

Spain





The flag of Spain



The coat of arms of Spain

Spain occupies most of the Iberian Peninsula

The size of Spain: 505 thousand sq km

Population : 40 million people

Official language : Spanish

Monetary unit : Euro



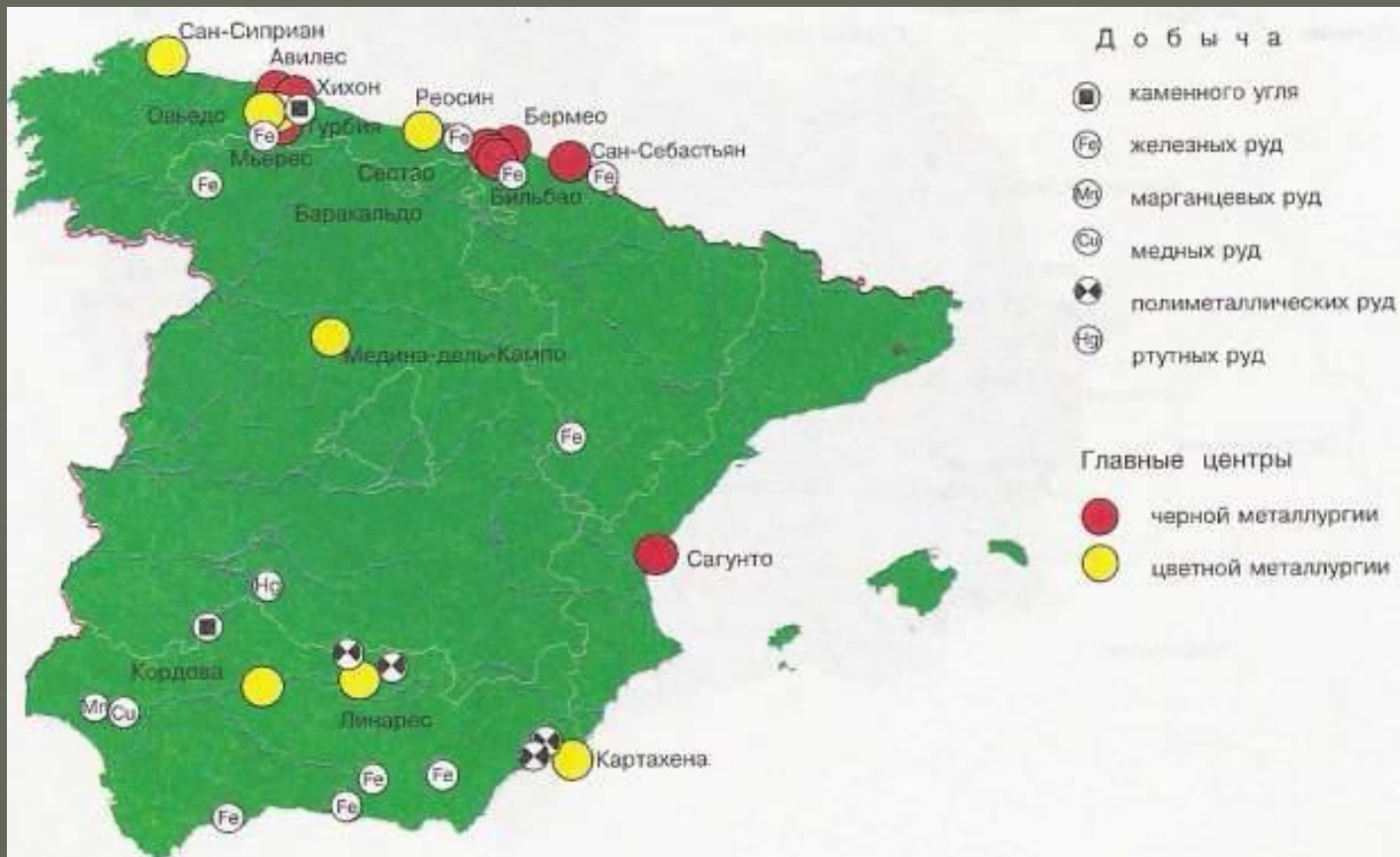
The relief of Spain

Spain is one of the most Mountainous countries of Europe, the lowlands in the country are very few. Most of the surface is Occupied by the Central plateau with an average altitude of 700-900 m above sea Level. To the North rise the Pyrenees, the southern Andalusian mountains.



Minerals of Spain

Spain is rich in minerals. Many deposits of iron ores and particularly ores of non-ferrous metals (copper, silver, lead, mercury). There are reserves of coal, potash.



The Climate Of Spain

The climate in Central Spain, the summer is hot and winter is cool, there are even snow storms. On the North-Western coast the climate is mild and humid. Forests of beeches, chestnuts, oaks. The hottest climate on the shores of the Mediterranean sea, in January is $+13^{\circ}$, in July $+27^{\circ}\text{C}$.



The Population Of Spain

Throughout the country the population is not spread uniformly, densely populated coastal areas. The urban population prevails over rural. Except Madrid, all cities lie at sea level or near it.



Urban life of Spain

With the transition to more advanced production and expansion of services began the migration of Spaniards from the countryside to the cities. Now live in cities about 75% of the population. The largest city of Spain – Madrid. Barcelona is the second largest city in Spain with Madrid which constantly competes. Barcelona is a major Mediterranean port and centre of a large, densely populated industrial region.



The Economy Of Spain

On a global level, Spain is the leader in olive oil production and mercury mining, ranks second in the world for the extraction of pyrites and third in production of grape wines. Spain is a country with developed industry and agriculture. The natural wealth creates good basis for the development of industry. Mining plays a significant role in industry, black and nonferrous metallurgy, machine-building (ships, cars, machines). Growing oil refining, developing textile and food industries.

In the agricultural turnover is almost half of the country. Under forests cover 12% of the territory, and under pasture 48%. The main food crops — wheat and barley. An important industry is sheep farming.



Tourism Spain

Spain is among the five countries, the most popular among tourists. Foreign guests are attracted by the warm climate, beautiful Mediterranean beaches and major historic centers of art and architecture of Barcelona, Madrid, Valencia. Every year the country welcomes around 50 million tourists.

