

¡ Hola!

Me llamo Elena

Soy española

What do you want to know about?



Places



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Where should we go?



Soy de Madrid





I love living in Madrid.

There is always something interesting to see or do.

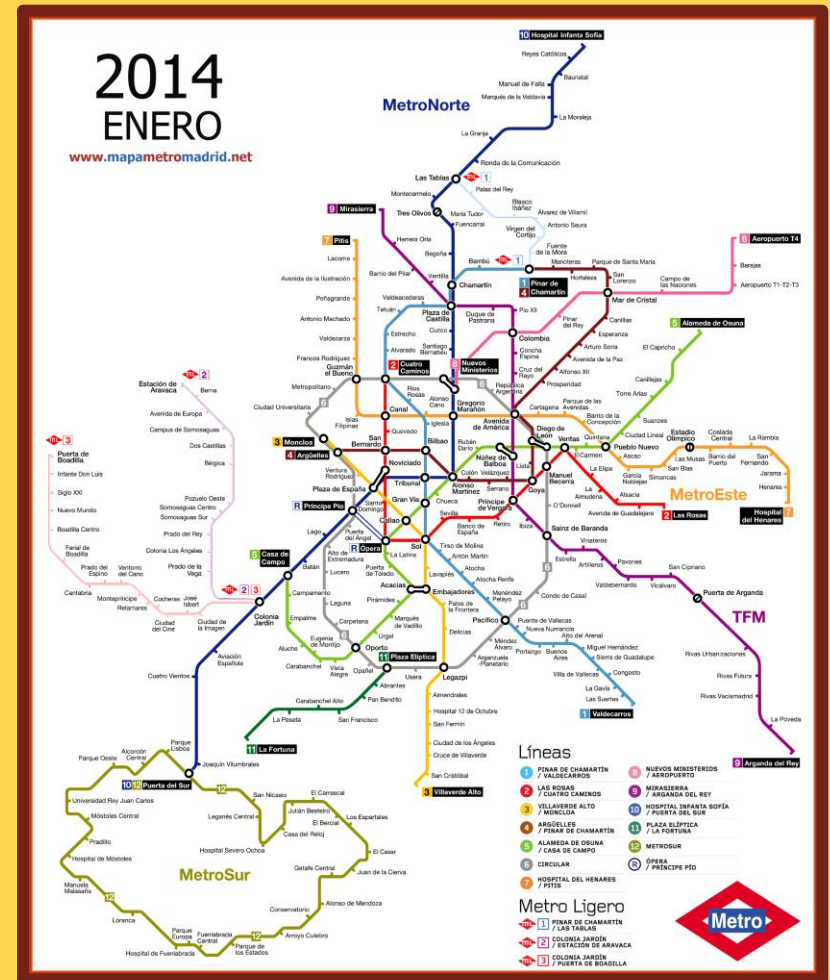


Madrid is the biggest city in the country.
It is also the third most populated city in Europe.



We have the most amazing and interesting museums: El Prado, Reina Sofía, Thyssen-Bornemisza, Caixa Forum and many more.

The Madrid subway is the second largest underground system in Europe and the sixth largest system in the world.





In Madrid we have many parks. In El retiro you can row a boat with your friends.



Madrid has two big football teams.
In my family we are Real Madrid supporters.

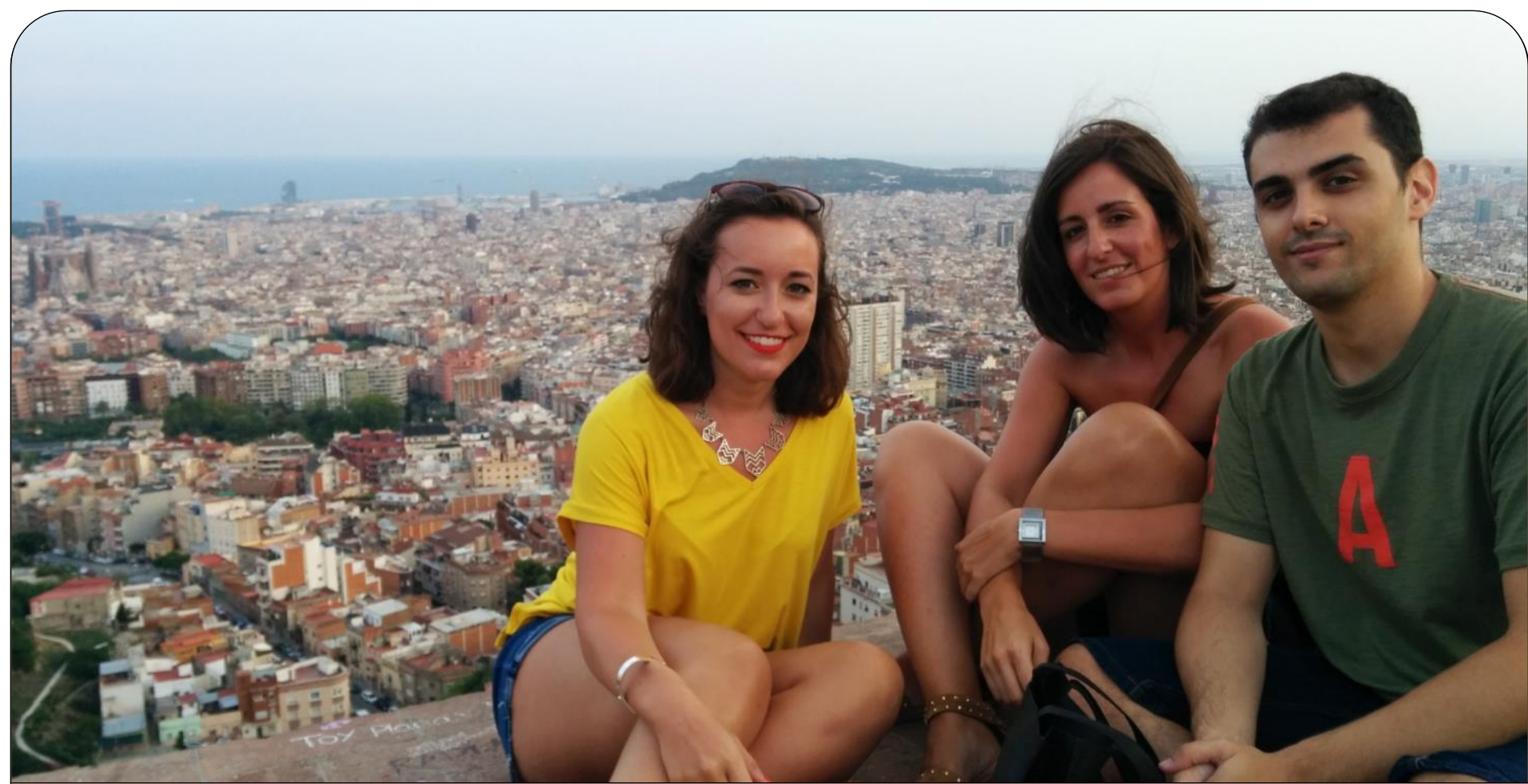
In summer Madrid gets very hot so we like to go to the pool (most new buildings have one) or go to the beach.



Benvinguts a Barcelona

Did you know in Spain 89% of Spaniards spoke Spanish as their native language, followed by Catalan/Valencian with 9%. Galician is spoken by 5%, and Basque by 1%.





Barcelona attracts over one million visitors every week.

You can find many buildings designed by Gaudí

Sagrada familia
Cathedral



La pedrera (Casa
Milá)



Casa Batlló





Everyone visits these places including Parc Güell



Barcelona is on the sea side so you can enjoy the city life as well as beautiful beaches.

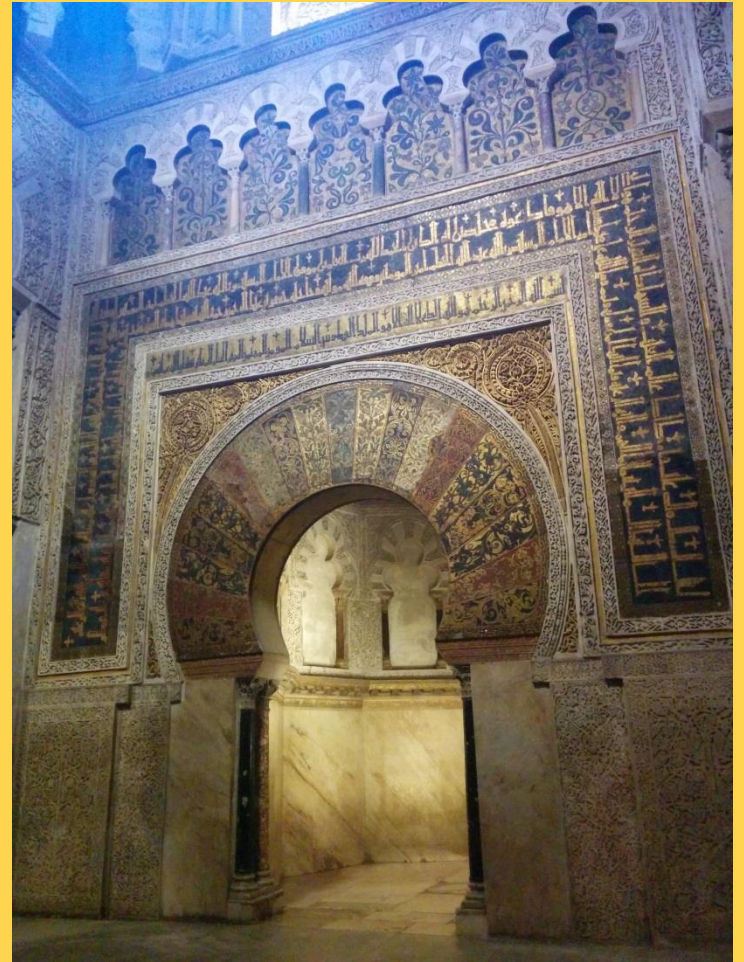


Córdoba

At one time, Cordoba was the world's **largest city** counting about one million residents.

Cordoba was a spot of **peaceful coexistence of three different cultures:** Jews, Muslims and Christians.

Cordoba's Mezquita is the **largest mosque** in the entire world, as well as the world's largest temple.





In Cordoba summer temperatures often reach more than **40 degrees**



Toledo

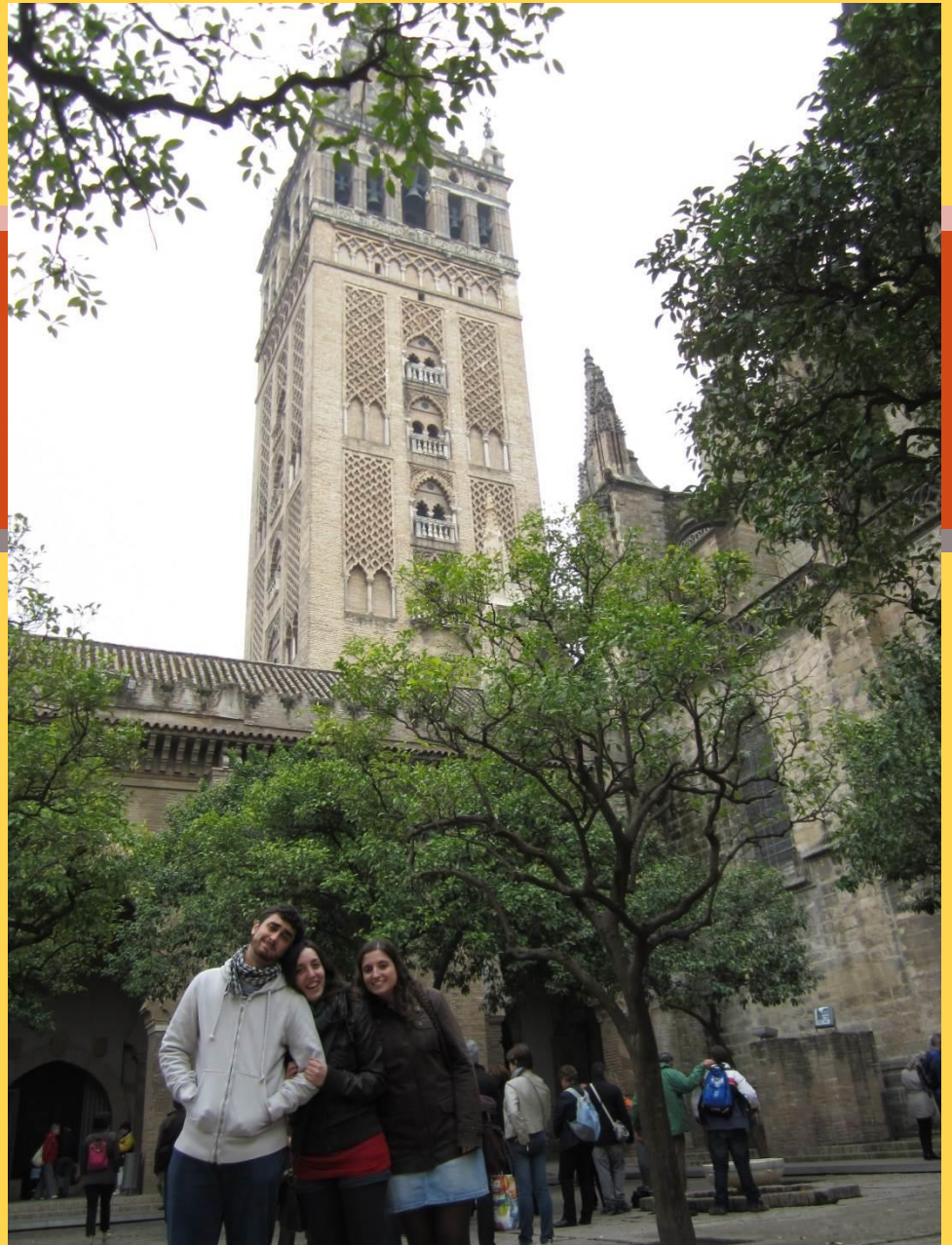


Toledo was capital of Spain from the Gothic epoch until 1560, fact that explains its really impressive medieval architecture.



Sevilla

Seville is home
to the world's
third largest
cathedral.





Seville is the fourth largest city in Spain but it feels like a small town.



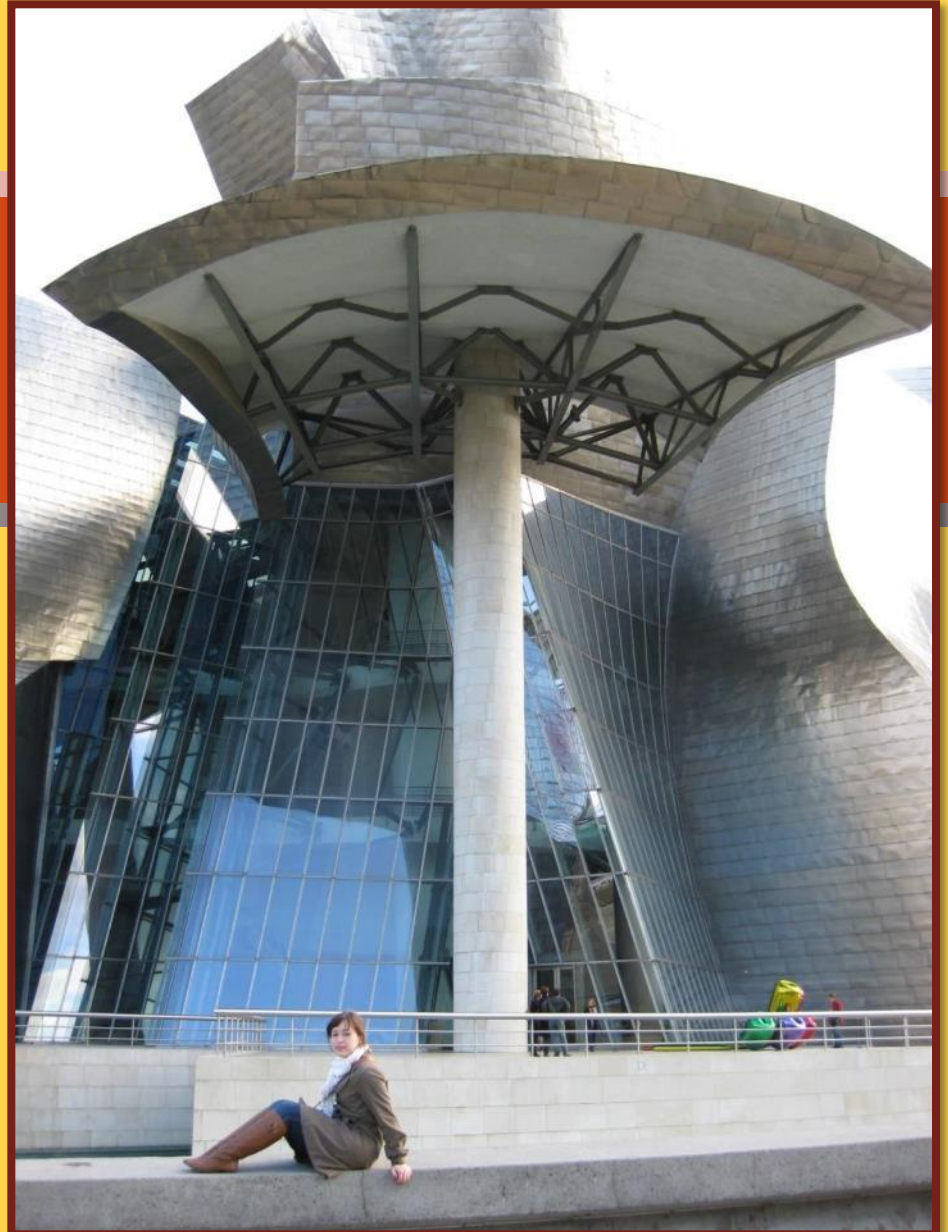
Many films have taken place in Seville as if it was another place.

Plaza de España was planet Naboo's Theed Palace in *Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones*



Bilbao

Bilbao is one of the largest cultural and economic centers in the north of Spain. It has become synonymous with the truly impressive Guggenheim Museum.



One of the biggest cities in Spain, and among the most liveliest. It is located at the Mediterranean sea, and you will find beaches right in the very heart of it. Spain's most famous food was born here: "**Paella Valenciana**".

Valencia



Alicante

Alicante is one most important tourist destinations in the Spanish east coast.



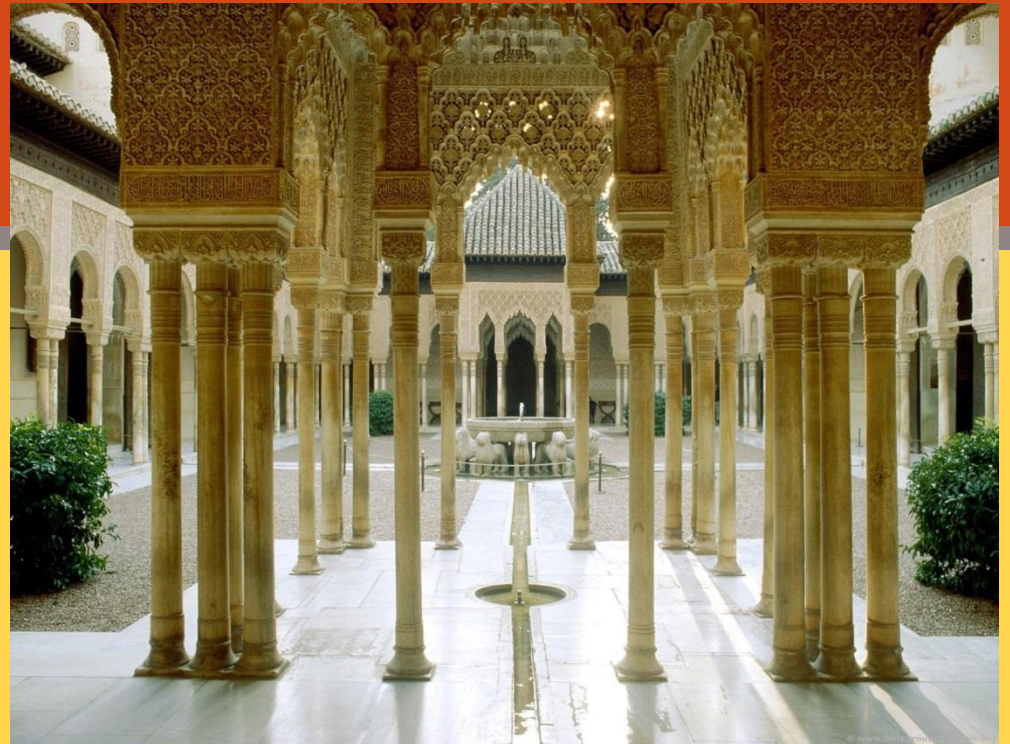
Málaga

Picasso was born in Málaga and has his own museum there. 13 million holidaymakers arrive at the airport annually.



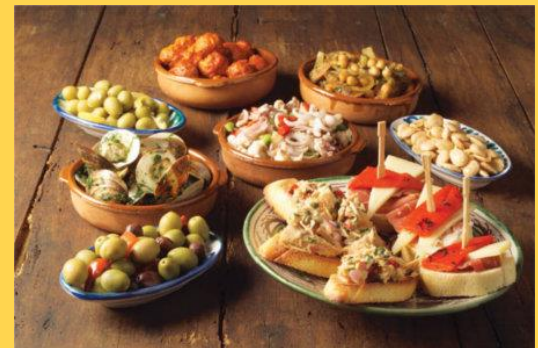
Granada

Granada was a Muslim Kingdom for 800 years, which is the longest Muslim rule in Spain. Granada is home to 3 UNESCO World Heritage sites – Alhambra, Generalife and Albayzin.



Food

There are so many typical dishes in Spain that I still haven't tried them all! But I can definitely show you my favourites



Spanish Omelette

- No doubt about it, the *Tortilla Espanola* or Spanish Omelet is the most commonly served dish in Spain. It is also called *Tortilla de Patata* or Potato Omelet. Bars and cafés serve it as a *tapa* or appetizer, but it is often served as a light dinner in Spanish homes. Because it is easy to transport, the Spanish make *bocadillos* or sandwiches by placing a piece between two pieces of a baguette.



Paella

- Paella is currently an internationally-known rice dish from Spain. There are as many versions of *paella* as there are cooks. It may contain chicken, pork, shellfish, fish, eel, squid, beans, peas, artichokes or peppers. In 2001 a paella for 110.000 people was made in Madrid and we still hold the Guinness record.



Tapas

- Tapas are snacks, canapés or finger food that originated in Spain. Tapas come in many different forms and can vary from town to town! Tapas are served day in and day out in every bar and café in Spain.



Traditions

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Eating 12 grapes on New Year's Eve

"The twelve grapes of luck" is a Spanish tradition that dates back from 1895. It takes place at midnight of December 31st with our families. The tradition consists of eating a grape with each bell strike of the Puerta del Sol tower clock. According to the tradition, that leads to a year of prosperity.



Castells

A castell is a human tower built traditionally in festivals at many locations within Catalonia. At these festivals, several teams often succeed in building and dismantling a tower's structure.



La tomatina



La tomatina is a festival that is held in the Valencian town of Buñol, in which participants throw tomatoes and get involved in this tomato fight purely for fun. It is held on the last Wednesday of August.





Los Sanfermines

The festival of **San Fermín** in the city of Pamplona is a deeply rooted celebration. The most famous event is the “encierro”, or the running of the bulls, which happens at 8:00 am from 7 July to 14 July.

