



National Flower

The Red Carnation is the unofficial National Flower of Spain. The origins of the carnation is unclear, but the red carnation is a very popular flower decorating windows in the characteristically white houses of rural Andalusia (a southern region of Spain). Traditions from this region (flamenco dancing, the culture around bullfighting, etc.) were romantized by artists and writers from France and other European nations, resulting in a stereotypical view of Spain that has survived to present times.

While never officially adopted, the Red Carnation is so ingrained in the visual representations of Spain, that it is now widely accepted as the National Flower.

