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Spain
COMMANDER’S WELCOME

Bienvenidos a Espana

Congratulations on your assignment to Torrejon AB, Spain. Whether you belong to the 401st Tactical Fighter Wing or one of the base’s associate units, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our community.

You’re being assigned to Spain and Torrejon at an exciting time. Big things are happening here, and you will be part of them.

Spain is an exciting country, and it offers something for everyone. While you’re here, I hope you will take the time to explore the country, Europe, and experience the diverse cultures.

There is a tremendous amount of information in this package that you can use to inform yourself on what to expect from your tour in Spain. Some areas will not apply to you. However, others are crucial to your success in adjusting here.

This pamphlet is broken down into 10 sections, and each section is highlighted with an appropriate symbol in the corner of each page. If you or your family members have special medical care problems, a careful review of “Medical Services” in the services section of this pamphlet is a must.

I wish you a challenging and successful tour. No matter what your job or unit, please join us in our goal of doing everything at Torrejon professionally.

Welcome, and have a safe trip.

Commander
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Torrejon AB, Spain
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Your sponsor

Your unit commander has appointed a sponsor to assist you in your PCS to Spain. There are certain actions that each sponsor is required to do, and many things that the sponsor should do willingly for the newcomer.

As a minimum your sponsor will provide a sponsor letter and a welcome kit as well as respond to your requests for information, either by telephone or mail. Receipt of this brochure is normally the initial sponsor contact. Your sponsor should make temporary lodging arrangements and, if you request it, obtain a post office box number for your mail. They will meet you when you arrive at billeting and help in your INTRO processing.

Most importantly, keep your sponsor advised on your port call and arrival date.

Sponsors are also expected to help with your house hunting. If your sponsor cannot provide help, call your squadron INTRO representative for assistance. Remember, let your sponsor know early what you need from them.

Passports and visas

Military members can enter Spain with just their permanent change of station orders and identification card. Their family members, however, cannot enter the country without a valid passport.

As part of your out-processing, the outbound assignment section of your present CBPO will provide you forms to get a passport from the government at no charge. It's important to submit your application as soon as possible.

When you reach the JFK International Airport, you
need to go to the TWA International Terminal. If you arrived at JFK by commercial air, you can get to the international terminal by bus or taxi (it’s reimbursable). Check in at the TWA counter at JFK at least two hours before your flight is scheduled to depart.

Although a passport isn't required for military members, it’s recommended you acquire one to make your vacation time more enjoyable. Having a passport will give you accessability to more countries in the area.

**Important:** Wear civilian clothes. Wearing the military uniform while traveling to Spain on commercial aircraft is not authorized.

If you have a problem checking in at JFK, there’s a MAC representative who can be called at the TWA counter. Be sure to handcarry all of your personnel records, a copy of your orders, your MTA, ID card, and passports for everyone in your family. You’ll need all of these items to enter Spain. Do not place any of these items in your checked baggage.

After your flight takes off, sit back, relax, and enjoy your flight. The flight should be approximately eight hours.

When you arrive in Spain, immigration officials will stamp “ENTRADA” in your passports. This stamp is good for six months. During in-processing, personal affairs will collect passports and take them to Madrid to be stamped “VALIDO.” The “VALIDO” stamp is a valid visa for as long as the person who owns the passport remains a dependent of the military mission member.

The “VALIDO” stamp must be cancelled before the owner PERMANENTLY leaves Spain, or as soon as the bearer is no longer a family member or dependent of the military mission member in Spain (divorce, discharge, etc.). TDY, leave or other absences do not require the stamp be cancelled. “VALIDO” processing normally takes about two weeks. If you will need your passport during the processing period, be sure to discuss your situation with personal affairs before you turn it in. Cancelling the “VALIDO” stamp is done when you out-process. When your “VALIDO” stamp processing is finished, you’ll receive a notice in your mailbox to pick up your passport.

**A word of caution:** Do not leave Spain if your “ENTRADA” stamp has expired (six months after you first entered Spain) and your passport does not have a “VALIDO” stamp. You could be held and fined for being in Spain illegally. If your family does not travel with you, bring their passports to personal affairs when they arrive in Spain for “VALIDO” processing.

If your family members are not citizens of the United States or Spain, a valid passport with a visa is required before they can enter Spain. The personal affairs section of your current CBPO can provide detailed instructions.

### Get your shots

Your health and the health of your family members is valuable. While you travel outside the United States, you’ll be exposed to diseases all but wiped out in our country. To protect the health of yourself and your family members, be sure your shot records are up to date. When you’re planning your PCS move, be sure to visit the immunization clinic early.

Currently, immunization requirements for military members and their families PCSing to Spain include:

- **Tetanus-diphtheria**
- **Polio**
- **Typhoid**
- For active-duty members on mobility: **Yellow Fever**
- **Tetanus-diphtheria**
- **Polio**
- **Cholera (only if mobilizing to a cholera area)**
- **Typhoid**
- **Tuberculosis tine test**
- For family members and inactive duty members:
  - **Typhoid**
  - **Tetanus-diphtheria**
  - **Polio**
  - **Tuberculosis Tine Test**
Your arrival in Spain

When you land at Barajas International Airport in Madrid, you will be met by a base representative wearing a blue blazer with a MAC patch. The MAC representative will be holding a sign saying, "MAC REPRESENTATIVE."

You'll receive instructions for clearing immigration. Again, you will need ID cards, your family members' ID cards, passports and orders to present to immigration officials.

After clearing immigration, you'll claim your baggage and process through customs. The customs officer does random bag checks, so once you've entered the area marked "NOTHING TO DECLARE," keep walking until the customs guard stops you. These guards normally speak no English. If they motion for you to stop, they will also point to the piece of luggage that they want to examine. If you are not stopped, or after the guard has completed his examination of your luggage, leave the terminal. Outside the terminal is a blue Air Force shuttle bus. Load your bags on the rear of the bus and have a seat. The bus will leave when all PCS personnel have cleared immigration, claimed their baggage and gone through customs. The bus ride to Torrejon AB is about 20 minutes long, depending on the traffic.

Once the bus has arrived at the main gate, it will stop and a Spanish military policeman will board the bus to check all ID cards. After his check is finished, you will go directly to the billeting office, where your sponsor will meet you and you will be provided temporary lodging.

INTRO program

When you arrive at Torrejon AB, a representative of our INTRO staff will give you a copy of your personalized program. It will vary by the day you in-process and your "one-on-one" appointments.

The INTRO program covers five to seven days of formal briefings, training and appointments. You will be scheduled to attend chemical warfare training, human relations, drug and alcohol awareness training, intelligence briefing, fire prevention training, and the newcomer's orientation. You will also be scheduled for the traffic safety course and an exam that's necessary for you to get a Spanish driver's license. Time for housing briefings and house hunting is also scheduled.

If you are on a concurrent overseas tour and arrived at Torrejon by private vehicle, head for the billeting office in Bldg. 121 (the entrance faces the officers' club). Tell the billeting staff you're arriving PCS and they'll call both the base INTRO representative and your sponsor during duty hours.

In-processing is normally held in CBPO, Bldg. 206, Room 130, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 a.m. Members must be in uniform and report on time. The member's sponsor should go with them to help them locate CBPO and help with other duties required of sponsors.

For people living in billeting, a shuttle bus stops in front of billeting and can take you to CBPO. Shuttle bus schedules are available at the billeting desk.

CBPO is near Bldg. 205, the Novedades Inn dining facility.

During in-processing you'll be briefed by CBPO, accounting and finance, personal affairs and a representative from the housing office.

Accounting and finance will help you complete your travel voucher. Make sure you have papers such as Military Transportation Agreements, Transportation Requests, orders, receipts for traveler's checks, etc., to help the accounting and finance representative. Cash payments for your travel pay will be ready for you to pick up the next day after you file. A military technician will brief you on your Overseas Housing Allowance, Cost of Living Allowance, and Temporary Lodging Allowance. The technician will also help you provide your Basic Allowance for Quarters and net pay entitlements for each pay day until you receive your leave and earnings statement.

The INTRO staff would like to make your in-processing as smooth and orderly as possible. If you have family members, it's a good idea to bring them with you when attending the newcomers' briefing Friday morning.
Welcome to Torrejon

Your assignment to Torrejon AB probably has you and your family very excited. We believe that families want and should have the opportunity to travel and be together. Most families will put up with a little inconvenience in order to share the adventure of experiencing Spain for the first time.

Despite that, our experience tells us many people who arrive with sky-high expectations crash awfully hard when confronted with the realities of overseas life. For some families, the period of time before they receive permanent quarters is especially difficult.

We want families to know what to expect in the way of temporary living facilities when they arrive at Torrejon AB. Here’s an up-front look at temporary lodging on Torrejon AB.

Temporary lodging facility

Space for families is very limited at Torrejon AB. Our Temporary Lodging Facility consists of 75 suites made up of two bedrooms connected by a bathroom. There are no kitchen facilities, and for safety reasons, hot plates and similar cooking appliances are not allowed. However families with infants may bring a small sterilizer if necessary for baby bottles.

The TLF, Bldg. 123, is located close to the officers’ and NCO clubs. In addition to the eating facilities at the clubs, there is a pizza parlor in the TLF. Families may also eat at the airmen’s dining facility, the Novedades Inn, Bldg. 205, during the breakfast and evening meals. The food is excellent and prices are reasonable; however, you will have to pay the surcharge.

Billeting also offers a retail store for lodgers, loaner irons and ironing boards. Washers and dryers are provided in the TLF at no cost.

From April to September, the TLF is normally filled to capacity. The room rate is $24 per room each day with each additional room being $16. Service members arriving or departing PCS are reimbursed the cost of rooms through the temporary lodging allowance.

If you arrive during the summer months, you’ll find Spain’s climate hot and sunny, but not humid. The TLF is not currently air conditioned, but each room has a ceiling fan. Before the summer of 1990, one room in each suite will be air conditioned. The window air conditioners are part of a renovation project to improve the electrical system, add sound proofing, solid core doors, and carpeting. The rooms will also have microwaves and refrigerators.

Pets are not allowed in any transient facilities on Torrejon AB, but billeting operates an on-base pet kennel for your convenience. Arrangements to lodge pets are made at billeting.

Other services available at the TLF are a barber shop, beauty shop, and the Tot Stop operated by the morale, welfare and recreation division.

The housing referral office is also located in the TLF to facilitate your efforts in seeking permanent housing. Once you’ve located permanent housing, the housing supply office, also located in the TLF, can provide you with loaner furniture until your
and considerably smaller than most Americans are used to. These appliances are very limited. NOTE: It's a good idea to have your sponsor put your name on the waiting list in case you decide not to bring your own appliances.

Whether you arrive at Torrejon AB with a family or unaccompanied, the billeting staff will do all they can to make your first impression of the base a positive one. If you've kept in touch with your sponsor, your reservations should have been made in advance. If for some reason your sponsor didn't make reservations for you, the billeting staff will make every effort to get you settled into a room. If the TLF is full when you arrive, don't despair; we will make every effort to find you quarters in the VOQ/VAQ. We'll do all we can to avoid sending you to off-base quarters.

**Lodging Allowance**

A temporary lodging allowance is paid to partially reimburse service members for the expense of lodging and meals while living in temporary quarters. Whether accompanied or not, you are authorized to receive TLA for the period of time you reside in temporary quarters, not to exceed 60 days, unless authorized by 16th Air Force. Temporary quarters can be: transient quarters, commercial hotels, or the house of family or friends, so long as the quarters are not designated as government family quarters.

You must apply for TLA within two working days of your arrival at Torrejon. Time is set aside in the INTRO program to allow you to complete the housing and TLA applications required by the Air Force. After initially establishing your entitlement, TLA is paid every 10 days, beginning from the date of your arrival.

If you're offered and accept government housing, your TLA will continue until the date you move in. Again, even in this instance, the 60-day limit applies. If government quarters are not available, your TLA will continue for the maximum of 60 days as long as you are actively seeking private rental housing.

TLA entitlement ends:
* The day before your household goods or loaner furniture are delivered to your permanent government of private rental quarters;
* When you stop actively seeking private rental housing;
* If you turn down government quarters (on the date those quarters would have been ready for you).

If you arrive unaccompanied, but are receiving a basic allowance for quarters with the dependent rate, your BAQ will not be deducted from your TLA rate. However, if you are accompanied or single, your BAQ and basic allowance for subsistence will be used in computing your TLA payment.

TLA is a benefit that is easily abused. Abused benefits can be lost. TLA procedures are simple. The key is that you show evidence you are actively seeking quarters by maintaining a list of the houses or apartments you've looked at and the reasons you did not select any of them.

**Visiting Officers and Airmen Quarters**

The VOQ and VAQ are located in the same building at Torrejon AB. There are 278 rooms and the daily charge is $14 per person each day. Also called the Don Quixote Inn, Bldg. 121 is within walking distance of the officers' and NCO clubs. If you are unaccompanied, you will normally go into a room in the VOQ/VAQ upon arrival to allow you to find a place to live on the local economy. If you are E-1 through E-4, you will probably move directly into a room in your organizational dorm.

As with the TLF, the VOQ/VAQ are normally full from April through September. Reservations should be made by your sponsor well before your arrival at Torrejon AB. The rooms are clean and comfortable. Each room is equipped with a color TV and clock radio. Rooms do not have phones or air conditioners, but each does have a ceiling fan.

If you find that you must stay in the VOQ/VAQ for an extended period of time while seeking off-base quarters, you are authorized TLA to help defray the cost. The 60-day limit applies here, also.

**Bachelor Quarters**

For officers, there are 10 quarters consisting of two rooms connected by a bathroom. There are no kitchen facilities. A $65 fee for communal custodial costs is paid each month by residents. These suites are also normally 100 percent occupied, so have your sponsors make your reservation, or get your name on the list as soon as possible.

_E-7 and above:_ If you're not required to reside on base because of military necessities, you may choose to move off base because there are no adequate base quarters. There are senior NCO quarters in an old dorm. These stay full and there is a waiting list. If you wish to live on base regardless of the adequacy, you should ensure your sponsor makes a reservation for you.

_E-5, E-6:_ These NCOs will likely be authorized to live off base as adequate quarters (135 square feet) are very limited. Some dorms are more occupied than others, so be sure to check with your organization before making plans to live off base.

_E-1 through E-4:_ You will more than likely have a room available in your unit's dorm. Each dorm room is adequate for two people. All dorms have the shared baths (each two rooms connected by a bath). Not all dorms have new furniture, but we are working to upgrade them. In order to make dorm life as comfortable as possible, color TVs, game room equipment, and microwave ovens are provided.

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Today in Spain, the large villa with a swimming pool on a wide, tree-lined drive twisting between sculptured gardens for just $100 a month exists only as a legend. A true picture of the housing situation will help you when you plan your PCS move.

There are about 2,500 Torrejon families who are housed in either government-owned quarters, government-leased quarters, or local economy quarters.

The information in this section should give you a clearer answer to the question "Where will I live?" Remember that whether it's an apartment on the economy or a government-controlled house, all dwellings are small by stateside standards.

**Base housing**

There are 67 government-owned quarters on Torrejon AB: 10 two-bedroom units, 46 three-bedroom units and 11 four-bedroom units. The floor area of each unit varies between 1,160 and 1,650 square feet. All 67 units are reserved for those members whose positions are essential. Your sponsor can tell you if you hold one of these positions.

The large variety of floor plans (14 in all) makes it difficult to send you a typical drawing, but if you are key or mission-essential personnel, your sponsor can get and forward plans of the units for which you will most likely be eligible. All the units come complete with stove, refrigerator, and washer and dryer. Electric services is 110/220 volts, 60 cycles. TV is cabled to each home from the European Broadcast Squadron television station on base.
ROAKs housing

There are 858 leased family quarters in the Royal Oaks family housing area located about 20 miles from the base. The housing area is owned by a Spanish real property investment corporation. Construction of this housing area began in 1957, and they have been leased to the U.S. Air Force ever since.

Located near Madrid, traffic between the base and Royal Oaks is heavy, especially during the morning and evening rush hours.

Electricity in Royal Oaks is 110/115, 50 cycles. The housing area is located on 330 acres and connected by winding, tree-lined roads. The housing area has its own community pool, youth center, movie theater, elementary school, child care facility, a small commissary, cafeteria, shoppette, and a chapel, as well as a fire and police department. TV is via satellite from the Southern European Broadcast.

All of the housing units come complete with washers, dryers, small stoves and refrigerators. There are six single houses, 12 duplexes, and 840 "four-plex" units. The four-plexes consist of 58 four-bedroom units, 458 three-bedroom units, and 342 two-bedroom units. All quarters have an additional small room known as a "maid's room" with a half bath.

The units are large by Spanish standards. The floor area for two-bedroom units is about 1,200 square feet; three-bedroom units are 1,400 square feet; and four-bedroom units are about 1,625 square feet. Bedrooms are small, about 100 to 110 square feet.

A typical unit has a large patio, large living and dining room areas, a small storage room, carport, and a medium-sized lawn.

The following floor plans are for two-, three-, and four-bedroom units.
Royal Oaks
two bedroom

Royal Oaks
three bedroom

Royal Oaks
four bedroom
Who’s eligible?
To be eligible for Royal Oaks housing, members must be at least an E-4, accompanied by command-sponsored family members, and entitled to basic allowance for quarters at the “with dependent” rate.

If you are eligible and decide to submit an advanced application, stop by your local housing office and complete the Defense Department Form 1746, Application for Housing. That application will be sent here with one copy of your PCS orders and will allow us to place you on the housing waiting list as of the first of the month before your reporting month.

Unless you need a four-bedroom unit, you can expect a 6- to 24-month wait for base housing, depending on rank and bedroom requirement. However, as soon as we receive your application, we will send you a DD Form 1747 with a current estimate of the waiting time for government-leased housing. The form will also contain information on the availability of economy housing, since you will probably have to live on the Spanish economy for your first few months.

Note: If you have a chronic medical problem which requires either urgent or frequent visits to the hospital, you may prefer a house or apartment in the vicinity of the base. Traffic conditions to and from Royal Oaks is unpredictable and makes emergency vehicle access difficult.

On the economy
The housing referral office lists more than 2,000 units suitable for housing military families off-base in the local community. All living areas are located within a one-hour drive from the base. The listings consist mostly of two-, three-, and four-bedroom high-rise apartments.

Few houses are available. They are more expensive than apartments and mid-winter utility bills can be steep. Exchange rates fluctuate rapidly and might make your rent and utilities more or less expensive in cost.

Most apartments, and especially bedrooms, are considered small by stateside standards. Large items like kingsize water beds and oversized sofas might fit but would certainly restrict the amount of space left for other furnishings.

Storage space, built-in closets
and garages are rare. Electric current is 220 volts, 50 cycles, but most wiring is not enough to operate more than one large American appliance at a time. The total capacity is less than 5,000 watts. Central heating systems are also considered below U.S. standards.

If you decide to live on the economy, you will want to purchase transformers, portable heaters, regulators, and wardrobes. At a minimum, you will need transformers to convert your 110-volt appliances to 220 volts.

The majority of our military families live in two nearby cities: Torrejon de Ardoz and Alcala de Henares, located two and five miles from base respectively. The rest of the base's Department of Defense population lives in the surrounding villages.

**Torrejon de Ardoz**

The town is located about two miles from the base and has several apartment complexes. Apartment prices range from $400 to $800 per month. Some of the complexes are attractive and the short driving distance to the base is convenient.

**Alcala de Henares**

This is a medium-sized city located about five miles from the base. Alcala has a variety of apartments ranging in price from $350 to $800 per month.

**Madrid**

Madrid is the capital of Spain and is located about 15 miles from the base. There are many types of apartments available ranging in price from $800 to $1,500 per month, depending on the size and location.

Traffic conditions are heavy during most of the day and even worse during morning and evening rush hours. For those who can afford to live here, Madrid offers the big-city life: first-class movies, restaurants, theaters, bullfights - and the resulting heavy traffic and air pollution.

Driving time to the base is about 30 minutes or more. Houses or villas are scarce and expensive, especially in the winter when utilities may cost more than $200 per month over what it costs to heat an apartment.

Whether you decide to live in government-leased or economy housing, you should schedule an appointment with a housing counselor in the first day or two of your arrival.
About Spain

Geography
Spain, with a population of about 35 million, is geographically the second largest country in Europe with a land mass of 193,050 square miles. It is about two-thirds the size of Texas and occupies four-fifths of the Iberian Peninsula. Portugal, to the west, occupies the remainder of the peninsula.

The terrain is varied. The flat tableland of the interior is separated from the coasts by mountain ranges: the Cantabrian and Pyrenees to the north and the Sierra Nevadas to the south.

Madrid’s climate
Madrid, Spain’s capital, is located in the geographic center of the country. It is situated some 2,000 feet above sea level and has a dry, hot climate comparable to New Mexico and Arizona. The winter season extends from November through March, but winter temperatures in Madrid seldom fall below freezing.

For the rest of the year, the temperatures range from 50 to 68 degrees Fahrenheit in the spring to 90 or 100 degrees in July and August. Most of the area’s rain falls during the months of April and November.

Customs
Spain was once the center of the Western world. It’s a land with many places of cultural interest. The cities of Toledo, Seville and Granada hold splendid castles, palaces and cathedrals.
English has replaced French as the diplomatic language and is now the commercial language as well. Spanish schools now offer English as a foreign language rather than French. While there has been a tremendous increase in the number of Spanish nationals who speak the English language, a knowledge of Spanish contributes greatly to a more enjoyable tour of Spain. The quaint villages and towns of Spain, some of them remote and removed from modern-day life, are interesting to visit.

The Spanish working hours are one of Spain's customs most noticeable to Americans. Retail stores normally close at 1:30 p.m. for lunch and siesta, reopen for business at 4:30 p.m. and close at 8 or 8:30 p.m. However, many of the big department stores are now open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and do not close for lunch.

Rating restaurants

Restaurants, hotels and cafeterias in Spain are all rated for the quality of service they can provide. Prices they charge are based on their ratings. Ratings range from "deluxe" down to fourth class. Forks are used by restaurants to indicate their government rating. Deluxe restaurants have five forks, down to fourth class restaurants, which display just one fork.

Cafeterias use coffee cups to indicate their rating. Five cups means it's a deluxe cafeteria. Hotels use stars. Five-star hotels are deluxe -- and so are the prices.

Most recipes and Spanish dishes are cooked with generous amounts of olive oil, garlic and wine.

Tipping

Tipping is not mandatory in Spain. However, the customer is expected to pay between 5 and 10 percent of the bill if satisfied with the service. Don't overtip.

Prices in restaurants, bars and cafeterias are fixed; you can't negotiate a price. But you can bargain with some street vendors and flea market dealers.

Religion

Freedom of religion is guaranteed by Spain's constitution. There is no longer an official state religion. Spain's population is predominantly Catholic, and the historic and modern role of the Catholic church in Spanish society is of great importance.

Religious jokes in Spain are not only in poor taste, they're also illegal. As a guest in Spain, respect its worship services and religious customs.
Standard of living

Recent negotiations by the Spanish government have been designated to bring Spain into closer economic cooperation with other Western European and Western Hemisphere nations. Rapid growth in all sectors of the Spanish economy resulted in a marked improvement in the standard of living for both urban and rural communities. There is a growing middle class in all urban population centers. This class now enjoys a standard of living unparalleled in Spain's past. It creates a constantly increasing demand for new apartments, automobiles and expensive consumer goods.

Economy and industry

Agriculture is one of Spain's main economic activities. Spain is the world's greatest producer and exporter of olive oil. Oranges are raised primarily for export. Europe receives a large supply of its spring vegetables from Spain. Products of the vineyards are exported as grapes and raisins or as wine. Raising livestock is also an important industry.

The general diet of Spaniards includes a great amount of fish. Numerous types of fish and other seafood are available in the Spanish markets. Fishing is a major activity of communities along Spain's coasts.

The last 10 years have seen Spain become an industrialized country with nuclear power plants in the north to provide much-needed electrical power, new dams throughout the country, and a vastly improved network of highways. New industries have been lured into Spain with substantial tax benefits. American companies are vying with Japanese and German firms in the area of computers, automobiles, electrical appliances, radios and transistors. American firms have a firm hold in the area of detergents and home cleaning products.

Textile, heavy machinery, automobile and major appliance industries lead in production. Spain has important coal deposits, and the iron ores of the Cantabrian mountains are considered among the best in Europe. Oviedo, Bilboa, Aviles and
temperatures and sunshine for year-round sunbathing.

During the year, the number of tourists in the country has totaled 35 million, equaling the population of Spain. Spain's director general of tourism promotes tourism and sets controls on hotels and eating establishments to assure cleanliness and fair prices.

Government

Spain is a constitutional monarchy. In 1975, His Royal Highness Juan Carlos de Borbon y Borbon was crowned king of Spain. He is now known as Juan Carlos I de Espana.

Spain is divided in 17 autonomous districts. Each district contains a number of provinces, ranging in number from eight in Andalucia in the south to just one in Madrid. All cities elect their mayors in accordance with the local administration law, which requires mayors to be elected by popular vote.

A new constitution was drawn up and approved by the Spanish legislature, called the Cortes, in October 1978. The constitution was accepted by the people in a national referendum Dec. 6, 1978. Some of the significant features of the constitution are its provisions for political parties and labor unions, regional autonomy for distinctive regions of Spain, and freedom of speech. The civil rights and liberties provided for in the constitution are interpreted in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Politics in Spain is not an easy topic. It's wise to refrain from comments on Spanish politics. Your chances of offending a Spaniard are ample. Learn about Spanish politics, ask questions and save your opinions unless you're certain your comments will be taken as personal viewpoints and not the stand of the U.S. government.
About Torrejon
Torrejon Air Base

Torrejon AB is located 1.2 miles north of Torrejon de Ardoz; 9.3 miles east northeast of Barajas International Airport; and 14.9 miles east northeast of Madrid. (To convert miles to kilometers, multiply by 1.6. To convert kilometers to miles, multiply by .62.)

Torrejon AB is located next to the town of Torrejon de Ardoz, for which it is named. It is a Spanish air force installation, used by the U.S. Air Force under the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between the Spanish and U.S. governments.

The base is a sprawling installation with more than 12,000 assigned military men and women, Department of Defense civilian employees and family members. It covers an area of more than 3.14 square miles.

Construction of the base began in late September 1953, shortly after negotiations were completed on the Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement. Work on the base continued through 1957 under the supervision of the U.S. Navy Bureau of Docks and Yards. Most of the construction was done using Spanish labor and material.

After the base's construction started, 862 family housing units were started 20 miles west of Torrejon. Families began moving into the units in mid-1958. Construction was completed on the area called Royal Oaks in July 1959. Another 67 units of family housing for mission essential personnel were built on the base.

The main gate

The U.S. Air Force is a tenant unit on Torrejon AB. The host is the 12th Wing of the Spanish air force, and we share the base with them.

Spanish air force guards the front gate. The treaty between Spain and the U.S. requires us to comply with Spanish air force entry and exit procedures. The procedures are strict and involve 100 percent identification checks all day. Entry procedures include vehicle registration passes. This pass, issued by the pass and registration section, must be displayed in your vehicle at all times while on base.

If these procedures seem stringent, they benefit everyone in terms of security. Be courteous and display your identification and vehicle credentials as required.

Visitor access is even more difficult. Your status as a military member or DOD-sponsored civilian entitles you and your family members to enter the base by displaying a valid identification card. However, your U.S. and Spanish visitors must obtain visitor passes from the visitor control office next to the main gate.

If you or your family members sponsor visitors on base, you must sign them in and out at the front gate. Special permission is required for overnight stays, and base access by third-country nationals is strictly controlled. Approval must be requested to and granted by the 401st Combat Support Group commander and the Spanish base commander.

Visitors who must enter the base on a daily basis can receive temporary passes, but lead time is required. Check with security police for procedures.
Serving you
Medical services

The 401st Tactical Fighter Wing Hospital is staffed with physicians and dentists in many specialties: aerospace medicine, dermatology, family practice, primary care, general surgery, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics-gynecology, optometry, orthopedics, otorhinolaryngology, pathology, pediatrics, psychiatry, and radiology. In general dentistry there is orthodontics, prosthodontics and oral surgery.

When necessary, medical authorities from Madrid and the Air Force’s aeromedical evacuation system assist the hospital in giving you and your family the best medical care available.

Helping this professional team focus on your health care needs are Torrejon’s nurses, physical therapist, pharmacist, dietician, and many other skilled staff members.

Your first contact with us will probably be in our outpatient clinics. All non-emergency patients are seen on an appointment basis. An appointment will be made for you with one of the practitioners in the primary care or pediatrics. If you require the attention of a specialist, you will be referred to a specialty clinic.

The hospital does have a military sick call from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 1 to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for active-duty military members. No appointment is needed for sick call.

CHAMPUS availability

When medical care cannot be obtained from a military facility, the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services is available to
help defray the cost of medical care provided by civilian sources. Although CHAMPUS participation is essentially the same in Spain as in the United States, you should contact the CHAMPUS adviser for a briefing on the use of CHAMPUS in Spain. This briefing may save you money since CHAMPUS does not cover all medical care services.

The Exceptional Family Member Program is designed to assist the Air Force families with handicapped members. Its mission is to improve the health, welfare, and morale of the Air Force family.

Services may include counseling, referral to appropriate agencies, evaluation, special assignment consideration, and financial assistance through CHAMPUS.

If a family has members that need special education assistance, it will be very beneficial to have a current and complete health evaluation to submit when requesting concurrent dependent travel. Torrejon's school system has limited capacity for special education, making it necessary for you to evaluate this assignment carefully before accepting it. For answers to specific questions about your family's special requirements, contact the hospital's EFMP office.

Emergency care

Ambulance service is available for emergencies but can't be used for routine medical transportation. Because of traffic conditions on major roads leading to the base, ambulance response can be slow. For this reason we recommend that people living in the Madrid area use private transportation to our facility for patients in need of urgent health care. We also recommend that for life-or-death situations, one of the local hospitals be used. A visit to the closest medical facility (for familiarity) is recommended for people living in Madrid or Royal Oaks.

Limitations

Treatment of the following can present problems at our facility and must be considered on a case-by-case basis:

- Children with speech problems, learning disabilities, or cerebral palsy;
- Patients requiring renal dialysis, radiation therapy, or chemotherapy;
- Pediatric neurosurgical shunts for hydrocephalus;
- Patients with peritoneal-jugular (La Veen) shunts for chronic ascites;
- Schizophrenia with several episodes of hospitalization;
- Child abuse cases in which Children's Welfare Services are needed and legal agencies might need
to be involved;
Cases with
documented suicidal,
homicidal and assaultive
behavior.
There is no neonatal
intensive care for high-
risk newborns at
Torrejón, but facilities are
available in Madrid.
If a person uses
adaptive physical
therapy equipment, for
example raised toilet
seats, hemi-walkers,
orthotics, or wheelchairs,
they should bring it with
them. It’s difficult to find
that equipment in Spain.
The amount of special
diet foods available at
Torrejón AB is limited,
although a registered
hospital dietician is
available.
NOTE: When you
arrive in Spain, give
yourself some time to
adjust to Spanish food
and meal times. Most
acute gastroenteritis happens immediately after a
newcomer’s arrival to Spain. The first prepared meal
ofler day for Spaniards is at 2 p.m. Many times the
food served off base before 2 p.m. is not freshly
prepared.
The hospital central supply carries a very limited
inventory of styles and sizes of ostomy appliances.
Those presently on hand are for support of our
surgical patients who have already established their
need and level. Ostomy appliances and supplies are
available on the Spanish economy, but are very
expensive. An ostomy patient should bring their six-
month supply to avoid problems.
If you’re on any long-term medication, be sure to
bring at least a two-
month supply as you
may experience difficulty
getting your medication
here. Call the hospital
direct or through your
sponsor to let us know in
advance what your
prescription needs are.
Stop by the hospital
pharmacy when you
arrive at Torrejón and tell
them of any unusual
medication requirements
you have. The hospital
can then order and
hopefully receive
medication before your
two-month supply runs
out.
Before renewing this
prescription, you may
also have to undergo a
physical examination.
You should inquire
about that need at our
primary care clinic well in
advance of requesting a
refill.
For optometry patients:
If you wear glasses or
contact lenses, be sure you have a recent eye
examination and a copy of the prescription before
you leave the United States.
People who wear contact lenses should bring a
spare pair. Military members should have optical
inserts for the M-17 gas mask, plus extra spectacles.
A selection of civilian frames is offered to
sponsors and family members at a reasonable cost.
Delivery time is 35 to 60 days.
Torrejón AB has a program for contact lenses.
You must have a written copy of your present contact
c lens prescription in order to have your contacts
updated or replaced. If you don’t wear contact
lenses but would like to try them, equipment isn't available for the initial fitting and the eye clinic can't initiate a prescription or change your current brand of lenses. When you have your updated prescription, you must order the lenses through local suppliers.

Tourists or relatives visiting members assigned to Torrejon AB are not eligible for medical or dental care at any uniformed military service medical facility without a valid military active-duty, retired, or other authorized Department of Defense or Department of State identification card. The identification card, except for active-duty members, must authorize the individual to receive medical care in a military medical facility.

Emergency medical care is defined as the immediate inpatient or outpatient care required to prevent loss of life, limb, or undue suffering. Visitors and family members may be treated on base in the event of an accident or life-threatening illness. But local facilities may be more conveniently located to provide this care. Visitors or tourists treated in the base hospital under emergency medical care will be charged.

Routine medical care is readily available in the Madrid area. Our patient administration office has a listing of Spanish physicians who speak English. For more information, visit the hospital and ask for the director of patient administration.

The veterinary clinic is located in Bldg. 129. The veterinary clinic is able to provide a list of local veterinarians who may take care of your pets.

NOTE: All dogs and cats three months old or older are required to have a rabies vaccination. Spain also has a “leash law.”

Dental facilities

The dental clinic is located in the main hospital. Full dental treatment is provided to all active-duty military members. Routine dental treatment for family members of active-duty military members is extremely limited and on a space-available basis only. It's recommended that your family members have their dental problems treated before they arrive at Torrejon.

Veterinary services

A U.S. Army veterinarian is stationed at Torrejon AB to provide both veterinary public health and clinic animal services. The veterinarian is also responsible for providing services to Zaragoza AB and five Air Force sites.

Animals are seen by appointment only on a space-available basis.
Dependent school system

We're very proud of our school system. Parents can rest assured their children will receive an education equal to that available in the United States.

There are three schools located in the Torrejon area community. An elementary and a high school are located on Torrejon AB. An elementary school is also located at Royal Oaks.

The Royal Oaks elementary school serves students in kindergarten through sixth grade. These students come mainly from the Royal Oaks housing area and the city of Madrid.

The Torrejon elementary school is for children in grades kindergarten through sixth grade and draws

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its students from on-base housing and the communities of Torrejon, Alcala and the surrounding area.

All students in grades seven through 12 attend the Torrejon high school. All schools are part of the Department of Defense Dependent School system.

School registration

School registration is an annual requirement. All students must register for the next school term in August each year. You must register your children in person at the school they will attend. Your child must be 5 years old on or before Dec. 31 to be eligible for kindergarten.

To register your child for school, you will need a copy of the following:
- Birth certificate;
- Immunization card;
- Copy of your PCS orders;
- and a prior report card;

Again, all students must register each year in August, whether or not it's their first year of attendance here. Times and dates for registration will be published over the base radio station and in the base newspaper.

If your PCS occurs during the school year, the registration process follows the same procedures. While you're living in our temporary lodging facility, your children attend the on-base schools. Registration must be done in person at the Torrejon elementary school or high school.

After you locate permanent housing, you must call the appropriate school to complete permanent registration.

Bus services

Registration for bus transportation is also an annual requirement. The bus transportation staff can tell you what buses are available in the area you live. They will also tell you what your child's bus route, pick-up point and pick-up times are.

If your children are in seventh grade or higher, they will be issued a bus pass. If you live on base, kindergarten children are bused to school. If you live
in the Royal Oaks housing area, kindergarten pupils are also bused to school. First-graders and higher are expected to walk to school at Royal Oaks. Children in grades first through sixth while staying in the temporary living facility will be bused to school.

School bus transportation is located in Bldg. 398 in the school bus section.

PTSA
There are active Parent, Teacher and Student Associations at all three community schools. The meeting times and dates are announced over the base's radio station, TV, and weekly school bulletins. All three schools have an annual open house, and parent/teacher/student conferences as required. In addition, there are parent representatives on the local school's advisory committees. Become an active parent and join us in our efforts to improve the education we provide our children.

Hot-lunch programs
All three schools offer hot lunch programs. These programs provide students with U.S.D.A.-approved meals provided by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

If you're interested in applying for the free or reduced lunch program, you may pick up your application when you register your children or call the school's officer. One application per family is sufficient. If you have no desire to apply for free or reduced lunches, you may be interested in purchasing lunch coupons. These coupons are available at the cashier's cage in the main exchange. The coupons are redeemable only for the hot lunch and not the à la carte items, such as cakes and doughnuts. The coupons are one way to make sure your child eats a well-balanced meal.

Special education
Special education resources are available at all Torrejon schools. Families with children who require such support should find out if the necessary educational and medical support is available before accepting an assignment to Torrejon AB.

Any family with a member who has special educational needs must obtain the dependent's overseas medical educational clearance Air Force Form 1466 through the appropriate military channels. This clearance is approved before travel orders are issued.

Families with children who have special educational or medical needs should call the base housing office immediately when they arrive at Torrejon AB. Also, active-duty members with family members who have special educational or medical needs should call the exceptional family member program officer at the hospital as soon as possible when they arrive on station.
Assisting your family
Family services

Family services is a volunteer organization that offers a variety of programs for the base community. Here are some of those programs:

**Loan closet** – Household items are available (dishes, pots, pans, irons, cribs and more) for use by military and civilian families during PCS moves.

**Base brochures** – Brochures from both stateside and overseas bases are maintained for military people to use when they need information about another base.

**Orientation** – Family services' volunteers help the personal affairs office conduct an annual orientation for military family members. The briefing acquaints them with the benefits and entitlements available to them. All spouses are urged to attend an orientation briefing at least once every two years in order to keep up to date on changes to their benefits.

**Rota book** – We keep a book with a list of people who want to drop off or pick up cars in Rota Naval Station, the location where all cars shipped from the United States to Spain arrive. The book helps people delivering or picking up cars get in touch with another person doing the same thing and possibly share expenses. This book also has information on transportation to Rota by car, plane and train with prices and tourist stops along the way.

**Rank Bank** – Family services also has a Rank Bank containing stripes for all ranks and both blues and fatigue. The stripes are either donated or exchanged by military people. You can donate stripes or exchange your old stripes for new ones at no cost.

**Babysitting file** – We keep an up-to-date list of people living in the Torrejon area who are willing to babysit in your home or their own. If you get in a bind and need a babysitter, come by family services and look through our files.

**Odds and Ends File** – This file catalogs people with services to offer, from cake decorating to carpentry work.

**Airmen’s Closet** – We have household and donated items to give away to all E-4s and below.

**Operation Stork** – We provide a layette for each couple having their first child here. The layette includes blankets, booties, bibs, pajamas and baby toys.

Family services also welcomes all newcomers to Torrejon AB. We brief the newcomers on family services' facilities and services and answer questions about the base and surrounding area.

We want to encourage each of you to become a Torrejon family services volunteer and share in our programs and functions. If you're interested, stop by family services in Bldg. 140, next to the chapel, and let us show you around. New volunteers are vital to continuing our programs at Torrejon AB.
Family support center

The family support center's development and growth since it first opened on base in 1986 has been significant. It has expanded support services for families and single members.

From your first welcome to Torrejon to your end of tour planning, the family support center provides innovative programs for your specific needs.

Our friendly professional staff provides information on all base services, make appropriate referrals or assist you with a personal or family concern. We are here to help make your stay at Torrejon AB a rewarding experience. To do this, we offer these programs and services:

- **People's Pages** - A consumer guide to base and community services including phone numbers, hours and referral contacts.
- **Family development education** - Classes in parenting are offered on base and at Royal Oaks.
- **Single Parent's Group** - An informal support and advocacy group to share concerns, solutions, and to promote their activities.
- **Community awareness** - INTRO briefings, Spanish menu guides, speakers on family issues, sponsorship training.
- **Periodic seminars** - Spouse employment, financial management, communication skill building.
- **TDY and relocation assistance** - Pre-travel briefings and links to Mediterranean family support centers, deployment handbooks for spouses, morale phone lines to forward operating locations during deployments.
- **Handicap support group** - Regular meetings for advocacy, support and activity planning.

The family support center is located in Bldg. 140 next to the base chapel.

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American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is a non-profit organization staffed by an assistant station manager, a secretary and volunteers. Torrejon's volunteers work in various locations throughout the community.

The Red Cross station on Torrejon is available for information, counseling, assistance and guidance. They also provide an emergency notification service 24 hours a day.

The Red Cross offers courses in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, nursing and courses for youth. For more information on any Red Cross service, call the Torrejon Chapter of the American Red Cross in Bldg. 300 at Ext. 3220 or 1855.
Religious programs

The chapel program at Torrejon conducts religious services and activities on base in Bldg. 115 and at the Royal Oaks family housing area at the chapel center, Bldg. 48A and B, and the theater, Bldg. 307.

General Protestant, Jewish and Roman Catholic chaplains are assigned to meet the spiritual and religious needs of the community. Torrejon's chapel not only includes regular worship services but also religious education from pre-kindergarten to adult, Bible studies, fellowship activities, retreats, and men's, women's and youth organizations. There are many opportunities for lay involvement and community outreach.

Services

Sunday services at Royal Oaks are held in the theater; religious education programs are held in the elementary school. Activities during the week, Saturday evening Roman Catholic Mass and Sunday evening Evangelical/Charismatic service are held in the chapel center.

At the Torrejon base chapel, regular services are held Friday evening for the Jewish program and Sunday morning and afternoon for the general Protestant and Roman Catholic programs. Week day Roman Catholic masses are also in the chapel.

Confessions are held 30 minutes before each service or as scheduled.

The various types of Protestant services include two traditional services, one liturgical service (Lutheran-Episcopal format), one gospel service, and one evangelical-charismatic service. In addition to these Sunday services, there is a Tuesday devotional in the base chapel at noon.

The base chapel keeps a list of English-speaking, off-base churches. Call Ext. 5161 on base for more information.

Free nursery service is available for everyone attending the general Protestant and Roman Catholic chapel-sponsored activities, both at Torrejon AB and Royal Oaks. During the week, it is the military member's responsibility to make child care reservations.
Your shopping needs
Stars and Stripes bookstore

"If you want it, we probably have it. If not, we can get it." Just like any good bookstore back home, we provide a complete line of literature for your reading pleasure.

Our most popular newspaper is the Stars and Stripes. Printed daily, it brings you the latest news. Many other magazines are available that cater to the varied tastes of our customers.

Class Six Store

The AAFES Class Six Store, located beside the post office, is open to all authorized people 18 years old and older. Customers can choose from a large selection of imported and domestic wines, liqueurs, cordials, and other alcoholic beverages. The store also stocks a substantial line of alcohol-free wines, snack items and beer.

A valid ID card and U.S. Air Forces in Europe ration card must be presented when making purchases at the Class Six store.

Main exchange

The main exchange is located in the base's community center. More than 50 percent of the store's space is dedicated to clothing for the entire family. The very latest in fashions is available. All clothing is flown to Torrejon AB from the Fashion Distribution Center in Atlanta.

The rest of the main exchange is stocked with toiletries, cosmetics, jewelry, cameras, small appliances, household items such as can openers, glasses, dishes, pots and pans, linens, giftware, and all pre-recorded records, tapes, discs, and video tapes.

Both VISA and MasterCard can be used to make purchases at the exchange. The Deferred Payment Plan is also available to new service members. DPP allows you to charge a certain amount of goods at several exchange locations on base or through the registers. You can apply for a DPP account at the main store.

There is also a lay-away plan for our customers, as well as catalog orders, special orders, florifix, and gift wrapping.

To enter the main exchange, customers must have a valid military ID card and Spanish ID card, USAFE Form 305 or official TDY orders for Spain.

CAMPSA gas coupons are sold at the cashier's cage. CAMPSA is an acronym for Compania Arrendadora del Monopolio de Petroleos Sociedad Anonima. These coupons let you buy gas off base at the same price as on base. These are rationed items, and you're authorized 200 liters a month for each registered vehicle.

Country Store

This store stocks the latest in audio and video merchandise, including video tape recorders and...
blank tapes. Furniture, major appliances, carpets, rugs, hardware, toys, paint, outdoor living and sporting goods are also stocked in the Country Store.

To find the Country Store, drive from the base's traffic circle in the direction of the NCO club. At the second stop sign, turn left. The Country Store is a group of beige buildings on the left with a sign saying "Country Store and Sound Center."

All items in this store can be charged on your DPP account, or, if over $200, can be taken home under the home layaway plan and paid off as a layaway. Once again, a valid military ID card and Spanish ID card, USAFE Form 305 or official TDY orders for Spain must be shown at the door to enter the store.

**Shoppette**

This convenience store is open 363 days a year (closed Christmas and New Year's) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The shoppette stocks a vast assortment of food, including dairy products, bakery goods, fresh vegetables and fruit, canned soda, wine and beer, frozen food (meat, vegetables, cakes, desserts and ice cream), canned goods (soups, nuts, chips, etc.), toiletries, stationery, film, kitchenware, paint, tools, and other necessities.

Conveniently located behind the base theater and across the street from the hospital, the shoppette is within easy walking distance of your temporary quarters in billeting. CAMPSA coupons can also be bought at the shoppette registers.

**Military clothing sales store**

All military uniform needs can be handled by the military clothing sales store. Located across the street from the chapel and next to the base gym, the store also handles special orders, including name
tag tapes. There is also a uniform clothing deferred payment plan if you want to charge your uniform purchases.

**AAFES cafeteria**

This cafeteria provides hot meals, snacks or sandwiches and is open every day. Charbroiled steaks are offered every Wednesday and Friday. The ice cream parlor in the cafeteria serves everything from cones to hot fudge sundaes and banana splits. A sub and pizza shop is located beside the cafeteria.

**AAFES service station**

The service station operated by AAFES on base offers regular and premium gasoline. Unleaded gas is not available on base and extremely limited throughout Spain. Keep this in mind when shipping your vehicle from the U.S. If you ship a vehicle that has a catalytic converter, the converter must be removed.

Also at the service station is a small accessories store and beverage outlet selling a variety of beer, soda, and ice.

**Car rental and taxi service**

A car rental and commercial taxi service is located across the street from the MAC terminal. The rental business offers a variety of makes and models of modern cars, but customers must have a Spanish driver’s license to rent a car. The number of cars available at the car rental for taxi service is limited, but they are a possible alternative to walking.

**Auto parts store and garage**

The garage offers car repair services and the auto parts store stocks a variety of common auto parts and a limited supply of repair parts. Although there is a special order system for ordering many parts, the wait is usually long. The older your car, the harder it is to locate parts.

**Oasis Burger Bar**

The burger bar is located inside the MAC terminal and serves a variety of fast food, including breakfast. Open 365 days a year, the Burger Bar is styled after U.S. fast food stores. Along with the usual fast food menu, it also sells toiletries, beauty aids, magazines, post cards, and the Stars and Stripes.

**Other exchange services**

Located in the community center, newcomers to Torrejon AB can find a movie theater with a Dolby sound system that shows the latest movies from the States, a flower shop, China shop, optical service, Spanish gift shop, and barber shop.

In the Country Store you can find an electronic and video repair service and video tape rental shop.

The tailor shop and Pick-up Point are located in the parking lot next to the AAFES garage. The Pick-Up Point offers laundry and dry cleaning, shoe and watch repair, engraving, copying service, key making, portrait studio, photo processing, and equipment rental (including Spanish and American TV sets).

There’s also a new car sales outlet open Tuesday through Saturday next to the base’s service station that offers all the latest makes and models of new cars from the United States.

There is a beauty shop and barber shop in Bldg. 123, and a launderette operates every day, 24 hours, in Bldg. 330.

**Torrejon AB commissary**

The base commissary is a full-service supermarket that offers 4,850 items from the U.S. It also offers about 400 items from Europe and the local Spanish economy and a full-service deli and bakery department.

The commissary is located in Bldg. 112 in the base community center beside the movie theater. There is also a branch store in the Royal Oaks housing area that offers 700 items including meat, produce and frozen food.
The legal office at Torrejon AB can assist you in any civil, personal matter that may come up during your tour in Spain.

They provide the full range of legal assistance services you can get at a base in the United States. This includes claims against the government, preparation of wills, separation agreements and affidavits, help with consumer problems as well as advice on taxes, insurances and financial problems.

The legal office also has two Spanish attorneys on the staff who can advise you on Spanish legal matters. If you need to see an attorney, stop by our office in Bldg. 208 between 8 and 9 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

Remember that Americans are guests in Spain and subject to Spanish law.

Spain has an objective, fair judicial system. Unfortunately, the judicial system can be time consuming.

Driving in Spain

You’re required to have compulsory auto insurance (liability coverage for injury or death). Remember, however, that Madrid is a large city with a great deal of traffic congestion. The legal office suggests that you get full insurance coverage.

Driving while intoxicated in Spain is a serious crime. If you’re involved in an accident while DWI, your insurance policy won’t cover you.

Drugs and Spanish law

Although the vast majority of Americans are law-abiding, we still must point out one area of criminal law — drug offenses.

Some stateside TV commercials tell viewers you’re in for “the hassle of your life” if you’re apprehended for drug violations in a foreign country. We can guarantee the truth of this statement in Spain.

Although the legal office will do all it can to get jurisdiction over any cases involving mission members, we cannot be sure the Spanish will grant us that jurisdiction. One pound possession of any drug usually results in a criminal sentence of six years and a day in Spanish prison.

In addition to the stiff criminal court penalties, the Contraband Court in Spain will issue a fine four times the street value of the drug.

The court for drug violations is the Court of Special Rehabilitation, which for foreigners usually results in expulsion from Spain. But not until the criminal court sentence and contraband court fine have been satisfied.

It should also be noted that Spain draws no distinction for the type of drug involved. Marijuana is considered to be just as serious as heroin.

Black marketing

Another area of criminal law is black marketing. Members of the base are sometimes approached by people asking them to sell cigars, cigarettes or liquor.

But the transfer of duty-free items to people who are not authorized to purchase them is black marketing and considered a serious offense by both the Spanish government and U.S. Air Force.

Of course, black marketing is not limited to tobacco and alcohol, but includes the transfer of any duty-free item, including your household goods or products bought at the base exchange, commissary, APV center, or Country Store.

The base rations some items to control black marketing: cigars and cigarettes, some alcoholic beverages, electronic components like TVs, stereo equipment, and videos, and kitchen appliances.

Soon after your arrival on base, your squadron orderly room will issue you and your family members a ration card. Ration cards are needed to purchase tobacco products, gasoline coupons, and alcoholic beverages and are only issued to authorized mission members and family members older than 18. A separate ration card to purchase high-value items is issued only to the mission member.
Child care

Torrejon offers several child care services, and has 70 staff members who serve 350 children a day. Although this program has expanded during the past year, parents will experience some frustration with waiting lists for full time and hourly care. The Child Development Program staff will try to help meet every family's needs, but space and sometimes staffing is limited.

Each center is designed for the convenience, comfort, intellectual stimulation and well-being of the parent and child. We have four child development centers and two pre-schools. The centers also oversee the operations of home day care service.

The four centers include: Tot Stop, next to the TLF; the infant and toddler center, Bldg. 134; Children's World, next to La Cita recreation center; and the Royal Oaks center, Bldg. 148-A.

The Tot Stop, a new concept in child care, provides only hourly care. It's offered to parents who need fast day care. The center is open to parents who have appointments, wish to volunteer, in-processing, or social engagements. No more than 24 hours a week of child care will be provided for each child.

The other centers offer regular care. The infant and toddler center offers care for children ages 6 weeks to 3 years old. Child care is provided seven to 10 hours a day.

Children's World takes in children 3 to 12 years old. The center also offers pre-school for children ages 3 and 4.

The Royal Oaks center cares for children ages 6 months to 10 years old. Also at Royal Oaks is a pre-school, taking children ages 3 and 4.

Parents wanting their children in an in-home environment may choose to use home day care. Home day care providers are trained professionals. They can offer flexible schedules to meet parent's needs.

Anyone stationed at Torrejon, military or civilian, can use the child care services when space is available. Child care is provided on an hourly and regular service. Parents using regular day care have a discounted pay rate.

All day care providers receive a total of 36 hours of training their first year of employment and regular monthly staff training. Providers undergo a mental health screening and physical evaluation. Their certification includes food preparation, CPR, and first aid.

Torrejon's child development program participates in the Air Force Welfare Board Food Program, which certifies each center every two years. The centers follow USDA guidelines meeting the child's nutritional needs. This also teaches the child good eating habits.

A full-time program assistant develops activities to stimulate the children's intellectual growth. The assistant looks at physical, intellectual, social, and emotional development stressing the child's self-esteem to develop good learning skills. This service is provided at both the regular and hourly care centers.
SERVICES

Base transportation

Shuttle bus
The 401st Transportation Squadron provides base shuttle bus transportation daily. The bus runs on base every half hour Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Any active duty military member, their family members, and Department of Defense employees can ride the shuttle bus free of charge.

Mass transit
The Royal Oaks mass transit bus service provides transportation to and from base for family members who do not have transportation from Royal Oaks for appointments.

The bus leaves the base at 8:20 a.m. and arrives at its first stop in Royal Oaks at 9:45 a.m., depending on traffic. At about 1:30 p.m., the bus leaves the base again for a second trip to Royal Oaks after making stops at three locations on base to pick up people who rode the bus to the base in the morning. It arrives at Royal Oaks about 2:20 p.m.

Mass transit costs 75 cents for each rider. Riders must pay by ticket. Bus tickets can be purchased at the base exchange’s cashier’s cage.

Newcomers
The newcomers bus service provides new military members and their families a free ride from Barajas International Airport to billeting. It also provides free transportation for military and family members from the base to Barajas International Airport when they leave Torrejon AB in PCS status. This service is provided two or three times a day, seven days a week.

Taxi service
An on-base military taxi service is available for your use for official business only.

Bus service
A commercial bus service to Madrid runs Monday through Friday several times each day. The service costs about 175 pesetas one way.

Commercial taxi
A limited commercial taxi service (from AAFES) is available from 8 a.m to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The taxi travels on and off base, and there is a charge.
Communications

CONUS calls

Telephone service in the United States is reliable and convenient; so much so, it's sometimes taken for granted.

But in Spain, there's much more expense and time involved in reaching out and touching someone. It may take several months to get a phone installed in your quarters, and installation charges can run as high as $100, depending on the exchange rate.

Off-base telephone service

Personal telephones in Spain are available. Anyone interested in getting a phone installed in their off-base quarters or at the Royal Oaks housing area should keep these tips in mind:

The Spanish national telephone company, Telefonica, handles all requests for private telephones to off-base or Royal Oaks locations.

To request a telephone, dial 004 (Telefonica Commercial Services) from an off-base telephone line. They will connect you to the office servicing your area (Torrejon, Alcala, Royal Oaks, etc.) Requests must be made in Spanish.

Telefonica will notify customers by mail the date, time, and place a contract for telephone service can be drawn up. Letters will only be mailed when a telephone line is available. Keep in mind that it can take quite a long time for customers to receive this letter, depending on the location of their private quarters.

On-base telephones

Military members living on base or in the dormitories can have a Class-B telephone installed in their quarters. Customers pay an installation fee, a monthly rental fee, and any long distance toll charges. For the most current rates and to request an on-base telephone, contact the 2186th Communication Squadron's telephone service in Bldg. 201, Room 209.

Base telephone switchboard

The base's telephone switchboard is operated 24 hours a day by bilingual operators. Located in Bldg. 104, the switchboard can direct dial to both AUTOVON and commercial phone lines.

Operators are the busiest between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Customers placing a call to the operator between those times should be patient. The operator will answer as soon as possible.

Calling Torrejon

AUTOVON numbers for Torrejon AB are 723-1110 for operator assistance and 723-1XXX, 723-3XXX or 723-5XXX for direct dial.
base's commercial number for operator assistance is 665-7777. Customers should dial 9-1-665-7777 when calling from within Spain. To call the base from the United States, dial 34-1-665-7777. To dial a commercial off-base number, dial 9 and the number.

Commercial pay phones

Almost any number in the world can be direct dialed from a Spanish pay phone. But you can't call collect.

To use a Spanish pay phone, line up your coins in the slot at the top of the phone and dial: for local calls, simply dial the seven-digit phone number; long distance inside Spain, dial the area code and seven-digit number; long distance outside Spain, dial 07, wait for the tone, dial the country area code, in-country area code, and seven-digit phone number.

For example, if you're calling New York City, you'd dial 07-1-212 and the desired seven-digit number. The numbers 07 = long distance; 1 = United States; 212 = area code for New York.

There are four pay phones on Torrejon AB: one in front of the BX, Bldg. 110; at billing, Bldg. 121; in the La Cita recreation center, Bldg. 236; and in the MAC passenger terminal, Bldg. 403.

Long distance phone calls can be made at La Cita recreation center's telephone desk, with a $1.50 service charge. Collect and cash calls are booked.

There is a U.S.A. Direct Line in billing's lobby, Bldg. 121. This is a direct link to the New York City operator. Only collect and AT&T credit card calls can be placed. Calls are booked at the billing desk. Simply pick up the AT&T receiver and the New York operator answers. Rates are figured from Spain. Remember that calls from Spain to the U.S. are more expensive than calls from the U.S. to Spain. Calling from Spain to the U.S. from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., it costs 1,137 pesetas for three minutes, or 369 pesetas for one minute; from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m., three minutes costs 791 pesetas, one minute is 254 pesetas.

Post office

Torrejon AB's post office offers some of the most timely postal service among air bases in Europe. The post office has daily mail service to and from New York, as well as express mail. Express mail delivery guarantees your mail will reach its destination in the United States in two days.

The post office, located next to the Class Six store, is operated by the 401st Mission Support Squadron's Information Management Section and offers all of the postal services you've used in the United States. In fact, the APO is an extension of the U.S. Postal Service overseas. This allows you to send mail without using international postal services, which would drive up costs.

If you haven't received an APO box address yet from your sponsor, and you need to forward your mail, use the following address: General Delivery APO, N.Y. 09283-5000, with your name and report-not-later-than-date.

When you arrive at Torrejon AB, go to the post office, pick up your mail, and get your permanent post office box number. Then you'll be eligible to use Military Postal Service. This lets you mail letters and packages, up to 70 pounds, free to any military post office within the European theater.
Miscellaneous

Radio and TV station

For more than 30 years, Armed Forces Radio and Television at Torrejon AB has provided a “touch of home” to service members in Spain. The European Broadcasting Squadron broadcasts 5,000 watts of power on 100.2 FM stereo. Our radio programming includes something for everyone, featuring rock, urban contemporary, country, easy listening and even classical music as standard fare.

Regularly scheduled world and national news broadcasts come your way hourly, with expanded news and sports coverage at 7 a.m., noon, and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Special daily features include “Paul Harvey,” and National Public Radio’s “All Things Considered.” EBS “Newsbreak,” five minutes of local news and information, can be heard during the expanded radio news blocks.

Our expanded news and sports can also be heard at noon on Saturday and Sunday. Completing the menu of programming on EBS Radio are our “radio novels” and full range of “live” sporting events.

EBS Television Service at Torrejon is restricted to closed-circuit cable available only to the residents of on-base housing, the dormitories, and transient billeting facilities. Royal Oaks housing area viewers receive television service via satellite from the Southern European Broadcasting Network, Vicenza, Italy.

Television programming consists of most top-rated programs from the United States, the latest news, commentary, sports and up-to-date specials. Both Torrejon and Royal Oaks communities also receive live satellite network, SATNET, transmissions from the AFRTS Broadcast Center in Los Angeles. SATNET provides 24-hour news and sports coverage, as well as other special features and programs.

EBS Torrejon produces a full 20-minute local television newscast weekdays. In addition, “Falcon Digest,” a program which takes a more in-depth look at Torrejon activities, airs monthly.

Raider magazine

The Raider is Torrejon AB’s weekly newspaper covering events that affect the base community. It keeps the base in touch with issues affecting all of us at the Air Force, major command, and base levels. Through a mix of news service and locally prepared articles, the Raider covers news, editorials, a commander’s hotline, features and sports.

The public affairs office is located in Bldg. 105, Room 236, across from the 401st Tactical Fighter Wing’s office.

Credit union

The Pentagon Federal Credit Union offers you the same quality financial services found stateside. The office is on a direct computer link to Pentagon Federal’s main office in Alexandria, Va., which gives you the fastest possible service.

Because of an agreement with the Spanish government, all financial transactions are given in checks only, rather than in cash.

Loan services include new and used autos -- both European and U.S. specifications -- RV and travel trailer loans, 14.9 percent APR Visa credit cards, personal lines of credit, and education loans. Generally, PFCU gives 24-hour loan decisions on its auto loans.

Other financial services include interest-earning checking accounts, money market savings accounts, individual retirement accounts, direct deposit of your paychecks, and wire transfers.

PFCU, located in Bldg. 300, is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on military payday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Exts. 5407 or 5479 to set up a loan appointment or stop by the office.
The past, future
The 401st Tactical Fighter Wing traces its proud history to the 401st Bombardment Group (Heavy), a World War II combat unit. 

Upon its activation at Ephrata Army Air Base, Wash., April 1, 1943, the group contained the 612th, 613th, 614th, and 615th Bombardment Squadrons (Heavy).

With the arrival of B-17G aircraft at Ephrata Army Air Base, the group received orders to transfer to Geiger Field, Wash., June 15, 1943, for aircraft familiarization training. Shortly after that, the unit transferred again to Malmstrom AFB, Mont., for advanced combat training in preparation for deployment overseas.

The air element of the group eventually deployed to Deenethorpe, England, via Newfoundland and Scotland, on Oct. 19, 1943. The ground element arrived at the location on Nov. 3, 1943, after making the trans-Atlantic voyage on the Queen Mary. Under the command of the Eighth Air Force, the group was ready to fly combat missions immediately after arriving in England. Their first combat action was seen on Nov. 26, 1943, when 401st Bomb Group B-17Gs flew a full-strength raid on Bremen, Germany. The weather was so overcast that day that the aircrews could not see their targets and had to rely on their radar to bomb their targets.

The Bremen raid was the first in a series of attacks against targets in France, Germany, Holland and Luxembourg. The targets were mainly port installations, submarine pens, V-1 and V-2 rocket sites, factories, power stations, airfields, oil refineries, and coastal gun batteries.

The group won its first Distinguished Unit Citation for its part in a major attack on Oschersleben, Germany, near Berlin on Jan. 11, 1944. A second citation was earned for a raid on the Erla Maschinewerk aircraft assembly plant in Leipzig on Feb. 20, 1944.

During the next several months, the 401st Bomb Group supported operations to aid the breakthrough at Saint Lo in July, the siege of Brest in August, and an airborne attack on oil reserve sites in Holland in September. During the Battle of the Bulge, December 1944 to January 1945, the unit flew missions against transportation targets and communications centers in the battle area, and supported an airborne attack across the Rhine River in March 1945.


After World War II, the 401st was renamed the 401st
HISTORY

401st Bomb Group's short-lived active service was temporarily interrupted when it was again deactivated. After being activated again on Feb. 8, 1954, the group was renamed the 401st Fighter-Bomber Group and found itself at a new home, Alexandria AFB, La. During its stay at Alexandria, the group was assigned to the 366th Fighter-Bomber Wing, Tactical Air Command, and equipped with the F-84 aircraft.

For the first three years of its existence with the 366th Fighter-Bomber Wing, the 401st trained in tactical operations and participated in aerial demonstrations in the United States and Europe. A year after the unit arrived at Alexandria AFB, it transferred all assigned F-86 aircraft to McClellan AFB, Calif., and began conversion to an older fighter aircraft, the F-84.

Although the 401st now flew an older aircraft, the F-84 brought stardom to the 401st when the 613th and 614th Fighter Bomber Squadrons participated in the Warner Bros. Inc., presentation of "The McConnell Story."

From January to February of 1955, the 613th and 614th Fighter-Bomber Squadrons flew 125 sorties using eight assigned F-84 aircraft painted blue with MiG-15 markings to simulate enemy aircraft during the Korean conflict. Approximately 85 percent of all 401st pilots participated in the aerial combat scenes.

While stationed at Alexandria AFB, the 401st Fighter-Bomber Group's primary mission was to provide a tactical squadron for a six-month deployment to Europe. In June 1956, the 401st again became an F-86 unit with the famous F-84 aircraft assigned to an Air National Guard unit. Two years later, the group transitioned to the more sophisticated F-100D fighter aircraft.

Although the 401st Fighter-Bomber Wing was constituted on March 23, 1953, it was not activated until Sept. 25, 1957. Redesignation as the 401st Tactical Fighter Wing came on July 1, 1958, with the history and honors of all previously related units temporarily bestowed.

When the 401st was reassigned to England AFB, (previously Alexandria AFB), it became the sister wing to the 366th Fighter-Bomber Wing under
the 834th Air Division, Tactical Air Command.

From 1957-1966, the 401st participated in various events and demonstrations while stationed at England AFB. In March 1958, four aircrews of the 615th Fighter-Bomber Squadron set an Air Force precedent when they flew their F-100s non-stop from Langley AFB, Va., to Chaumont AB, France. Later in the same month, a flight of the unit's F-100s flew the same route in a record-breaking time of 7 hours, 13 minutes.

For exceptionally meritorious service from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 1963, the wing received an Outstanding Unit Award while "contributing to the success of many joint service exercises, NATO rotations and firepower demonstrations."

In February 1964, the tactical units of the 401st assumed rotational duties at Clark AB, Philippines, and were to hit combat targets from Da Nang and Bien Hoa Air Bases, Republic of Vietnam, Takhli AB, Thailand, and Tainan AB, Taiwan.

On Nov. 19, the wing assumed operational control over the 90th Tactical Fighter Squadron at England AFB. Eight days later, the 612th TFS moved to Misawa AB, Japan. The last major organizational change of the year came when the wing acquired another squadron, the 531st TFS, on Nov. 19, 1964.

The wing eventually settled at its present location, Torrejon AB, Spain, on April 27, 1966. Shortly after its arrival at Torrejon, the wing assumed host unit duties and began rotating forces to other European and Near East locations on special weapons alert duty and in support of NATO, U.S. Air Forces and Spanish Air Defense Command exercises.

In 1970, the wing converted to F-4E Phantom II aircraft and, a year later, experienced another major reorganization when the 353rd and 307th were relocated stateside. But the wing gained the 612th and 614th TFS from duty at Phan Rang AB, Vietnam. With their addition, the wing now had the 612th, 613th and 614th TFS -- identical to the composition of the 401st Fighter-Bomber Group in 1943, except for the loss of the 615th.

During 1973, the wing again changed aircraft, this time to the older F-4C. The wing flew F-4Cs until it switched to the more advanced F-4D in 1978.

While in Spain, the wing has intensely pursued the highest degree of readiness, given the extremely challenging responsibility of being the only operational U.S. Air Force air unit in Europe's southern region.

Throughout its stay at Torrejon, the 401st has participated in regional exercises such as Shabaz, a CENTO exercise held in Iran before the revolution, National Week, a naval exercise conducted near Sigonella, Italy, Datex, a joint French-U.S. training exercise, and other NATO events that included the intensive Display Determination series of deployment exercises held in the Mediterranean area.

Additionally, joint training with the Spanish air force has provided both U.S. and Spanish aircrews with excellent training opportunities and helped to develop the high degree of friendship and cooperation enjoyed today.

The wing converted to the F-16 Fighting Falcon A and B models in 1983. With its conversion in 1987 and 1988 to the Air Forces' most advanced version of the F-16 -- the C and D models -- the wing's versatility has expanded dramatically.

During its 42 years of existence, the 401st Tactical Fighter Wing changed names, aircraft, locations and missions. Yet, throughout its history, one element remained consistent: the people. Never less than totally dedicated, hard-working, and vigilant, the members of the 401st TFW and its predecessors provided the driving force behind the unit's many achievements. They built a proud past and assure and equally proud future.
What we do

While stationed in Texas, the 48th Airlift Unit
crew received various training
demands and eventually became
part of the Strategic Air Command
when recalled to active service on
May 7, 1951. A month later, the

Fighter-Bomber aircraft were
trained in tactics and maneuvers
and participated in various training
missions over the course of the year.

AIRPLANE MAINTENANCE,
Hank Longino
16th Air Force

Sixteenth Air Force, headquartered at Torrejon AB, Spain, is one of three numbered air forces that comprise the U.S. Air Forces in Europe command. This mission of 16th Air Force is to exercise command and control of assigned USAFE resources in the Mediterranean area as an extension of Headquarters USAFE.

Sixteenth Air Force’s subordinate units in Spain include the 401st Tactical Fighter Wing at Torrejon, 7120th Air Base Flight at Moron AB, and the 406th Tactical Fighter Training Wing at Zaragoza AB.

Sixteenth Air Force stands ready as a vital link in USAFE to deter war by receiving and supporting deploying aircraft from the continental United States to the command’s main operating bases and collocated operating bases in the southern region.

401st Tactical Fighter Wing

The 401st Tactical Fighter Wing is the principle operating and host unit of Torrejon AB. The wing is the only tactical air unit in Europe’s southern region. Its mission is to support U.S. Air Forces in Europe by developing and maintaining the ability to follow its war plans and alert orders, by developing tactics and techniques for air superiority, close air support and interdiction operations, and by developing mobility plans to move its people, aircraft and support equipment quickly to forward operating locations in time of war.

The wing’s combat operations are assisted by support units and installations, while the wing is responsible for the security of their forces and installations.
Associated units

Field Training Detachment 926

The Field Training Detachment 926 is the Air Training Command representative permanently assigned to Torrejon AB. They are organized under the 3785th Field Training Wing at Sheppard AFB, Texas.

The detachment's mission is to train 401st TFW personnel on F-16 weapon systems and give area support for the Mediterranean region. They also offer a wide range of associate training courses for all Air Force organizations assigned to Torrejon AB.

An on-the-job training adviser provides training instruction to the base, and also assists commanders in developing and administering effective OJT programs.

With 18 qualified technical instructors, FTD 926 offers more than 50 formal courses, many of which can be credited towards Community College of the Air Force degrees.

1989th Communications Wing

The commander of the 1989th Communications Wing, along with his staff of more than 70 communications functional experts, exercises command and control over three groups, seven squadrons, and 36 detachments and operating locations across Europe's southern region. Together, they provide communications-computer and air traffic services in support of the NATO and U.S. Air Forces in Europe missions throughout Spain, Italy, Greece, and Turkey -- an area larger than the continental United States.

The 1989th CW commander serves as deputy chief of staff for communications and computer systems for 16th Air Force. He also provides staff support in carrying out its responsibility for all Air Force operations throughout the Mediterranean region.

2186th Communications Squadron

The 2186th Communications Squadron plans, programs, budgets, operates and maintains command and control communications, air traffic control and data automation services in support of the 401st Tactical Fighter Wing and other U.S. agencies in Spain.

To accomplish the mission, the squadron has more than 450 military and civilian personnel assigned. It's divided into four primary branches: operations, air traffic services, maintenance, and programs management. Also, two detachments and six operating locations throughout Spain work to assure the communications circle is complete. The squadron's communications systems link the base to the rest of the world via the Defense Communications Agency satellite and radio relay system.

Air Force Office of Special Investigations, District 68

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is responsible for conducting all the major criminal and fraudulent investigations affecting the U.S. Air Force. The district also furnishes counterintelligence support to the Air Force, other U.S. forces, and NATO commanders throughout the Mediterranean and North Africa.

District 68 has 10 subordinate detachments located at installations in Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain. Their support in protecting U.S. people and resources in the Mediterranean region measurably enhances the security of U.S. people and resources in Southern Europe and the Middle East.
625th Military Airlift Support Group

The 625th MASG manages airlift for the Military Airlift Command at eight locations in Southern Europe and the Mediterranean. The primary mission is to support the timely movement of passengers, cargo, mail, and aircraft within the European theater and back to the United States. Facilities and functions at Torrejon AB include an airlift coordination center, aerial port squadron, consolidated aircraft maintenance squadron, and a forward supply location.

The group also has detachments and operating locations in Greece, Italy, Sicily, Crete, and Southern Spain. These subordinate units provide passenger and cargo handling for MAC aircraft and contract missions plus organizational maintenance to enroute aircraft throughout the Mediterranean. In addition, the group performs air transportation training and liaison functions with the U.S. Navy at key Mediterranean ports.
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| good/bad today    | mal tiempo hoy |
| I am going to     | Voy al mercado |
| the market        | Vendre         |
| I will come       | Nosotros(as)   |
| We                | Usted(es), vosotros |
| You               | Bien, de acuerdo |
| All right         | Porque         |
| Because           | Venga!         |
| Come!             | Perdone        |
| Excuse me         | Terminado      |
| Finished           | Vaya!          |
| Go!               | Adios          |
| Goodbye           | Cuanto es?    |
| How much is it?   | Socorro!       |
| Help!             | Aquí           |
| Here              | Como           |
| How               | Mira           |
| Look              | Quizas, puede ser |
| Maybe             | Por favor      |
| Please            | Parada         |
| Thank you         | Gracias        |
| That              | Eso, aquella, que |
| There             | Allí           |
| This              | Esto           |
| Wait a moment     | Espera un segundo |
| What              | Que            |
| What's this?      | Que es esto?   |
| When              | Cuando         |
| Where             | Donde          |
| Which             | Cual           |
| Who               | Quien          |
| Yes               | Sí             |
| I am busy         | Estoy ocupado  |
| Angry             | Enfadado       |
| Bad               | Malo           |
| Best              | Mayor (el)     |
| Better            | Mayor          |
| Cheap             | Barato         |
| Clean             | Limpio         |
| Cold              | Frío           |
| Dirty             | Sucio          |
| Dry               | Seco           |
| Dusty             | Polvoriento    |
| Room              | Escoba         |
| Brush             | Cepillo        |
| Bucket            | Cubo           |
| Fuse              | Fusible        |
| Garbage can       | Cubo de basura |

| Key               | Llave          |
| Soap              | Jabón         |
| Shoe repair       | Zapatero      |
| Dry cleaners      | Limpieza en seco |
| Laundry           | Tintorería, lavandería |
| Tailor            | Sastre        |
| Dressmaker        | Modista       |
| Barber            | Peluquero, barbero |
| Dentist           | Dentista      |
| Doctor            | Doctor, médico |
| Druggist          | Farmacéutico  |
| Electrician       | Electrista    |
| Plumber           | Fontanero     |
| Maid              | Doncella, criada |
| Gardener          | Jardinerio    |
| Policeman         | Policía       |
| Enough            | Bastante      |
| Not enough        | No bastante   |
| Expensive         | Caro          |
| Cheap             | Barato        |
| Few               | Pocos         |
| Fine              | Bien, bueno   |
| Fire              | Fuego         |
| Hot               | Caliente      |
| So-so             | Así Asi       |
| Inside            | Dentro        |
| Outside           | Fuera, afuera |
| Large             | Grande        |
| Many              | Muchos        |
| Messed up         | Revuelto      |
| Much              | Mucho         |
| Very much         | Muchísimo     |
| Most              | La mayoría    |
| Off               | Fuera         |
| On                | Sobre         |
| Sick              | Enfermo       |
| Small             | Pequeño       |
| I'm sorry         | Lo siento     |
| Tired             | Cansado       |
| Up                | Arriba        |
| Wet               | Mojado        |
| Anyone            | Cualquiera    |
| Butcher           | Carnicero     |
| Child             | Nino          |
| Cook              | Cocinero      |
| Friend            | Amigo         |
| He                | El            |
| She               | Ella          |
| I                 | Yo            |
| It                | Ello, lo      |
| Janitor           | Portero, conserje |
| Landlord          | Propietario   |
| My husband        | Mi marido     |
| Person            | Persona       |
| Where is the taxi stop? | Donde está la parada de taxi? |
# Phone reference

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