

Overview

With over 10,000kms of tracks, Spain's extensive rail network will get you where you need to be.

Train types

- [AVE](#): High speed day train connecting cities like Madrid, Barcelona & Seville.
- Alvia: High speed day train used for long distance services, such as Madrid to San Sebastian or Barcelona to Pamplona
- Other train types include: Renfe Avant, Renfe Altari, Renfe Alaris and Euromed

Make sure to book early to get the lowest prices!

AVE

Travelling on Spain's AVE high speed trains literally is high speed. AVE - Alta Velocidad Española literally means Spanish High Speed train and the word ave is Spanish for bird, reinforcing the speed and ease of travelling. The AVE trains are the most modern of all European high speed trains and reaching speeds of 300km/h.

Routing	Travel Time	Frequency (daily)
Madrid Puerta de Atocha-Barcelona Sants	2h38	52
Madrid Puerta de Atocha-Sevilla Santa Justa	2h20	40
Madrid Puerta de Atocha-Córdoba Central	1h44	56
Madrid Puerta de Atocha-Zaragoza Delicias	1h18	38
Madrid Puerta de Atocha-Málaga María Zambrano	2h30	6
Sevilla Santa Justa-Zaragoza Delicias	3h48	2
Málaga-Zaragoza Delicias	3h41	2
Barcelona Sants-Málaga	5h45	2
Barcelona Sants-Sevilla Santa Justa	5h37	2

3 CLASSES OF SERVICE

Onboard

- Bar-buffet car with souvenir shop, snacks and drinks
- Phone booths
- Nursery area
- Meeting area

Preferente (1st Class)

- Meal at your seat (menu)

- Daily Newspapers and "Paisajes" (Sceneries) magazine
- Audio/video
- Free parking (24 hours for one way trip, 48 hours for roundtrip)
- Access to AVE lounges (Sala Club in Tarragona, Madrid Chamartín, Madrid Puerta de Atocha, Málaga María Zambrano, Córdoba, Sevilla Santa Justa, Valladolid Campo Grande, Zaragoza Delicias, Lleida Pirineus and Barcelona-Sants).

Turista Plus (1st Class)

- Daily Newspapers and "Paisajes" (Sceneries) magazine
- Audio/video

Turista (2nd Class)

- Family area
- Children's board games
- Wheelchair facilities
- Audio/video

FOOD & DRINK

Cafeteria

This service is provided on all AVE trains and generally on Long Distance trains.

This is a meeting point and a recreation area where you can enjoy a coffee or soft drink and an extensive range of food.

Trolley Service

In addition to the cafeteria, some designated Renfe AVE and Long Distance trains have a trolley service that lets customers buy food at their own seats without having to get up. This service has a broad selection of combo menus and cold and hot beverages.

- This service will be provided every day on all AVE and Euromed trains in Tourist and Tourist+ classes.
- The service will only be provided on Saturdays on all AVE and Euromed trains in First class.
- The daily Long Distance trains selected by Renfe Viajeros will provide this Trolley Service every day in all classes.

Reservations

- AVE trains can be reserved up to 90 days prior to the train departure date.
- All other Renfe trains can be reserved up to 60 days prior to the train departure date.
- Reservations are compulsory and are included in the ticket price (additional cost for rail pass holders)
- Ticket control and passport checks will occur before boarding AVE trains. It is open 30 minutes before the train leaves and is closed 2 minutes before departure.

Rail pass holders

- Passholder fares are available for holders of a rail pass covering Spain & are an additional cost to the pass.
- Travellers are not allowed to purchase a 1st class passholder fare with a 2nd class pass.

Spain Fact Sheet

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