

# All the right moves – Spain



**Britannia**

REMOVALS, STORAGE AND INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING

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## Importing Goods To Spain

### Britannia moving to/from Spain

Spain and its islands have always been a popular European destination for people looking to move overseas. For many years Britannia has been providing a regular removal service between the UK and Spain, and can offer a door to door service if required. Many of Britannia's network of companies specialise in moving regularly to Spain. With the support of our relationships with local Spanish removal companies we can also offer site surveys, access to additional resources as well as secure storage facilities in Spain, allowing Britannia to offer you a complete moving package.

### Importing Your Personal Effects

Spain is a full member of the EU, therefore used household goods and personal effects can be imported duty free from other EU countries. For customs clearance; documentation required should be merely a copy of your passport, but in some of the Islands they still ask for a copy of your rental agreement/house purchase document. Britannia will advise you of the requirements prior to your move.

### Transit Times

Transit times can vary subject to the method of transport chosen, size of your consignment and where you are moving to. Britannia will advise you once this information is established.



### Prohibitions and Restrictions

In general it is in your interest not to import the following items:

- Firearms & ammunition
- Inflammable goods & substances
- Plants & plant material
- Perishables or otherwise
- Alcohol, narcotics and dangerous goods
- Offensive material

Despite the 'free market' of the European Union there are restrictions in transporting some classes of goods across borders and within some countries. Several countries restrict the value or volume/weight of such goods as alcohol, tobacco and cigarettes. Recent changes to legislation in Europe means that it is now forbidden to travel through France en route to other countries in any vehicle carrying more than a minimal amount of cigarettes or alcohol. If a vehicle is stopped and searched and these are found amongst household effects there are large fines plus the costs of delays to the vehicle and costs to any third parties who are thus also affected.





## Welcome To Britannia in Spain

### Britannia In Spain

Britannia Movers has enjoyed a long standing presence in Spain via our office in Malaga. As a highly popular destination for British expats moving overseas, the ability to provide a fully door to door Britannia moving experience is an option that many customers take advantage of, whether moving out to Spain or coming back home. Britannia Southern provide all the services and standards that customers are used to from Britannia in the UK. They are a family run operation, thus reflecting the Britannia Movers set up back in the UK. Apart from the obvious advantages of using Britannia throughout your move to or from Spain; our offices can provide you with useful destination information regards your new surroundings and are always on hand to offer advice and guidance to help you acclimatise as soon as possible.

### Storage

Should you require storage prior to delivery this can be arranged. You should expect to pay locally a one off storage handling fee, plus a monthly storage charge. Please ensure that your transit insurance policy is extended for the period of the storage.



### Destination Services

If you have selected a full door to door service Britannia will deliver the goods to your new home. Goods will be placed in the relevant rooms. All furniture will be unwrapped and cartons packed by Britannia will be unpacked on to a flat surface and all used packing materials will be removed from site on the delivery day.

Although there will be insurance implications you retain the right not to have some or all items unpacked should you choose. Alternative destination services are available subject to final destination and method of transport, Britannia can advise you of the options available.

### Additional Services

Britannia can provide a variety of complementary services to make your moving experience as efficient and easy as possible. From International foreign exchange to helping you relocate your family's pets. For further information about Britannia's partner companies please visit - <http://www.britannia-movers.co.uk/additional-services>

### Motor Vehicles

Importation of motor vehicles to Spain will be subject to compliance, it is probable that duty and tax will apply. Shipment of right-hand vehicles is not recommended.





# Your Moving Guide Checklist

## Three Months Before

- Arrange for a pre-move survey with Britannia
- Have a clear idea what you would take with you
- Arrange for quote for the transportation of your family pet

## Six Weeks Before

- Book move date with Britannia
- Agree moving plan with Britannia
- Make a list of items to be moved, which will need particular care
- Book pet transport carrier and confirm logistics
- Advise of new school addresses so that education records can be passed on quickly
- Doctor – de-register. If undergoing hospital treatment, notify a new doctor as soon as possible

## Four Weeks Before

- Advise schools/Day-care centres of movement and obtain records
- Cancel memberships including gym, library etc
- Arrange financial affairs; foreign exchange, pension transfers and bank accounts

## Three Weeks Before

- Confirm childcare arrangements for moving day
- Plan the best way to look after pets on moving day and confirm itinerary for transportation
- Clear out unwanted belongings
- Start using up food from the freezer

## Two Weeks Before

- Contact service providers to arrange final accounts and meter readings
- Telecoms/digital/cable TV provider
  - Electricity supplier
  - Gas/Oil supplier
  - Water Rates
  - Local Council Taxes
  - Credit card/store card or credit card protection companies
  - TV Licence
  - Notify all hire purchase/lease/standing orders or loans companies

## Notify plans of movement:-

- Dentist
- Optician
- Amend insurance cover on buildings, household contents, motor, life etc
- National Insurance
- Child Benefit
- Motor vehicle registration
- Driving Licence (DVLA)
- Pension company
- Redirection of mail through the Post Office to family or friends (visit your local Post Office for details)
- Send out change of address cards to friends, relatives, clubs and organisations
- Organise the disconnection and reconnection of domestic appliances: washing machine, cooker, dishwasher

## Two Days Before

- Defrost the fridge and freezer
- Cancel any regular deliveries (milk, newspapers)

## The Day Before

- Check drawers and trunks/chests for any fragile items
- Place any liquids, oils and paints to be moved in sealed containers
- Take down curtains and blinds
- Put together a pile of 'do not remove' essentials: passports, tickets, itineraries, coats, handbags, snacks, cleaning materials
- Pack small valuables separately and leave with essentials pile e.g. jewellery, watches, money, bonds, coins, stamps etc
- Separate your airfreight consignment from your sea freight

## The Big Day

- Confirm service meter readings and keep a spare copy of readings
- Switch off power and water supplies (if necessary)
- Lock all windows and doors
- Drop keys off with estate agent
- Exchange contact numbers and agree meeting time with removals team
- Confirm you have provided all required documentation for your sea freight/airfreight consignment

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