

U.S. ADVISES AGAINST TRAVEL TO SPAIN



The 'Travel Advisory' index of the United States, which measures the level of security for tourism in countries, has downgraded Spain to level 4, the worst of all under the label: 'Do not travel'. "Do not travel to Spain due to COVID-19," the State Department's latest statement explains. "Exercise increased caution in the country due to terrorism and civil unrest," adds this report.

The Bureau of Consular Affairs reported that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a Health Advisory for travel to Spain due to "a very high level of COVID-19 in the country." **However, this advisory is not an express prohibition and the CDC states "before planning any international travel, specific recommendations to be fully vaccinated should be reviewed".**

On terrorism, the State Department explains that "armed groups continue to plot possible attacks in Spain" and may attack "with little or no warning, targeting tourist sites, transportation hubs, markets, shopping malls, local government facilities, hotels, clubs, restaurants, places of worship, parks, major sporting and cultural events, educational institutions, airports, and other public facilities," the U.S. government lists. The U.S. authorities state, "Civil disturbances" are "common." "They can take place in response to political or economic problems, on politically important holidays, and during international events," they add.

Spain shares this 'level 4' (red) with other European countries such as Portugal or the United Kingdom, while the US Bureau of Consular Affairs has reviewed the situation in countries such as France, Italy or Greece, placing them in a 'level 3' to "reconsider" the possibility of traveling. The traffic light has four levels ranging from green (take the usual precautions) to the red that Spain holds.

Date: 2021-08-02

Article link:

<https://www.tourism-review.com/travel-to-spain-not-advised-to-american-visitors-news12144>