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SIMPLE**
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TAXES MADE SIMPLE

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INTRODUCTION

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Spain is not a tax haven, but it is not a tax prison
either. With the right structure—specifically the
Beckham Law, it can be incredibly tax-efficient for high
earners.



THE "TAX RESIDENT" TRAP

You become a Spanish Tax Resident if:



You spend 183+ days in Spain

(Jan 1–Dec 31).



Spouse/Kids

Your "Center of Vital Interests" (Spouse/Kids) lives here.

The Consequence: You pay Spanish tax on your worldwide income.

The Exception: The Beckham Law (see below).



THE "BECKHAM LAW" (THE GAME CHANGER)

This is the single most important tool for Digital Nomads and Expats.

★ The Beckham Law Benefits

The Deal

Non-Resident

Taxed as if you weren't
living here

The Rate

Flat 24%

On income up to
€600,000

Duration

6 Years

Year of arrival + 5
years

The Magic: You pay ZERO Spanish tax on dividends, interest, or capital gains earned outside of Spain.



tax break

The Deadline:

You MUST apply within 6 months of arrival.

THE "WEALTH TAX" MYTH



Myth

"Spain taxes everything I own worldwide."



Fact

The Wealth Tax has high exemptions (700,000 Euro per person). Plus, regions like Madrid and Andalusia currently offer 100% relief (you pay zero). Unless your net worth is over 3 Million Euro (triggering the "Solidarity Tax"), this rarely affects average expats.



THE US-SPAIN DOUBLE TAXATION TREATY



Double Taxation Agreement

- **No Double Tax:** You will not pay tax twice on the same dollar.
- **How it works:** You pay Spain first. Then, you claim a "Foreign Tax Credit" on your US return. Since Spanish tax is often higher, you usually owe the IRS zero.



QUICK DECISION: YOUR TAX PROFILE



Digital Nomad Earning 100k+

Beckham Law

Apply for Beckham Law immediately. Pay flat 24%.



Retiree with US Pension

Standard Residency

US Gov pensions are usually tax-exempt in Spain (but boost your bracket).



Business Owner

Careful Planning

Spain hates "Pass-Through" LLCs. You need sophisticated planning.

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From tax planning to Beckham Law applications, our experts ensure you pay the minimum legally required.



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- EU residency requirements and Padron registration
- International school comparisons (US, UK, EU curricula)
- Accurate, not abstract cost of living comparisons from where you live to where you want to live in Spain

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