



Mediterranean House Styles

Mediterranean house plans became very popular in the states of Arizona, Texas, California and Florida between 1917 and 1950. These Spanish/Mediterranean house plans are widely recognizable by the predominant use of stucco archways, and tiled center courtyards. House plans inspired by the Spanish/Mediterranean influences generally have low pitch tile roofs, with very small, or no overhangs. The roofs can also be low-pitched gable, hip style, or even flat with parapets. Stucco exterior walls and details are common architectural features of all Mediterranean house plans. The garages can be attached, or detached, sometimes combining guest quarters in the form of a small casita. There is a pronounced use of stucco arches that is usually over main entrances, doors, and windows. As for the floor plans, they are generally asymmetrical, with gabled wings in the form of an L, or U-shape configuration. The courtyards are designed centrally to provide communication to the outdoors, from most rooms. Carved doors, pilasters, columns, decorative railings, and carved pattern stonework are also traditional characteristics of Spanish style house plans.

