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## Travel Checklist/ Information

### Spain

- Passport** Is your passport current? Most countries require at least 6 months validity AFTER your period of intended stay.
- Tickets** Ensure that your tickets are issued in the same name as displayed in your passport. Middle not is not required on ticketing.
- Visa** Spain is part of the EU's "[Schengen Area](#)". Australian Passport Holders do not require visas provided their stay in the Schengen Area is less than 90 days in each 180 day period.
- Travel Insurance** Travel Insurance is highly recommended. Buy it as soon as you've booked your air tickets to ensure any potential cancellation is covered.  
Check out Annual, multi-trip policies if you are planning multiple trips (even domestic). ie [1cover](#) or your usual house/car insurer.
- Vaccinations** Check with your GP at least 6 weeks prior to departure to determine if vaccinations are required. Useful sites include the [Department of Health](#), [Travel Doctor](#), [Travel Vaccination Clinic](#) or the [US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) which are all great sources of information for travellers.



## Information

### Transit – Abu Dhabi

Australians are eligible for a free 30-day visitor visa-on-arrival. A visa is not required to transit Abu Dhabi.

#### Prescribed Medication

*In October, 2018, the UAE Ministry of Health announced that all tourists must have approval to carry medication for personal use prior to entering the UAE. The Australian Embassy is currently requesting further information on this process and its implementation. (Check with [Smartraveller](#)).*

Australians using Etihad will usually travel via Terminal 3 (T3) in Abu Dhabi. There are free public showers available on the lower Ground Floor near Gates 32 & 37 – you will need to provide your own towel/toiletries.

T3 Lounges – your Etihad/Virgin Australia Frequent Flyer Status may give you access to either the First or Business Class Lounges in Abu Dhabi. Paid access is also available (points or cash), bookings are not available and access is subject to available capacity on the day. See [Etihad Lounges](#)

### Smartraveller

Have you registered your travel plans with [Smartraveler.gov.au](#)?

It is also advised that you leave a copy of your passport and travel documents with a friend or family member at home and email yourself a copy as well.

### Spanish SIM cards

Vodafone, Orange, Movistar and Yoigo are the four biggest brands, but LycaMobile and Lebara will also get the job done. Any of the above mentioned SIM cards can be purchased in-store or they can also be found at your typical corner store as well as below ground at metro entrances. Note that SIM cards may not be available from the international airports.

You will need your Passport at time of purchase and make sure to ask the employee to put it in your phone for you, and programme it if necessary. They may have to activate the SIM card for you. Be aware that obtaining SIM cards is becoming more difficult as countries limit access due to security concerns.

You can consider obtaining a SIM before you head overseas – in which case check out [SimCorner](#).

Free wifi is generally available in the cities and larger towns but can be very spotty in regional areas.

### Apps

Some of the most useful apps for travellers are Google Maps, Google Translate, XE Currency Pro, CityMaps2Go, Weather Live and WhatsApp & Skype for making phone calls with free Wi-Fi.

## Electricity

In Spain the standard voltage is 230V and the frequency is 50Hz. You can use your Australian electric appliances in Spain although an adapter will be required.



## Travel Health (general)

1. Tap water in Spain is safe to drink. You should consider the use of a refillable water bottle to cut down on the use of single-use bottles.
2. Australians are not covered by Medicare ie there is no reciprocal arrangement as with Italy – which is one reason why Travel Insurance is so important
3. Check out some the Camino sites for First Aid suggestions.

## Credit/Debit cards Cash

1. Credit Card – we have used the [28Degrees](#) MasterCard for many years – no annual fees and no overseas conversion fees.
2. Debit Card – we have also used a [CashPassport](#) for many years – not the cheapest of options around but the convenience & security has always been important to us.
3. Cash – cash will still be king in regional and more remote areas but you should be cautious about carrying too much or larger notes. Avoid the €500 note where possible as it is simply too large to cash.
4. PIN – you will need a 4 digit PIN for your cards – most of Europe no longer accept signatures for credit/debit cards.

You can check other options at [Canstar](#).

## Other

Information concerning weather, time zones etc may be found here:

[Useful Info](#)