

SPAIN v ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL MATCH FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER RICO PEREZ STADIUM, ALICANTE KICK OFF – 20:45 (LOCAL TIME)

GENERAL COUNTRY INFORMATION

Population: 46.5 million (estimate)

Language: Spanish

Time Difference: +1hr (GMT)

Weather: Low 11 (°C) High 20 (°C)

Local Voltage: A standard European travel adapter is required (3-prong to 2-prong adapters).

Currency: Euro

Visas

British Citizens do not need a visa to enter Spain. Other types of British nationality are advised to check entry requirements prior to their departure.

Passport validity

Your passport should be valid for the proposed duration of your stay; you don't need any additional period of validity on your passport beyond this.

Emergency Numbers

If you urgently need help, call +34 965 21 60 22.

Embassy Information

Address:

Edificio Espacio Rambla Méndez Núñez 28-32 6ª planta 03002 Alicante Spain

Email: spain.consulate@fco.gov.uk Fax: +34 965 14 05 28

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 08:30 to 13.30, excluding public holidays.

Phone lines are open from 08:00 to 16:00.

Credit Cards: Credit/debit cards are widely accepted in Spain although it is advisable to carry some cash with you as some of the local outlets don't always accept card payments.

Note: When buying goods in Spain with credit or debit cards, all customers must show ID. You may be able to use a driving licence or a photocopy of your passport, but you may also be required to show your passport.

Currency Exchange: Exchange rates generally tend to be the same if exchanging at a bank or directly from an ATM machine.

Spanish banks also close earlier than English banks (by 3pm on most days) but a wide array of ATM's will be available 24 hours a day.

Tipping: Tips are encouraged and accepted in Spanish culture – adding 10% to a restaurant bill is common practice.

Make sure you have adequate travel health insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment abroad and repatriation.

European Health Insurance Cards (EHIC) can be used to cover the costs of treatment until you return to the UK. Although please note that the card is not an alternative to travel insurance. It will not cover any private medical healthcare or costs of lost or stolen property. Therefore, it is important to have both an EHIC and valid private travel insurance.

If you need emergency medical assistance during your trip, dial 112 and ask for an ambulance. If you are referred to a medical facility for treatment you should contact your insurance/ medical assistance company immediately.

If you stay in the old town, most areas of interest are within walking distance.

Public transport is provided by buses and trams. On most routes, buses run from 06:30 until 22:30 although there are a number of night routes.

By tram

Alicante has a modern and still-expanding tram system. It runs along the coast of Costa Blanca up to Benidorm, from where you can connect to Altea, Calpe, and Denia by a diesel train.

By bus

Alicante bus station is located at Puerto de Alicante.

Bus n° C-6 connects the airport with the city and departs every 20 minutes.

Taxi

Taxi rates are regulated and therefore offer a standard price. A journey to the city from the airport will cost roughly \ge 20-30.

Note: Passengers caught using unlicensed taxi services are liable for fines of up to €600. Make sure you book your taxi or airport transfer through a licensed firm.

FOOD & DRINK

Food

It is important to note that a lot of restaurants don't open before 9pm for dinner, so planning your evening meal is advisable.

Although, in the more built up tourism areas it should be a little easier finding a food outlet that opens earlier.

As with many places in the region, paella and other seafood dishes are very popular. Many restaurants will have a "menu of the day" or a similar special for €10, a three or four-course meal with or without a drink.

Around Calle Castaños (near the Theatre), Calle San Francisco and Calle Mayor (near Saint Nicholas Cathedral) are hubs of restaurants to suit a variety of palates.

Drink

Nightlife is concentrated in the Old Town, with dozens of bars and clubs located along the streets where you can enjoy a drink or two. Date: Friday 13 November 2015 Venue: Rico Perez Stadium, Alicante Kick Off: 20:45 (local time) Spain Kit: Red/Blue/Blue GK: All Yellow England Kit: White/White/White GK: All Green

SPAIN TEAM HISTORY

All time International match record

Р	w	D	L	F	Α	Win %
654	382	146	126	1,281	595	58

Current FIFA ranking: 6 (at time of print) Best finish at a World Cup: Winners 2010 Best finish at a European Championships: Winners (1964, 2008 & 2012) Highest Capper: Iker Cassilas (162) Top Goalscorer: David Villa (59)

THE HISTORY

ENGLAND Spain

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2011 WEMBLEY STADIUM | ATTENDANCE: 87,189

ENGLAND: Hart, Glen Johnson, Lescott, Jagielka, Cole, Walcott (Downing 46), Jones (Rodwell 56), Parker (Walker 85), Milner (Adam Johnson 76), Lampard (Barry 56), Bent (Welbeck 63). Subs Not Used: Carson, Baines, Cahill, Terry, Zamora, Sturridge, Stockdale.

SPAIN: Casillas (Reina 46), Arbeloa, Pique, Sergio Ramos (Puyol 74), Jordi Alba, Busquets (Torres 64), Alonso, Xavi (Fabregas 46), Iniesta (Santi Cazorla 74), Silva (Mata 46), Villa. Subs Not Used: Valdes, Albiol, Monreal, Llorente, Jesus Navas. England picked up a memorable win at Wembley as World and European Champions Spain were put to the sword by Fabio Capello's men.

A hardened and determined display from the Three Lions saw them inflict a rare defeat on a strong Spanish line-up.

The match-winner arrived early in the second half, when captain Frank Lampard headed home from close range and true English spirit shone through with some characteristic hard work, courage and expert defending.

As expected though, Spain pressed England high up the pitch from the very start which gave the defence plenty to think about, but at the same time also left swathes of room for midfielders Phil Jones and Lampard to break into when the Three Lions won the ball.

With man-of-the-match Scott Parker doing a fine job of picking up the pieces in front of the back four, it was often Jones who found himself with space to run into and on one occasion his slide rule pass found Darren Bent narrowly offside in what would have been a promising position.

It was England who notched up the first real attempt of note in the 32nd minute, when Ashley Cole, Parker and Lampard linked up through the midfield before the captain turned into space and shot at goal from 25 yards. It was straight at Iker Casillas though, and the Real Madrid man saved at the second attempt. Both sides made changes at the break and with Spain choosing to replace three players, England took advantage within four minutes of the restart by taking the lead, as James Milner's free-kick from the left found Bent in the area. He climbed above Sergio Ramos to place a header against the post, but Lampard was first to react and on the spot to nod home the rebound from close range.

Spain came closest to levelling things up in the 73rd minute, though, as Villa controlled a headed clearance from Glen Johnson before firing a half-volley at goal with his left-foot. It had Hart scrambling across his line, but fortunately for England it hit the post and bounced out to safety.

Hart then had to make a smart save in the 89th minute, as Torres picked out Cesc Fabregas just inside the area and his shot forced the England 'keeper into a save low to his left. Fabregas then had another chance moments later, but he side-footed wide after Villa's cut back had found him in the area.

That proved to be the final offering and England played the game out to complete a memorable win and provide the sell-out crowd with plenty to cheer.

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Match Date	Competi	tion	Stadium		Scor	e Result
12 Nov 2011	Internatio	International Match		Wembley Stadium		Win
11 Feb 2009	Feb 2009 Internatio			on Sanchez 2-0 an, Seville		Loss
7 Feb 2007	Internatio	International Match		Old Trafford		Loss

ENGLAND'S MATCH HISTORY WITH SPAIN

RICO PEREZ STADIUM

STADIUM ADDRESS: FOGUERER ROMEU ZARANDIETA S/N, 03005 ALICANTE CAPACITY: 29,500 | OPENED: 1974

History & Description

Estadio José Rico Pérez replaced Hércules' old Campo de la Viña. It was a project of ambitious club president José Rico Pérez, who decided that the club needed to build a new stadium to match its rising successes.

The stadium officially opened on 4th August 1974 with a friendly match between Hércules and Barcelona (0-4).

A few years later, the stadium was selected as a host venue for matches in the 1982 World Cup. As a result, the stadium was further expanded with an additional 8,000 seats.

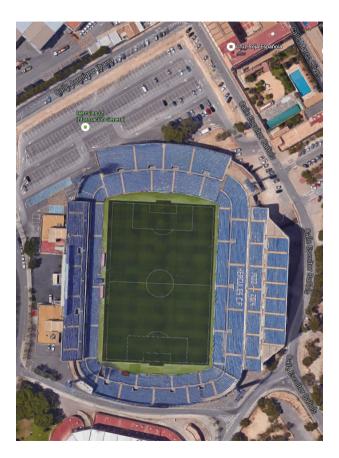
Due to the declining fortunes of the team in the 1980s and the resulting increase in debt, Hércules was forced to sell the stadium to the city of Alicante in 1993. However, in 2007 the club was able to find the funds to buy the stadium back. Rico Pérez stadium is located about 1.5 kilometres north of the city centre of Alicante, just behind the Castle of San Fernando.

The walk from the main rail station, which lies in the western part of the centre, takes about 20 minutes. The walk from the historic centre and beach front is roughly 15 minutes longer.

Alternatively, supporters can catch bus 8a or 11 to reach the stadium. Take line 8a in the direction of Parque Lo Morant. Get off at Av. Alcoi 50, from where it is a short walk to the stadium.

Alternatively you can take bus 11 from Plaza de los Luceros. Take the bus in the direction of Clínica Vistahermosa and get off at Av. Alcoi 52. Both buses run about once every hour.

STADIUM MAP



FA REPRESENTATIVES IN SPAIN

Travel Club members will be able to collect their tickets from FA Representatives at the times and locations listed below.

Dates & Times

Thursday 12th November, 12:00 - 18:00

Hotel Cimbel

1 Avenida Europa (on the beachfront of the Playa de Levante) 03503 Benidorm



FA REPRESENTATIVES IN SPAIN

Dates & Times

Friday 13th November, 11:00 - 17:00

Hotel Eurostars Lucentum

11 Avenida Alfonso X El Sabio, 03002 Alicante



At the Stadium Date and Time

Friday 13 November, 18:45 – 20:45

Our ticket office is located near entrance number 6 (at the corner of the England entrance) The England section is located in blocks 6, 8, 10 & 12.

Collection Check List

Please bring either your current membership card or any up-todate photo identification to collect your ticket.

If you are part of a group, each member must collect in person. Please note that all members of the group do not have to collect at the same time, however, it will not be possible for another member to collect your ticket on your behalf.

Proof of Travel

Proof of travel documents will not be required for this match as it is obligatory for each member to collect their ticket in person.

Lost or Stolen Tickets

Please note we will not be in a position to provide duplicate tickets for members who lose their ticket or have their ticket stolen.

Important Information

There is likely to be a restriction on the size of flags that supporters are allowed to display. Exact dimensions will be confirmed as soon as we receive this information.

We have been advised that there may be a short hold back for our supporters at the end of the game, please listen out for any announcements that are made during the game. Any persons engaging in the following acts may be fined by the authorities an amount ranging between $\pounds 60,100$ to $\pounds 650,000$ and shall be banned from entering any sports grounds for a period of between 2-5 years.

- Bringing into and/or displaying inside the stadium and kind of banners, symbols, badges, emblems or slogans which may instigate, foster and/or lead to violence, xenophobia, racism or terrorist behaviour or expressing disdain for any participant in the sports event.
- Bringing into the stadium, possessing, activating and/ or throwing any kind of weapon or object which could produce similar harmful effects, including flares, firecrackers and, in general, any inflammable, smokeproducing or corrosive product.
- Bringing into the stadium, selling, consuming and/ or possessing any kind of alcoholic drinks, narcotics, stimulants and/or psychotropic or similar substances.
- 4. Any unauthorised pitch invasion which interrupts or seriously affects the sports event.
- 5. Any violent participation in disturbances within the sports ground or in the immediate vicinity thereof.

The FA is calling on all members to 'Follow England Away' in the right way when we travel to Spain.

We would like to remind all ESTC members travelling to the match to be respectful towards the locals and the country's policies in general.

The FA will always investigate all reports of inappropriate behaviour and individuals can raise such matters in confidence by e-mailing: englandsupportersclub@TheFA.com or by calling us on match day on +44 (0) 7970 146250.

As always we are grateful for the fantastic support that the England team receives and wish everyone travelling an enjoyable trip. England supporters are organising a special range of fan activities including a chance to play for your country vs Spain. We're running a coach to Ibi, an historic and small Spanish town 30km inland. This is the 'real' Spain not the version the tourists mostly see in Alicante and Benidorm.

See list of activities below and reply to fanfriendly@mac1.net with the one(s) you wish to take part in before Monday 9 November.

Friday 13 November Ibi school visit/lunch

Coach will leave Benidorm at 09:00 and Alicante at 10:00. Please indicate which pick-up location you prefer.

A goodwill school visit with England fans taking part in English language conversation classes with a difference; it's all about football!

Followed by a lunch with Spanish fans in Ibi. You can then either return to Alicante or stay for the Ibi walking tour.

Ibi fans match / walking tour

14:30:

Alicante coach pick up for fans match or Ibi walking tour.

FANS MATCH:

If playing please give full name, England Supporters Club number preferred playing position and age.

WALKING TOUR:

A 1.5 hour walk around the historic town of Ibi provided by locals.

18:00:

Coach will return to Alicante, drop off near ground at 18:30

LEARN THE LANGUAGE

ENGLISH	SPANISH				
Hello / Good morning	Buenos días (bway-nohs dee-ahs)				
Good afternoon	Buenas tardes (bway-nahs tard-ays)				
Good evening! / Good night	Buenas noches (bway-nahs noh-chays)				
Hi / Bye	Hola / Chao (oh-lah / chow)				
Good bye	Adiós (ah-dee-ohs)				
Please	Por favor (por fah-bor)				
Thank you (very much)	(Muchas) Gracias, (moo-chahs) grah-see-ahs				
l'm sorry	Lo siento (loh see-ehn-toh)				
Yes / No	Sí / No (see / noh)				
How are you?	Cómo estás (koh-moh ay-stahs)				



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