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First and foremost, WELCOME to MADRID!

We want you all to feel right at home. In fact, what we'd really like is for you to feel like a true Madrileño for a few days, which is why we've put together this guide book filled with tips on how to enjoy the city like a local.

In this guide you will find all the recommendations from friends and family so that you can have the most complete stay.

Thank you very much for coming from far away to join us on our most special day. We hope that, as well as having a great time with us, you will be able to enjoy our city, which we love so much.



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# MUST-SEES OF THE CITY

This city is special for many reasons, and walking through its neighbourhoods and parks is how we can find out. From its origins to the present day, the streets of the Villa are waiting to tell us the history of different eras. Below we recommend some of the must-see sights:

#### BARRIO DE LOS AUSTRIAS

To know the Madrid of the Austrias is to know the original Madrid. Here you will find emblematic places such as: Plaza Mayor, Palacio Real, Colegiata de San Isidro, La Almudena...





#### CHUECA Y MALASAÑA

North of Gran Vía, Madrid's chief thoroughfare, are the two most alternative and gregarious barrios: westerly <u>Malasaña</u> and <u>Chueca</u>, home of Madrid Pride.



#### EL RETIRO

Mornings in Madrid are perfect for a stroll through El Retiro. You can't miss the Palacio de Cristal, the pond or La Puerta de Alcalá.







#### LA LATINA

Its streets, of medieval origin, are mostly irregular, narrow and winding, leading to squares. We recommend that you visit the Plaza de la Cebada, Plaza de los Carros, Plaza de la Paja or the Rastro itself, the city's most famous open-air market held on Sunday mornings.





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#### BARRIO DE LAS LETRAS

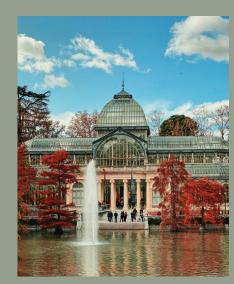
It is reminiscent of the Madrid where the great writers of the Golden Age of Spanish literature such as Cervantes, Lope de Vega, Quevedo, Tirso de Molina and Góngora lived.

#### LAS SALESAS

It is the coolest neighbourhood in Madrid. It is full of art galleries as it attracts many creatives. A variety of businesses thrive in its pedestrian streets and squares.







# MUSEUMS

Madrid has art bursting from the seams, the museums of the capital are packed with true jewels, from the leading painters and sculptors in history.

If you are into art... you can't miss these options.

## PRADO

#### OPEN

From 10 AM to 8 PM between Monday and Saturday and from 10 AM to 7 PM on Sunday.

**GENERAL TICKET:** 15,00 €

**FREE HOURS** Monday to Saturday from 18 to 20 PM and Sundays from 17 to 19 PM.

### THYSSEN

#### OPEN

From 12 AM to 16 PM on Monday and from 10 AM to 19 PM between Tuesday and Sunday.

#### **GENERAL TICKET:** 13,00 €

**FREE HOURS** Monday all day and Saturday from 21 to 23 PM

# **REINA SOFIA**

#### OPEN

From 10 AM to 21 PM on Monday and between Wednesday to Saturday. Sunday from 10 AM to 14:30 PM Tuesday closed

#### <u>GENERAL TICKET: 12 €</u>

**FREE HOURS** Monday from 19 to 21 PM; and Wednesday to Saturday from 19 to 21 PM Sunday from 12:30 to 14:30 PM

## SOROLLA

#### OPEN

From 9:30 AM to 20 PM between Tuesday to Saturday. Sunday from 10 AM to 15 PM-. Monday closed

#### <u>GENERAL TICKET: 3 €</u>

**FREE HOURS** Saturday from 14 to 20 PM Sunday from 10 AM to 15 PM

However, Madrid has more than 44 museums! If you have time and feel like it, don't miss some museums like:

- Museo Arqueológico (free every Saturday from 14-20h and Sundays)
- Museo del Romanticisimo (free every Saturday from 14h-18:30h and Sundays)
- Real Academia de Bellas Artes de San Fernando (free every Wednesday)

# OASIS IN THE CITY

Madrid, the second city in the world with the most trees in line, received in 2024 and for the fifth consecutive year - the distinction of 'Tree City of the World'.

Madrid has parks with a lot of history, others recently created, gardens with a lot of charm... Discover them!

### RETIRO

**OPEN:** Everyday from 06 AM to 00 AM

You should visit Palacio de Cristal and if you are up to get a boat in the pond.

# JARDINES SABATINI

**OPEN:** Everyday and anytime.

if you are around the area, after visiting Palacio Real, you can go for a nice stroll in these gardens.

### CAMPO DEL MORO

**OPEN:** Everyday from 10 AM to 20 PM

Strolling through this park is a place of tranquillity and culture. You can walk among century-old trees and a wide range of botany while you see the Royal Palace in the background.

# JARDÍN BOTÁNICO

**OPEN:** Everyday from 10 AM to 20:30 PM

**REE HOURS** Tuesday from 10 to 13 PM

#### <u>GENERAL TICKET: 4 €</u>

A living museum in the centre of Madrid full of biodiversity with more than 5,500 plant species from all over the planet.

If you feel like continuing your stroll through green Madrid, don't miss the opportunity to take a walk through the <u>**Casa de Campo**</u>, a forested area declared an Asset of Cultural Interest as a Historic Site.

You can also stroll through the <u>Parque del Oeste</u> and see the Rose Garden. An authentic piece of peace in the hustle and bustle of the city! Next to this you can find <u>Templo de Debod</u>. Get there for the sunset!!

# MADRID FOR FOODIES

It is said that we are the country with the most bars in the world. That's why in Madrid you'll find thousands of options that represent the best of this culture. Here are a few recommendations to make you feel like a true Madrileño:

### RESTAURANTS TO HAVE SOME TAPAS LIKE A LOCAL

- <u>Pez Tortilla</u>
- <u>La Castela</u>
- <u>Taberna El Lacón</u>
- <u>Bodegas Rosell</u>
- <u>Castizo</u>

### \* RESTAURANTS FOR A CUTE DINNER TO CELEBRATE LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP

- <u>Bodega de los Secretos</u>
- <u>El Imparcial</u>
- <u>Villa Capri</u>
- <u>Allegra</u>
- <u>La Primera</u>

These are some of the recommendations we have prepared for you. However, check out **this gastronomic map** we have prepared for you. In it you can see the recommendations for a perfect aperitif, a meal of authentic Spanish food, or rooftops to have a drink with views all over Madrid.

# OTHER EXPERIENCES YOU COULD ENJOY IN MADRID

Madrid is full of art, bars, culture, history, but it also has a lot to offer. Here are some experiences that will leave you with a good memory

# ESCAPE ROOM

You know Maria is a BIG FAN of escape rooms so she couldn't miss the opportunity to recommend some of her favourites:

- <u>Colors Escape Room- Yellow Experience</u>
- Jack the Ripper Experience: Whitechapel
- <u>Colors Escape Room: Red Experience</u>
- <u>The City: Holidays town</u>

IF YOU ARE INTO MUSIC, WHY NOT GOING TO A JAM SESSION, A PIANO BAR OR A FLAMENCO SHOW? CHECK THESE OPTIONS:

- Jazz/Blues Jam Sessions and Live Music:
  - <u>Gumbo Jam La Troupe</u> (every Thursday at 22pm)
  - <u>La Coquette</u> (Wednesday to Sunday)
  - <u>Recoletos Jazz (</u>Tuesday to Saturday)
- Piano Bar:
  - <u>Toni 2</u> (everyday of the week)
  - Hijos de Tomás (Thursday to Saturday)
- Flamenco show

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## FOR THE FOODIES:

#### • ARE YOU A PAELLA LOVER?

What do you think about learning how to do the authentic paella? You can do a private cooking class any day at <u>Cocinea</u>. Get in touch with them!

 SPAIN HAS THE BEST WINES (AND WE'RE NOT JUST SAYING THAT BECAUSE WE'RE PROUD OF THEM ☺), SO... WHY NOT GO INTO DISCOVERING THE SECRETS OF WINE WITH A WINE TASTING?

Check <u>Bravo Wine Bar</u> wine tastings and discover why Spanish people love so much drinking wine!

# ANOTHER RANDOM EXPERIENCE TO LIVE:

If you still have time in Madrid and want to experience something different, we recommend you try axe shooting while you have a beer! It's the perfect experience to unwind!

Check<u>Urban Safari</u>.

# WELCOME, ENJOY THE CITY!