

~ CITY TOUR GUIDELINES ~

Dear participants,

This year we would like to offer you a Guideline in case you are interested in doing some sightseeing during your stay in Madrid.

Please note that this is simply informative, since we don't take any responsibilities regarding the participants leisure time.

We hope you enjoy your time in this beautiful city!

Let's begin from the city centre, where we find:

- **Puerta del Sol**, which could be the most famous and transited square in Madrid. Here you can see:
 - ❖ The origin of the roads in Spain (kilometre 0).
 - ❖ Uncle Pepe's poster.
 - ❖ The square's clock.

- **Calle Alcalá**, where you can visit:
 - ❖ A French-inspired building called "Edificio Metrópolis".
 - ❖ "El Círculo de Bellas Artes", which is one of the cultural centres of Madrid where talks, exhibitions and parties are held. At the same time, you can enjoy one of the best views of Madrid from its terrace, located on the roof.
 - ❖ "Statute of Cibeles", meeting place of the local people, where one of the gates of its wall was built during the reign of Carlos the 3rd, between 1769 and 1778.
 - ❖ Cibeles Palace Viewpoint.

There are also some important museums, three of them located in "Paseo del Prado", where we can find:

- ❖ **Prado, Reina Sofía y Thyssen, where you can avoid queues buying the Entrance ticket combo previously for three of them (without guide):**
<https://unviajecreativo.madrid.ticketbar.eu/es/tarjetas-descuento/madrid-paseo-del-arte/>
Or guided: <https://www.civitatis.com/es/madrid/tour-prado-reina-sofia-thyssen?aid=2130>
- ❖ If you're looking for individual guided tours at each museum, you can see them here: Reina Sofía <https://www.civitatis.com/es/madrid/visita-quiada-museo-reina-sofia?aid=2130>, the Prado <https://unviajecreativo.madrid.ticketbar.eu/es/museos/museo-del-prado/> and the Thyssen <https://unviajecreativo.madrid.ticketbar.eu/es/museos/museothyssenbornemi-sza-entrada-individual/>
- ❖ You can also visit the Royal Botanical Gardens.

Another key points and sightseeing places would be:

- **Plaza Mayor**, where The Almudena Cathedral can be found few minutes walking.
- **Calle Arenal – Palacio Real – Ópera – Plaza de Oriente – Jardines de Palacio**
- ❖ The Palace of Gaviria, which is currently a temporary exhibition centre where works of Dalí, Magritte and more important artists have been exhibited.
- ❖ For lovers of live music, specifically Blues, a GREAT RECOMMENDATION is: The Coquette Blues Bar, with live music from Tuesday to Sunday in a small underground local.
- ❖ Next to the Royal Palace you can find the “Sabatini Gardens” and the “Campo del Moro”, two beautiful natural spaces of palace style.

- **Preciados – Plaza de Callao – Gran Vía – Museo Telefónica**
- ❖ At the end of Preciados, we find Plaza de Callao, where you can find one of the most beautiful viewpoints in Madrid (which is found in the gourmet section of the department store “El Corte Inglés”, on the top floor)
- ❖ The “Gran Vía Street”, also called “Madrid's Broadway”, where you can find: The phone company’s building and next to it enjoy a Flamenco show in Tablao Torres Bermejás.

- **Plaza de España**, and few minutes away a nice park with a viewpoint called “Templo del Debod”.

- **Moncloa – Faro de Moncloa – Parque del Oeste**
- ❖ Arc de Triomphe.
- ❖ Climb the Faro of Moncloa, a 110 metres tower that can be climbed by elevator up to 92 metres. From the top you can enjoy another of the most interesting views of Madrid.

- **La Latina neighbourhood**, where you can find many bars and restaurants with terraces for a chilled evening.

- **Parque del Retiro**, one of the biggest parks in the heart of Madrid, that has a wonderful nature, a Glass Palace and a lake where you can enjoy a relaxed boat ride.

LIST OF MORE VIEWPOINTS:

- El parque de las 7 tetas.
- El Faro de Moncloa.
- Mirador del Palacio de Cibeles.
- Mirador de la Huerta de la Partida.
- Mirador del parque de la Cuña Verde.
- Mirador de las Vistillas.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES TO DO IN MADRID:

- Ride the Cable Car, which goes from the area of Paseo del Pintor Rosales (near the Temple of Debod) to the center of the Casa de Campo, the great green space of southern Madrid.
- For Real Madrid FC fans, a guided tour of the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium.
- There is also the possibility of doing a free guided tour of Madrid through the Free Tours. Here you have the link to some of them:

<https://www.freetour.com/es/madrid>

<https://www.civitatis.com/es/madrid/>

- Madrid: flamenco show with culinary options: <https://www.getyourguide.es/madrid-146/madrid-espectaculo-de-flamenco-con-opciones-culinarias-t68374/>

EXCURSIONS NEAR MADRID:

For those who have more time and want to do activities in the surroundings of Madrid, we add some possible options:

- Ballooning over Aranjuez or the Sierra of Guadarrama.
- Excursions can be made to cities near Madrid as: Segovia.
- Following in the footsteps of Don Quixote de la Mancha.
- Half day excursion to Toledo.
- Excursion to Toledo and Segovia in one day.
- Excursion to Aranjuez.
- Excursion to San Lorenzo del Escorial.
- Buitrago del Lozoya, Somosierra and the Chorrera de los Litueros waterfall.

(Following the route of the A1 motorway (the Burgos road) there are several places of interest such as Buitrago del Lozoya, the port of Somosierra and the waterfall of Chorrera de los Litueros. Buitrago is possibly the most beautiful village in Madrid, thanks to its medieval walled appearance on the banks of the river Lozoya).

FAMILY EXCURSIONS WITH CHILDREN:

- Theme park “Warner Bros”:

<https://www.parquewarner.com/blog/bus-a-parque-warner>

- Zoo Aquarium Madrid:

<https://www.zoomadrid.com/>