

Passports and Visas for Spain

Spain is a part of the European Union's [Schengen Zone](#), which means that U.S. citizens do not need to obtain a visa for general visits less than 90 days. They are able to travel on their passport alone.

Passports:

In order to enter Spain on your passport, you should:

- **Make sure your passport is valid for at least 3 months beyond your planned date of departure** from Spain. *Spanish Studies Abroad recommends 6 months*, because each country, including the United States, has different requirements for this.
- Be prepared to show proof of accommodation for your stay in Spain (i.e. have the list of your homestay address/hotels/hostels/residencias ready) in case the immigration officer asks.
- Be prepared to show a return or round-trip ticket. Immigration officers sometimes ask for how long you will be staying to make sure that, if you need one, you have the correct type of visa or travel document.
- Beginning in 2023, it is also expected that you will need to complete an [ETIAS travel form](#).

Note: Most travelers to Spain will not need all of this information in order to enter the country, but officers generally will ask some questions about your travels and purpose of visit. The most important part is that you have a valid passport.

If you do not have a passport yet, you will need to apply for one right away. In many cases, it can take a few months to receive your passport, so if your travels are coming up, it is best to expedite your passport. The most convenient place to apply for a passport is usually at your local Post Office, but you may also apply for one at over 4,500 different passport acceptance facilities nationwide.

Here are some resources for up-to-date passport information and entry requirements for Spain:

- [Passport Services Office](#)
- <https://spanishstudies.org/students-parents/#passport>
- <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/spain-travel-advisory.html>
- <https://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/washington/en/ServiciosConsulares/Paginas/Condiciones-de-entrada-en-Espana.aspx>

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For travelers participating on a program from other countries on an F1 visa, please consult your home country's requirements for travelling to Spain. *If you need a visa to join one of our programs, Spanish Studies Abroad will provide you the academic components necessary to complete your application.* Please see below for more information on visas.

Visas and Student Visas:

Many of our programs are over 90 days long, and students will need a Student Visa in order to participate on the program. If this is the case, your Student Advisor will send you information and relevant documents in order to apply. *Spanish Studies Abroad is not a visa service, but we will help with the process however we can.* For more information, please visit our [website page](#) and review our [Visa Handbook](#).

U.S. students travelling to Spain will need to apply for a Student Visa through their regional Spanish Consulate. Students should check with their advisor and look at the Consulate's website to secure an appointment within the correct timeframe (usually within two months of the start of your program). Your SSA advisor will send you more information once you have been accepted to your program, but it's never too early to start looking into what you will need to do!

[Student Visas](#) – this website gives you all the information and requirements for applying for a student visa in Spain.

For students who are travelling to Spain from the U.S. with an F1 visa, it is possible to still study abroad! You may need some further information in which case we will help to ensure you have all the necessary documentation. If you are unsure about your home country's visa requirements, please see the list below:

[Countries who need a visa the enter Spain](#)

If your home country is included in this list and you need a tourist visa to visit, SSA recommends contacting your local Embassy, as well as your regional Spanish Consulate, to learn about further requirements to apply.

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