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Spain Skilled Migration

Live in Spain and work remotely — enjoy Mediterranean life with the Spain Digital Nomad Visa.

PROGRAMMES	CAPITAL	CURRENCY	LANGUAGE
1	Madrid	Euro (EUR)	Spanish

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Spain at a glance

CAPITAL **Madrid**	LANGUAGE **Spanish**
CURRENCY **Euro (EUR)**	TIME ZONE **UTC+1 (CET)**
CLIMATE **Mediterranean — mild winters, hot summers**	PROGRAMMES WE ADVISE ON **1**
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Overview

Spain's Digital Nomad Visa, the visa for international telework created by Ley 28/2022, lets non-EU professionals live in Spain while working remotely: employees for companies located outside Spain, and self-employed professionals mainly for clients outside Spain, with Spanish clients allowed up to 20% of their activity.

The income test is 200% of the SMI, which for 2026 is €1,221 a month in 14 payments (€17,094 a year). The consular visa runs for one year, followed by a three-year residence authorisation from inside Spain, renewable for two more. XIPHIAS Immigration helps applicants check eligibility, prepare documents and apply.

Key points

- Open to remote employees of companies outside Spain and to self-employed professionals.
- Self-employed applicants may take Spanish clients for up to 20% of their activity; employees may not work for companies in Spain.
- Income of 200% of the SMI, plus 75% for the first family member and 25% for each additional one.
- One-year visa, then a three-year authorisation renewable for two more.
- Long-term residence after five years; citizenship after ten years for Indian nationals.

Programmes in Spain



Spain Digital Nomad Visa — Live & Work Remotely

Live in Spain while working remotely for companies abroad: income of at least 200% of Spain's minimum wage, a one-year visa and a three-year residence authorisation.

Varies by consulate

Overview

Spain's **Digital Nomad Visa** offers remote professionals and freelancers the chance to **live and work legally in Spain** while working for companies or clients abroad. With its Mediterranean climate, affordable lifestyle, and strong digital infrastructure, Spain has become one of Europe's top destinations for global remote workers. Through **Xiphias Immigration**, applicants can easily assess eligibility and complete the visa process with expert guidance.

Why Choose Spain

- Mediterranean lifestyle and affordable cost of living
- Reliable digital, transport, and healthcare infrastructure
- Global remote work hub — Barcelona, Madrid, and Valencia
- Include dependents under one visa application
- Pathway to long-term residence after 5 years

How the application works

1. **Confirm the three-month working relationship and that the company has traded for at least one year.**
2. **Prepare certified documents, including income evidence and a Commercial Registry certificate.**
3. **Submit the visa application at the Spanish consulate and pay the €90 fee.**
4. **Travel to Spain and apply for your TIE residence card within 30 days of arrival.**
5. **Apply from inside Spain for the three-year residence authorisation.**

General requirements

- Non-EU/EEA national working remotely as an employee or a freelancer.
- A degree or postgraduate qualification, or at least three years' professional experience.
- A working relationship of at least three months, with a company trading for at least one year.
- Income of at least 200% of the SMI (€34,188 a year in 2026), plus family uplifts.
- Health insurance and a clean criminal record.

Sectors in demand

- IT
- Marketing
- Design

Questions clients ask

Can I work for a Spanish company?

Only if you are self-employed, and only up to 20% of your total professional activity. Employees may work only for companies located outside Spain.

Can I bring my family?

Yes. Your spouse or partner and children can be included, adding 75% of the SMI to the income requirement for the first family member and 25% for each additional one.

How long is it valid?

The visa is valid for one year; the residence authorisation obtained in Spain runs for three years and can be renewed for two more.

Minimum income required?

200% of the SMI. For 2026 that is €34,188 a year, about €2,849 a month, for the main applicant.

Path to PR and citizenship?

Long-term residence after five years of continuous legal residence. Citizenship requires ten years for Indian nationals.



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NEXT STEP

Discuss your Spain options with our Dubai team

Tell us about your profile, family and timeline. We will compare the Spain routes that fit you, set out the full cost in writing and manage the application with you from start to finish.

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