



#### SPANISH STEREOTYPES

Foreing people have ideas about the Spanish people which some of them are uncertain:

- 1. The Spanish are lazy and love having a nap.
- 2. Spain is the land of sunshine and beaches.
- 3. Spain is the land of bullfights
- 4. Spain is the land of flamenco.
- 5. All Spanish people have dark hair, dark eyes and dark skin.
- 6. Spain is the land of parties.
- 7. The Spanish love their ham and excellent food.
- 8. The Spanish man are latin lovers.
- 9. Spain is a very cultural country.

### THE TRUTH ABOUT:

#### 1. The Spanish people are lazy and love having a

In the European Union, we have the longest working hours and We work very hard. We love having a nap but only about 20% of us can have it, especially, if you are a retired. Health authorities say that it is very healthy



Spain has more sunshine and beaches than the rest of Europe because it is at the southern. Its geography is very varied. The sun is predominant along the Mediterranean and in the south, in Andalusia. Of course the north can be colder and has more rain throughout the year than the south.





#### 3. Spain is the land of bullfights and

The bullfights is not longer considered sport in Spain, but it's described as a cultural tradition. There are bullfights in Spain, but their popularity is decreasing every year. Today only 25% of the population supports bullfighting and young people prefer going to football games.





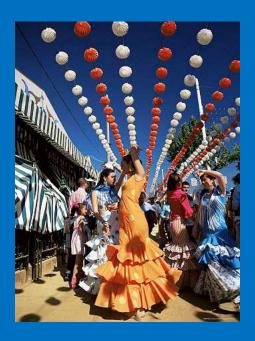




#### .Spain is the land of flamenco.

It is said that the majority of the population do not know how to dance flamenco. Flamenco has its stronghold in Andalusia, especially in Seville. Every region of Spain has its traditional dance, but definitely the flamenco is the most dramatic dance.





### 5. All Spanish people have dark

This stereotype is not true. Today there are many fair skinned people with light coloured eyes and natural blond hair. The dark skin is not natural, and people who live in the South or along the Mediterranean coast may have a deep tan, but that is because they may spend a lot of time outdoors while the sun is shining.

#### 6. Spain is the land of parties.

Yes, this is true. Every city, town and village has a party once a year. Many times it is to honor their patron saint. People in Spain like to have fun and the party is the time to have it. This is the reason that many foreigners come to visit Spain, to see and enjoy parties. Most of them are very colorful events, when the Spanish put on the costumes of their region and cook the food their region is

famous for.





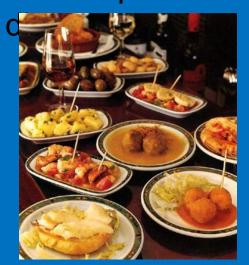
#### 7. The Spanish love their ham and

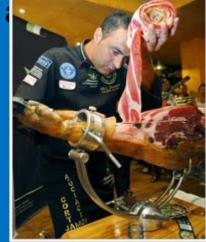
This is true. The most appreciated ham among the Spanish is the "pata negra" from the province of Huelva. The pigs from this region have black hooves, and that is the meaning of "pata negra". Many other people in the world have visited Spain and tried the ham and now have a taste for it. Spain is about to start exporting this

ham to all parts of the world. Spain has also

varied mediterranean







## 8. The Spanish man are latin

The majority of Spanish men do not meet the stereotype of the latin lover. However the latin lover is alive and well in Spain. They are armed with huge amounts of charm, are very entertaining, and are very experienced in the arts of seduction. Because of the mixture of races, one can say that the genes Spanish have are very strong and vibrant, and they produce very beautiful women and handsome men. One has to just sit at a sidewalk café and

# 9. Spain is a very cultural country.

Spain have had many different cultures, that have changed

this Peninsula along its history, some of them are the Iberians, the Tartessians, Celts and Celtiberians, Phoenicians, Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Suebi and Visigoths, the Moors, a Berber and Arab army, that they invaded and conquered the peninsula and They created Al-Andalus (Andalusia). After that the Christian

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You must go to Spain because it is a very beautiful country and if you come you will never forget that experience.



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