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Spain emerges as Number One destination for Britons wanting property buying advice

Palma.—Spain has emerged as the Number 1 destination for people seeking expert advice about buying a home in the sun.

Two thirds of prospective purchasers who sought advice from Foreign Office property experts at the 'A Place In The Sun'

show at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham last weekend said their preferred destination was Spain.

Foreign Office advisers from Spain and France, including Alicante Consul Paul Rodwell and British Embassy Madrid property expert Bernadette Gallagher,

spoke to a total of 2,209 people who were considering buying a place abroad.

Two-thirds (66%) wanted advice about purchasing in Spain, with a quarter (24%) considering France and the rest (10%) looking at other countries around the globe or undecided.

More than four out of five people said they found the advice very useful and would use it when buying their home. They particularly liked the fact that the advice was impartial and free.

Spain is presently home to almost 800,000 British residents.



Suspect taken to murder scene in Palma: Page 5

UN slams Spain law

● The United Nations called yesterday for Spain to overturn a 1977 amnesty law that pardons crimes committed during the 36-year dictatorship of General Francisco Franco. Hundreds of thousands of people died or disappeared during Spain's civil war and subsequent dictatorship.