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Country entry requirements:

All travellers

The documentation you must present on entry when travelling from the UK to Spain is determined by your reason for travel.

If you are traveling to Spain for tourism you must show valid proof of one of the following:

being fully vaccinated. Your vaccination status must meet the Spanish authorities' validity period requirements. See 'If you're fully vaccinated'.

a negative COVID-19 test: either a PCR taken within 72 hours prior to departure, or an antigen test taken within 24 hours prior to departure. See 'If you're not fully vaccinated'.

having recovered from COVID-19 in the last 6 months. You can also use a medical certificate or recovery record to prove your COVID-19 status on entry to Spain. See 'If you've had COVID-19 in the past year'.

There are some different entry requirements for children under 12 years old. See 'Children and young people'

Travellers from the UK who can either show proof of being fully vaccinated, or of having recovered from prior COVID-19 infection in the last 6 months, or who are aged under 12 years old, do not need to complete Spain's Travel Health Control form. Everyone else must complete Spain's Travel Health Control form no more than 48 hours before travel to Spain. See Spain's Ministry of Health travel pages for more detail.

You may also be subject to additional checks at the point of entry including a temperature check, visual health assessment, or testing on arrival. Passengers may also be contacted and required to undertake a COVID-19 nucleic acid amplification test - NAAT (PCR or similar) at any point up to 48 hours after their arrival in Spain. More information can be found on the Spanish government's Border Health Controls webpage.

Everyone (excluding children under the age of 12 years old, see Children and young people) arriving into Spain who have visited a 'risk country' in the previous 14 days must meet the requirements on the Spanish Ministry of Health Travel and COVID-19 page. The Spanish government reviews their 'risk countries' list every 7 days.

Requirements are country specific. You may get a minimum fine of €3000 if you do not comply with the requirements.

If you are travelling from a country where Spain has travel restrictions, check with the Spanish Embassy in that country before you travel to Spain. Due to current travel restrictions, you may be questioned on arrival by Spanish border authorities to ensure you meet the legal entry requirements. Spanish border authorities only allow entry if they are satisfied that you meet the entry requirements, and reserve the right to deny passage.

Spain's land borders are open, but there may be travel restrictions, border controls and testing requirements depending on the country you are travelling from. For further details see If you're transiting through Spain.

All travellers should follow the advice of the local authorities on how best to protect themselves and others, including any measures that they bring in to control the virus. See the Coronavirus section for further information.

Plan ahead in case you present symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 during your stay in Spain, see Be prepared for your plans to change and Testing positive for COVID-19 while in Spain.

If you're fully vaccinated

If you're fully vaccinated and travelling from the UK, you can enter Spain without needing to test or quarantine regardless of your reason for travel. Your vaccination status must meet the Spanish authorities' validity period requirements.

If you have received a booster, you are considered fully vaccinated for entry into Spain. There is currently no expiry date for booster jabs.

If you have not received a booster, but have received two doses of a two-dose vaccine or one dose of a single-dose vaccine approved for use by Spain, then at least 14 days and no more than 270 days must have passed since your last dose, to qualify as fully vaccinated.

Only vaccines authorised by the European Medicines Agency or by the World Health Organisation are accepted. Date(s) of vaccination must be specified.

Children under the age of 12 years old do not need to show proof of being fully vaccinated on entry to Spain – see Children and young people

Proof of vaccination status

Spain will accept the UK's proof of COVID-19 vaccination record and proof of COVID-19 vaccination issued in the Crown Dependencies.

Your date(s) of vaccination must be specified and you need to have had a vaccine authorised by the European Medicines Agency or by the World Health Organisation.

Your NHS appointment card from vaccination centres is not designed to be used as proof of vaccination and should not be used to demonstrate your vaccine status.

Documents can be in either English, Spanish, French or German and in paper or electronic format. They must specify your name and surname. See 'Entry requirements for entry in Spain from third countries' section 'k.' on the Spanish Ministry of Health Travel and COVID-19 page for further information on proof of vaccination for travelling to Spain from the UK.

Further rules may apply if you have travelled to a country on Spain's list of 'risk' countries in the 14 days prior to travel to Spain.

If you're not fully vaccinated

If you're not fully vaccinated, you can enter Spain presenting one of the following documents:

documentation certifying that you have undertaken a diagnostic test and tested negative within 72 hours of entering Spain if using a COVID-19 nucleic acid amplification test - NAAT (PCR or similar), or 24 hours if using an antigen test.

proof of having recovered from COVID-19 in the last 6 months. You can also use a medical certificate or recovery record to prove your COVID-19 status on entry to Spain. See 'If you've had COVID-19 in the past year'.

Travellers from the UK who can either show proof of being fully vaccinated, or of having recovered from prior COVID-19 infection in the last 6 months, or who are aged under 12 years old, do not need to complete Spain's Travel Health Control form. Everyone else must complete Spain's Travel Health Control form no more than 48 hours before travel to Spain. See Spain's Ministry of Health travel pages for more detail.

If you've had COVID-19 in the past year

If you're travelling to Spain for tourism purposes and have recovered from prior COVID-19 infection in the last 6 months, you can use the UK proof of COVID-19 recovery record or a recovery certificate issued by a relevant health authority or medical service to certify your COVID-19 status.

At least 11 days must have passed since your first positive COVID-19 nucleic acid amplification test - NAAT (PCR or similar) or rapid antigen test. The recovery record or certificate will be valid for 180 days from the date of the positive test and must include the following information:

your full name

the date you first tested positive for COVID-19

the type of test administered (e.g. COVID-19 nucleic acid amplification test - NAAT (PCR or similar) or rapid antigen test)

the name of the country issuing the recovery record or certificate

documentary proof of the diagnostic test from which the Recovery Certificate is derived

Exemptions

There are no exemptions to Spain's entry requirements.

Children and young people

Children under the age of 12 years old do not need to:

complete an online Health Control Form before travel

show proof of being fully vaccinated on entry to Spain

take diagnostic tests prior to arrival

show proof of having recovered from prior COVID-19 infection in the last 6 months

meet the requirements outlined in the Spanish Ministry of Health 'Travel and COVID-19' page, even if they have visited a 'risk country' in the previous 14 days

What to do if you test positive:

If you are tested and the result is positive, you should call your regional hotline or one of the alternative helpline numbers as set out above and follow their advice. You are not required to self-isolate if you have mild or no symptoms but you should wear a mask and avoid crowded spaces.

Hotels and other accommodation providers may have their own COVID-19 protocols in place in the event a guest tests positive. You should abide by any safety measures put in place by your accommodation provider.

You should follow the advice of the local authorities at all times.

You will be supported to decide if you wish to stay at the accommodation or carry on with the activities depending on the severity of your symptoms. You will be supported to social distance and wear a mask. If your symptoms are severe, you will be taken to hospital/doctor. Regular contact will be maintained with your support network at home.

Please ensure that you have travel insurance to cover any disruption caused by testing positive for Covid-19, for example medical bills, a prolonged stay with support and a rescheduled flight.

Re-entry into England requirements.

If you **qualify as fully vaccinated** for travel to England, you:

- will not need to take a COVID-19 test before you travel to England or after you arrive
- will not need to quarantine when you arrive
- You will not need to complete a passenger locator form before you travel to England.