

→ Museums

→ Reina Sofia Museum

Santa Isabel, 52
 TEL: 91 374 10 00
 METRO: Estación del Arte
 INFO: Monday–Saturday 10:00–21:00, Sunday 10:00–19:00
 Free: Monday & Wednesday–Saturday 19:00–21:00 & Sunday 13:30–19:00
 Tuesday closed
 WEB: www.museoreinasofia.es



Picasso's *Guernica* is the jewel in the crown of this museum specialising in contemporary art, where Spanish artists take pride of place. Now also featuring a stunning extension designed by Jean Nouvel, the museum is home to artworks from the late 19th century to the present day, including paintings by Dalí and Miró.

→ Open Air Sculpture Museum on Paseo de la Castellana

Paseo de la Castellana, 40
 TEL: 91 529 82 10
 METRO: Rubén Darío
 INFO: Free entry
 WEB: www.madrid.es

Located under the overpass joining Juan Bravo and Eduardo Dato streets, this open-air museum has an excellent collection of abstract sculpture. Home to Eduardo Chillida's *The Stranded Mermaid*, it comprises works by artists from two different generations of the Spanish avant-garde.

→ Casa de la Moneda Museum

Doctor Esquerdo, 36
 TEL: 91 566 65 44
 METRO: O'Donnell, Goya
 INFO: Tuesday–Friday 10:00–17:30, Saturday–Sunday & Holidays 10:00–14:00
 Free entry
 WEB: www.museocasadelamoneda.es

Located inside the Royal Spanish Mint, this museum takes you on a wonderful journey through the history of money and the production of coins and notes over the centuries.

→ Wax Museum

Paseo de Recoletos, 41
 TEL: 91 319 93 30
 METRO: Colón
 INFO: Monday–Friday 10:00–14:30 & 16:30–20:00, Saturday–Sunday & Holidays 10:00–20:00
 WEB: www.museoceramadrid.com

Historical figures, artists, sports personalities and politicians from various eras all seem to come alive in this museum. They're joined by fictional and children's characters plus familiar faces from classic horror films. Prepare for a fascinating journey through time!

→ Museum of San Isidro The Origins of Madrid

Plaza de San Andrés, 2
 TEL: 91 360 74 15
 METRO: La Latina
 INFO: Tuesday–Sunday & Holidays 10:00–20:00
 15 June–15 September 10:00–19:00
 Free entry
 WEB: www.madrid.es/museosanisidro

A museum devoted to Madrid's origins, it features a room dedicated to the city's foundation by the Muslims in the 9th century and its subsequent growth as it came to be enclosed by various city walls. Of particular note are the magnificent pieces of Islamic pottery and the remains of the former fortress.

→ San Fernando Royal Academy of Fine Arts

Alcalá, 13
 TEL: 91 524 08 64
 METRO: Sol, Sevilla
 INFO: Tuesday–Sunday & Holidays 10:00–15:00
 Free: Wednesdays that are not holidays
 WEB: www.realacademiabellasartessanfernando.com

In 1752, Philip V founded the Royal Academy, inspired by the ones that already existed in Italy and France. Its museum boasts one of the greatest collections of paintings and etchings by Goya, and the Academy also houses various curiosities, including *The Spring* by Giuseppe Arcimboldo.

→ Sorolla Museum

General Martínez Campos, 37
 TEL: 91 310 15 84
 METRO: Iglesia
 INFO: Tuesday–Saturday 9:30–20:00, Sundays & Holidays 10:00–15:00
 Free: Saturdays 14:00–20:00 & Sundays
 WEB: www.museosorolla.mcu.es

Valencian painter Joaquín Sorolla, whose depictions of beaches, gardens and Spain's peoples and traditions earned him international success in the early 20th century, had a unique ability to capture light on water and foliage. Today the house he built himself in the Chamberí neighbourhood is a museum showcasing many of his masterpieces.



→ The Garment Museum

Avda. Juan de Herrera, 2
 TEL: 91 550 47 00
 METRO: Moncloa, Ciudad Universitaria
 INFO: Tuesday–Saturday 9:30–19:00, Sundays & Holidays 10:00–15:00
 July–August: Thursday 9:30–22:30
 Free: Saturday afternoon & Sunday
 WEB: www.mecd.gob.es/mtraje

The museum offers an overview of the history of clothing that reveals some of the traits of Spanish and European society from the 16th century to the present day.

→ Thyssen–Bornemisza Museum

Paseo del Prado, 8
 TEL: 91 791 13 70
 METRO: Banco de España, Estación del Arte
 INFO: Tuesday–Sunday 10:00–19:00, Monday 12:00–16:00
 Free: Monday
 WEB: www.museothyssen.org



Dürer, Frans Hals, Gauguin, Van Gogh and Kirchner are just some of the great masters on display in the Villahermosa Palace, the large building housing the museum that take us on a journey through seven centuries of European art, from the early 1200s to the late 20th century.

→ National Museum of Natural Sciences

José Gutiérrez Abascal, 2
 TEL: 91 411 13 28
 METRO: Gregorio Marañón
 INFO: Tuesday–Friday 10:00–17:00, Saturday–Sunday & Holidays 10:00–20:00
 August: Tuesday–Friday 10:00–17:00, Saturday–Sunday & Holidays 10:00–15:00
 WEB: www.mcn.csic.es

This museum is filled with botanical and insect collections, dinosaur replicas and educational exhibitions focusing on nature.

→ Naval Museum

Paseo del Prado, 5 / Montalbán, 2
 TEL: 91 523 85 16
 METRO: Banco de España
 INFO: Tuesday–Sunday 10:00–19:00
 August: Tuesday–Sunday 10:00–15:00
 WEB: www.armada.mde.es

An overview of the history of Spanish sailing, from the era of the discoveries of the 15th century up to the 20th century.

→ MAN. National Archaeological Museum

Serrano, 13
 TEL: 91 577 79 12
 METRO: Serrano, Retiro
 INFO: Tuesday–Saturday 9:30–20:00, Sunday 9:30–15:00
 Free: Saturdays from 14:00 & Sundays
 WEB: www.man.es



Founded by Queen Isabella in 1867, the museum harbours collections of antiques that reveal the ways of life of the different cultures that have passed through the Iberian Peninsula and the Mediterranean. Particularly noteworthy among its most remarkable pieces are the Iberian sculptures and Roman mosaics.

→ National Museum of Anthropology

Alfonso XII, 68
 TEL: 91 530 64 18, 91 539 59 95
 METRO: Estación del Arte
 INFO: Tuesday–Saturday 9:30–20:00, Sundays & Holidays 10:00–15:00
 WEB: www.mecd.gob.es/mn antropologia

→ La Almudena Cathedral Museum

Plaza de la Almudena, no number
 TEL: 91 559 28 74
 METRO: Ópera
 INFO: Monday–Saturday 10:00–14:30
 WEB: museocatedral.archimadrid.es

The museum's halls display a variety of items relating to the origin and history of the Church of Madrid and the city's two patron saints: the Virgin of Almudena and Isidore the Labourer. When you purchase tickets to the museum, you are also allowed to visit the cathedral's dome which affords a wonderful view of the Royal Palace.

→ Geomineral Museum

Ríos Rosas, 23
 TEL: 91 349 57 00
 METRO: Ríos Rosas
 INFO: Monday–Sunday & Holidays 9:00–14:00
 Free entry
 WEB: www.igme.es/museo

Through its important collections of minerals, rocks and fossils from across Spain and former colonies, as well as from archaeological sites from all corners of the world, the Museum aims to preserve, research and spread the wealth and diversity of our geological heritage.

→ ABC Museum of Drawing and Illustration

Amaniel, 29–31
 TEL: 91 758 83 79
 METRO: Noviciado, Plaza de España
 INFO: Tuesday–Saturday 11:00–20:00, Sunday 10:00–14:00
 Free entry
 WEB: museo.abc.es

The museum features 200,000 drawings and illustrations that have been published in the ABC newspaper and *Blanco y Negro* magazine. The building that houses it is the former Mahou brewery, remodelled with metal and glass and featuring a distinctive system of lights inside the ground of the pedestrian square where the entrance is located.



→ Lope de Vega House Museum

Cervantes, 11
 TEL: 91 429 92 16
 METRO: Antón Martín, Sevilla
 INFO: Tuesday–Sunday 10:00–15:00
 Free entry, reservation necessary
 casamuseolopedevega.org

The house where writer Lope de Vega spent the last 25 years of his life is now a museum in which to discover what typical 16th-century homes looked like.

→ Railway Museum

Paseo de las Delicias, 61
 TEL: 902 22 88 22
 METRO: Delicias
 INFO: October–May: Monday–Friday 9:30–15:00, Saturday–Sunday & Holidays 10:00–19:00
 June–September: Monday–Sunday 10:00–15:00
 WEB: www.museodelferrocarril.org

In a former train station – a wonderful example of 19th century cast-iron architecture – you'll find a charming collection of old trains and carriages, as well as some great model railway layouts.

→ Museum of Romanticism

San Mateo, 13
 TEL: 91 448 01 63, 91 448 10 45
 METRO: Tribunal
 INFO: November–April: Tuesday–Saturday 9:30–18:30, Sundays & Holidays 10:00–15:00
 Free: Saturday 14:00–18:30 & Sunday 10:00–15:00
 May–October: Tuesday–Saturday 9:30–20:30, Sundays & Holidays 10:00–15:00
 Free: Saturday 14:00–20:00 & Sunday 10:00–15:00
 WEB: www.museoromanticismo.mcu.es

An interesting collection of 19th-century paintings, furnishings and decorative arts offer insight into cultural, political and everyday life in Madrid during the Romantic era.



→ Royal Palace

Bailén, no number
 TEL: 91 454 87 00
 METRO: Ópera
 INFO: October–March: Monday–Sunday 10:00–18:00
 Free: Monday–Thursday 16:00–18:00
 for EU & South American citizens
 April–September: Monday–Sunday 10:00–20:00
 Free: Monday–Thursday 18:00–20:00
 for EU & South American citizens
 WEB: www.patrimoni nacional.es



This majestic building was built by architects Filippo Juvarra and Giambattista Sacchetti on the same lot where the Royal Alcázar of the Hapsburgs once stood. Boasting a large and unique collection of paintings, sculptures, weapons and decorative arts, it opens every day as a museum, except on days when official ceremonies are held.

→ Lázaro Galdiano Museum

Serrano, 122
 TEL: 91 561 60 84
 METRO: Rubén Darío, Gregorio Marañón
 INFO: Tuesday–Saturday 10:00–16:30, Sunday 10:00–15:00
 Free: Last hour of every day
 WEB: www.fig.es

In addition to being an exceptional collector, José Lázaro Galdiano was the editor of *La España Moderna* magazine. Over the course of his life he acquired countless works of art (including pieces by Goya, El Greco, Zurbarán and Bosch), jewellery, weapons, furniture, books and documents of great value that are displayed in the Parque Florido mansion where he lived.



→ National Museum of Decorative Arts

Montalbán, 12
 METRO: Banco de España, Retiro
 INFO: September–June: Tuesday–Saturday 9:30–15:00, Sundays & Holidays 10:00–15:00, Thursday 9:30–15:00 & 17:00–20:00
 July–August: Tuesday–Saturday 9:30–15:00, Sundays & Holidays 10:00–15:00
 Free: Thursday 17:00–20:00, Saturday 14:00–15:00 & Sunday
 WEB: www.mecd.gob.es/mnartesdecorativas

A total of 30,000 historic decorative objects are on display, including furniture, ceramics, glassware, jewellery and fabrics. Particularly noteworthy is the oriental art collection.

→ Cerralbo Museum

Ventura Rodríguez, 17
 TEL: 91 547 36 46
 METRO: Plaza de España, Ventura Rodríguez
 INFO: Tuesday–Wednesday & Friday–Saturday 9:30–15:00, Thursday 9:30–15:00 & 17:00–20:00, Sundays & Holidays 10:00–15:00
 Free: Saturday from 14:00, Thursday 17:00–20:00 (except on public Holidays) & Sunday.
 WEB: museocerralbo.mcu.es

The only 19th-century palace in Madrid whose interior still retains the original spirit of the era, the museum is also home to a fabulous collection of paintings and interesting artifacts.

→ Museum of Contemporary Art

Conde Duque, 9–11
 TEL: 91 588 59 28
 METRO: Plaza de España, Noviciado
 INFO: Tuesday–Saturday 10:00–14:00 & 17:30–21:00, Sundays & Holidays 10:30–14:00
 Free entry
 WEB: condeduquemadrid.es

In addition to one of Dalí's paintings, the museum also has on display the study of writer Ramón Gómez de la Serna, who was a key exponent of the avant-garde in Madrid.

→ Museum for the Blind

La Coruña, 18
 TEL: 91 589 42 19
 METRO: Estrecho
 INFO: Tuesday–Friday 10:00–15:00 and 16:00–19:00, Saturday 10:00–14:00
 1–14 August: Tuesday–Friday 10:00–15:00
 Closed: Holidays & 16–31 August
 Free entry
 WEB: museo.once.es

The Museum for the Blind is dedicated to exhibiting artwork and materials for the blind which can be perceived through touch. It features four halls which showcase models of national and international World Heritage buildings and monuments.

→ History Museum

Fuencarral, 78
 TEL: 91 701 18 63
 METRO: Tribunal
 INFO: Tuesday–Sunday 10:00–20:00
 15 June–15 September: Tuesday–Sunday 10:00–19:00
 Free entry
 WEB: www.madrid.es

Housed in one of Madrid's impressive Baroque buildings, formerly the San Fernando Hospice, the History Museum offers an overview of the arts, industries, lifestyles and customs of *Madridleños* from 1561 –when Madrid was established as the Spanish capital– to the present day.

→ The National Library

Paseo de Recoletos, 20
 TEL: 91 516 89 67, 91 580 77 59
 METRO: Colón
 INFO: Monday–Saturday 10:00–20:00, Sundays & Holidays 10:00–14:00
 Free entry
 WEB: www.bne.es



Built between 1866 and 1892, the National Library houses Spain's largest library collection. Its museum offers an overview of the history of the institution and of the art of book binding. One of its rooms is dedicated to Cervantes and Don Quixote.

→ The Royal Tapestry Factory

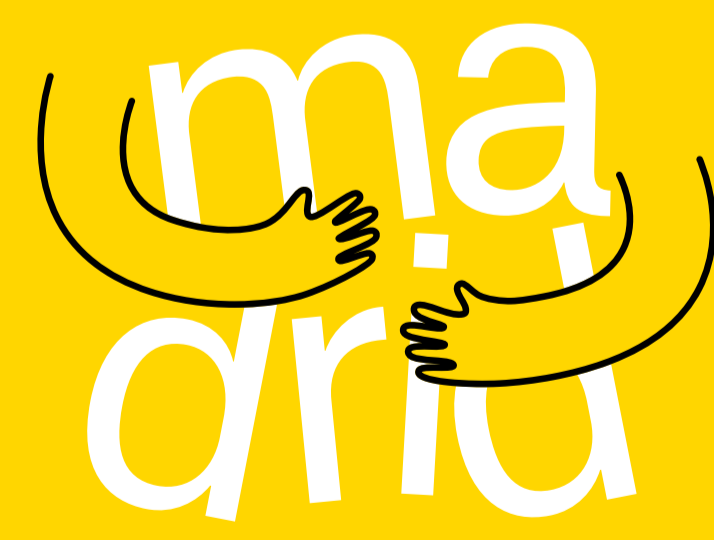
Fuenterrabía, 2
 TEL: 91 434 05 50
 METRO: Menéndez Pelayo
 INFO: Monday–Friday 10:00–14:00
 WEB: www.realfabricadetapices.com

The Royal Tapestry Factory is an institution founded in 1720 which is devoted to the traditional production of tapestries, carpets and heraldic flags. King Philip V created it with of the intention of increasing the comfort of Spain's austere palaces.



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