



A table game marked by a major recent growth in popularity, Spanish 21 can now be found in most land-based and online casinos. It was introduced to Las Vegas casinos about 7 years ago and usually at least 1-2 tables can be found in almost every casino. However, it is still rather new to online casinos, and it is not yet as standard as other games such as [Blackjack](#) and [Roulette](#).

Rules and Procedures

Similar to Blackjack with a few small but important differences, **Spanish 21 is played with a 48 card deck**. The 10s have been removed, however, and the casino has added some little bonuses for players to offset part of the added house advantage.

When playing Spanish 21, the rules are similar to Blackjack; however, the following adjustments apply:

- **Player's 21 always beats dealer's 21.**
- **Player's Blackjack always beats dealer's Blackjack. (Pays out 3:2).**
- **Outside of 21 and Blackjack, all other ties are pushed.**
- **Player can double down on any number of cards, even after splits.**
- **Player is allowed to split pairs, including aces, up to 4 hands.**
- **After receiving the first 2 cards, the player is allowed to surrender, for which they would only lose half their bet. However, surrendering when the dealer has Blackjack is not permitted.**
- **Dealer hits on a soft 17.**
- **The player can perform a double down rescue; where you're able to surrender the original bet, and save the double down bet.**

Special Spanish 21 Bonuses

- 5 card 21 pays 3:2
- 6 card 21 pays 2:1
- 7 card or more 21 pays 3:1
- A 21 consisting of a 6,7, and 8 (mixed suits) pays 3:2
- A 21 consisting of a 6,7, and 8 (matching suits) pays 2:1
A 21 consisting of a 6,7, and 8 (all spades) pays 3:1
- A 21 consisting of three 7's (mixed suits) pays 3:2
- A 21 consisting of three 7's (matching suits) pays 2:1
- A 21 consisting of three 7's (all spades) pays 3:1

There is also a super bonus which exists and pays the player if dealt three 7's and the dealer's face up card is also a 7. It pays \$1000 on bets between \$5 and \$24, and pays \$5,000 for bets of \$25 or more. Not a bad game if you're used to playing to Blackjack, but have a hankering for something just a bit different.