GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
King FELIPE VI

Head of Government
President of the Government (Prime Minister-equivalent) Pedro SANCHEZ Perez-Castejon

Government Type
parliamentary constitutional monarchy

Capital
Madrid

Legislature
General Courts or Las Cortes Generales consists of the Senate or Senado (266 seats) and the Congress of Deputies or Congreso de los Diputados (350 seats)

Judiciary
Supreme Court or Tribunal Supremo (consists of the court president and organized into the Civil, Penal, Administrative, Social, and Military Rooms); Constitutional Court or Tribunal Constitucional de Espana (consists of 12 judges)

Ambassador to US
Ambassador Pedro MORENES Eulate

US Ambassador
Ambassador Richard BUCHAN

GEOGRAPHY

Area
total: 505,370 sq km
land: 498,980 sq km
water: 6,390 sq km

Climate
temperate; clear, hot summers in interior, more moderate and cloudy along coast; cloudy, cold winters in interior, partly cloudy and cool along coast

Natural Resources
coal, lignite, iron ore, copper, lead, zinc, uranium, tungsten, mercury, pyrites, magnesite, fluorspar, gypsum, sepiolite, kaolin, potash, hydropower, arable land

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
49 million (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth Rate
0.78% (2017 est.)

Ethnic Groups
composite of Mediterranean and Nordic types

Language
Castilian Spanish (official nationwide) 74%, Catalan 17%, Galician 7%, Basque 2%, Aranese along with Catalan <5,000 speakers

Religion
Roman Catholic 67.8%, atheist 9.1%, other 2.2%, non-believer 18.4%, unspecified 2.5% (2016 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 80.3% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 0.33% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.) (includes Canary Islands, Ceuta, and Melilla)

Literacy
98.3% (2016 est.)

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
rapid growth of this dynamic economy following the death of dictator Francisco Franco helped make it a champion of freedom and human rights; more recently, Spain has emerged from a severe recession during 2008-2013, posting three straight years of GDP growth above the EU average

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$1.769 trillion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$38,200 (2017 est.)

Exports
$301.5 billion (2017 est.)
partners: France 15.1%, Germany 11.3%, Italy 7.8%, Portugal 7.1%, UK 6.9%, US 4.4% (2017)

Imports
$333.4 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Germany 14.2%, France 11.9%, China 6.9%, Italy 6.8%, Netherlands 5.1%, UK 4% (2017)

as of July 2018