

in brief

Arriva operates bus services in the north-west region of Galicia and on the Balearic island of Mallorca.

The group has also established a significant position in the growing Madrid transport market.



History

Arriva entered the Spanish bus market in 1999 when it bought two bus companies in Galicia, and has since established positions in Mallorca and Madrid.

In 2008, Arriva more than doubled the number of buses it operates in Spain with a further acquisition in Madrid.

The market

The Spanish **bus market** is mostly concession-based. There are 19 regions, with law-making capabilities. Long concessions have typically been granted, with exclusive rights, ranging from eight to 25 years. The regions set maximum fares and monitor the delivery of concession requirements.

The **rail** market is yet to liberalise and no competitive tendering has yet taken place.

Bus

Galicia

Arriva Noroeste is based in Ferrol and focuses on working with the metropolitan transport authorities to develop our operations in La Coruña and Ferrol.



Our services cover three of the four provinces in Galicia - La Coruña, Lugo and Ourense - and include part of the famous Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage route.

Mallorca

Arriva's operations in Mallorca, Autocares Mallorca and Bus Nord, cover the northern and western parts of the island.

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Our services link the capital Palma with towns such as Soller, Inca and Alcúdia.

Madrid

In 2007, Arriva acquired two small bus companies Esfera and Autocares Fray Escoba, both based in Madrid.

Esfera provides school contracts and private hire bus services, whilst Autocares Fray Escoba operates coaches.



In 2008, Arriva acquired Empresa de Blas y Cia S.L. (De Blas) and its subsidiaries and investments.

With more than 200 buses and 600 employees, De Blas operates 34 inter-urban routes into and around Madrid and has substantial facilities to the south-west of the capital providing significant scope for further expansion.

Arriva in Spain

Arriva's Spanish operations have 460 buses and 850 employees.

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