structure and the size of the family homes have changed: people live more years, they've got less children and they live with less people in their homes. Generally, the two parents work, and sometimes, grandparents live in the same house with their sons and daughters and their grandchildren too.

There are some differences between the Spanish houses and family and the Americans. In Spain, most people live houses and in flats.

Spanish professions are really varied: pilots, workers, lawyers, engineers, teachers, lorry drivers, banking clerks, employees, journalists, waiters, shop assistants, doctors... and so on. For example, my dad is a miner and my mum is a housewife.

Daily life

Spanish families work everyday, but they travel to other places at the weekends, bank holidays and on holidays. In their free time, Spanish people like going to the cinema, watching TV, listening to the radio, surfing the Net, reading, listening to music, cookery, gardening, decoration, personal care, pets, do-it-yourself, gyms, sports centre, language schools, dancing, music and singing... and so on; and they're also interested in: universities, secondary schools, nurseries, playing cards, gossiping, ... For example, I like reading, writing and doing some sports; and when it's summer, my family and I go to Galicia, and sometimes, to Leon too.

Typical family festivals and traditions

Spanish families habits are: doing siesta, the life in the street, life with the families, typical food, the "folklore", flamenco, bullfights ...; we celebrate San Fermin in Pamplona, Fallas of Saint Joseph in Valencia, the Festival of April in Seville, Christmas (cold, holidays, lottery, The Three Kings, nativity scene, Saint Claus, Christmas carols, Christmas' Eve dinner, Cock's mass, Innocent's day, grapes and bells at the end of the year, drinks and sweets, fireworks, Christmas cakes, dinner with the family... and so on); have a little breakfast, have lunch and dinner a lot; and perhaps, our timetables, because they're so different from other countries!

Food and drink

Typical food: roast or grilled meat, olive oil's fries, potato or Spanish omelette, paella of Valencia, "fabada" of Asturias, Castilla's "lechazo", cod, "pisto", "gazpacho", cheeses, dishes with pulses, stew of Madrid, bread...

Typical desserts and sweets: crème caramel, custard, rice with milk, pieces of French toast, small sponge cakes or "churros"...

Typical drink: the different Spanish wines, sangria, beer...

Other special things

Spain is very well-known for its history, art, bullfights, flamenco, more of 2000 beaches, very nice climate, monuments of extraordinary value, lots of natural places, a

lot of sun hours, vineyards and olive trees, nice walks for the city square, museums or galleries, legends, gastronomy and for its famous holidays and festivals!

If you visit this country, you can see for example: Gaudi's architecture, the Ramblas, the Sacred Family(all this in Barcelona); the Granada's Alhambra; the Alcazar and the cathedral (in Seville); the Guggenheim museum (in Bilbao), the mosque in Cordoba; the famous Santiago cathedral (in Santiago of Compostela), the end of Saint James Way.

This famous way passes through a big and beautiful city , called León(from where I am); in this city, you will see its huge cathedral and its important monuments.

And you can also visit the beautiful capital of Spain, which is Madrid! In Madrid, you can see Prado Museum, Deputies' Conference, Moncloa Palace, Bernabeu Stadium, Cibeles Footbridge, the Alcala Door, the Sun's Door and so on.

Definitely, Spain is fantastic!