Visit, taste, enjoy...

# Madrid





You can find the three museums that belong to the Paseo del Arte in the heart of the city within a 15-minute walk:

• <u>Museo Reina Sofía</u>: This museum is home to a large collection of modern and contemporary Spanish art renowned throughout the

world: Dalí, Miró, Picasso.

Closed on Tuesdays



• <u>Museo del Prado</u>: The Prado's walls are lined with masterpieces from the Spanish, Italian and Flemish schools: Velázquez, Goya, Tintoretto, Rubens.

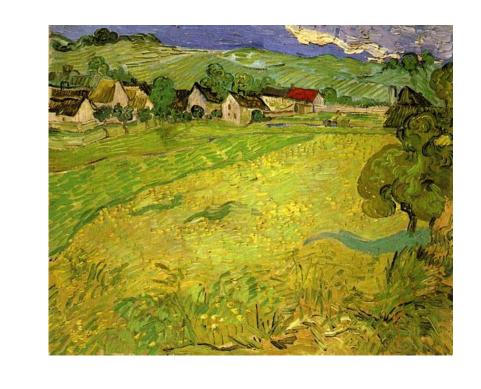


• <u>Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza</u>: This wonderful museum holds a vast collection that traces the history of European painting from the Middle Ages right through to the late 20th century.

Closed on Mondays after 16:00



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### Parks





Have a look at the most important fountains in the city

Almost every neighbourhood in the city has its own park, square or community garden in which to go for a walk or do a bit of exercise.

• <u>Parque del Retiro</u>: El Retiro Park-recently named a UNESCO World Heritage Site-is a green oasis in the heart of the city. In it you'll find all kinds of interesting monuments and gardens.



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• <u>Sabatini Gardens</u>: These Classical-style gardens are located in front of the north façade of the Royal Palace.





Ópera (L2, L5, R) Plaza de España (L2, L3, L10) Príncipe Pío (L6, L10, R)

• Quinta de los Molinos: Right next to Suanzes metro station, near the hotel, this park is home to all kinds of trees, such as olive, pine and eucalyptus, although it is mainly known for its wonderful almond trees.

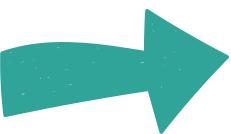


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### Restaurants







- <u>Casa Ciriaco</u> (Calle Mayor, 84): All kinds of illustrious and famous people have passed through its dining room, from the writer Valle Inclán or the cartoonist Antonio Mingote (who designed the house's seal) to the Spanish royal family.
- <u>Casa Alberto</u> (Calle de las Huertas, 18): Located in the Barrio de las Letras, this tavern was founded in 1827 on the site of the building where Miguel de Cervantes lived and wrote his two masterpieces: the second part of "El Quijote" and "Los trabajos de Persiles y Segismunda".
- <u>Berlanga</u> (Avenida Menéndez Pelayo, 41): José Luis García Berlanga, son of the great film-maker, serves Mediterranean recipes, rice and traditional dishes in his restaurant in front of El Retiro.
- <u>La Paella Real</u> (Calle Arrieta, 2): In Calle Arrieta, close to such emblematic places as the Palacio Real, the traditional paella from Valencia can be savoured, as well as the seafood paella.
- <u>Yerbabuena</u> (Calle de Bordadores, 3): Vegetarian, healthy, imaginative, colourful and respectful cuisine, close to the Plaza Mayor.
- <u>Mercado de San Miguel</u> (Plaza de San Miguel): The vibrant Mercado de San Miguel is a popular spot for food in Madrid, offering fresh produce, local delicacies, and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Alongside stalls selling tapas, you will find wine kiosks, sherries paired with tapas, and more.







## Tapas bars

Find out what tapas are



- <u>Casa Labra</u> (Calle de Tetuán, 12): Just off Puerta del Sol, Casa Labra has been a witness to the history of Madrid since 1860. Classics here include soldaditos de pavía (battered cod pieces) and croquettes.
- <u>La Casa del Abuelo</u> (Calle de la Victoria, 12): At La Casa del Abuelo they've been serving shrimp and prawn since 1906. Andy Warhol has sat at their bar.
- <u>El Anciano Rey de los Vinos</u> (Calle de Bailén, 19): Standing next to the Royal Palace and La Almudena Cathedral since 1886, this bar serves its vermouth with olives from Camporreal, paella, chicken fingers with Cabrales cheese or Olivier salad.
- <u>Bodegas Ricla</u> (Calle de Cuchilleros, 6): Established in 1867, this bar next to Plaza Mayor offers delicious preserved or pickled foods and tripe with its vermouth or wine.
- <u>La Venencia</u> (Calle de Echegaray, 7): A classic in Barrio de las Letras (Literary Quarter) since 1922, La Venancia pours outstanding sherries with fine olives, cheese, roe or cured, dried tuna.
- <u>Taberna de la Dolores</u> (Plaza de Jesús, 4): To many, this bar offers the best draft beer in Madrid with a banderilla or gilda a mini skewer of pickled foods: olive, spring onion, anchovy and chilli pepper.









# Madrid specialities



#### Bocata de calamares

Although Madrid is over 300 kilometres from the sea, battered calamari is a staple on the menu of any bar worth its salt. The popular version served in a baguette is the capital's typical fast-food dish, specially in the surroudings of Plaza Mayor.

#### Chocolate con churros

Churros are cylindrical doughnuts made of deep-fried flour, are typically eaten dipped in hot chocolate. You'll find them at street stalls and cafés, and they also make a great late afternoon snack.

Try them at San Ginés (Pasadizo de San Ginés, 5).





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Find the recipe here



#### Cocido

Cocido, a culinary symbol of Madrid, is a complete meal in itself. It's a two-for-one: the first course is a noodle soup and the second is stewed meat, bacon, chickpeas and other ingredients that vary depending on individual preference, such as carrots, turnips, cabbage, potatoes, morcilla (blood sausage) and chorizo sausage. You can't leave Madrid without trying it!

#### Callos a la madrileña

In Madrid, callos (tripe) are stewed in tomato and paprika along with chorizo. Today many foodies consider it a true delicacy.





## Nightlife

A great day out in Madrid deserves a great night. No matter whether you prefer discos or bars, you can't miss a new opening or you prefer to enjoy classic places, you will find the right place for you when it comes to going out in Madrid.



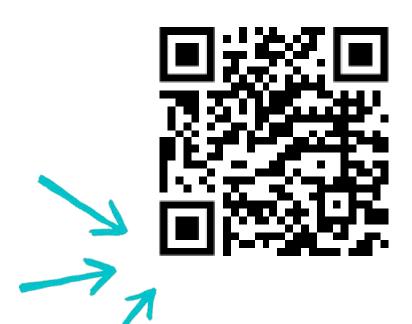


Would you like a cocktail? Here are some spots









Fancy some flamenco? Read this

### Viewpoints

There are viewpoints in strategic places, inside historic buildings or in representative areas, from which it is possible to contemplate the urban framework, the roofs of the old quarter, the open horizon, with the backdrop of the Guadarrama Sierra, or simply, the sky that has so often been painted by the great maestros of the universal art.

#### Mirador de la Cornisa observation deck

Between the Royal Palace and La Almudena Cathedral, this observation deck offers wonderful vistas of the Casa de Campo and Campo del Moro parks.





#### Círculo de Bellas Artes

Where Calle de Alcalá and Gran Vía meet, here stands this monumental building offering one of the finest views of Madrid.





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#### Temple of Debod

A second-century Egyptian temple donated to Spain during the construction of the great Aswan Dam.





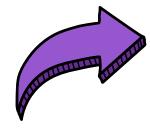
### Venue



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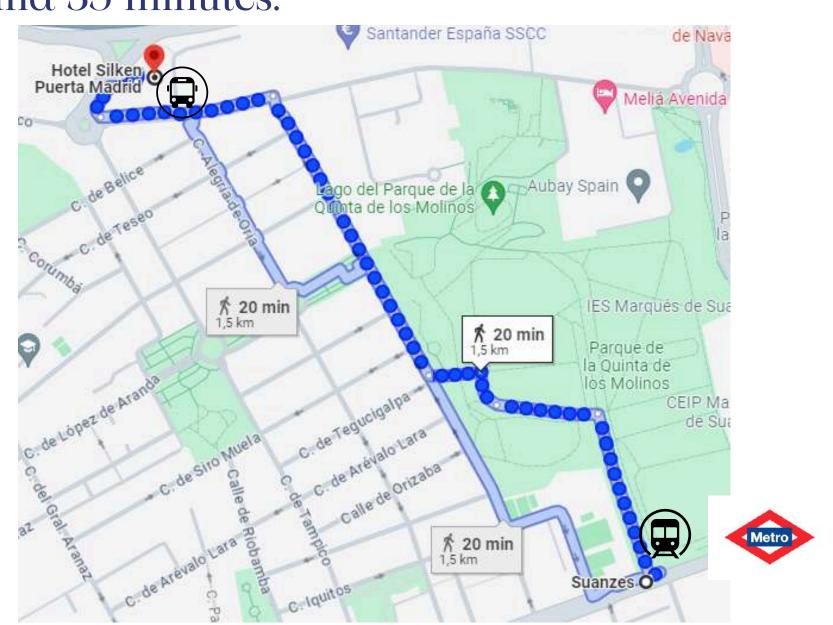
You can get to the hotel from the airport in just 10 minutes by taxi.



The closest Metro stop to the hotel is Suanzes, on line 5. From there you can get to the city centre (Gran Via, Callao, Ópera) in about 30 minutes.



You can also take the 101 or 200 buses from the airport and then change in Canillejas to the 114 bus, which stops right behind the hotel. The trip will take around 35 minutes.





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