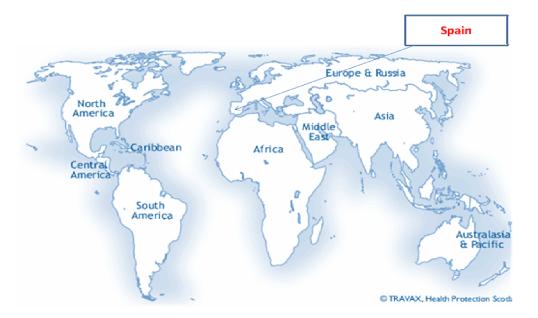


<u>INTRODUCTION-</u>Barcelona is the most popular tourist city of the kingdom Spain, it is the second largest city in Spain, the city purely radiates atmosphere.

WORLD MAP



LOCATION OF SPAIN

Spain is large country located in south-western Europe on the Iberian Peninsula, however the mainland of the city is bordered to the south and east by the Mediterranean Sea it does however share borders with France, Portugal Andorra and Gibraltar, and it is also adjoining the Bay of Biscay, Mediterranean Sea, to the North by France, Andorra and the Bay of Biscay and to the west by the North Atlantic Ocean, and Pyrenees Mountains, Portugal and the southwest of France.

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LOCATION OF BARCELONA

Barcelona is situated on the Mediterranean coast in the east of Spain; the city is however positioned at 41.40°N Latitude and 2.17°E Longitude. The country Spain is situated in Europe, Europe is one of the worlds 7 continents which is separated from Asia to its east and to its north it is the Arctic Ocean, Europe is located in the Northern hemisphere of the earth. To the west is the Atlantic Ocean and on the south it is of course the Mediterranean Sea.

MAP OF EUROPE

ON THE MAP ABOVE BARCELONA IS HIGHLIGHTED

BARCELONA-CITY AREA: 91 SQUARE KM; METROPOLITAN AREA: 477 SQUARE KM Hamida Begum From the UK to Spain the approximate driving distance is around about 940 miles where as in KM it would be 1512KM. There are many beaches in Spain however the most popular ones are Costa de la Luz, Costa del Sol, Costa Blanca, Costa Brava, Costa Verde, and The Balearic Islands. The country Spain is mostly ringed with sand rock, and sea water. However the two main coasts are Costa Brava and Costa Dorada.

COSTA BRAVA

Costa Brava is a coastal region which is located in the north east corner of Catalonia, Spain. The coast is endless miles of sandy beaches and sunshine, However the Costa stretches from Blanes, north of Barcelona to Roses near the French border. The cliff edged Costa Brava has a sense if rocky wilderness, it is rockier and more circuitous than the other coastal resorts.

COSTA DORADA

Costa Dorada prevalent along the shores of the southern part of Catalonia, the beaches is warm and sparklingly bright. The Costa Dorada is about 6,283 square kilometres in land area and has 10 counties and 183 municipalities. Its capital is the city of Tarragona. Costa Dorada is situated along the shores of the southern part of Catalonia, the coast is a Spanish holiday destination. The coast lies beneath Barcelona and broadens from the south of the Costa bravo. The region is different from its northern beach the Costa Brava.

LANDSCAPE

The city Barcelona is positioned in the north-eastern part of the country, 150 km south of the French frontier, it is Spain's major Mediterranean port, and the city is put up on a tranquil gradient opposite the southeast to the Mediterranean Sea, in a fertile plain between the Besós along with Llobregat Rivers.

The major axis of Barcelona is shaped by the Ramblas, a series of spacious, tree-lined avenues, leading north in the direction of the commercial centre, Plaza de Cataluña, and south to the Paseo Marítimo and the seafront. On the way to the north of the city is the new town, the city is called Ensanche (Extension). Industrial plants enlarge further than the housing and for profit areas.

The Benedictine monk retreat at Montserrat of Catalonia in Barcelona offers the most spectacular mountain views; this may have a have an effect on the tourism because here it resides the famous sanctuary of the Mare De Deu. Montserrat is a mountain near Barcelona, the setting and location of it is very dramatic and striking, Montserrat is nearly 4000ft above sea-level. However these views may have Hamida Begum

an effect on the tourism because on a clear day you can even see Majorca and Mallorca which are the neighbouring islands of Menorca and Ibiza. Another way it may have an effect to on tourism is that it may attract climbers. However 50 % of the land users are the local people living around it.

CLIMATE

The mountain-ringed city Barcelona has an easy-going and agreeable climate with hot summers and cool winters. The ideal months to visit the city, the Costa Brava, and the close by resorts of Villanova are May, June and September, In August, January is the coldest month, with top temperatures averaging 55°F (13°C), while August is the hottest, with an average high of 82°F (29°C).

CLIMATE CHART

Month	Avera ge Tempe rature °C	Average Temperat ure F	Summary of Day By Day (Weather Log)
January	10	50	January
February	13	55	February
March	13	55	March

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A pril	16	61	A pril
May	18	64	May
June	21	68	June
July	25	77	July
August	29	84	August
September	22	72	September
October	18	65	October

The table above gives you a summary of climate and monthly temperatures in a typical year in Barcelona.

On the climate chart above it clearly states that August is generally hot (sometimes peaking around 34°C, 95F) and humid, however The weather in October and November is still pleasant but starting to get a little cooler (21°C down to 15°C, 69 to 59F) on the other hand From November to February the temperatures are cooler, averaging around 12°C or 53F.