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Madrid Tourist Map

13 top sights, hidden gems and a walking route through the centre. Numbers follow the walking order. Red numbers are worth a separate trip.



● Top sight on the route ● Worth the trip ● Hidden gem — Walking route 6.9 km · 1 h 30

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7 The Prado Museum	in the Golden Triangle of Art		

Getting around

- The centre is walkable: the route on the map links Plaza Mayor, the Royal Palace, Puerta del Sol, the three museums of the Paseo del Arte and Retiro Park on foot.
- Metro: Sol (lines 1, 2, 3) serves Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor; Ópera (lines 2, 5) the Royal Palace and the Almudena; Banco de España (line 2) the Thyssen and the Prado; Estación del Arte (line 1) the Reina Sofía; Retiro (line 2) the park.
- Off the route: the Temple of Debod by Metro 3 or 10 to Plaza de España, or 15 minutes on foot from the Royal Palace; the Palacio de Cristal inside Retiro Park; the Museo Sorolla by Metro 1 to Iglesia; the Santiago Bernabéu by Metro 10 to Santiago Bernabéu.
- Paper maps and timetables: the official information points are listed on <https://touristoffice.org/madrid-tourist-office/>

About this map

The sights, photos and descriptions come from touristoffice.org/madrid/, where each sight has opening details, tickets and a longer guide. Addresses come from OpenStreetMap. The walking route was computed with the Valhalla pedestrian profile; its time excludes the visits. Hours and access change, check before you go. Edition: October 2026.

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The 13 top sights

In walking order, with the full address of each one. Red numbers are worth a separate trip: they sit outside the centre, so the line below each one gives the transport to use.

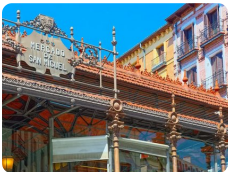


1 Plaza Mayor central Madrid

Ringed by red arcaded facades and topped by the frescoed Casa de la Panadería, this grand rectangular square has been the ceremonial heart of Madrid since the 17th century. Over the years it has staged markets, bullfights, royal proclamations and the trials of the Inquisition; today its porticoes shelter cafes and Sunday stamp collectors, while a bronze statue of King Philip III rides at its centre.

Address Plaza Mayor, 28012 Madrid

Free and open around the clock.



2 Mercado de San Miguel beside Plaza Mayor

Behind Plaza Mayor stands one of Madrid's last iron and glass market halls, built in 1916 and restored as a showcase of Spanish food. Rather than a grocery market, it is a covered gallery of stalls serving oysters, jamon iberico, croquetas, vermouth and pastries to eat on the spot at shared counters. The wrought-iron structure glows after dark and stays busy late into the night.

Address Plaza de San Miguel, s/n, 28005 Madrid

Free entry; open daily.



3 Almudena Cathedral opposite the Royal Palace

Madrid's cathedral took more than a century to finish, begun in 1883 and consecrated by Pope John Paul II only in 1993. The long gestation shows in its mix of styles: a neoclassical exterior that echoes the facing Royal Palace, a brightly coloured Neo-Gothic interior with modern stained glass and pop-art ceiling panels, and a Neo-Romanesque crypt of forest-like columns.

Address Calle de Bailén, 10, 28013 Madrid

Free to enter; the museum and dome are ticketed.



4 Royal Palace beside Almudena Cathedral

One of the largest royal palaces in Europe, this vast Baroque residence rose on the site of the old Alcazar after fire destroyed it in 1734. Thousands of rooms unfold behind its limestone and granite facade, and visitors can tour the throne room, the porcelain room, the royal armoury and halls hung with works by Goya, Caravaggio and Velazquez. Spain's royal family no longer lives here, reserving it for state ceremonies.

Address Calle de Bailén, s/n, 28071 Madrid

Ticketed. · Tickets and tours madridtickets.org/royal-palace/



5 Puerta del Sol central Madrid

This bustling half-moon plaza is the symbolic centre of Spain and one of the liveliest crossroads in the city. Set into its pavement is the Kilometre Zero slab from which the country's roads are measured, and above it the Casa de Correos clock rings in the New Year as crowds eat twelve grapes with its chimes. The square also holds Madrid's emblem, the bronze bear reaching into a strawberry tree, and a statue of King Charles III.

Address Puerta del Sol, 28013 Madrid

Free and open around the clock.



6 Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum opposite the Neptune fountain

The third point of Madrid's Golden Triangle of Art fills the gaps left by its neighbours, carrying visitors from 13th-century panels to Pop Art in a single sweep. Assembled by a family of industrialist collectors and acquired by Spain in 1993, its galleries hang Van Eyck, Caravaggio, Rembrandt, the Impressionists, Hopper and Rothko. The collection sits inside the remodelled Villahermosa Palace.

Address Paseo del Prado, 8, 28014 Madrid

Ticketed. · Tickets and tours madridtickets.org/thyssen-bornemisza/



7 The Prado Museum in the Golden Triangle of Art

Spain's national art museum ranks among the world's greatest galleries, built around the royal collection and opened to the public in 1819. Its neoclassical halls hold the finest gathering of Spanish painting anywhere, with more than a hundred works by Goya, the haunting Black Paintings, Velazquez's Las Meninas, and masterpieces by El Greco, Titian, Rubens and Bosch, whose Garden of Earthly Delights draws a steady crowd.

Address Calle de Ruiz de Alarcón, 23, 28014 Madrid

Ticketed. · Tickets and tours madridtickets.org/prado-museum/



8 The Reina Sofia Museum facing Atocha station

Madrid's national museum of 20th-century art occupies a former 18th-century hospital extended by Jean Nouvel's red and glass wings. Its collection traces modern Spanish art through Miro, Dali and Juan Gris, but the undisputed centrepiece is Picasso's Guernica, the monumental canvas protesting the bombing of the Basque town during the Civil War. Quiet rooftop terraces and an inner courtyard reward a slower visit.

Address Calle de Santa Isabel, 52, 28012 Madrid

Ticketed. · Tickets and tours madridtickets.org/reina-sofia/

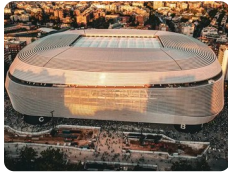


9 Retiro Park east of the Prado

Once the private garden of a vanished royal palace, the green heart of Madrid opened to the public in the 19th century and joined the UNESCO World Heritage list in 2021. Rowing boats drift on the lake below the colonnaded monument to Alfonso XII, while shaded paths lead to a rose garden, the statue of the Fallen Angel and two glass exhibition halls. Weekends bring drummers, puppeteers and fortune tellers.

Address Plaza de la Independencia, 7, 28001 Madrid

Free; open daily.



10 Santiago Bernabeu Stadium Chamartin

Real Madrid's home ground on the Paseo de la Castellana opened in 1947 and emerged from a five year rebuild in 2024 wrapped in a skin of steel bands, with a retractable roof and a pitch that slides away into a vault beneath the stands. Over 78,000 seats make it one of the largest stadiums in Europe. On days without a match the Tour Bernabeu takes visitors through the trophy room with its fifteen European Cups, the pitchside tunnel, the presidential box and the dressing rooms, and the metro stops at the gates.

Address Avenida de Concha Espina, 1, 28036 Madrid

Worth a separate trip · 4.2 km N of the centre · Metro L10 · Ticketed stadium tour; match tickets are sold separately



11 Temple of Debod by Plaza de Espana

An ancient Egyptian temple stands improbably on a rise near Plaza de Espana, its sandstone gateways mirrored in a shallow pool. Egypt gave the shrine, first raised in the 2nd century BCE, to Spain in 1968 in thanks for help rescuing monuments threatened by the Aswan High Dam. Rebuilt stone by stone, it is one of the few Egyptian temples outside Egypt and a favourite place to watch the sun set over the city.

Address Calle de Ferraz, 1, 28008 Madrid

Worth a separate trip · 1.5 km NW of the centre · Metro Plaza de España · Free; closed on Mondays.



12 Palacio de Cristal inside Retiro Park

A pavilion of iron and glass rises beside a small lake in Retiro Park, built in 1887 to shelter tropical plants for an exhibition on the Philippines. Modelled on London's Crystal Palace, its transparent dome and cross-shaped hall have long served the Reina Sofia as a light-filled gallery for contemporary art. Ducks and bald cypresses frame the pond and its little cascade.

Address Parque del Retiro, 28009 Madrid

Worth a separate trip · 1.8 km E of the centre · Metro L2 Retiro · Closed for renovation until 2027.



13 Museo Sorolla Chamberi

The house where painter Joaquin Sorolla lived and worked has been preserved as a museum, its Andalusian-style garden and light-filled studio kept much as he left them. Spain's master of luminous, sun-drenched canvases filled the rooms with his own seascapes and portraits, alongside ceramics, sculpture and the everyday objects of a working artist. The house is currently undergoing a major renovation and expansion.

Address Paseo del General Martínez Campos, 37, 28010 Madrid

Worth a separate trip · 2.3 km NE of the centre · Metro L1 Iglesia · Closed for renovation; reopening expected late 2026.

33 hidden gems

Smaller places from the same guide, each with its address. Those outside the map frame show their distance from the centre.

Sobrino de Botin

In a world where a restaurant existing for as long as a decade qualifies as a small miracle, Spain's Sobrino de Botin, which has...

Calle de Cuchilleros, 17, 28005 Madrid

Fountain of the Fallen Angel

The country's capital city holds unique bragging rights for having what is commonly acknowledged as the only public monument to...

Glorieta del Ángel Caído, 28009 Madrid

Chamberí Ghost Station

Travelers on the Madrid Metro's line 1 (the "blue" line) have probably noticed an old station flashing through the train car's...

Plaza de Chamberí, 28010 Madrid

'Witches' Sabbath (The Great He-Goat)'

In one of the more obscure and less-visited galleries of Madrid 's world-famous Museo Nacional Del Prado, the curious visitor can...

Museo del Prado, Calle de Ruiz de Alarcón, 23, 28014 Madrid

The Rocker Grandma

This is the story of a conventional granny who one day decided to accompany her grandson to a rock concert.

Calle de Peña Gorbea, 22, 28053 Madrid · 4.0 km SE of the centre, outside the map

San Antonio de los Alemanes

Unassuming from the outside, this small building goes unnoticed to most people who walk down Gran Vía Avenue.

Calle de la Puebla, 22, 28004 Madrid

Atocha Station Tropical Garden

The winding paths and many benches within this garden make it the perfect place to kill time or hunker down with a cup of coffee...

Estación de Atocha, Plaza del Emperador Carlos V, s/n, 28045 Madrid

Real Jardin Botanico

Founded by King Ferdinand IV's royal decree, the Real Jardín Botánico is a two-and-a-half centuries-old wonder, occupying...

Plaza Murillo, 2, 28014 Madrid

Air Crash

If artist Ricardo Bellver's famed "Fallen Angel" statue depicting Lucifer's fall from grace is too somber an experience, you can...

Calle de Santiago, 1, 28013 Madrid

Dolmen de Dalí

Few people realize that when they walk through the plaza at the end of Felipe II Avenue in Madrid they are passing one of the...

Avenida de Felipe II, 28009 Madrid

Reverte Coma Forensic Museum

Lost in a corridor of the immense Faculty of Medicine building at the Complutense University in Madrid , there is a small museum...

Calle Doctor Fernando Castro Rodríguez, 28040 Madrid · 3.5 km NW of the centre, outside the map

El Oso y el Madroño (The Bear and the Strawberry Tree)

In Madrid 's Puerta del Sol stands a bronze statue of a burly bear standing on its hind feet as it searches for fruit among the...

Puerta del Sol, 28013 Madrid

Secret Nun Cookies at Monasterio del Corpus Christi

In the Plaza del Conde de Miranda, a simple set of double doors in the wall of the Monasterio del Corpus Christi lead to a place...

Plaza del Conde de Miranda, 3, 28005 Madrid

Juan de la Cosa Map

Although Columbus was a mapmaker in his pre-expedition days, he left behind no known maps of his explorations.

Paseo del Prado, 3, 28014 Madrid

'La Plaza de la Luna'

The installation of this marker represented the first time the Kcymaerxthaere project has been able to honor a gateway to the...

Plaza de Santa María Soledad Torres Acosta, 2, 28004 Madrid

Muslim Walls of Madrid

The remains of the Muslim Walls of Madrid (Muralla Islámica de Madrid) are among the oldest structures in the city.

Plaza Emir Mohamed I, 28013 Madrid

Museo Lazaro Galdiano

The Museo Lazaro Galdiano is among Madrid 's most overlooked art museums, seldom visited by the crowds that converge on the...

Calle de Serrano, 122, 28006 Madrid · 2.7 km NE of the centre, outside the map

Museo Geominero

Madrid is teeming with museums, but none quite like the Museo Geominero.

Calle de Ríos Rosas, 21, 28003 Madrid · 2.9 km N of the centre, outside the map

Madrid's Walk of Fame

The area around Plaza de España in Madrid is frequented by people who love movies in original versions and therefore, several...

Calle de Martín de los Heros, 14, 28008 Madrid

Ahuehuate del Buen Retiro ("El Abuelo")

The Columbian Exchange was the process by which animals and plants were traded between the Old and New Worlds (the Americas) by...

Calle de Alfonso XII, 28014 Madrid

San Ginés Book Shop

An institution in the urban landscape of the center of Madrid, the San Ginés Book Shop is still going strong.

Calle del Arenal, 13, 28013 Madrid

Casa Labra

The people of Madrid , firmly landlocked smack dab in the center of Spain, are huge fans of seafood, so much so that the city has...

Calle de Tetuán, 12, 28013 Madrid

Torres Blancas

Torres Blancas, or "white towers," is a building like few others.

Avenida de América, 37, 28002 Madrid · 3.7 km NE of the centre, outside the map

Neighbourhoods

Madrid de los Austrias

The Habsburg old town around Plaza Mayor (1), with Mercado de San Miguel (2) at its western corner and taverns on Calle de Cuchilleros. Puerta del Sol (5), a few minutes east, marks Kilometre Zero of the Spanish roads.

Paseo del Arte

Three great museums along one boulevard: the Thyssen (6), the Prado (7) and the Reina Sofía (8). The Paseo del Prado and the Retiro were listed together as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2021.

La Latina and Lavapiés

South of Plaza Mayor, La Latina fills with tapas crowds on Cava Baja and with the El Rastro flea market on Sunday mornings. Lavapiés next door is the most mixed quarter in Madrid, with small theatres and cheap eats.

Castellana and Salamanca

Paseo de la Castellana runs north past the business towers to the Santiago Bernabéu (10). The Salamanca grid east of it holds the designer shops of Calle de Serrano.

Spain's Good Luck Frog

Next to the Gran Madrid Casino's gate, stands a big and seemingly outlandish frog.

Paseo de Recoletos, 41, 28004 Madrid

Kiosko de Horchata Miguel y José

Valencia is Spain's undisputed capital of horchata .

Calle de Narváez, 8, 28009 Madrid

Kilometre Zero

This small stone slab in Madrid's city square marks the geographical center of Spain.

Puerta del Sol, 7, 28013 Madrid

La Tabacalera de Lavapiés

Beautiful murals decorate the multi-storied walls of this once-decrepit industrial hub.

Calle de Embajadores, 51, 28012 Madrid

Javier Puerta Museum of Anatomy

The Universidad Complutense of Madrid is one of the oldest universities in the world.

Calle Doctor Fernando Castro Rodríguez, 28040 Madrid · 3.5 km NW of the centre, outside the map

House of Beasts of Retiro Park

Now a peaceful library surrounded by gardens, this corner of Retiro Park was once the second-oldest zoo in Europe, known as the...

Avenida de Menéndez Pelayo, 28009 Madrid

Museo de América

The superb collections of the Museo de América (Museum of the Americas) make it one of the finest places in the world to see...

Avenida de los Reyes Católicos, 6, 28040 Madrid · 2.9 km NW of the centre, outside the map

Olmec Head Roundabout

A large head, perched atop a stepped pyramid, keeps an unblinking eye on drivers as they whirl around a traffic circle in Madrid .

Calle de Valderrebollo, 28031 Madrid · 8.2 km SE of the centre, outside the map

Caños del Peral Archaeological Museum

In 2009, while installing elevators in Madrid 's Opera metro station, construction workers came across a slice of the city's past...

Plaza de Isabel II, 1, 28013 Madrid

Cine Doré

Cine Doré, inaugurated in 1912, is a modernist building that holds 1,250 spectators.

Calle de Santa Isabel, 3, 28012 Madrid

Palacio and Plaza de Oriente

The Royal Palace (4) faces the Almudena Cathedral (3) across the Plaza de la Armería, with the Sabatini Gardens on one side and the opera house on the other. North of it, the Temple of Debod (11) is the classic sunset spot over the Casa de Campo.

Retiro

Retiro Park (9) rises behind the Prado, with rowing boats on the Estanque Grande and the Palacio de Cristal (12) reflected in its lake. Shaded paths, free most of the year and busy with families on Sundays.

Chamberí

A residential district of 19th-century blocks north of the centre, home to the Museo Sorolla (13) in the painter's own house and garden. Local bars around Plaza de Olavide keep prices lower than in the centre.