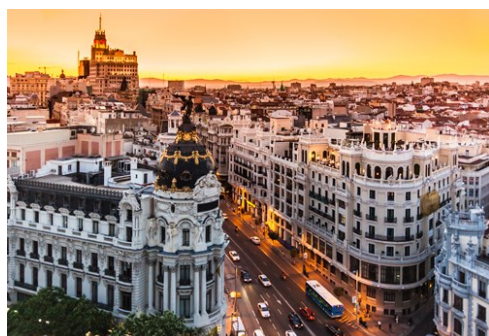




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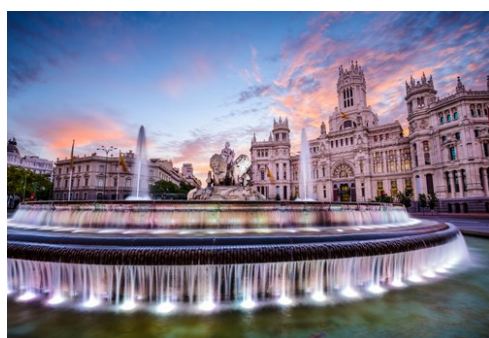


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It is possible that the city that never sleeps has calmed down a little in recent years, but even if the bars close a bit earlier these days, you can still count on finding a party atmosphere at all times of the day and in all situations. And then, once you have had enough of socializing, you can take a few days out and enjoy the best kilometre of art to be found in Europe.



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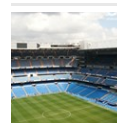
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THE CITY



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Madrid is not as large as it might seem—especially the central districts. Right in the middle of the city lies the Puerta del Sol, a traffic nexus that is the point from which all distances are measured. Also, the house numbering on every street starts at the end nearest the Sol. West and south of the Sol, are the oldest areas of the city, Los Austrias, which contain the royal palace (Palacio Real) and the historic and well-trodden square, Plaza Mayor.

The triangular area to the east and south of the Sol—with the Plaza de Cibeles, Atocha Station and the Sol at its corners—is one of the liveliest districts in Madrid, containing countless bars and restaurants. This is also where the three big museums stand in a row, and beyond them, the largest park in central Madrid, Parque del Buen Retiro.

Directly south of the Sol is Lavapiés: formerly a working class area, but now the most ethnically interesting part of the city thanks to a significant influx of immigrants from Africa and Asia.

North of the Puerta del Sol and the parade avenue of Gran Vía are the Malasaña and Chueca districts. The former is an old residential area that has been cleaned up in the last twenty years, whilst remaining one of the city's most

relaxed bar districts. The latter has also undergone a rebirth: today it is Madrid's hippest quarter, a centre for a culture of clubbing, restaurants and clothing shops. Originally a gay district, it is now best described as broad-minded.

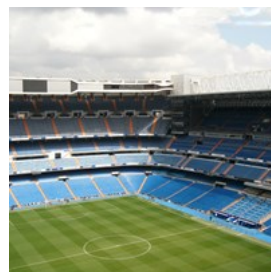
DO & SEE



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Madrid is a wonderful city that inspires casual strolls around green areas and frantic nights of adventure. People fill the streets at every hour of the day and there are impressive buildings, lush parks and picturesque streets in abundance. Culture is ever-present here, and you don't have to be a history buff to appreciate the architecture and constant reminders of a long and rich history.

Real Madrid



Real Madrid is a professional football club based at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid. Real Madrid is considered one of the best football clubs in the world, and they have won an impressive number of titles, both in Spain and abroad.

Santiago Bernabeu stadium was inaugurated in 1947 and has a capacity of more than 85,000

spectators. Three times the European Cup final has been held here.

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Address: Av. de Concha Espina, 1, Madrid

Public Transport: Bus: 14, 27, 40, 43, 120, 147, 150 Metro:

Santiago Bernabéu Train: Nuevos Ministerios

Phone: +34 902 30 17 09 / +34 913 98 43 70

Internet: www.realmadrid.com/estadio-santiago-bernabeu

More Info: P. de La Castellana

Flamenco



Madrid is a city renowned all over the world for its excellent Flamenco performances, and the popular dance can be seen in several taverns and bars around the city. Enjoy a three course meal and after dinner, take in a magical show.

Flamenco is not only a dance, but also the music to which the dance is performed. It originated in Andalusia and is known mostly for songs accompanied by guitar and complex techniques of foot stomping and hand clapping and the use of castanets. The best place to go for a breathtaking exhibit of Flamenco is "Corral de la Moreria".

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Address: Calle Morería, 17

Phone: +34 913 65 84 46 / +34 913 65 11 37

Internet: www.corraldelamoreria.com

El Rastro Flea Market



El Rastro is said to be the largest flea market in Europe with some 3,500 stalls covering the winding streets of the oldest residential part of Madrid. Remember that the real finds are mostly

located on one of the side streets and always keep a close eye on your belongings, as it is a popular area for pick-pockets.

Photo: Jennifer Stone/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaza Mayor, Madrid

Opening hours: Sun 7am-2:30pm

Phone: +34 915 29 82 10

Internet: www.madridtourist.info/rastro_market.html

More Info: Between Plaza Mayor, La Latina and Puerta de Toledo

The Three Big Art Galleries - Paseo del Arte (Art Walk)



Madrid's three major art galleries are all within a short walk of each other, and together they make up a magnificent display illuminating the history of

Western art. Each one of the galleries is so large, that the Paseo del Arte triple ticket may seem like an invitation to exhaustion. However, once you have visited one, you have the rest of the year to visit in the other two.

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Internet: www.museoreinasofia.es/en

Prado Museum



The Prado is deservedly one of the most famous museums in the world. Since the gallery first opened almost two hundred years ago, its

collections have grown to include over 7000 paintings (although around 1500 are currently on display). The collection includes Spanish art from Velázquez and some dark works of Goya, as well as some works by a number of Flemish masters: Peter Paul Rubens, Pieter Bruegel and Anton Van Dyck.

Photo: Pat_Hastings / Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Ruiz de Alarcón 23, Madrid

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 10am-7pm

Phone: +34 91 330 2800

Internet: www.museodelprado.es

Email: museo.nacional@museodelprado.es

The Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum



The eclectic Thyssen-Bornemisza complements the Thyssen Prado and the Reina Sofia with works representing 17th-century Dutch

painting, Impressionism, Russian Constructivism, and pop art, amongst other styles.

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Address: Paseo del Prado 8, Madrid

Opening hours: Mon 12pm-4pm, Tue-Sun 10am-7pm

Phone: +34 902 76 05 11

Internet: www.museothyssen.org

Email: mtb@museothyssen.org

More Info: Palacio de Villahermosa

The Reina Sofia Museum



The third gallery in the trio is housed in an enormous former hospital. The building dates from the mid-18th century, and has since

added striking glass and steel external lifts. The collection consists mainly of Spanish works from the 20th century—the most famous of which is without doubt Picasso's 'Guernica.'

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Address: Calle de Santa Isabel 52, Madrid

Opening hours: Mon, Wed-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 10am-7pm

Phone: +34 91 774 10 00

Internet: www.museoreinasofia.es

Email: info@museoreinasofia.es

Palacio Real



The biggest royal palace in Europe, the Palacio Real de Madrid, has a whopping surface of 135,000 m² and 3418 rooms. Not only is the building itself a beautiful attraction but it also offers glorious gardens outside and beautiful frescoes, furniture and paintings inside.

This magnificent creation dating from 1764 was built to replace the Alcázar castle that had burned down thirty years before. Visitors are given access to almost the entire palace, including the Armoury and Pharmacy.

Photo: Luis Lea/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Bailén, Madrid

Public Transport: Ópera

Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm

Phone: +34 914 54 87 00

Internet: www.patrimoniomonal.es

El Escorial



The Monastery of San Lorenzo de El Escorial is located about 50 kilometres Northwest of Madrid. It was founded by Felipe II, and was built

to commemorate the victory at the Battle of San Quintín. The work began in 1563 and was finished by 1584. Its location is said to be decided on the advice of astrologers, doctors, philosophers, quarrymen, theologians and architects.

El Escorial was built on the idea of maintaining symmetry and austerity, while also showing the power of the crown of Spain. It has many noteworthy sights, such as the servants'

quarters, the Queen's quarters, the Infante's (or Upper) house, and the Prince's (or Lower) house.

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Address: Av Juan de Borbón y Battemberg, Madrid

Internet: www.monasteriodelescorial.com

Plaza Mayor



Plaza Mayor is the main square in Madrid, measuring approximately 130 by 95 meters. There are no less than nine entrances to this majestic

plaza and it is a great place to sit down, have a coffee and watch both tourists and locals stroll by.

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Address: Plaza Mayor, Madrid

Puerta del Sol



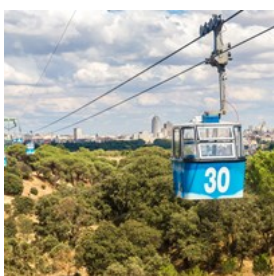
Puerta del Sol means Gate of the Sun and is the most famous square in Madrid. It is a common place to meet up with friends, and after dark it

fills up with loads of people. It is also a good reference point when choosing accommodation, because everything is close to Puerta del Sol.

Photo: Hibiscus81/Shutterstock.com

Address: Puerta del Sol, Madrid

Teleférico - Madrid's Cable Car



The Teleférico is a comfortable way of seeing most of the major sights while sitting down, provided you're not afraid of heights. This

cable car was first built as part of an amusement

park and at places it reaches a height of about 40 metres above ground. The ride takes ten minutes and once you've reached the destination Casa de Campo Park you can enjoy a spectacular view of the city, as well as grab some food at the restaurant.

Photo: S-F/Shutterstock.com

Address: Paseo Pintor Rosales, Madrid

Opening hours: April to September: daily. October-March: weekends.

Phone: +34 915 41 11 18

Internet: www.teleferico.com

Email: terosa@grpr.com

More Info: The ride starts at Paseo del Pintor Rosales

Toledo

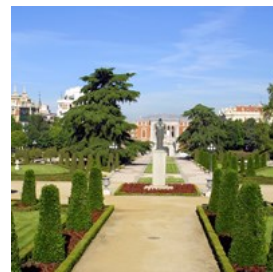


Toledo is a World Heritage city located 70 kilometres south of Madrid. It sits in the centre of the Iberian Peninsula, 529 metres

above sea level, surrounded by the Tagus River. The city has a fascinating history, formerly hosting Christian, Islamic and Hebrew culture, which shows in the city's varied architecture.

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Buen Retiro Park



In Spanish this park is called "Jardines del Buen Retiro" or "Parque del Buen Retiro" which means "the park of pleasant retreat". It is,

with its 350 acres, one of the largest parks in Madrid and became open to the public in the late 19th century - before that it belonged to the Spanish royal family.

Some of the things you can enjoy here, with the

right timing, are puppet shows, book fairs and free concerts. You can also rent a rowboat and paddle your way around the Estanque, or enjoy a horse-drawn carriage.

Photo: katatonia82/Shutterstock.com

Address: Parque del Buen Retiro, Madrid

El Museo Naval



The Naval Museum is considered one of the most important naval museums in the world, containing a variety of historic items from the

staggering history of the Spanish Navy. The most famous exhibit is the Mappa Mundi, dating back to 1500. The exhibits are displayed in chronological order and feature a treasure trove of figureheads, paintings and naval charts.

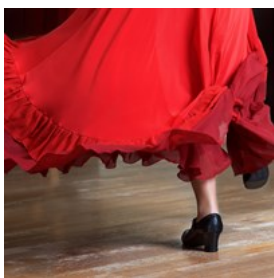
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Address: Paseo del Prado 5, Madrid

Phone: +34 915 23 85 16

Internet: www.museonavalmadrid.com

Cardamomo



Located in the heart of Madrid, Cardamomo is the only Tablao Flamenco in Madrid, recommended by the New York Times for combining Classic

Flamenco with the new proposals and innovations. The dishes are all prepared with natural ingredients of the highest quality.

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Address: Calle Echegaray, 15, Madrid

Opening hours: Daily 4:30pm-12am

Phone: +34 918 05 10 38

Internet: www.cardamomo.com

Email: reservas@cardamomo.com

Salamanca



Salamanca is one Madrid's wealthiest and most exclusive neighbourhoods, where you can find lovely and unique restaurants,

boutiques and bars. It is a perfect area to go for a stroll and take in Madrid's alluring atmosphere.

Photo: David Adam Kess / Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Barrio de Salamanca, Madrid

Teatro Lara



Teatro Lara is a very charming little theatre in Madrid filled with character and personality. The shows that run here include

comedies, children's shows, musical performances and many more. Make sure to book ahead.

Photo: Juan Antonio F. Segal / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Calle Corredera Baja de San Pablo, Madrid

Phone: +34 915 23 90 27

Internet: www.teatrolara.com

Email: Info@teatrolara.org

Museum of Romanticism



The Museum of Romanticism was built in a neoclassical style by the architect Manuel Rodriguez in 1776. The furniture and paintings

are very well preserved here and will give you a good idea of how wealthy people used to live in this period.

Photo: Luis García / Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)
 Address: Calle San Mateo 13, Madrid
 Phone: +34 914 48 10 45
 Internet: museoromanticismo.mcu.es
 Email: prensa.romanticismo@mecc.es

Parque Juan Carlos I



Parque Juan Carlos I opened at around the same time as Madrid was crowned "The European Capital of Culture" in 1992. Here you will find 19 interesting outdoor sculptures, a lake, a river, a greenhouse, an auditorium and much more.

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 Address: Avda de los Andes, Carretera de Barcelona, Madrid
 Phone: +34 914 00 92 41

DINING



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The varied culinary traditions of the entire Iberian Peninsula come together in Madrid to such a degree that experts discuss whether Madrid actually has a distinct culinary style of its own. The culinary culture of Spain's capital city has been enriched by immigrants from Andalucia, Galicia, Asturia and a number of other regions in Spain and around the world.

Lágrimas Negras



Lágrimas Negras, located in Hotel Silken Puerta América, fuses high-cuisine with avant-garde design in a modern and sleek yet cosy atmosphere. They offer fantastic set-menu lunches, as well as a la carte dining and seasonal specialities, all of which can be paired with a selection from their award-winning wine list of over 800 vintages.

Photo: vsl / Shutterstock.com
 Address: Avenida de América, 41, Madrid
 Opening hours: Mon-Sat 1pm-4pm and 8:30pm-11:30pm
 Phone: +34 917 445 400

Santceloni



Delicious food is served at this establishment run by Oscar Velasco, apprentice to one of the giants of Catalanian cuisine, Santi Santamaria. His influence can be seen in dishes such as shrimp ravioli stuffed with ceps.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com
 Address: Paseo de la Castellana 57, Madrid
 Phone: +34 912 108 840
 Internet: www.restaurantsantceloni.com
 Email: santceloni@nh-hotels.com

Botín



Restaurante Botín is a restaurant that really does live up to the epithet "classic." With a history going back almost 300 years, this must surely be one of the world's oldest working restaurant. The food is also classical Spanish: lamb steak and

suckling-pig, for example.

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Address: Calle de los Cuchilleros 17, Madrid

Phone: +34 913 664 217

Internet: www.botin.es

La Terraza del Casino



Chef Pedro Roncero has joined forces with Ferrán Adrià, the legendary creator of Catalonia's nouvelle cuisine, in order to teach the residents of Madrid to eat mousse, parmesan ice lollys, liquid tortilla, and other molecular delights.

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Address: Calle de Alcalá 15, Madrid

Phone: +34 915 321 275

Internet: www.casinodemadrid.es

Email: terrazza.casino@nh-hotels.com

More Info: Located at del Casino Madrid

Marisquería Ribeira do Miño



"Mariscos" is Spanish for seafood, and it is absolutely essential to try it when you're in Spain. Marisquería Ribeira do Miño is a great place to

visit for some authentic Galician seafood.

Specialities include Galician octopus and ham with Galician turnip. Pair your meal with some of Galicia's best wine: Albariño or Ribeiro.

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Address: Calle de Santa Brígida 1, Madrid

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 1pm-4pm and 8pm-12am

Phone: +34 915 219 854

Internet: www.marisqueriaribeiradomino.com

Aderezo Restaurante



This is a very cosy restaurant with a rustic and inviting interior. With meat imported from Cantabria, Galicia and Sanabria, as well as the

freshest seafood from around the country, expertly prepared meals are artistically presented.

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Address: Calle de Añastro 48, Madrid

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 1:30pm-4pm and 9pm-11:30pm

Phone: +34 917 670 158

Internet: www.aderezorestaurante.es

Email: info@aderezorestaurante.es

El Club Allard



El Club Allard was initially a private club, and it wasn't until 2007 that it opened to the public. Two Michelin stars it has been awarded

suggest that the culinary delights in this restaurant are nothing short of fantastic.

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Address: Calle de Ferraz 2, Madrid

Phone: +34 915 590 939

Internet: www.elcluballard.com

Email: reservas@elcluballard.com

Taberna Gastromaquia



Taberna Gastromaquia serves authentic Spanish cuisine. It is located in an alley and could be a bit tricky to find, but it is definitely worth the effort

once your palate gets hold of the delicious gourmet flavours.

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Address: Calle de Pelayo 6, Madrid

Phone: +34 91 522 64 13

Email: tabernagastromaquia@yahoo.es

Restaurante Lúa



Lúa has a menu that is based on two things: the first is the season, and the second is reliable recipes passed down for generations, given modern and creative twists. The results speak for themselves.

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Address: Paseo de Eduardo Dato 5, Madrid

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 1:30pm-3:15pm and
8:30pm-11:15pm

Phone: +34 91 395 28 53

Internet: www.restaurantelua.com

Email: luarestaurantemadrid@gmail.com

Metro Bistro



A relaxed yet lively atmosphere and creative cooking with exotic flavours have made this restaurant a local favourite. There is also a great collection of wine with which to perfectly complement your meal.

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Address: Calle Evaristo San Miguel 21, Madrid

Phone: +34 915 42 95 21

Internet: www.metro-bistro.com

Email: templodebod@metro-bistro.com

Casa Lucas



Casa Lucas is a small tapas restaurant in the Latin district. Don't be discouraged at first glance, because a lot of the people you see might be there to socialize and have a drink standing up. It is definitely an experience to eat here and you won't be sorry.

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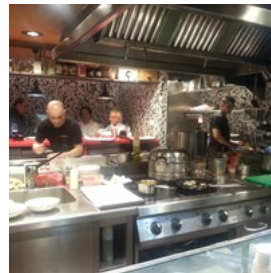
Address: Cava Baja 30, Madrid

Phone: +34 913 65 08 04

Internet: www.casalucas.es

Email: redes@casalucas.es

Diverxo



Diverxo has created a menu holding a fusion of Spanish and Chinese flavours. The dishes are innovative and tastefully presented, so there is no problem going through their set-menu 12 course meal, an unforgettable culinary experience.

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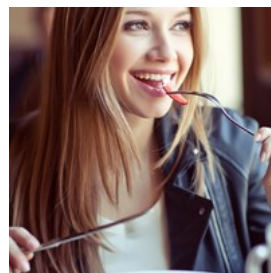
Address: C/ Padre Damian 23, Madrid

Phone: +34 915 700 766

Internet: www.diverxo.com

Email: info@diverxo.com

Oyamel



Oyamel treat their guests to an amazing Mexican fusion evening accompanied by delicious drinks. The staff is very friendly and helpful, and prices are on the low side. This is one of the best Mexican restaurants in town.

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Address: Calle de Goya 82, Madrid

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 12pm-1am, Fri-Sat 12pm-2am

Phone: +34 914 31 94 18

Internet: www.oyamelmadrid.com

Email: info@oyamelmadrid.com

Il Bambino Restaurante



Il Bambino is an Italian restaurant that comes highly recommended from both tourists and locals. You will not be disappointed with the menu, as they serve only the most authentic Italian and Mediterranean dishes.

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Address: Calle Martínez de la Riva 36, Madrid

Phone: +34 914 77 43 52

CAFES



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Spanish coffee culture is a social and animated affair. Café con leche usually accompanies breakfast, preferably with a croissant. Mid-day, especially after a meal, locals have an espresso, café solo or a cortado, which is an espresso with milk. Café Americano is what some would call watered down versions of the two first coffees. In the afternoon, or after dinner, order a café solo corto, a strong espresso, or a carajillo—a café solo with Spanish brandy.

Happy Day Bakery Coffee



Happy Day Bakery is a colourful American cafe and store with products inspired by the happy 50's era. Apart from coffee and desserts, which include pies, cookies, cupcakes and muffins, you can buy gifts and books.

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Address: Calle del Espíritu Santo 11, Madrid

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-10pm, Fri-Sat 10am-12am

Phone: +34 915 229 133

Internet: www.happydaybakery.es

Email: info@happydaybakery.es

Café Gijón



Café Gijón is situated on the principal boulevard and was established in 1888. After the Civil War it became a meeting point for writers and artists and is still to this day a momentous café in Madrid.

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Address: Paseo de Recoletos 21, Madrid

Phone: +34 91 521 54 25

Internet: www.cafegijon.com

Email: cafegijon@cafegijon.net

Mamá Framboise



Mamá Framboise is a tea salon and pastry shop with an extensive menu that combines tradition and modernity. French pastries line the displays, but visitors can also choose savoury options, such as sandwiches, quiches and salads.

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Address: Calle de Fernando VI 23, Madrid

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-9pm, Sat-Sun 10am-9pm

Phone: +34 913 914 364

Internet: www.mamaframboise.com

Email: info@mamaframboise.com

Círculo de Bellas Artes



Círculo de Bellas Artes is a cultural organisation that can track its roots back to 1880. For a different and more cultural kind of evening

entertainment, check out what's on offer, and enjoy exhibitions, live performances, poetry readings and much more. The cafe located in the centre is popular for afternoon coffee or evening cocktails, as well.

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Address: Calle de Alcalá 42, Madrid

Phone: +34 913 60 54 00

Internet: www.circulobellasartes.com

Email: info@circulobellasartes.com

Celicioso



Celicioso is an all gluten free bakery and café with plenty of yummy options and a great location in the city centre. This cosy café is celebrated for its

baked goods and the friendly staff serves insanely delicious sweet options, such as red velvet cupcake, lemon cake, chocolate cake with raspberry glaze and banana bread.

Photo: saschanti17/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle de Hortaleza 3, Madrid

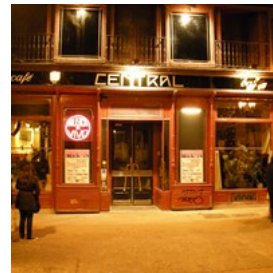
Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-9:30pm

Phone: +34 915 31 88 87

Internet: www.celicioso.es

Email: comunicacion@celicioso.es

Café Central



Elegant Café Central is not only one of the city's classiest and most sophisticated cafes, it is also one of its premier jazz venues. Renowned

artists from around the world hold live performances here regularly, enjoyed by eager crowds over hot coffee.

Photo: Daniel Lobo / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Plaza del Ángel, 10, Madrid

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 12:30pm-2:30am, Fri-Sat 12:30pm-3:30am

Phone: +34 913 69 41 43

Internet: www.cafecentralmadrid.com

Email: info@cafecentralmadrid.com

Café Manuela



Café Manuela looks like something straight out of the 1930s, with an elegant art nouveau look and picture-perfect decor.

It is immensely popular, not only for its wonderful coffee and food, but also because of the ample selection of board games visitors can enjoy as they eat and drink.

Photo: Anna Bogush / Shutterstock.com

Address: San Vicente Ferrer, 29, Madrid

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 4pm-2am, Sun 3pm-2am

Phone: +34 91 531 70 37

Internet: www.cafemanuela.es

Email: v.guerrero@hotmail.es

Café de Mahón



Located on the lively Plaza Dos de Mayo, Café de Mahón is incredibly popular, especially for its outdoor terrace, which provides the best views of the square and the best opportunities for people-watching. The menu is extensive and eclectic, making it a great option for any meal.

Photo: Nicolas Vigier / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Pl. Dos de Mayo, 4, Madrid

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 12pm-1:30am, Fri-Sat 12pm-3am, Sun 12pm-1am

Phone: +34 915 32 47 56

Email: cafedemahon@gmail.com

Anticafé



Anticafé is an interesting cafe and (counter)cultural hub, especially popular among young people who fill up the place to drink, chat and enjoy the regular art exhibitions and live music (usually DJ's).

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Address: Calle Unión, 2, Madrid

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 5pm-2am, Sun 5pm-1am

Phone: +34 915 41 76 57

Internet: www.anticafe.es

Email: hola@anticafe.es

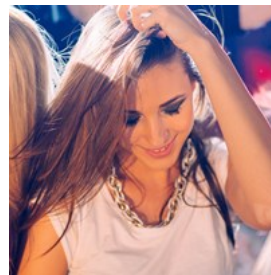
BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Because the clever Spaniards think you should always eat when drinking, most bars also serve food—usually tapas. And despite the efforts of the authorities, Madrid's nightlife still happens later than in most other cities, and goes on for longer, as well.

Gabana Club



This is a very exclusive and chic nightclub, located on the ground floor of a prestigious hotel. This entails for example valet service and a VIP area that is usually filled with fashionable people. Don't be surprised if you meet soccer players and super models here.

Photo: clownbusiness/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle de Velazquez 6, Madrid

Opening hours: Wed-Sat 12am-5:30am

Phone: +34 91 575 18 46

Internet: www.gabana.es

Email: info@gabana.es

Joy Eslava



Joy Eslava has been a legendary disco in Madrid for thirty years now.

Every day offers a new theme, some of which include "Thursday - Epic

Nights" and "Friday - Fabulush". House music is a favourite in this crowded venue with tourists and locals dancing together.

Photo: Eduardo Pitt / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Calle Arenal 11, Madrid

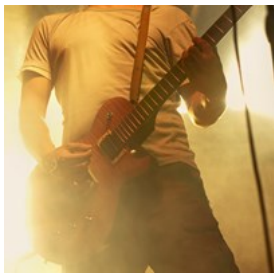
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 12am-5:30am, Fri-Sat 12am-6am

Phone: +34 91 366 37 33

Internet: www.joy-eslava.com

Email: info@joy-eslava.com

Siroco



Siroco is an alternative night club that offers both national and international DJ's, as well as concerts with up and coming new artists. Here you can

expect everything from reggae and karaoke to jazz and house music.

Photo: Kohlhuber Media Art / Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle San Dimas 3, Madrid

Phone: +34 91 593 30 70

Internet: www.siroco.es

Email: programacion@siroco.es

Bar Cock



Do not let the name scare you because that means that you will miss some of the best cocktails in Madrid. A hip crowd is drawn to this place, and

you will find the atmosphere relaxed while the DJ spins some good tunes.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle de la Reina 16, Madrid

Opening hours: Daily 4pm-3am

Phone: +34 915 32 28 26

Internet: www.cargocollective.com/barcock

Email: joseastiarraga@barcock.com

Bristol Bar



Think of a classic, old-school bar-look with burgundy leather sofas, black and white accessories and you have got the right sense of

Bristol Bar. They have the largest selection of gin in Madrid, so skip the beer and wine for the evening and indulge in a tasty Tom Collins.

Photo: Minerva Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle del Almirante 20, Madrid

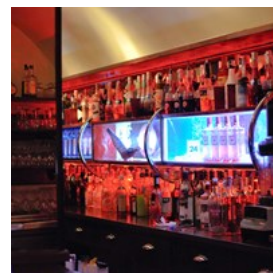
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-2am, Sat 11am-2am, Sun 12pm-5pm

Phone: +34 915 22 45 68

Internet: www.bristolbar.es

Email: info@bristolbar.es

Museo Chicote



This is one of those places where the rich and famous used to go to for a drink. Wander around the bar and see how many celebrities you recognise

from the pictures on the wall while enjoying a refreshing drink.

Photo: Fran Villena / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Gran Vía 12, Madrid

Phone: +34 915 32 67 37

Internet:

www.grupomercadodelareina.com/es/museo-chicote/

Círculo de Bellas Artes



Círculo de Bellas Artes is a cultural organisation that can track its roots back to 1880. For a different and more cultural kind of evening

entertainment, check out what's on offer, and enjoy exhibitions, live performances, poetry readings and much more. The cafe located in the centre is popular for afternoon coffee or evening cocktails, as well.

Photo: Jose Antonio Moreno Cabezudo / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Calle de Alcalá 42, Madrid

Phone: +34 913 60 54 00

Internet: www.circulobellasartes.com

Email: info@circulobellasartes.com

Del Diego



This is a fun, fresh, and youthful cocktail bar that is very popular among tourist and locals alike.

Many of their guest claim that they serve the best

Frozen Strawberry Daiquiri and Caipirinhas in town.

Photo: Dmitry Kalinovsky/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle de la Reina 12, Madrid

Phone: +34 915 23 31 06

Internet: www.deldiego.com

Email: deldiegococelbar@gmail.com

Taberna Almendro 13



Taberna Almendro 13 is located in the Latin Quarter in Madrid. Many come here for their amazing tapas, especially at lunch, but what really

draws a crowd in the evening is their tasty house sherry and laid-back atmosphere.

Photo: Peter Brantley / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Almendro 13, Madrid

Phone: +34 913 65 42 52

Internet: www.almendro13.com

El Parnasillo del Príncipe



El Parnasillo is located in the very vibrant area of Malasaña. The crowd is just as cool and eclectic as the area, and the discussions vary from

politics, to art, music and, of course, football. The Mojitos and Caipirinhas are very popular here.

Photo: Aleksei Isachenko/Shutterstock.com

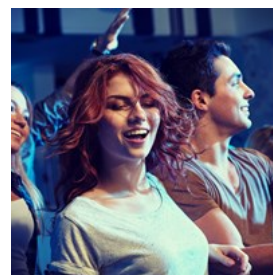
Address: Calle Príncipe 33, Madrid

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 1pm-3am, Fri-Sat 1pm-3:30am

Phone: +34 913 693 431

Internet: www.elparnasillodelprincipe.com

El Son



Rum, live music and salsa dancing until 5am pretty much sum up the mood at El Son. The atmosphere is upbeat from when they open until long after 5am,

so do not hesitate to come here even if it is already 4am.

Photo: Syda Productions / Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle de la Victoria, 6, Madrid

Phone: +34 671 05 67 91

Internet: www.discotecaelson.com

Glass Bar



Glass Bar is located inside Hotel Urban, with a beautiful glass interior and a big, gorgeous chandelier imported from Morocco. The atmosphere

is stylish and the drinks are equally as beautiful as the decor.

Photo: Cédric Allier / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Carrera de San Jerónimo 34, Madrid

Opening hours: Sun-Wed 10:30am-2am, Thurs-Sat 10:30am-3am

Phone: +34 917 87 77 70

Internet: www.hotelurban.com

Email: urban@derbyhotels.com

More Info: Located at Hotel Urban

Magnum Bar



Elegance is the leading word for this beautiful bar. Located in the Villa Magna Hotel centre, Magnum Bar is one of the more popular places to go

to for a pre-dinner cocktail and a hot spot for international business men and jet-setters.

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com

Address: Paseo de la Castellana 22, Madrid

Opening hours: Sun-Mon 5pm-1am, Tue-Sat 5pm-2am

Phone: +34 915 87 12 34

Internet: www.villamagna.es

Email: villamagna@villamagna.es

More Info: Located at The Villa Magna hotel

Marmobar



The Hotel Puerta America is one of the most beautiful buildings in Madrid. It houses 12 floors that are designed by 12 different architects,

and it is simply, visually speaking, divine. Needless to say, the bar is nothing less than equally stylish.

Photo: Daniel Lobo / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Av de América 41, Madrid

Phone: +34 917 44 54 00

Internet: www.hoteles-silken.com

More Info: Located at The Hotel Puerta America

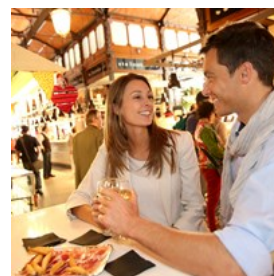
SHOPPING



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Put simply, there are three main shopping areas in Madrid: Centro, located between Puerta del Sol and Gran Vía; Chueca, directly to the north and east of Centro; and Salamanca, slightly further to the east. These represent three different types of shopping, especially with regard to the range of products offered. It's middle-of-the-road in Centro, trendy in Chueca and expensive designer fashion labels in Salamanca.

Mercado de San Miguel



Just a few steps away from Plaza Mayor, Mercado de San Miguel offers some of the city's best gourmet foods and delicacies, including wine, cheese, ham and cured meats, and is a great place to stop for afternoon tapas and a glass of wine.

Photo: Goodluz / Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaza de San Miguel, Madrid

Opening hours: Sun-Wed 10am-12am, Thu-Sat 10am-2am

Phone: +34 915 42 49 36

Internet: www.mercadodesanmiguel.es

Email: info@mercadodesanmiguel.es

Objetos de Arte Toledano



Objetos de Arte Toledano is a fine boutique specialising in art, decorations and interesting and unique items of all types. Their

selection ranges from decorative fans and ceramic to medieval weapons suits of armor.

Photo: Sergio Foto / Shutterstock.com

Address: Paseo del Prado, 10, Madrid

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm

Phone: +34 914 29 50 00

Internet: www.artetoledano.com

Email: info@artetoledano.com

El Rastro Flea Market



El Rastro is said to be the largest flea market in Europe with some 3,500 stalls covering the winding streets of the oldest residential part of

Madrid. Remember that the real finds are mostly located on one of the side streets and always keep a close eye on your belongings, as it is a popular area for pick-pockets.

Photo: Jennifer Stone/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaza Mayor, Madrid

Opening hours: Sun 7am-2:30pm

More Info: Between Plaza Mayor, La Latina and Puerta de Toledo

ABC Serrano



Finish off your shopping trip at ABC Serrano in Salamanca, an eight-floor shopping centre with four floors devoted just to fashion. Here hot new designers such as Amaya Arzuaga rub shoulders with reliable brands like Zara. There are also cafés, restaurants and a gym.

Photo: Luis García (Zaqarbal) / Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Calle de Serrano 61, Madrid

Phone: +34 915 77 50 31

Internet: www.abc serrano.com

Email: info@abc serrano.com

Mercado de la Paz



Mercado de La Paz is Madrid's most mouth-watering fresh produce market. The best-selling stalls are the ones with Serrano ham and amazing local cheese varieties, but there is plenty more to choose from.

Photo: Mar Coll del Tarré / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Calle de Ayala 28, Madrid

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-2:30pm

Phone: +34 914 35 07 43

Internet: www.mercadodelapaz.blogspot.com

Email: mercadodelapaz@hotmail.com

LaVinia



LaVinia is the self-proclaimed 'biggest wine shop in Europe'. They are true connoisseurs of their craft and offer a bewildering selection of wines and distilled

drinks from around Spain and the world.

Photo: Air Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Ortega y Gasset 16, Madrid

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-9pm

Phone: +34 91 650 33 92

Internet: www.lavinia.es

Adolfo Domínguez



The history of this Spanish brand has its roots way back in the 1950's. Today there are shops all over Spain and also worldwide. The clothes, bags and shoes designed by Adolfo Domínguez are stylish and elegant, and there are extensive collections for men, women and kids.

Photo: Maksim Ladouski / Shutterstock.com

Address: Serrano 5, Madrid

Phone: +34 91 577 47 44

Internet: www.adolfodominguez.com

Email: sofia@adolofodominguez.com

The Style Outlets Getafe



Getafe is located 16km outside Madrid and can be a bit tricky to get to. The best way to reach the outlet is by car, but there are also buses available.

Once you are here, you will find 85 fashion shops, including some of the best-known international brands around.

Photo: michaeljung/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avda. Río Guadalquivir 15, Getafe

Phone: +34 917 71 81 18

Internet: getafe.thestyleoutlets.es

Email: customer@thestyleoutlets.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Barajas - Airport



Madrid's airport, Barajas (MAD), lies a little over ten kilometres northeast of the city. The cheapest way to get to Madrid is by metro: line 8 goes to

Nuevos Ministerios (the journey takes about 30 minutes). A taxi ride costs more at night and on Sundays, and takes about 30-60 minutes, depending on traffic. Numerous car rental companies are also available at the airport.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Avenida de la Hispanidad, Madrid

Phone: +34 913 21 10 00

Internet: www.aena.es

Public Transport



Madrid's metro system consists of 16 lines that serve both the city and its suburbs. The metro is also the most efficient way of getting around,

and runs from 6am to 2am daily.

The EMT bus network is made up of about a hundred lines, including a useful "circle route"

(the buses are marked with a C). Buses run from 6am to 11:30pm daily, with some night buses running later.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair
Phone: +34 914 06 88 00
Internet: www.emtmadrid.es

Taxi



When taxis are available for hire, this is indicated by a "Libre" sign in the front windshield and a green light on the roof. Radio-Taxi Asociación

Gremial
+34 914 475 180
www.radiotaxigremial.com

Radio-Taxi Independiente
+34 914 051213
www.radiotaxiindependiente.com/rti/

Teletaxi
+34 913 712131
www.tele-taxi.es

Post



Most post offices are open Monday through Friday, from 8:30am to 8:30pm, and on Saturdays from 9:30am to 1pm. The main post office on Plaza de Cibeles, stays open until 9:30am on weekdays and from 8am to 2pm on Saturdays.

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: Paseo del Prado, 1, Madrid
Phone: +34 902 19 71 97
Internet: www.correos.es

Pharmacy



All chemists' have a list or a sign in the window with details of the pharmacies on duty each night, with the nearest one highlighted. There are two chemists' that are open at all times:

Farmacia Central
Paseo de Santa Maria de la Cabeza 64, Madrid
+34 914 730 672

Farmacia Lastra
Calle del Conde de Peñalver 27, Madrid
+34 914 024 272

Photo: Gemma Garner

Telephone



Country code: +34 Area code: 91

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



220 volt (125 volt in some older buildings)

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population
City: 3,350,000
Metropolitan area: 6,000,000

Currency

Euro, €1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Opening hours are traditionally 10am-4pm and then 5pm-8pm, though these times may vary. Nowadays, however, it is more common for shops to open continually 10am-10pm.

Newspapers

El País
El Mundo
ABC

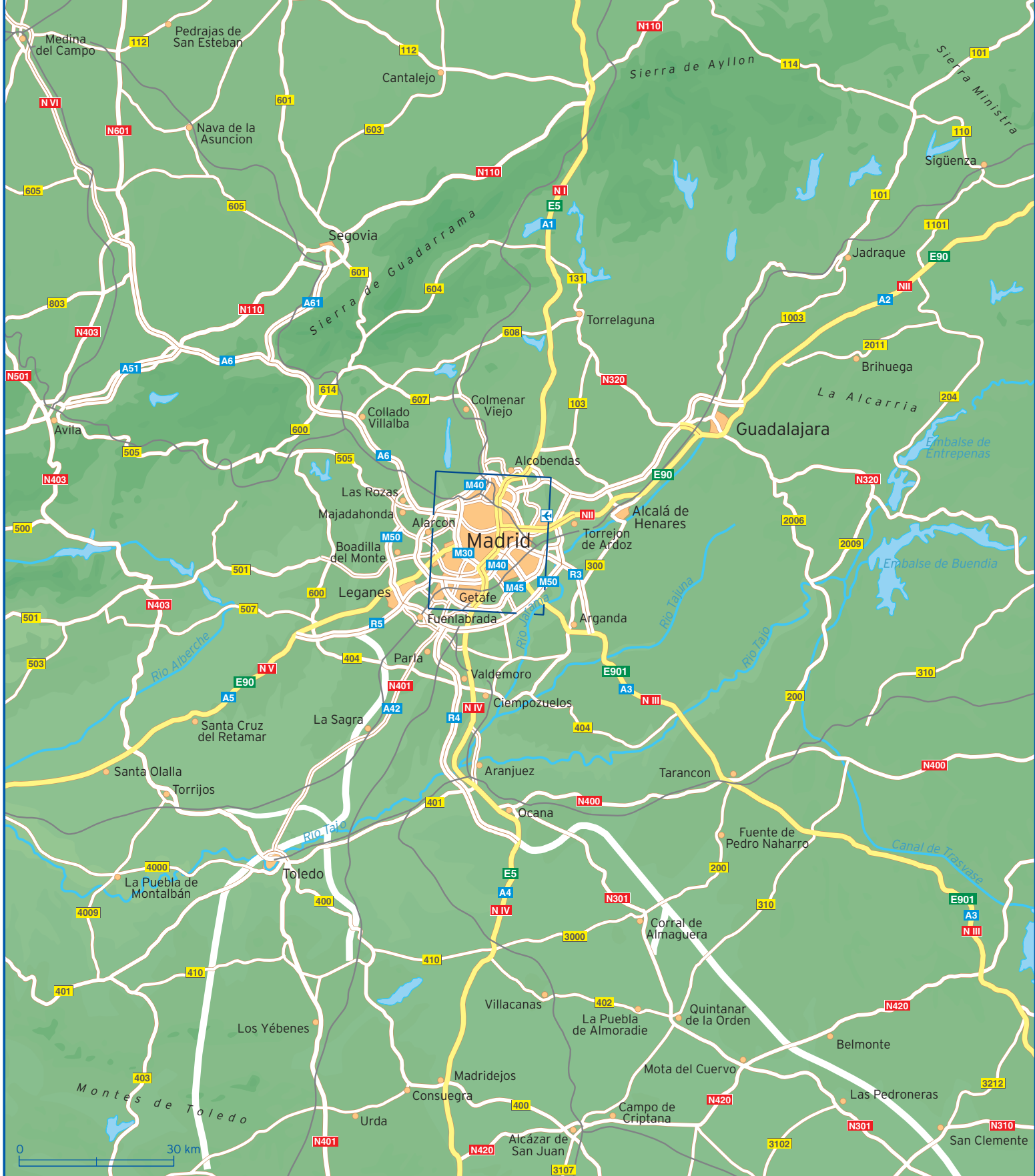
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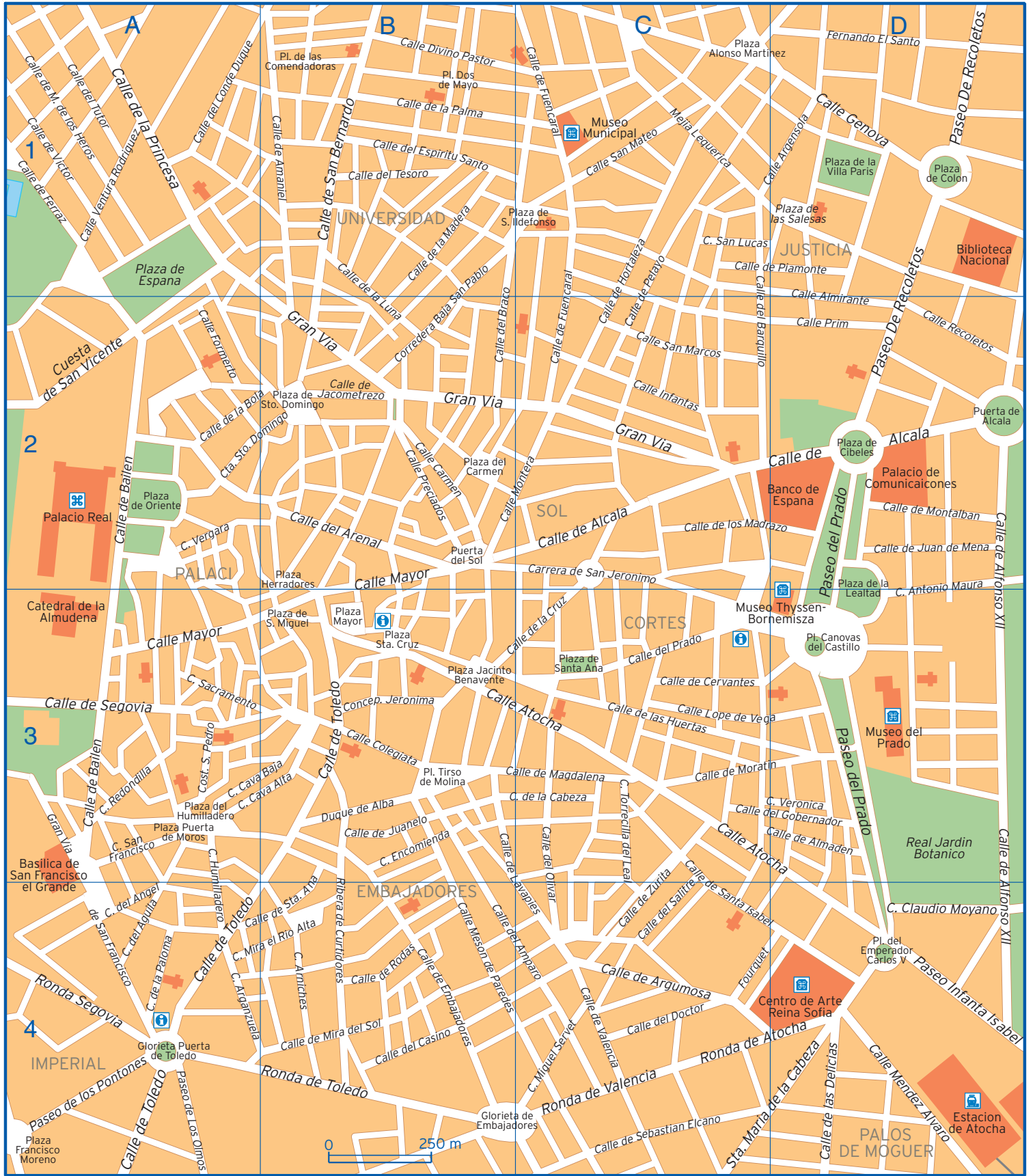
Tourist information

Madrid Tourist Centre
Plaza Mayor 27, Madrid
+34 91 588 16 36

Colón Tourist Centre
Plaza Colón, Madrid
+34 917 01 22 10







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C. Miguel Servet	C4	Calle de Rodas	B4	Cuesta de San Vicente	A2
C. Mira el Rio Alta	A4 B4	Calle de San Bernardo	B1	Cuesta de Santo Domingo	A2 B2
C. San Francisco	A3	Calle de San Lucas	C1	Duque de Alba	B3
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Calle Carmen	B2	Calle de Sta. Ana	A4 B3	Gran Via	B2 C2
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Calle Cervantes	C3	Calle de Vergara	A2	Paseo de Los Olmos	A4
Calle Colegiata	B3	Calle de Veronica	C3 D3	Paseo de los Pontones	A4
Calle de Alcala	C2 D2	Calle de Victor	A1	Paseo De Recoletos	D1 D2
Calle de Alfonso XII	D2 D3 D4	Calle de Zurita	C3 C4	Paseo del Prado	D2 D3
Calle de Almaden	C3 D3	Calle del Aguila	A4	Paseo Infanta Isabel	D4
Calle de Amaniel	B1	Calle del Amparo	B4 C4	Pl. Canovas del Castillo	D3
Calle de Antonio Maura	D2 D3	Calle del Angel	A4	Pl. de las Comendadoras	B1
Calle de Argumosa	C4	Calle del Arenal	B2	Pl. del Emperador Carlos V	D4
Calle de Bailen	A2 A3	Calle del Barquillo	C1 C2	Pl. Dos de Mayo	B1
Calle de Carlos Arniches	B4	Calle del Casino	B4	Pl. Tirso de Molina	B3
Calle de Embajadores	B4	Calle del Conde Duque	A1	Plaza Alonso Martinez	C1
Calle de Ferraz	A1	Calle del Doctor Fourquet	C4 D4	Plaza de Cibeles	D2
Calle de Fuencaral	C1 C2	Calle del Espiritu Santo	B1	Plaza de Colon	D1
Calle de Hortaleza	C1 C2	Calle del Gobernador	C3 D3	Plaza de la Lealtad	D2
Calle de Jacometrezo	B2	Calle del Humilladero	A3 A4	Plaza de la Villa Paris	D1
Calle de Juan de Mena	D2	Calle del Olivar	C3 C4	Plaza de las Salesas	D1
Calle de Juanelo	B3	Calle del Prado	C3	Plaza de Oriente	A2
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Calle de la Concepcion Jeronima	B3	Calle del Tesoro	B1	Plaza de Santa Ana	C3
Calle de la Cruz	B3 C3	Calle del Tutor	A1	Plaza de Sto. Domingo	B2
Calle de la Encomienda	B3	Calle del Braco	B1 B2	Plaza del Carmen	B2
Calle de la Luna	B1 B2	Calle Divino Pastor	B1	Plaza del Humilladero	A3
Calle de la Madera	B1	Calle Formerto	A2	Plaza Francisco Moreno	A4
Calle de la Palma	B1	Calle Genova	D1	Plaza Herradores	B2
Calle de la Paloma	A4	Calle Infantas	C2	Plaza Jacinto Benavente	B3
Calle de la Princesa	A1	Calle Lope de Vega	C3 D3	Plaza Mayor	B3
Calle de la Redondilla	A3	Calle Mayor	A3 B2 B3	Plaza Puerta de Moros	A3
Calle de la Torrecilla del Leal	C3 C4	Calle Mendez Alvaro	D4	Plaza Sta. Cruz	B3
Calle de las Delicias	D4	Calle Meson de Paredes	B4	Puerta de Alcala	D2
Calle de las Huertas	C3	Calle Montera	B2 C2	Puerta del Sol	B2
Calle de Lavapiés	B3 C4	Calle Preciados	B2	Ribera de Curtidores	B3 B4
Calle de los Madrazo	C2 D2	Calle Prim	D2	Ronda de Atocha	C4 D4
Calle de M. de los Heros	A1	Calle Recoletos	D2	Ronda de Toledo	A4 B4
Calle de Magdalena	B3 C3	Calle San Marcos	C2	Ronda de Valencia	C4
Calle de Mira del Sol	B4	Calle San Mateo	C1	Ronda Segovia	A4
Calle de Montalban	D2	Calle Ventura Rodriguez	A1	Sta. Maria de la Cabeza	C4 D4