

PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN SPAIN

MADRID

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FACTS AND TRIVIA ABOUT MADRID

Population 6.75 Million with around 16,000 Filipinos living in Madrid

Geographical Area 604.3 km², Km.0 is in Sol. They say that stepping on the stone slab assures a return to Madrid.

International Institutions UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB), and the Organization of Ibero-American States (OEI) have their headquarters in Madrid, which also hosts many multilateral conventions, as well as international sports events. (Trivia: Did you know that Filipino Paulino Alcantara was once Spain's top football player in the 1920s?)

Business Hours Most shops open between 09.30 and 13.30h in the morning and 17.00 to 20.00h in the afternoon on weekdays, and observe a mid-day break. During the summer months, many establishments will stay open much later in the evening. For some establishments, Saturday opening hours are restricted to the morning shift and Sunday is literally the day of rest. Some remain open even during weekends in the central areas like Sol, Gran Via, and Callao. Lunch is at 1 pm, and dinner is at 8 pm.

Water and Electricity Tap water in Madrid is clean and safe to drink. Spain uses 220v; a Type C travel adaptor with 2 round pins is needed to recharge your gadgets.

Calls and Internet You may buy a temporary SIM at the airport or in phone shops (Orange, Telefonica Movistar or Vodafone) for data, calls and texts. Hotels offer access to wifi.

Value Added Tax (VAT) VAT for shopping is at 21% while food is at 10% VAT. You may apply for tax reimbursement at the airport prior to your flight back home. It is suggested that you arrive three hours prior to your flight departure to have enough time to process your reimbursement.

Weather The hot season lasts for 2.9 months, from June 15 to September 10, with an average daily high temperature above 29°C. The cool season lasts for 3.7 months, from November 14 to March 5, with an average daily high temperature below 15°C. The coldest month of the year in Madrid is January, with an average low of 1°C and high of 10°C. Spring and autumn are moderate seasons and are great for touring around Madrid. Dress appropriately.

Health Better to bring a health insurance card with you during your travel. They have Sanitas, Adeslas, Axa, Mapfre, DKV, Cigna, etc. Check the names of hospitals nearest you. In case of emergency, call 112.

Tippling Tipping in Spain is not compulsory as this is already included in the bill. Look for "servicio incluido" on your receipt to confirm if service charge has been factored into the bill.



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EXPLORE AND ENJOY YOUR

TOUR IN MADRID



Going around Madrid, you may take the train (Metro subway), buses (numbered routes) and also the hop-on, hop-off buses stationed at selected points in the city. Taxis are marked "Libre" (meaning available, and NOT free) and have a green light on to indicate they are taking on passengers. Ride-hailing apps like Uber and Bolt are available in Madrid.

Tourist Map

<https://www.esmadrid.com/sites/default/files/mapazonaturisticasmadrid.pdf>

Metro Train Map Metro cards are sold in the train subway stations. Rides may be bought individually or in tens. The rides are valid on buses and Metros, with ten rides costing 8.50 euros, and a 2-days card at 14.20 euros, <https://www.esmadrid.com/en/madrid-metro-map>

Madrid bus routes

https://www.esmadrid.com/sites/default/files/documentos/planoturisticoделosautobusesdemadrid_0.pdf

Explore the outskirts of Madrid through the Cercanias and other cities through the Renfe train routes. It could lead you to places such as Aranjuez (with a grand palace and gardens to explore), San Sebastian de los Reyes (designer outlet stores), Chinchon (medieval square plaza), Alcala de Henares (mudejar buildings), Pinto (Warner Brothers theme park), etc. Other nearby tourist places to visit include: El Escorial, Navacerrada (during snow time!), Segovia (marvelous aqueduct and try also their cochinitillo), Toledo (fusion of 3 cultures famous for its swordsmith shops, goldleaf accessories and museums). With the Renfe trains, you could take the AVE to Barcelona, Sevilla, Valencia, Malaga, and many more.

<https://www.renfe.com/es/es/cercanias/cercanias-madrid>

<https://www.renfe.com/es/es>

Places to see in Madrid

<https://www.timeout.com/madrid/things-to-do/best-things-to-do-in-madrid>

Madrid events calendar

<https://www.esmadrid.com/en/events-calendar>



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Tourist transportation and museum passes

<https://www.esmadrid.com/en/tourist-passes>

Official Madrid Guide

https://www.esmadrid.com/sites/default/files/guia_madrid_en.pdf

Madrid hop-on, hop-off city tour bus

<https://madrid.city-tour.com/es/rutas-bus-turistico-madrid>

Tickets for concerts, musicals, and other events

<https://www.ticketmaster.es/>

Flamenco shows

<https://www.esmadrid.com/flamenco-madrid>

Where to watch films

<https://cartelera.elpais.com/cines/madrid/>

If you are staying for a longer period during the summer season, visit the beaches in Benidorm, Altea, Alicante, Bilbao, Santander, San Sebastian, Malaga, and even the Canary Islands.

Souvenirs Spanish fans, jamon in vacuum packs, turrones, your Real Madrid football jersey - souvenir shops abound in the Sol and Gran Via areas while the Santiago Bernabeu store may be visited for football jerseys and caps. La Real Fábrica Española, located at Calle Cervantes, 9, is a shop with a curated collection of authentic Spanish souvenirs.



MUST-VISIT PLACES IN
MADRID

PALACIO REAL

Calle Bailen s/n (Metro Opera)
<http://www.museodelprado.es/>



PLAZA MAYOR

Plaza Mayor (Metro Sol)



MUSEO DEL PRADO

Calle Ruiz de Alarcon, 23 (Metro Estacion del Arte)
<https://www.museodelprado.es/visita/horarios-y-tarifas>



MUST-VISIT PLACES IN **MADRID**

ALMUDENA CATHEDRAL AND CRYPT

Cathedral: Calle Bailen, 10 (Metro Opera)

Crypt: Calle Mayor, 90



CENTRO CENTRO

Plaza de Cibeles, 1A (Metro Banco de España)



CÍRCULO DE BELLAS ARTES

Plaza de Cibeles, 1A (Metro Banco de España)



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MUST-VISIT PLACES IN **MADRID**

CASA DE AMÉRICA

Plaza Cibeles, s/n (Metro Banco de España)

<https://www.casamerica.es/visitas>



CAIXA FORUM

Paseo del Prado, 36 (Metro Estacion del Arte)

<https://caixaforum.org/es/home>



MUSEO DE AMÉRICA

Avenida de los Reyes Católicos, 6 (Metro Moncloa)

<https://www.culturaydeporte.gob.es/museodeamerica/visita.html>



MUST-VISIT PLACES IN **MADRID**

EL CAPRICHIO PARK

Paseo de la Alameda de Osuna, 25 (Metro El Capricho)



MUSEO CERRALBO

Calle Ventura Rodriguez, 17 (Metro Plaza de España)

<https://www.culturaydeporte.gob.es/mcerralbo/informacion/visita/tarifas.html>



MUSEO THYSSEN-BORNEMISZA

Plaza de Cibeles, 1A (Museo Estacion del Arte)

<https://www.museothyssen.org/visita/tarifas>



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SANTIAGO BERNABEU STADIUM

Avenida de Concha Espina, 1 (Metro Santiago Bernabeu)
<https://www.realmadrid.com/estadio-santiago-bernabeu>



TEATRO REAL

Plaza de Isabel II, s/n (Metro Opera)
<https://www.teatroreal.es/es>



**PARQUE DEL RETIRO AND
PALACIO DE CRISTAL**

Calle Alcalá con Alfonso XII (Metro Retiro)



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PUERTA DE ALCALA

Calle Alcala con Alfonso XII (Metro Retiro)



CONDE DUQUE

Calle Conde Duque, 11 (Metro Ventura Rodriguez)

<https://www.condeduquemadrid.es/>



MUSEO REINA SOFIA

Calle Sta. Isabel, 52 (Metro Atocha - Estacion del Arte)

<https://www.museoreinasofia.es/visita/horarios-tarifas>



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TEMPLO DE DEBOD

Calle Ferraz, 1 (Metro Plaza de España)



PALACIO DE LIRIA

Calle de la Princesa, 20 (Metro Plaza de España)

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



LOS TORRES DE MADRID

Paseo de la Castellana, 259 (Metro Begoña)



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FILIPINAS EN ESPAÑA

Virtual Walking Tour and brochure guide of Rizal's Madrid complete listing of the places frequented by Dr. Jose Rizal during his time in Spain:

<https://www.philembassymadrid.com/rizals-madrid>

RIZAL MONUMENT IN MADRID

Avenida Filipinas con Calle Santander (Metro Islas Filipinas)



CONGRESO DE LOS DIPUTADOS

Carretera de San Jeronimo, s/n (Metro Sevilla)



MUSEO NACIONAL DE ANTROPOLOGIA

Calle Alfonso XII, 68 (Metro Atocha)

LA SOLIDARIDAD

Calle Atocha, 43 (Metro Anton Martin)

ATENEO DE MADRID

Calle Prado, 21 (Metro Anton Martin)

GRAN HOTEL INGLES

Calle Echegaray, 8 (Metro Sevilla)

CIRCULO DE BELLAS ARTES

Calle Alcalá, 42 (Metro Banco de España)



FACULTAD DE MEDICINA DE SAN CARLOS

Calle Atocha, 106 (Metro Estacion del Arte)

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FILIPINAS EN ESPAÑA

TAHANAN - TAGALOG MASS

Sundays, 4pm, Nuestra Señora del Espino, Calle Conde de Serrallo 17

PARROQUIA NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL ROSARIO DE FILIPINAS

Calle Conde de Peñalver, 40 (Metro Lista)

PARROQUIA STO. NIÑO DE CEBU

Calle Lucio del Valle, 4 (Metro Islas Filipinas)

JOLLIBEE MADRID

Calle Arenal, 4 (Metro Sol)

CALEIDO MALL AND TORRE EMPERADOR

Paseo de la Castellana, 259 (Metro Begoña)

METRO ISLAS FILIPINAS

Calle Cea Bermudez, 43 (Metro Islas Filipinas)

METRO FERIA DE MADRID

Find the Philippine flag

PALACIO DE CRISTAL

Parque del Buen Retiro, Paseo de Cuba, 4 (Metro Retiro)

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FOOD TRIPPING WITH MADRID'S **GASTRONOMY**



Spain is proud of its array of culinary delights. Must-try dishes are the paella, cocido madrileño, cochinillo, callos a la madrileña, arroz caldoso con bogavante, bocadillo de calamares, tortilla de patatas, patatas bravas, chocolate con churros, among so many delicious choices. Make sure to make a reservation!

RESTAURANTE CAZORLA

Calle Rodriguez Marin, 80

ASADOR DE ARANDA

Calle Preciados, 44

TABERNA ALHAMBRA

Calle Victoria, 9

RESTAURANTE DE PALACIO DE CIBELES

Plaza de Cibeles, 1

GAZTELUPE

Calle Aviador Zurita, 32

MUSEO DEL JAMON

Calle Mayor, 7

AZOTEA DEL CIRCULO DE BELLAS ARTES

C. del Marqués de Casa Riera, 2

CASA MINGO

Paseo de la Florida, 34

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FOOD TRIPPING WITH MADRID'S

GASTRONOMY



CHOCOLATERÍA SAN GINÉS

Pasadizo de San Ginés, 5

MESÓN DEL CHAMPIÑÓN

Cava de San Miguel, 17

GINKGO RESTAURANTE & SKYBAR

Plaza de España, 5

360° ROOFTOP BAR

C/ del Maestro Guerrero, s/n

MERCADO SAN MIGUEL

Plaza San Miguel, s/n

EL PIMIENTO VERDE

Calle Quintana, 1

GOURMET EXPERIENCE

El Corte Inglés, Plaza de Callao, 2

LAS BRAVAS

Pasaje de Mathéu, 5

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MORE THINGS TO DO WHILE IN **MADRID**



VISIT EL RASTRO FLEA MARKET

Sundays, Calle Ribera de Curtidores (Metro La Latina or Acacias)



RIDE A BOAT IN RETIRO PARK

Retiro Park

VISIT THE ROSALEDA ROSE GARDEN

MTRUPaseo Pintor Rosales, s/n



TRY THE CABLE CAR IN TELEFERICO

Paseo Pintor Rosales, s/n (Metro Arguelles)

GO SHOPPING AT EL CORTE INGLES

Calle Raimundo Fernandez Villaverde, 65 (Metro Nuevos Ministerios)

VISIT THE PARQUE DE ATRACCIONES OR MADRID ZOO

Metro Batán (theme park) / Metro Casa de Campo (zoo)



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SOME REMINDERS DURING YOUR STAY IN **MADRID**



DO'S

- Do secure your Philippine credit card's pin if you are planning to make a purchase with one. Some establishments require a pin to complete transactions.
- Do be mindful of the change in the weather. Mornings and evenings can get very cold in Madrid. Layering is key.
- Do be careful with your belongings, especially in areas with a lot of tourists. Tourism has normalized in Madrid, and pick-pockets are aplenty.
- Do write down your accommodation's name and address on a piece of paper and stash in a pocket, in case your belongings are stolen.
- Do remember that lunch is usually taken at 2 PM, and dinner service begins at 8 PM. Take into account the sacred time of siesta, as many establishments will close between lunch and dinner.
- Do bring an eco bag. You will be charged up to 10 cents per bag as part of Spain's efforts to reduce plastic waste.
- Do try some paella, cochinillo, tapas, and churros con chocolate during your visit!
- Do inform the cashiers right away if claiming VAT refund for shopping items so that they may prepare the TAX FREE documentation that you will need to make your claim at the airport.
- DO proceed to the airport well in advance if claiming VAT refunds for shopping items.

DON'T S

- Don't bring your passport with you if you will be roaming around Madrid. Take a photo of the passport datapage, instead. (If attending a meeting, an ID may be required at the front desk.)
- Don't bring a large amount of cash with you if you are able to pay with your credit card. Most establishments accept card payments, even small grocery stores and taxis.
- Don't forget that some museums allow free entrance at certain times of the day, sometimes on weekends. Take advantage of them, and line up early.
- Don't exceed 32 kilos when packing one suitcase. Airline workers' safety in the EU has determined that no bag can weigh heavier than 32 kilos.
- Do not forget to lock your luggage before checking in.



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SPANISH EXPRESSIONS



GREETINGS/PRESENTATION

- Hola! – Hello
- Buenos días! – Good morning!
- Buenas tardes! – Good afternoon/good evening! (until 8 pm or if you still see the sun up)
- Buenas noches! – Good night
- Cómo estás? (informal) / Como esta? (formal)– How are you?
- Bien, gracias. Y tu? (informal) / Y usted? (formal) – I'm fine, thank you. And you?
- Me llamo..... – My name is.....
- Cómo te llamas?(informal) / Como se llama (formal) – What's your name?
- Mucho gusto. – Nice to meet you.

EXPRESSING YOURSELF

- Por favor – please
- Gracias – thank you
- No entiendo – I (don't) understand
- No sé – I don't know
- Habla inglés? – Do you speak English?
- No hablo español – I don't speak Spanish
- Cómo se dice ___ en español? – How do you say (word) in Spanish?
- Qué hora es? – What time is it?
- Habla más lento por favor – Speak slowly please

ASKING FOR DIRECTIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

- Perdona. Dónde están los servicios (formal)/ Donde está el baño? – Excuse me. Where is the bathroom?
- Dónde está el banco más cercano? – Where is the nearest bank from here?
- Donde hay un cajero? – Where is the ATM?
- Dónde está la calle [de Alcalá]? – Where is the ___ street?
- Dónde puedo encontrar un taxi?– Where can I get a taxi? (You could also download the Uber or Grab app or call Teletaxi – 917312191)
- Dónde está la parada de autobús más cercana? – Where is the nearest bus stop?
- Cuánto cuesta un billete para __ ? – How much is the ticket to___?
- Un billete para ir a ___ por favor. – A ticket to ___ please.
- Donde hay una gasolinera? – Where is the gasoline station?



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AT THE RESTAURANT

- Me podrías/podría dar el menú por favor? - Could you give me the menú please?
- Qué me recomienda? - What do you recommend?
- Me gustaría.... - I would like.....
- Acepta tarjeta de crédito? - Do you accept credit card?
- Soy alérgico/a a cacahuets / I have an allergy to peanuts.
- Quiero agua por favor - I want water please
- Dame un plato de ____ por favor - Give me a plate of ____ please.
- Hay un menú del día? - Is there a menu of the day? (lunch set which includes starter, main dish, and dessert or coffee and your drink of choice - soda, water, juice)
- Que hay de postre? - What 's for dessert?
- Cuánto cuesta? - How much is it?
- La cuenta, por favor - The bill, please.
- Quién? - Who?
- Qué? - What?
- Dónde? - Where?
- Cuando? - When?
- A qué hora? - When/what time?
- Por qué? - Why?
- Cómo? - How?



ASKING FOR HELP

- Necesito ____ - I need
- Tienes (informal)/Tiene (formal) un bolígrafo - Do you have a ballpen?
- Cual es la cuenta y contraseña del wifi del hotel? - What 's the wifi account and password of the hotel?
- Qué significa (subject)...? - What does...(subject).. mean?
- Esta tarjeta no funciona - This card doesn't function.
- Estoy perdido/a¿Podrías/Podría ayudarme? - I'm lost. Can you help me?
- Como llego a..? - How do I get to...?
- Hay una farmacia cerca? - Is there a pharmacy nearby?
- Ayuda! Llame a la policía/ambulancia! - Help! Call the police/ambulance!





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