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Useful vocabulary – Describing holiday destinations

Countries, languages and nationalities

Name of country (English)	Name of country (Spanish)	Nationality/language
England	Inglaterra	inglés, inglesa
Scotland	Escocia	escocés, escocesa
Wales	Gales	gales, galesa
Ireland	Irlanda	irlandés, irlandesa
Great Britain	Gran Bretaña	británico, británica
Spain	España	español, española
Italy	Italia	italiano, italiana
Germany	Alemania	alemán, alemana
France	Francia	francés, francesa
Chile	Chile	chileno, chilena
Mexico	México	mexicano, mexicana
China	China	chino, china

Useful nouns for holiday destinations

Spanish	English
la playa	beach
el pueblo	village, small town
la ciudad	city, large town
la region	region
la costa	coast
la isla	island
la montaña	mountain
el país	country
la vista	view

Talking about the weather in different tenses

Spanish present tense	English present tense	Spanish preterite tense	English past tense
Hace sol	It's sunny	Hizo sol	It was sunny
Hace calor	It's hot	Hizo calor	It was hot
Llueve	It's raining	Llovió	It rained
Hace viento	It's windy	Hizo viento	It was windy
Hace frío	It's cold	Hizo frío	It was cold
Nieve	It's snowing	Nevó	It snowed
Hay tormentas	It's stormy	Hubo tormentas	It was stormy

Useful adjectives for describing holiday destinations

Spanish	English
animado, a	lively
antiguo, a	old, ancient
barato, a	cheap
caro, a	expensive
cómodo, a	comfortable
conocido, a	well-known
cultural	cultural
divertido, a	fun, enjoyable
emocionante	exciting
estupendo, a	wonderful, marvellous
famoso, a	famous
favorito, a	favourite
genial	great
gratis	free (of charge)
increíble	incredible
hermoso, a	beautiful
histórico, a	historic
limpio, a	clean
precioso, a	beautiful, precious
sucio, a	dirty
tranquilo, a	calm, tranquil, relaxed