

# How many days may you stay in Spain?

*Depending on your country of nationality, these are the details of how many days you may legally stay in Spain.*

Under the Freedom of Movement Act, if you're a national from one of the countries in the *European Union (EU)* or the *European Economic Area (EEA)*, all the countries of the EU plus Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway or Switzerland, you don't need a visa or other permit to visit, live, work or study in Spain.

There is one exception to this law for citizens from the latest addition to the EU– Croatia, will still need work permits probably up until June 30, 2020.

EU/EEA and Swiss citizens do need to register with the authorities and get a national identity number while they visit Spain.

Visit the [website](#) for more detailed information.

Spain is one of 26 countries that make up the 'Schengen' area:

- Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden and Switzerland.

They have one common visa and no border controls between them.

A short-stay Schengen visa (*visado de corta duracion*) allows you to stay in Spain – but not work – for up to 90 days in a 180-day period.

If you have a Schengen visa issued by another Schengen state you can also come and stay in Spain for 90 days.

## **U.S.A. and other countries:**

Nationals from the US, Australia, Canada and New Zealand don't need a short-stay visa to enter Spain but will need to apply for a long-term residence visa to stay longer than three months / 90 days.

For non-Schengen citizens, you're allowed entry into the Area for 90 days within any 180-day period.

Nationals from Africa and Asia must apply for visas prior to entering Spain. Please consult this [list](#) from the *Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores y de Cooperación*.

Citizens of all other countries must be in possession of documents which explain the conditions of their stay, and be in possession of sufficient economic resources for their maintenance throughout the period they are intending to remain in Spain. For more details contact [Ministry of Internal Affairs](#).

*Note: This information is for guidance only and you should always seek specific legal advice from the Spanish embassy or consulate, as well as your own legal representative.*