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# Living & working in SPAIN

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Seize the Summer with EURES



# Spain: some basic data

- Situation in **Spain** is improving, though it still has a **high unemployment rate** for European Standards:
  - Spain un. rate Dec. 2024: **11.2 % (higher in some regions)**
  - EU un rate, Dec. 2024: **5.9%**
  - And this is especially hard among **young people: 26.6 %** (Dec.2024)
- But Spain is also one of the **fastest growing economy** in EU.
- **National minimum wage 2025: 1,184 €/month (14 pays), 39,47 €/working day.** But most of salaries are indexed in a **Collective Agreement.**






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# SPAIN: Tourism sector is key

- According to the latest World Tourism Barometer of the UNWTO, Spain is the **second tourist destination in the world with around 94 million international arrivals in 2024 (Best year ever)**
- **Main Season** : Easter – October, but in the big cities (Madrid, Barcelona, and in the Canary Islands) the season is the whole year.
- **12,8 million** cruise passengers arriving to our ports in 2024.
- More than **3 million** employed workers in Tourist-Hospitality sector in Spain 2024
- HORECA & Tourism means the **13,1%** of the Spanish GDP .

# Why Spain?

If you are thinking on having a **seasonal work** experience in the HORECA & Tourist sector, Spain is a very good choice:

-  Good weather (sometimes a bit too hot)
-  Very professionalized sector, with high quality standards (a good place to learn the job)
-  A good chance to learn or improve your Spanish language skills (one of the most important international languages)
-  In some regions, there is a kind of permanent high season.
-  But you need to be able to work under pressure, and do a lot of extra hours, specially working in bars, restaurants & Discos.

# Working conditions

- **Working time:** Tourist sector demands flexibility. The working week is **40 hours** a week, and shifts are the normal way of organization.
- Salaries not very high: **(medium salary of a waiter/tress in Spain: 15.175 € x Year, around 1.264 € x Month) GROSS**
- Probably, a lot of **extra hours**. Check they are remunerated.
- **Other benefits:** Accommodation and meals, travel costs (or part), training...
- **Unemployment Benefit:** You need 12 months of contributions in order to get an unemployment benefit in Spain.
- **Holidays:** 22 working days x year – 30 calendar days (2,5 x month) but check your collective agreement, can be more.
- And, in case of doubts... **ASK US!!!**

# How can I find a job in Spain?

- Just **here**: in the SEIZE THE SUMMER WITH EURES: There are around 15 Spanish companies registered and looking for candidates.
- In the **EURES Portal**: <https://eures.europa.eu>
- In the [EURES Spain website](#)
- ... and check in our **blog** this one full of tips:

[If you are looking for a job in Spain](#)



# Spain in Seize the Summer: Entertainers



- **From March-Oct 2025**
- Kids' club, Mini-discos, dancing shows, sport entertainers
- **Accommodation and meals provided**
- **Free training course** (or experience)
- English + another (French, German and Dutch)
- **Salary** (appr. 1,184€-1,800€)
- Costa Brava, Canary & Balearic islands, Andalucía and some main cities.

# Spain in Seize the Summer: waiting staff and cooks



- Also positions for interns through agreement with training centres.
- Accommodation and meals provided (sometimes).
- English + French as valued languages.
- Salary depends a lot of the job (between 1200-1500 € or more, in the case of chefs)





# Spain in Seize the Summer: others









Lifeguards, receptionists, admin officers,  
cleaning staff, account manager, etc...



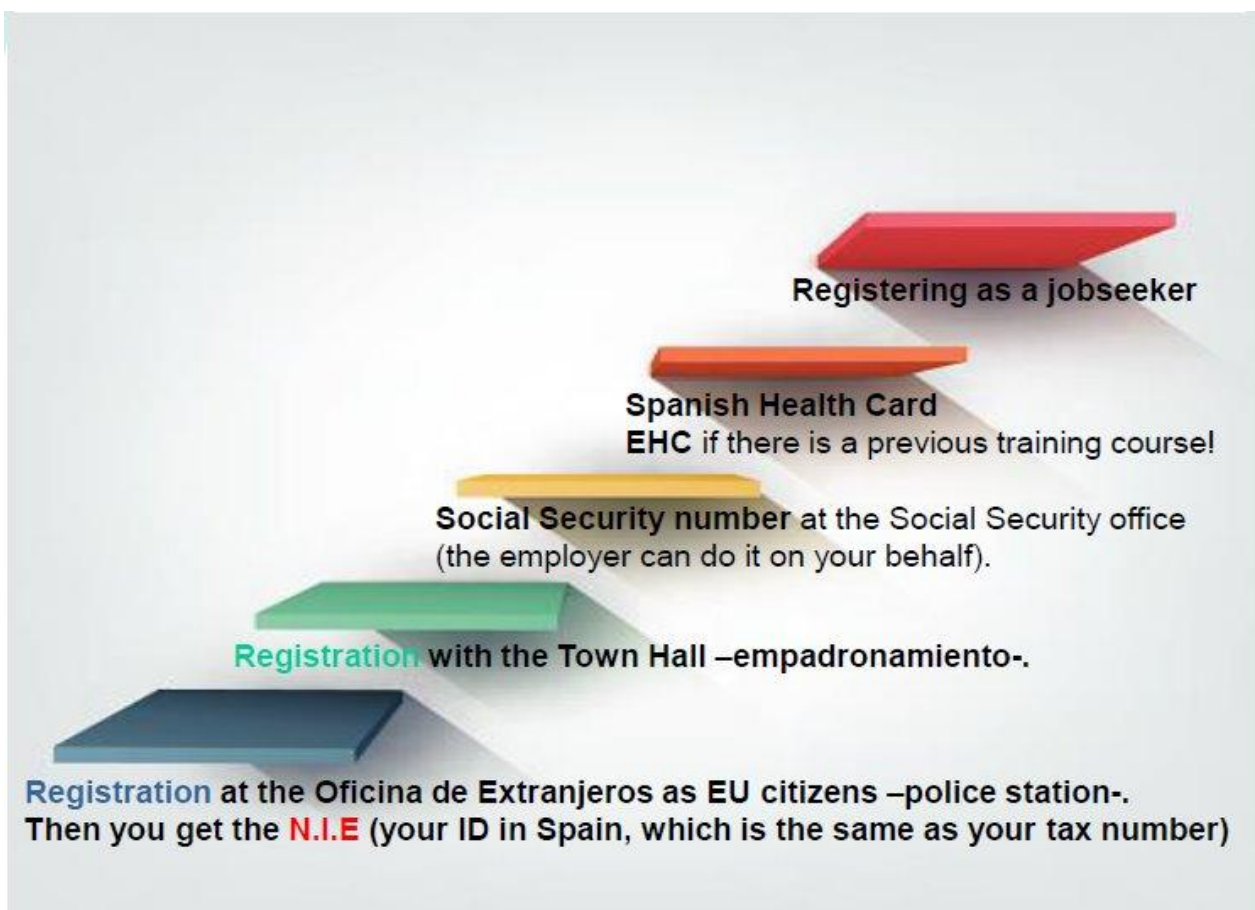
# More sectors in the need of personnel

**Sectors** in which EURES Spain has detected the need to hire European jobseekers every year:

-  **Tourism** and Hospitality sector, Summer entertainers.
-  Language **teachers** (mainly English)
-  **Call centers** and customer service (native speakers of foreign languages.  
Profiles: customer services, marketing, human resources, accounting)
-  **IT sector**: electronic engineering, software and applications development, multimedia engineering and telecommunications engineering.
-  **Import-Export** sector.
-  **Healthcare** professionals.

# First Steps- upon arrival

Read carefully the post in our Blog: [ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A JOB IN SPAIN?](#)



# More info, personal advice?

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