

World66's guide to Madrid

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Madrid

Madrid is a lively city – nobody is really sure when the Madrileños sleep. It may be the afternoon siesta that gives them the endurance to keep things going well into the night. Try it. It is the best city of Spain.

San Nicolas de los Servitas (plan several hours for this section). Then go shopping at Calle Serrano and the Gran Via. Visit the Victory Arch, the Palacio Real (the royal palace with its own art treasures and crown jewels) and the Plaza de las Cibeles and Puerta del Sol (the last two are major intersections with fountains, monuments and shops). On Sunday, you must visit the Rastro Flea Market, located in La Latina, there you will find the Madrileño's real essence!

Madrid is a museum-goer's paradise. Including the Royal Palace, it has 15 important museums, dozens of galleries and several private collections. See the section on the art walk for more details about the three famous museums in Madrid: the Prado, the Thyssen Bornemisza and the Reina Sofia museum. You might end up spending more than one day just seeing museums. Actually, days could be spent in the halls of the Prado alone.

It's actually quite possible to get tired of all these museums in Madrid; if this happens sit down at a terraza (outdoor cafe) and watch the world go by or visit one of the many beautiful parks and lakes in the city. One of the nicest parks we've seen anywhere is Retiro Park near the Prado. Note the Victorian greenhouse and the Crystal Palace with its small lake and swans lazily swimming about. You can rent a rowboat to get in the relaxed festive mood that suffuses the park. For a panoramic view of Madrid take the elevator to the bar on the 26th floor of the Edificio de Espana which faces the Plaza de Espana.

Madrid is a city that never seems to close down, bars and restaurants are open very late and the city's Santa Ana district never closes down. Dinner doesn't usually begin until after 10 pm and after that revelers head off to their favorite disco show, jazz club or late-night cafe to party until dawn. For a concentrated area of late-night activity head to Huertas Street after midnight and you're sure to find something to match your tastes. Hemingway fans may want to check out the Museo Chicote bar described in many of his Spanish Civil War stories (and a very trendy spot). Those who love traditional performing arts will want to go to the Teatro Real for Spanish light opera known as zarzuela. You can also find good flamenco shows in several nightclubs including Cafe Chinitas.

If you're in Madrid during the second half of May be sure to join Madrileños in celebrating the Feria de San Isidro which has music, operas, concerts, bullfighting, dancing and all-night entertainment. During our last trip, we attended a concert devoted to American bluegrass music held in the Plaza Mayor. And mid August is when the city celebrates the Verbena de la Paloma. Outside of Madrid day trips can be made to [Avila](#), [El Escorial](#), [Guadalajara](#), [Segovia](#) and [Toledo](#).

Madrid – Practical Information

Practical advices Madrid is a safe place. However, as goes for most big cities, Madrid as well has areas that should be avoided late at night. The main problem for tourists are the pickpockets, most of them being active in the city centre near Puerta del Sol and Gran Via. The metro and the trains are guarded by private companies.

It is recommended to have a copy of your documents and tickets with you and to leave your documents in the hotel.

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Tourist Offices

address: Plaza Mayor 3

tel: 91 588 16 36

Madrid – Sights

You might still have the supposition that Barcelona is the place to be when it comes down to impressive cultural sights. Well, you're wrong then. It will take you at least several days to see all landmarks, museums, galleries and parks in Madrid.

When wandering through the old centre, check out Calle and Plaza Mayor (medieval Madrid) which is lined by beautiful buildings and various old (impressively ornamented) churches. Relax at one of the many terraces on the old plazas. The city has several green spots, so there will always be a park or garden where you can relax a bit and watch the world go by. The Retiro Park is worth checking out with its rose gardens and Crystal Palace. The Crystal Palace is only one of the many palaces in Madrid. The Palacio Real, the Palace of the Royal Family, takes the second place on the list of most visited sights in Madrid.

The undeniable number one attraction still is a visit to the three museums centred around Paseo del Prado. First, there is the Prado with its impressive and extensive both Spanish and international collection. Besides that, you can see the work of the famous Spanish masters, such as Picasso, Miro and Dali, in the Centro de Arte Reina Sofia. Last but certainly not least is the equally impressive Thyssen Bornemisza Museum, located in the Villahermosa Palace. These three museums are probably the most popular ones, but only a small section of what Madrid has to offer when it comes down to museums.

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Retiro Park

This is one of the most popular parks in Madrid, located at the centre of Madrid, at the Crystal Palace site. Palacio de Cristales, with its beautiful lakes where you can row boats, white and black swans and its small cafeterias is a popular spot with both locals and tourists. The rose gardens are a feast for the eyes. **Richard Zwart:** I was here in Fall and the color of the trees were great. There are a few small but really nice exposition buildings in the park that are worth a visit (especially if it's pretty cold as it was when I was there).

Centro de Arte Reina Sofia

Permanent exhibition of some of the Spanish masters, such as Dali, Miro and Picasso.

Probably its most famous work is Picasso's 'Guernica', which was not exhibited in Spain until the restoration of democracy – as the painter had wished.

Santa Isabel, 52. Open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday closed.

address: Santo Isabel
52
tel: 91 467 50
62

Plaza Mayor

The Plaza Mayor is located on the old Plaza del Arrabal, the main commercial nucleus of Medieval Madrid. Juan de Herrera, the architect of Felipe II, made the first plans for it. Plaza Mayor was finally constructed by Juan Gomez de Mora. Originally it was the site of all public ceremonies: public executions, the burning of heretics condemned by the inquisition, bullfights, etc. The symmetry is the work of Villanueva, carried out in 1961.

The Corridor Houses

These houses are the most characteristic examples of accommodation of Madrilenian workers in the 18th century. Meson de Paredes 79 and La Corrala at 12 Tribulete Str. are the most famous and the latter has been declared a National Monument. The buildings are set around a central patio, each containing one toilet per floor, one kitchen and two bedrooms.

Puerta de Alcala

Built by Francisco Sabatini in 1769, it is one of the most significant monuments in Madrid. This gate was the old entrance to the city by the Aragon road. Carlos III ordered it to be build in order to give Madrid a grandiose entrance in the form of triumphal arc. It has five arches and twelve columns to resemble to the Roman Capitol.

Plaza Santa Ana

Cool area close to the Puerta del Sol. Many bars and restaurants in the neighborhood. Also a few cheap hotels.

Palacio Real

The main visit during you stay in Madrid, except for the Prado Museum, will probably be a visit to the Palacio Real. Open all days except on Mondays and on days when the royal Royal family visits the palace. You can see the impact of three centuries of Royal family and pay a visit to the very surprising Royal Pharmacy and Royal Armory for example. This is one of the greatest collections in the world.

address: Plaza de Oriente
tel: 91 248 74 04

Palacio de Cristal

address: Paseo Duque de Fernan Nunez
tel: 91 574 66 14

El Escorial

Close to Madrid is El Escorial, the palace of Philips II. It can be seen on a day trip that is absolutely worth your while.

Palacia de Velazquez

address: Paseo Duque de Fernan Nunez

tel: 91 573 62 45

Palacio de Liria

address: Princesa 22

tel: 91 54 75 302

Botanic Garden

Located nearby the Prado Museum, this is one of the oldest European Botanic gardens. Especially during spring, its a must to spend some time here when the plants from almost every climatic zone flower.

address: Plaza de Murillo 2

Royal Gardens of Campo del Moro

The royal gardens of the Campo del Moro in front of the Royal Palace are just beautiful. The name comes from the Moslem period, when Ali Ben Yusuf created in this place his camp back in the 12th century.

Parque de Juan Carlos I

Of special interest are also the gardens of Juan–Carlos because of their modern art.

Park de Berlin

This park is decorated with various sculptures made by stones from the former Berlin wall.

Park El Capricho

addresses: Avenida de la Alameda de Osuna

Gardens of Sabatini

tel: 91 588 87 90

address: Bailen s/n

Park de Atracciones

address: Nearby Casa del Campo

San Gines Church

address: Arenal 13

tel: 91 366 48 75

Catedral de La Almunda

address: Bailen

tel: 91 542 22 00

Basilica de San Francisco el Grande

address: Plaza de San Francisco

tel: 91 365 38 00

Mezquita Mosque

address: Salvador de
Madariaga 4
tel: 91 326 26 10

Basilica de San Miguel

address: San Justo
4
tel: 91 548
4011

San Placido Church

address: San Roque 9
tel: 91 531 79 99

San Andres Church

address: Plaza de San Andres 1
tel: 91 365 48 71

The Prado Museum

The Museum houses the most important schools of painting from the 12th to the 19th century. The Spanish painting from 19th century can be seen at Cason del Buen Retiro. Open form 9.00 to 19.00, Sundays: 9–14. Mondays closed. <http://museoprado.mcu.es> (Paseo del Prado, Metro Banco de Espana)

Richard Zwart: One of the best museums with an incredible collection of paintings by Goya.

address: Paseo del Prado
tel: 91 420 36 63

Museo Thyssen–Bornemisza

The Museum houses the largest and best collection of pictures collected by Baron Hans Thyssen–Bornemisza from 13th century to the present days. Open from Tuesday to Sunday:10–19h. Mondays closed. <http://www.museothyssen.org/indexi.htm>

Richard Zwart: Don't think that the Prado is the only art museum in Madrid. The Thyssen is just as great, I think. They have a really great collection of paintings from the Middle Ages.

address: Paseo de Pradhó 8, Villahermosa Palace
tel: 91 420 39 44

Reina Sofia National Museum

The Museum houses the most important collections of the 20th century Spanish and foreign art. Open 10–21, Sundays: 9–14.30, Tuesday closed.

Museum of Natural Sciences

Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays and Holidays 10 a.m. to 2.30 p.m., Mondays closed.

address: Paseo de la Castellán 84

Wax Museum

In front of the final bus station of the bus coming from the Airport (Plaza Colón) you will see the *Museo de Cera (the wax museum)* <http://www.museoceramadrid.es> with its more than 400 important persons and its terror hall.

America's Museum

One of my favorite museums is the *America's Museum (Museo de America)*, (Reyes Católicos 6), in the area of Moncloa (the student area) and close to the 90th meters tower, from where you can see almost all the city. This Museum is dedicated to the pre-Columbian history. You can find Indian letters written with a rope or the Inca's gold collection.

Naval Museum

address: Paseo del Prado 5

Archaeological Museum

Famous with its historical and prehistoric collections.

address: Serrano 13,

Museum of Ethnology

The Museum of Ethnology houses the history of all the nations in the world.

address: Alfonso XII 68

The Prado Museum

One of the best museums in Spain, if not in the world. The Prado houses an impressive Spanish and International art collection. Paseo del Prado. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mondays closed.
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address: Paseo del Prado

tel: 91 420 36 63

Railway Museum

address: Paseo de las Delicias 61

The Watch Museum

address: Gran Vía 1

The Museum of Madrid

address: Príncipe de Vergara 140

The Debod Temple

Paseo de Rosales is an Egyptian shrine from the IV century B.C. It was a present from the Egyptian authorities to express their gratitude for the help of the Spanish engineers and archaeologist to rescue the millennial Egyptian monuments from the rising waters of the Asswan dam.

Thyssen Bornemisza Museum

Marvellous museum with an extensive collection of over 700 Spanish and international paintings. Paseo del Prado, 8. Open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mondays closed.

address: Paseo de Pradho 8, Villahermosa Palace

tel: 91 420 39 44

Madrid – Getting Around

When you land in Madrid, you've got 2 choices: you can take the bus to the city centre (2.50) or you can take the metro. The bus is very quick and you'll arrive to *Plaza de Colón* in 20 min. The fastest way to travel into town is by Metro, which is one of the oldest in Europe with about 175 km. length and it's very clean and safe. It opens from 6.00 a.m. till 1.30 a.m. It can be taken from the Airport to go to any point of interest.

You can also travel by bus, there's service at any hour. After midnight, the night buses called *Buhos* start leaving from *Plaza de Cibeles* in all directions.

Bus and metro tickets are the same. The cheapest and easiest way to move around is buying a *Metrobus* card with 10 tickets. It costs 5.20 and it can be used by more than 1 person. A single ticket costs 1.10.

You can also travel by the local trains *Cercanias* (check out <http://www.renfe.es/empresa/cercanias/index.html>) which has 4 main stations in town: Chamartin, Nuevos Ministerios, Recoletos and Atocha. These trains are very useful to travel to the near historical cities and villages like El Escorial, Toledo, or to the mountains around Madrid (Sierra de Guadarrama) with directions to Cercedilla, Navacerrada, Cotos (the ski-centers), etc. The ticket from the center of Madrid to El Escorial is about 3.20 one way, it is about 6.40 one way to Toledo and it is about 3.20 to the mountain. There exist also a 10 travels card, which are about 30% cheaper. All these tickets are valid for more than one person.

Madrid – Nightlife and Entertainment

Especially around Puerta del Sol, you'll find a high concentration of everything relating to food, drinking, entertainment and staying away from your hotels as long as possible. The nightlife is bustling and dazzling and there are plenty of options to spend the evening and night. Sit at a nice terrace over some exquisite tapas and wine. Go to one of the bars that have local live music performances or dance the night away in one of the groovy clubs. Don't go without visiting Huertas, Latina, Alonso Martínez, Chueca, Tribunal, Bilbao, Malasaña...

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marta

Whatever style of music youre looking for, it is played at this spot.

address: Jardines 3
tel: 91 532 64 90

Bash

The latest music in an old venue.

address: Pza. Callao 4
tel: 91 531 01 32

Arena

Disco with trendy music and two dance floors. There are two session at this disco, the first for the very young, the second for the young. There are queues outside for both sessions, and we've never spotted anyone over 25 in any of the, Open: Friday and Saturday, first session: 19.00 23.00 / Second session: 24.00 – late. Nearest Metro station is Plaza de España.

address: Princesa 1
tel: 91 562 00 02

Pachá

One of the trendiest places in Madrid. Admission: 2000 ptas, Drinks: 1800 ptas. Beer & pop: 800 ptas Open: 24.30 – 6.00h

address: Barceló 11
tel: 91 447 01 28

Fortuny

address: Fortuny 34
tel: 91 319 05 88

Monet

address: Padre Damián 23
tel: 91 448 19 19

Gabana 1800

address: Velázquez 6
tel: 91 576 06 86

Rastatoo

address: Lagasca 120
tel: 91 355 24 52

Joy Madrid

address: Arenal 11
tel: 91 366 37 33

Kapital

monique: This was the best club I have ever been too. There were 7 floors, each with different types of music. It was a beautiful club. I had such a great time dancing there.

address: Atocha 125
tel: 91 420 29 06

Palacio de Gaviria

address: Arenal 9
tel: 91 526 60 69

Soul Kitchen

The martinis will give you fuzz on your kiwis even if you are female!

address: Mesonero Romanos 13
tel: 91 532 15 24
email: I am the Overlord!

Velada

address: Atocha 107
tel: 91 429 21 27

Week End

Located in reach of the Metro station Sol you can check out this popular Gay disco with the latest music.

address: Pza. Callao 4
tel: 91 531 01 32

Las Bravas

address: Alvarez Gato 3
tel: 91 532 26 20

Jose Luis

address: Serrano 89
tel: 91 563 09 58

Cervecería Carlos

address: San Francisco de Sales 9
tel: 91 543 28 70

Fass

address: Rodríguez Marín 84

tel: 91 563 60 83

Mesón de la Cerveza

address: Cuchilleros 2

tel: 91 366 46 27

La Cruz Blanca

address: Goya, 70 (esq. Alcalá)

tel: 91 575 00 52

Santa Bárbara

address: Pza. Santa Bárbara 8

tel: 91 319 04 49

The Clan

address: Bárbara de Braganza 8

tel: 91 310 48 21

The Quiet Man

address: Valverde, 44

tel: 91 523 46 89

Casa Revuelta

address: Latoneros 3

tel: 91 366 33 32

La Taberna de los cien vinos

address: Nuncio 17

tel: 91 365 47 04

Taberna del Alabardero

address: Filipe V

tel: 91 547 25
77

Casa Labra

address: Tetuan 12

tel: 91 532 14
05

Madrid – History

The origins of the city dates back to the Paleolithic. Around 1000 B.C, Madrid was inhabited by Iberian tribes, mingling later with Celts. In 218 B.C the Roman colonization began and the region of Madrid became a focal point of numerous Roman roads. After the decline of the Empire, in the fifth century Madrid became a Visigothic seat with capital in Toledo.

In X–th century, the Arabs invaded Madrid. Since then, during the years of the Christian re–conquest Madrid changed hands on various occasions until it was finally liberated by King Alfonso VI in 1080.

During the XV–th century, the city became the usual residence of the Royal family. In the XVI–th century, Madrid had about 17.000 inhabitants and it was then, that the King Felipe II moved the Royal Court and transformed Madrid into capital. During this period Madrid suffered a great architectural and cultural expansion, known as the Golden Age with writers as Cervantes, Lope de Vega, etc. In the XVII–th century Madrid became the most important city in Spain with the constructions of museums, gardens, etc. In the XIX–th century, the first uprising against Napoleon took place in the city and it was the origin of the War of Independence. In the twentieth century, excluding the years of the Civil War (1936–1939), Madrid became a large cosmopolitan city, having been named the European Cultural Capital in 1992.

Madrid – Eating Out

Restaurants

Madrid is also better known as the capital of restaurants. You'll find them on every street corner, whether specialised in the typical Spanish cuisine or in one of the many others. Most restaurants are pleasant places with an excellent kitchen where you can already have a menu for about 8.– to 12.–. The most typical Spanish plates follow the Mediterranean diet, including seafood, olive, and a lot of fruits and legumes.

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RAJA–MAHAL

Indian–Pakistani Food; very authentic and cheap, delicious food

Hi, I went there last summer, I just found it walking around and the food was quite good and cheap and the owners were very nice as well. Elena from Madrid(ayalguita@yahoo.es)

PriceOfMenu: fixed menu: 9 euros

address: c/ Ave María 15

tel: 91 527 44 83

priceofmenu: fixed menu: 9 euros

Bermeo

address: Víctor Andrés Balaúnde 22

tel: 91 457 97 56

Bajamar

address: Gran Vía 78

tel: 91 548 48 18

El Pescador

address: José Ortega y Gasset 75

tel: 91 402 12 90

La Ola del Cantábrico

Besides grilled fish, you can also eat perfectly grilled meat dishes

address: Don Ramón de la Cruz 72

tel: 91 616 49 47 00

O'Pazo

address: Reina Mercedes 20

tel: 91 553 23 33

Los Remos

address: Ctra. Coruña

tel: 91 307 72 30

El Torito

address: Alcalde Sáinz de Baranda 80

tel: 91 573 48 14

Albur

Tel: 91 594 27 33

address: Manuela Malasaña, 15

La Escondida

Puerta Cerrada 6 Tel. 91 365 91 9 The tasty tapas are accompanied occasionally by live music

Cervecería Gambrinus

address: Fuencarral 74

tel: 91 531 56 77

Cervecería Alemana

address: Plaza de Santa Ana 6

tel: 91 429 70 33

Taberna El Limón

address: Limón 22
tel: 91 548 08 41

Casa Manolo

Metro: Sevilla

address: Jovellanos,
7

La Castela

address: Doctor Castelo 22
tel: 91 573 55 90

Llama

address: Reina Victoria, 37
tel: 91 553 53 23

La Maquina

The most delicious Fabada in the world, excellent sea food. Traditional Asturian food.

address: Sor Angela de la Cruz 22
openinghours: 13,00 a 16,00 and from 21,00 a 24
tel: 91572 33 18

Botin

This restaurant is located in an old house, built in 1725, and is famous for its barbecue and Castellana plates.

address: Str. Cuchilleros 17
tel: 91 366 42 17

Casa Lucio

One of the most representative restaurants in Madrid. Traditional both in dishes and ambiance.

address: Cava Baja 35
tel: 91 365 32 52

La Bola

La Bola is famous for its typical stew (cocido) and its acceptable prices.

address: Bola 5
tel: 91 547 69 30

Las Cuatro Estaciones

address: General Ibanez Ibero 5

tel: 91 553 63 05

Los Arrieros,

address: c/San Nicolás 9

tel: 91 548 14 27

Las Cuevas de Luis Candelas

address: c/ Cuchilleros 1

tel: 91 366 54 28

Casa Matute

*D:La Taberna de Buenaventura

address: c/ Hermosilla, 69

tel: 91 575 83 65

Restaurante Maestro Villa

Restaurante vinoteca Maestro Villa, es un restaurante con encanto en el centro del Madrid de los Austrias, al exquisito restaurante le acompaña una surtida vinoteca con todas las denominaciones de origen españolas y, por supuesto, en un ambiente recogido y entrañable. Perfecto para reuniones de empresa, catas de vino, eventos especiales, reuniones familiares y cenas con mucho encanto. Su cocina es especialidad vasco-riojana con una amplia carta y una surtida variedad de tapas y cazuelitas exquisitas.

<http://www.restaurantemaestrovilla.com>

the finest and most authentic spanish cuisine – warehouse restaurant – spain gastronomy – rioja, ribera de duero, priorat, all the spanish wines

http://www.restaurantemaestrovilla.com/english/wine_tourism_spain.htm

address: C/ Cava de San Miguel, N° 8

tel: +0034 913642036

email: info@restaurantemaestrovilla.com

zipcode: 28005 MADRID

url: www.restaurantemaestrovilla.com

Artemisa

Justin : Good vegetarian option close to the Puerta del Sol.

address: Ventura de la Vega, 4

tel: 91 429 50 92

El Estragón

address: Plaza Paja, 10

tel: 91 365 89 82

La Galleta

address: Bárbara de Braganza, 10

tel: 91 319 31 48

Isla del Tesoro

address: Manuela Malasaña, 3

tel: 91 593 14 40

El Restaurante Vegetariano

address: Marqués de Santa Ana, 34

tel: 91 532 09 27

Al Natural

address: Zorrilla, 11

tel: 91 369 47 09

Vitamina

address: Chinchilla, 9

tel: 91 531 43 64

La Biotika

Check out the excellent and very tasty veggie burgers. *Justin* : Quite a nice one as well – I had some trouble finding the small street, which is just off Plaza St Ana, but keeping searching because it is worth your while.

address: Amor de Dios, 3

tel: 91 429 07 80

La Mazorca

address: Paseo de Santa Isabel, 21

tel: 91 501 70 13

Ecocentro

The Ecocentre does not only house a restaurant, but also a shop where you can buy food and original green presents.

address: Esquilache,
4

tel: 91 553 55
02

Chez Pomme

address: Pelayo, 4
tel: 91 532 16 46

Chinnesse

*D:China King *D:China Fénix

address: Vícto Andrés Belaúnde 10
tel: 91 345 93 10

China Crown

address: Infanta Mercedes 62
tel: 91 562 14 64

Arirag

address: Avenida de Nazaret 10
tel: 91 409 70 83

Da Nicola

address: Orense 4
tel: 91 555 77 53

Teatriz

address: Hermosilla 15
tel: 91 577 53 79

O'Mamma mía

address: Serrano 91
tel: 91 564 16 67

Pinocchio

address: Gaztambide
3
tel: 91 543 06 49

El Viejo Almacén de Buenos Aires

address: Villamil
277
tel: 91 316 13
17

El Gaucho

address: Tetuán 34
tel:

91 522 47
93

A Brasileira

address: Pelayo 49
tel: 91 308 36 25

Asador Río Platense

Alonso Castrillo 16

tel: 91 570 08 06

El Inca

address: Gravina 23
tel: 91 532 77 48

La Pampa de Lavapiés

address: Amparo 61
tel: 91 528 04 49

A Brasileira

address: c/Pelayo 49
tel: 91 308 36 257

Arepas con Todo

address: Hartzzenbusch 19
tel: 91 448 75 45

La Vaquita Argentina

address: Caños del Peral 2
tel: 91 541 33 18

El Chivito de Oro

address: Pl. Chamberí 2
tel: 91 448 78 93

La Barbacoa del Granuja

address: c/Pensamiento 25 a
tel: 91 571 52 22

La Vaca Argentina

Paseo Pintor Rosales 52

tel: 91 559 66 05

Chez Margot

address: c/Vergara 3

tel: 91 548 18 05

Edelweiss

tel=91 532 33 83

address: c/ Jovellanos 7

Maes Flandes

address: Capitán Haya 23

tel: 91 556 47 54

Fass

address: Rodriguez Marin 84

tel: 91 563 60 83

La Crêperie

address: Paseo Pintor rosales 28

tel: 91548 23 58

L'Entrecot

address: Claudio Coello 70

tel: 91 435 35 17

Le Bistrot

address: Joorge Juan, 8

tel: 91 431 85 88

Hartzenbusch

address: Hartzenbusch 8

tel: 91 445 16 67

Iñaki y Rosa,

address: c/Cava Baja
42

tel: 91 365 52
12

El Txoko

Excellent wide choice in outstanding Basque Tapas.

address: Jovellanos 3

tel: 91 532 34 43

Madrid – Accommodation

There are only a few youth hostels in Madrid. If you want to have a reasonably cheap place to spend the night, check out the hostels run by host families and often located quite centrally. In all cases, it is better to visit the hostel in advance. Prices are round and about 20.– for a single room and 32.– for a double one. If you have some more money to spend, check out the mid range and first class accommodation section.

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Youth hostels

address: Gran Vía 10

tel: 91 580 42 16

Tive

address: Fernando el Católico 88

tel: 91 543 02 08

Hostel Helo

address: Hortaleza 17

tel: 91 532 70 33

Chueca

address: Barbieri 3

tel: 91 522 14 17

Gran Vía

address: Valverde 9

tel: 91 522 26 14

Madrazo

address: Los Madrazo 7

tel: 91 429 45 75

Bao

address: Espada 6

tel: 91 369 18 96

Canal

address: Huertas 4

tel: 91 429 18 59

Monforte

address: Lagasca 49

tel: 91 575 51 86

Castilla

address: Santa Teresa 9

tel: 91 310 21 76/66

Hotel Paris

address: Alcala 2

tel: 91-521-64-96

N.H. Lagasca

address: Lagasca 64

tel: 91-575-46-06

Hotel Geen el Prado

address: Prado 11

tel: 91-369-02-34

Hotel Opera

address: Cuesta de Santo Domingo 2

tel: 91-541-28-00

Santo Mauro

address: Zurbano 36

tel: 91 319 69 00

Atlántico

address: Gran Vía 38

tel: 91 522 64 80

Rafael Pirámides

address: Paseo de las Acacias 40

tel: 91 517 18 28

Villa Real

address: Plaza de Las Cortes 10

tel: 91 420 37 67

Opera

address: Cuesta de Santo Domingo 2

tel: 91 541 28 00

Hotel Palace

address: Plaza de las Cortes 7

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Gran Hotel Reina Victoria

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San Saturio

address: Fernando VI 23 4

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We enjoyed the hotel Regina (versus a Barcelona one, we didn't)

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Madrid – Day Trips

One of the beauties of Madrid are its mountain resorts, only about 55 km away from the city. This is the lovely place for the madrileños, where they are going during the weekend or for a day and relax from the stress and the noise of the big town. In the mountains, you will see the charm of the pine's forests, of the high–mountains lakes, of the beautiful paths or of the cows grazing quietly without wondering about their crazy cousins. If you want to spend only one day in the mountain, recommended routes will be the

Camino Schmidt from *Puerto de Navacerrada* to *Puerto de la Fuenfria*; from *Cercedilla* to *Puerto de la Fuenfria* , from *Cotos* to the big lake of *Peñalara* or to the lake *Laguna de los Pajaros*. In winter, the last route is not recommended, because there is a lot of ice.

You can take profit of a good lunch in one of the cheap restaurants in Puerto de Navacerrada, Cotos or Cercedilla. In those places there are also hotels and mountain's refuges, where you can sleep for about 3.000 Pts a night. The mountain area is, generally speaking, quite safe. Except for some wild boars, you wont see a lot of other wild animals.

A mandatory day trip starts visiting *EL Escorial*, a pretty village wich has the official mausoleum of the Royal Family into the Palace of *San Lorenzo*. You should visit as well the garden's palace: *La Casita del Principe*. Near El Escorial is the majestic *Valle de Los Caidos*, a monument to the victims of the Spanish Civil War and the spectacular grave of the former spanish dictator Francisco Franco.

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Puerto de Navacerrada

The ski-centre

Cercedilla

Go to the small and beautiful village by taking the Cercanias from one of the stations in Madrid like

La Pedriza

This is a wonderful spot where you can enjoy original grantie sculptures. The way to reach this part of the mountain is by renting a car of taking the bus No 724 (every 30 min.) from the bus station in Plaza de Castilla. If you take the bus, you must get out in Manzanares el Real, a beautiful village with a famous castle, and then you must follow up the Manzanares river for about 3–4 km. You can also have a lunch and sleep in Giner de los Rios or in the nice and small village of Manzanares el Real.

Cotos

There's an oldy train wich leaves from *Cercedilla* (Cercanias, Line L9) and takes you up to this winter station. Try to pick it up in a snow-covered day, you won't forget it!

Aranjuez

Aranjuez, this majestic village and Royal Site in the south of Madrid has one of the most beautiful palaces of Spain: *El Palacio de Aranjuez*, sorrouned by its numerous gardens like *El Jardin del Principe* and *El Jardin del Palterre*. It's a must!

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Madrid – Things to do

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Golf

If you want to play golf, the addresses for contact are El Olivar de la Hinojosa, Campo de las Naciones, tel. 91–721–18–89 and Villamadrid, Moncloa 2, tel. 91–550–20–10.

Flamenco en Vivo

Finally, I could recommend a spontaneous Flamenco en Vivo from Monday to Saturday from ten oclock in the evening until the early morning.

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