

Gibraltar – thorn in British-Spanish relations

Spain disputes Britain's sovereignty over Gibraltar, a limestone outcrop near the southern tip of the Iberian peninsula which was ceded to Britain by the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713



Atlantic Ocean



Current row:
Spanish fishermen complain that artificial reef put there by the Gibraltar government restricts their right to fish

Population: 29,752 (2011)

Jobs: 22,250. More than 6,000 people cross border from Spain every day to work in Gibraltar

Unemployment: 3% – compared to 36% in southern Spain

Corporate tax rate: 10%

Tourists: 11 million (2012)

Border checks: Spain says checks are necessary to prevent money laundering and smuggling

Contraband: Spanish Foreign Minister says 725,000 packets of cigarettes were seized at border last year. With no sales tax, pack of 200 cigarettes cost €18.50 in Gibraltar compared to €47 in Spain

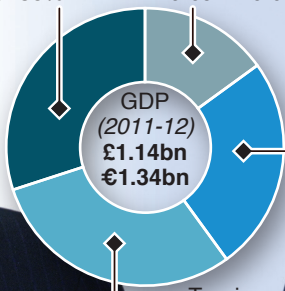
Spanish Foreign Minister
Jose Manuel Garcia-Margallo

Gibraltar's Chief Minister
Fabian Picardo

Economy of Gibraltar

Financial sector 30%

Online gambling, e-commerce 15%



Shipping sector 25%

Tourism 30%

