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For a minor who resides in Spain without Spanish nationality and wishes to travel abroad without their parents, certain documents and steps are required, especially since neither the Spanish police nor her embassy can provide an official travel authorization.

Below, we outline the typical steps and recommendations to ensure her trip with the school can proceed smoothly:

1. Prepare a Notarized Travel Authorization in Spain

- Although the Spanish police do not issue travel authorizations for foreign minors, you can create a notarized authorization in a Spanish notary office. This authorization can be signed by both parents and specifies that the minor has permission to travel without her parents.
- The notarized authorization is generally accepted by airlines and border authorities as a valid consent document for minor travel. This document can also be presented to the school as official parental consent.

2. Include Additional Documentation

- Passport of the minor (valid).
- Residence card (NIE) of the minor.
- Family book or birth certificate to show the relationship between the minor and the parents (this can help if proof of the familial relationship is required).
- Travel insurance covering the time abroad, especially if the school does not provide it or if additional coverage is required.

3. Authorization Letter in the Destination Language

- It is recommended that the notarized authorization be drafted in Spanish and, if possible, also translated into the language of the destination country (or into English if it's a European destination, as English is generally accepted). The notary may indicate if they offer certified translations, or you can request an official translation if necessary.
- This letter should include details such as the travel dates, destination, and the names of the school staff accompanying the minor, as well as the parents' contact information.

4. Consult with the Airline and the School

- Contact the airline that the school will use to confirm if they have any additional requirements for minors traveling without their parents. Some airlines have specific forms or require authorization in a particular format.
- The school should be informed and prepared to present these documents in case border authorities request them at the airport.

5. Documents for Travel within the Schengen Area

- If the trip is between Schengen Area countries, there should be no border checks between countries (except for occasional controls at certain points), but carrying all documentation is still important for any potential verification by local authorities or in airports.

6. Optional: Verification with Consulates in the Destination Country

- If you still have doubts, you can consult the destination country's consulate in Spain to confirm if they have any additional requirements for foreign minors residing in Spain. Generally, though, a notarized authorization is sufficient in most cases.

Summary

1. Notarized authorization signed by both parents in Spain.
2. Passport, NIE, and additional documentation such as a family book or birth certificate.
3. Consult with the airline and the school to ensure all requirements are met.
4. Authorization translation (optional but recommended, especially if the destination has a different official language).

Following these steps should allow your daughter to travel with her school without major issues.