

OIE Information & Travel Cheat Sheet



Country:

Spain (ES)

Sex & Dating

- Dating culture is considered to be laid back
 - Casual dating and PDA are common
 - More open to expressing sexuality
- Traditional gender roles still remain in general, especially in rural areas and dating

Alcohol & Drugs

- Legal age to buy/consume alcohol: 18
 - Drinking in public is forbidden in many areas
- Cannabis (marijuana) use is illegal but decriminalized
 - Cannabis clubs: cultivate and consuming cannabis allowed within a legalized environment

LGBTQIA+ Culture

- Generally, ES is considered to be very welcoming and accepting of LGBTQIA+
 - Same-sex marriage is legal
 - Discrimination still present, especially in rural areas
- Resources
 - Rainbow SIG
 - Diversity Abroad
 - OutRight Action International

Cultural Customs and Norms

- Population: 47 million
- Currency: Euro
- Official Language: Spanish
 - Other official languages based on region
- Appearances are considered to be important
- Spanish people are generally very warm and welcoming
- Majority of population is Catholic, related holidays and traditions are highly valued
- Siestas held in the afternoon for rest
 - Many shops close during this time

Resources

112 General EU emergency number

+34 Country phone code

- [DU's Travel Assistance](#)
 - Phone: +1 443-569-8601 / Website: [dutravelassistanceprovider](#)
 - Please use DU credentials to sign in
- Student Support Program (My SSP): 24/7 Mental Health Support
- U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): [travel.state.gov](#)



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