

## **Spain-Eating customs**

**The Spanish cuisine** is not the one that someone finds in restaurants, but to enjoy at home. This is the kitchen of farmers, simple, based on the onion, garlic, tomato, red hot chili and some herbs, such as parsley.

Its history is linked with the country, established in the 15th century, keeping local and cultural peculiarities. He was influenced from the Mediterranean culture brought by the Phoenicians, Greeks and Romans, but mainly from the Arabs, who, as we know, were for 8 centuries the rulers of the country.

Traditionally, the Spaniards, before sitting at the table, "eat snacks" preferring an aperitif, to open the appetite. The mealtimes are affected by this habit. Lunch is not served before 2.00p.m and rarely dines before 10:00p.m in the evening. On weekends there are not few times when they are behind an extra hour of the program and often sit at the table around midnight!

The Spaniards do not leave the table once they finish their meal. Instead, they extend the pleasure of sitting with friends at the table drinking coffee or a digestive drink and lighting a cigar ...

It is said that getting up and getting out of the table equals with cutting off bonds, like saying that you do not wanna talk anymore with them. In Spain, the chat is an institution! Not any Spaniard, old or young, would not lose his opportunity for a fine chat with friends over a glass of drink in hand, in a cafe about discussing the need to "remake the world"!



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## Spain Accomodation styles

The **Spanish colonial decor** is very familiar to us Greeks because it is purely a Mediterranean style . This means that it shared characteristics of all the countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea, but also from countries that were once colonies of the Mediterranean countries such as Mauritania and Morocco. But it was a separate category because of the local population, the South American. It also has much in common with the Country decoration only is much more simplistic compared to the Spanish colonial decoration , both authentic as the style (and much more) in the most modern and somewhat mutated , as it comes out from the modern American U.S. homes , since the Spanish colonial decoration is one of the most cherished options. The main features are wooden beams on the ceiling. On the floor ceramic tiles, or even mosaics , colorful Mexican rugs or handmade Agra with bold vibrant colors . Wall colors like terracotta, deep yellow , beige , purple or dark blue and red. Furniture of rustic wood or iron.

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## Spanish Dress code

Spain is a modern country, but with many traditions in dress code. The Spanish take pride in the way they dress, and they dress well compared to people of other western countries. Also Spanish women are much more feminine than their counterparts in other western countries. All of the Spanish take much care and thought when buying their clothes because they want to be well dressed.

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