



5-Day Madrid Itinerary



Madrid



Madrid: A Royal and Artistic Journey

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's magnificent capital, where regal heritage meets artistic splendor. This comprehensive 5-day guide will immerse you in the city's rich culture, world-class museums, and vibrant street life, perfect for first-time visitors.

Historical Overview

Madrid, established as Spain's capital in 1561 by Philip II, has evolved from a medieval town into a sophisticated European metropolis. The city's architecture reflects its journey through the Habsburg and Bourbon dynasties, creating a unique blend of historical grandeur and modern vitality.

Iconic Landmarks

- Royal Palace: Europe's largest royal palace, showcasing spectacular architecture and royal collections.
- Plaza Mayor: A grand 17th-century square at the heart of historic Madrid.
- Temple of Debod: An ancient Egyptian temple offering stunning sunset views.
- Almudena Cathedral: Madrid's beautiful main cathedral, adjacent to the Royal Palace.

Cultural Treasures

- Prado Museum: Home to one of the world's finest collections of European art.
- Reina Sofia Museum: Spain's national museum of 20th-century art.
- Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum: Completing Madrid's "Golden Triangle of Art."
- Círculo de Bellas Artes: A cultural center with panoramic city views.

Charming Neighborhoods

- Gran Vía: Madrid's famous avenue, known for shopping and architecture.
- Malasaña: A trendy district perfect for shopping and nightlife.
- Puerta del Sol: The city's central square and meeting point.
- Las Ventas: Home to Spain's most important bullring.

Madrid Lifestyle

- Cuisine: Experience local gastronomy at Mercado de San Miguel and San Antón.
- Café Culture: Try traditional churros at historic San Ginés Chocolatería.
- Shopping: From luxury boutiques on Gran Vía to vintage finds in Malasaña.

Green Spaces

- Retiro Park: Madrid's green heart with its Crystal Palace and peaceful gardens.
- Capricho Park: A hidden gem featuring beautiful gardens and architecture.
- Casa de Campo: Europe's largest urban park.

Practical Travel Tips

- Transportation: Utilize the efficient Metro system; consider a tourist travel pass.
- Best Times to Visit: Spring (March-May) or Fall (September-November) for pleasant weather.
- Language: Basic Spanish phrases are helpful; English is common in tourist areas.
- Safety: Madrid is generally safe; stay alert in crowded tourist areas.

5-Day Itinerary Highlights

Day 1: Plaza Mayor, Mercado de San Miguel, Royal Palace, Royal Theatre, Temple of Debod

Day 2: Prado Museum, Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum, Reina Sofia Museum, Círculo de Bellas Artes

Day 3: Retiro Park, Crystal Palace, Puerta del Sol, Gran Vía

Day 4: Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, Las Ventas Bullring, Capricho Park, Plaza de España

Day 5: Almudena Cathedral, San Ginés Chocolatería, Mercado de San Antón, Malasaña District

This guide presents a curated selection of over 30 locations, allowing you to customize your Madrid experience. Each stop reveals another facet of the city's rich cultural heritage and modern vibrancy.

Madrid is more than just Spain's capital; it's a city that captures your heart with its artistic treasures, royal heritage, and passionate lifestyle. As you explore its grand boulevards, world-class museums, and hidden plazas, you'll discover why Madrid has enchanted visitors for centuries.

Let this majestic city inspire you with its energy and create unforgettable memories during your journey. ¡Buen viaje!



Itinerary Preview

5 days

DAY 01

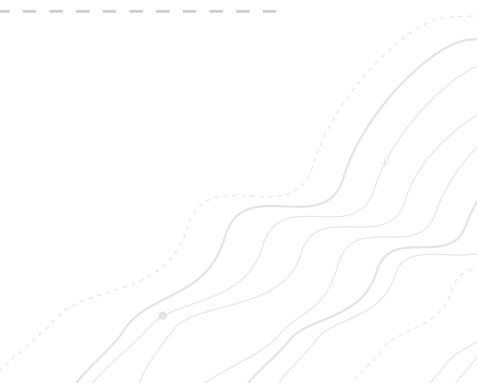
Plaza Mayor
Mercado de San Miguel
Royal Palace of Madrid
Temple of Debod
Teatro Real

DAY 02

Museo Nacional del Prado
Thyssen-Bornemisza National Museum
Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía
Círculo de Bellas Artes

DAY 03

El Retiro Park
Palacio de Cristal
Puerta del Sol
Gran Vía





DAY
04

Santiago Bernabéu Stadium

Las Ventas Bullring

Jardín El Capricho de la Alameda de Osuna

Plaza de España


DAY
05

Catedral de Santa María la Real de la Almudena

Chocolatería San Ginés

Mercado San Antón

Malasaña





Daily Events



Day 1

09:00

Plaza Mayor

Pl. Mayor, Centro, 28012 Madrid, Spain

11:00

11:45

Mercado de San Miguel

Pl. de San Miguel, s/n, Centro, 28005 Madrid, Spain

13:30

14:15

Royal Palace of Madrid

Centro, 28071 Madrid, Spain

15:30

16:15

Temple of Debod

C. de Ferraz, 1, Moncloa - Aravaca, 28008 Madrid, Spain

18:00

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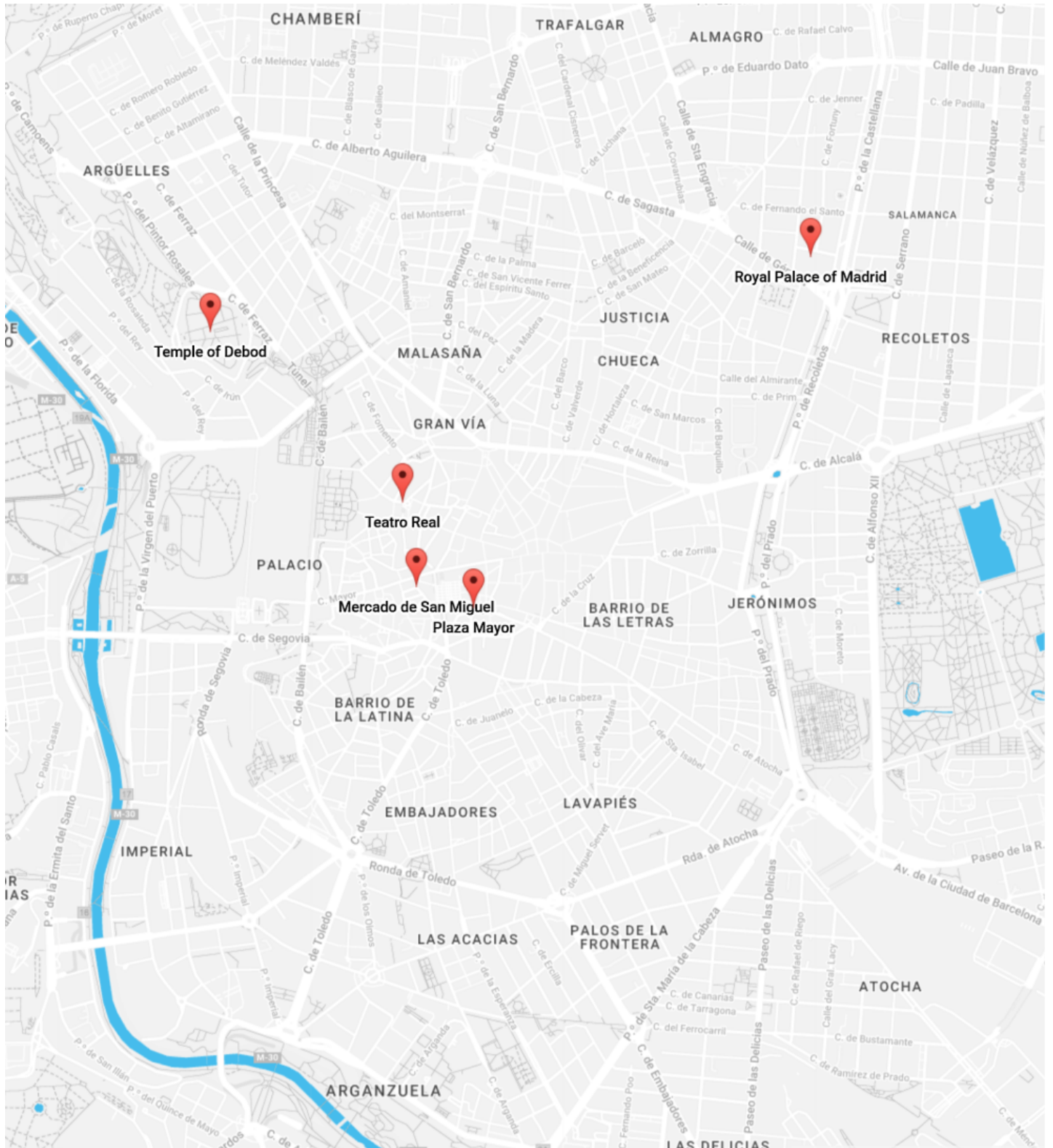
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Teatro Real

Pl. de Isabel II, s/n, Centro, 28013 Madrid, Spain

20:00

Map for Day 1



Day 2

09:00

Museo Nacional del Prado

Retiro, 28014 Madrid, Spain

11:00

11:45

Thyssen-Bornemisza National Museum

P.º del Prado, 8, Centro, 28014 Madrid, Spain

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Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía

C. de Sta. Isabel, 52, Centro, 28012 Madrid, Spain

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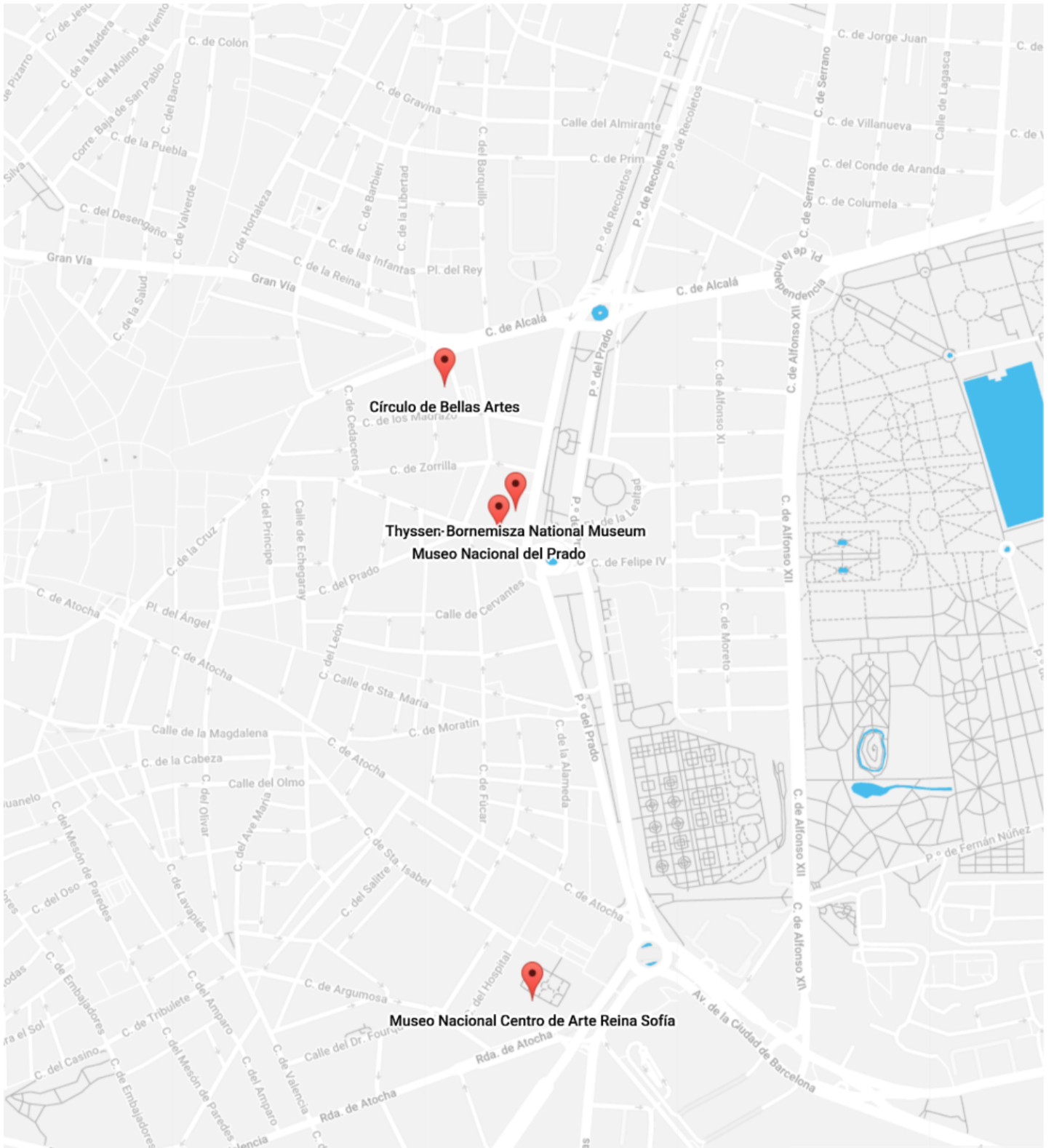
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Círculo de Bellas Artes

C. de Alcalá, 42, Centro, 28014 Madrid, Spain

19:15

Map for Day 2



Day 3

09:00

El Retiro Park

Retiro, 28009 Madrid, Spain

11:00

11:45

Palacio de Cristal

P.º de Cuba, 4, Retiro, 28009 Madrid, Spain

13:45

14:30

Puerta del Sol

Puerta del Sol, Centro, Madrid, Spain

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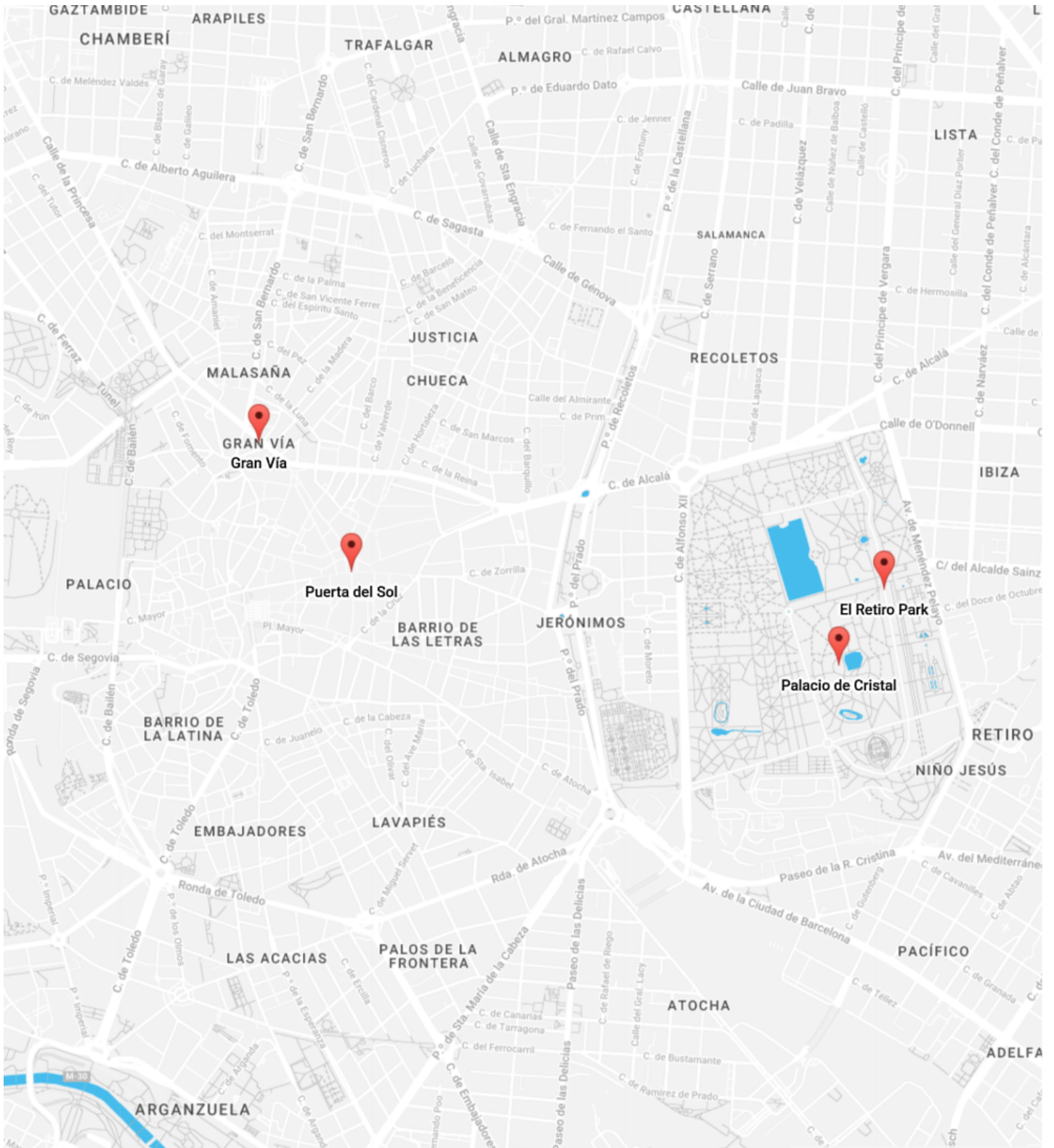
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Gran Vía

Gran Vía, Centro, Madrid, Spain

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Map for Day 3



Day 4

09:00

Santiago Bernabéu Stadium

Av. de Concha Espina, 1, Chamartín, 28036 Madrid, Spain

11:00

11:45

Las Ventas Bullring

C. de Alcalá, 237, Salamanca, 28028 Madrid, Spain

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14:30

Jardín El Capricho de la Alameda de Osuna

P.º de la Alameda de Osuna, 25, Barajas, 28042 Madrid, Spain

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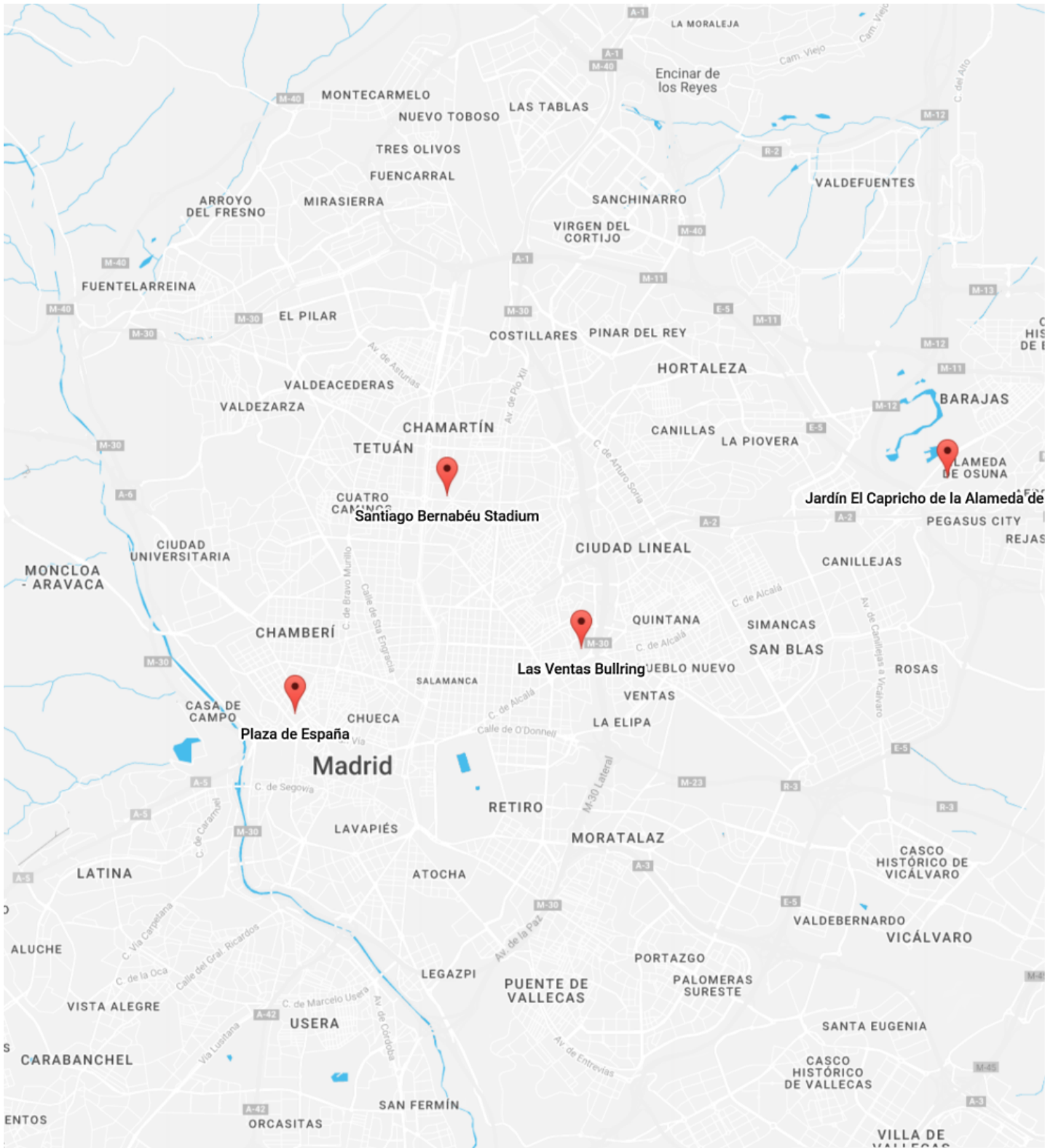
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Plaza de España

Pl. de España, Moncloa - Aravaca, Madrid, Spain

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Map for Day 4



Day 5

09:00

Catedral de Santa María la Real de la Almudena

C. de Bailén, 10, Centro, 28013 Madrid, Spain

11:00

11:45

Chocolatería San Ginés

Pasadizo de San Ginés, 5, Centro, 28013 Madrid, Spain

13:45

14:30

Mercado San Antón

C. de Augusto Figueroa, 24, Centro, 28004 Madrid, Spain

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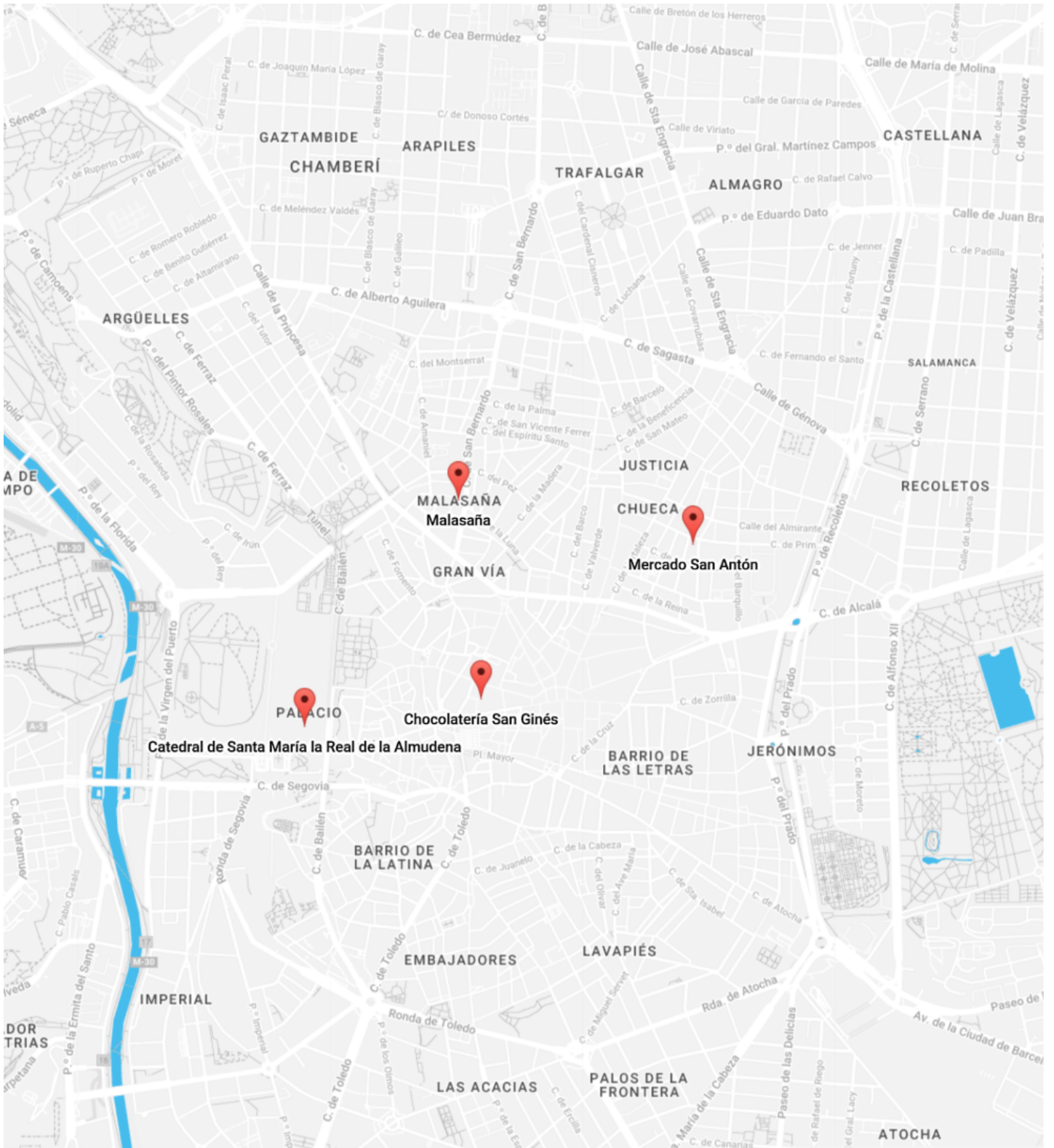
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Malasaña

Malasaña, Centro, Madrid, Spain

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Map for Day 5





Spots



Plaza de España

Pl. de España, Moncloa - Aravaca, Madrid, Spain



National Museum of Decorative Arts

C. de Montalbán, 12, Retiro, 28014 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

More than 60 rooms of decorative works, many of them dating from the 16th & 17th centuries.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Thursday: 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM, 5:00 - 8:00 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Saturday: 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Phone:

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Parque Madrid Río

P.º de la Ermita del Santo, 14, 16, Latina, 28011 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Modern linear green space along the Manzanares River, with cultural events & sports fields.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours



Casa de Campo

P.º de la Prta del Ángel, 1, 28011 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Expansive park & former royal hunting ground, with small hills, streams & a boating lake.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours

Phone:

915 29 10 28



Real Jardín Botánico

Pl. Murillo, 2, Retiro, 28014 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Botanical garden with outdoor gardens & greenhouses, plus walking trails & monthly activities.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

914 20 30 17



Royal Palace of Aranjuez

Pl. de Parejas, s/n, 28300 Aranjuez, Madrid, Spain

Summary:

18th century royal residence with ornately-decorated rooms including a dance hall & throne room.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

918 91 13 44



Museo del Ferrocarril de Madrid

Paseo de las Delicias, 61, Arganzuela, 28045 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Museum of railway history in grand former station, with carriages & locomotives, library & archives.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Thursday: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Phone:

915 39 00 85



Zoo Aquarium de Madrid

Casa de Campo, S/N, Moncloa - Aravaca, 28011 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Huge facility with animals in natural habitats, dolphinarium & a shark tank, plus kids' petting zoo.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

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Museo del Romanticismo

C. de San Mateo, 13, Centro, 28004 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

18th-century mansion with displays of romantic-period paintings & furniture, plus a garden cafe.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Thursday: 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Sunday: Closed

Phone:

914 48 10 45



Teatro Lope de Vega

Gran Vía, 57, Centro, 28013 Madrid, Spain

Phone:

902 88 87 88



CentroCentro

Plaza Cibeles, 1, Retiro, 28014 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Iconic venue built in 1904, with displays on urban life plus a tower with panoramic city views.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Phone:

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Puerta de Alcalá

Pl. de la Independencia, s/n, Retiro, 28001 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Triumphal arch near to Parque del Buen Retiro & rich with stone carvings & elegant sculptures.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours

Tuesday: Open 24 hours

Wednesday: Open 24 hours

Thursday: Open 24 hours

Friday: Open 24 hours

Saturday: Open 24 hours

Sunday: Open 24 hours



National Archaeological Museum

C. de Serrano, 13, Salamanca, 28001 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Neoclassical building housing ancient & more modern artifacts including cave art & Islamic pottery.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Thursday: 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Phone:

915 77 79 12



Museo del Traje

Av. de Juan de Herrera, 2, Moncloa - Aravaca, 28040 Madrid, Spain

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Thursday: 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Phone:

915 50 47 00



Malasaña

Malasaña, Centro, Madrid, Spain



Teatro Español

Plaza Santa Ana, C. del Príncipe, 25, Centro, 28014 Madrid, Spain

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 4:30 - 8:30 PM

Wednesday: 4:30 - 8:30 PM

Thursday: 4:30 - 8:30 PM

Friday: 4:30 - 8:30 PM

Saturday: 4:30 - 8:30 PM

Sunday: 4:30 - 8:30 PM

Phone:

914 52 04 72



Velázquez Palace

El Retiro Park, P.º de Venezuela, 2, Retiro, 28001 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Built 1881–1883, this restored neoclassical building houses rotating exhibits of contemporary art.

Phone:

917 74 10 00



Teatro Real

Pl. de Isabel II, s/n, Centro, 28013 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Renowned opera house established in 1850 with frequent performances, guided tours & a grand design.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Phone:

900 244 848



Gran Vía

Gran Vía, Centro, Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Iconic street lined with grand, early-1900s architecture, retail stores, restaurants & bars.



Santiago Bernabéu Stadium

Av. de Concha Espina, 1, Chamartín, 28036 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

81,000-capacity ground for Real Madrid, with regular matches plus tours of stadium and trophy room.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM

Phone:

913 98 43 00



Círculo de Bellas Artes

C. de Alcalá, 42, Centro, 28014 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Arts & cultural center with movie theater, live performances, exhibition halls & a cafe/restaurant.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Thursday: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Friday: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Phone:

913 60 54 00



Chocolatería San Ginés

Pasadizo de San Ginés, 5, Centro, 28013 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Founded in 1894, this cafe is known for its chocolate with churros.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours

Tuesday: Open 24 hours

Wednesday: Open 24 hours

Thursday: Open 24 hours

Friday: Open 24 hours

Saturday: Open 24 hours

Sunday: Open 24 hours

Phone:

913 65 65 46



Museo Nacional del Prado

Retiro, 28014 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Art museum with Velazquez, Goya and El Greco masterpieces in vast 12th- to 19th-century collection.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Phone:

913 30 28 00



Mercado de San Miguel

Pl. de San Miguel, s/n, Centro, 28005 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Circa-1916 covered market offering local food, delicacies & events in an elegant ambiance.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 12:00 AM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 12:00 AM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 12:00 AM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 12:00 AM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 AM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 AM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Phone:

915 42 49 36



Jardín El Capricho de la Alameda de Osuna

P.º de la Alameda de Osuna, 25, Barajas, 28042 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Manicured 18th-century landscaped gardens with sculptures, water features & a Civil War bunker.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: Closed

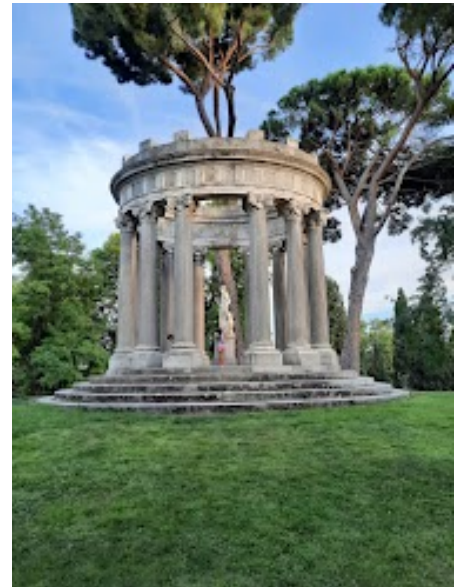
Friday: Closed

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Phone:

915 88 01 14



Puerta del Sol

Puerta del Sol, Centro, Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Busy central square featuring well-known buildings, statues & a clock that rings in the New Year.



El Retiro Park

Retiro, 28009 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Expansive, 19th-century park with boating lake & rose garden, plus numerous fountains & statues.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM
Tuesday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM
Wednesday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM
Thursday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM
Friday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM
Saturday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM
Sunday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM



Catedral de Santa María la Real de la Almudena

C. de Bailén, 10, Centro, 28013 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Baroque Catholic cathedral known for its colorful chapels, plus a Romanesque crypt & museum.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 8:30 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 8:30 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 8:30 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 8:30 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 8:30 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 8:30 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 8:30 PM

Phone:

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Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía

C. de Sta. Isabel, 52, Centro, 28012 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Sprawling museum for Spanish 20th-century art collection with works by Gris, Dali, Picasso & Miro.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Phone:

917 74 10 00



Plaza Mayor

Pl. Mayor, Centro, 28012 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Cafes & restaurants line the arches of this stately square with Philip III's statue in the center.



Royal Palace of Madrid

Centro, 28071 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

18th-century, ridge-top palace for state occasions, plus tours with rooms full of art and antiques.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Phone:

914 54 87 00



Temple of Debod

C. de Ferraz, 1, Moncloa - Aravaca, 28008 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Ancient Egyptian temple & museum moved from Aswan & rebuilt in lush parkland, with sunset views.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 7:30 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 7:30 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 7:30 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 7:30 PM

Phone:

913 66 74 15



Las Ventas Bullring

C. de Alcalá, 237, Salamanca, 28028 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Bullfighting arena built in the 1920s in neo-Mudéjar style & used for bullfights, concerts & events.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 AM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Phone:

913 56 22 00



Palacio de Cristal

P.º de Cuba, 4, Retiro, 28009 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Venue for art exhibitions organized by Reina Sofía Museum, modeled on London's Crystal Palace.

Phone:

915 74 56 17



Mercado San Antón

C. de Augusto Figueroa, 24, Centro, 28004 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

3 levels of gourmet & everyday groceries with food stations, cooking demos & a terrace bar.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:30 AM - 12:00 AM
Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 12:00 AM
Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 12:00 AM
Thursday: 9:30 AM - 12:00 AM
Friday: 9:30 AM - 12:00 AM
Saturday: 9:30 AM - 12:00 AM
Sunday: 9:30 AM - 12:00 AM

Phone:

913 30 07 30



Thyssen-Bornemisza National Museum

P.º del Prado, 8, Centro, 28014 Madrid, Spain

Summary:

Museum housing collection of 13th-20th-century European masterpieces, from Renaissance to Pop Art.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 12:00 - 4:00 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Phone:

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