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As we have set out in our public information for some time, the experience of UK nationals travelling to the EU will be different now the transition period has ended. It is important that all travellers make themselves aware of the latest guidance, both in terms of COVID-restrictions (for example, entry to Spain currently remains limited to Spanish and EU nationals, residents and other exceptions) and in terms of the rules that apply to non-EU nationals entering the Schengen Area (for example, visa-free travel for up to 90 in 180 days, restrictions on bringing meat/milk/plant products into the EU, demonstrating you have sufficient funds for your stay, etc).

As part of the Schengen Border Checks process, non-EU nationals may be asked to demonstrate proof of accommodation for the duration of their stay. We have been in touch with the relevant Spanish authorities for clarification on the 'carta de invitación', which is a domestic Spanish measure which has long been available to those receiving non-EU visitors, and how this will apply to UK travellers. We have now received confirmation that the 'carta de invitación' is **one of the options** available to prove you have accommodation if staying with friends or family and we have today updated our travel advice to this effect (see 'Regular entry requirements').

In case of interest, more information on the 'carta de invitación' is available from the Ministry of Interior, as is more general information on entering Spain as a non-EU national.

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