

**UNIVERSIDAD COMPLUTENSE DE
MADRID**

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1.- THE CITY OF MADRID

- Located in the centre of Spain
- Crossroad and a compulsory route for communications from one extreme to the other of the country
- State Administration Headquarters
- Capital of Spain
- More than 4 million inhabitants
- Old buildings of historic interest & Modern Architecture
- Different areas clearly separated from each other and with own personality (Madrid of the Austrians/ Madrid of Bourbons / Madrid of Goya / Madrid of the Museum of the Prado...)



1.1.- WORTH VISITING PLACES

(Masterpieces by Velázquez,

- MUSEO DEL PRADO/
PRADO MUSEUM
Paseo del Prado.
Phone: 00 34 91 420 37 68
(Subway Station: Banco de España or Atocha)

One of the finest Art Galleries in the World. It holds the most important paintings from the 12th to the 19th centuries



Goya, El Greco...) Italian, Flemish, Dutch, English and Spanish Faculties are represented.

- MADRID DE LOS AUSTRIAS

(Subway Station: Latina, Opera OR Plaza de España)

The Madrid of the House of Austria.

The Plaza Mayor is the starting point for a tour of one of the city's oldest and most peculiar districts (Plaza de la Villa/ Palace of Santa Cruz...).

The Plaza Mayor was built on the former Plaza del Arrabal, the main commercial nucleus of Medieval Madrid. The architect of Felipe II, Juan de Herrera, was the first person to carry out plans and studies though the Plaza Mayor, was finally constructed due to the efforts of Juan Gomez de Mora. At the beginning Plaza Mayor held public ceremonies such as bullfights, executions, etc.

- PALACIO REAL

C/ Bailén. Closed during Official Receptions.

Phone: 00 34 91 542 00 59

(Subway Station: Opera or Plaza de España)

The Royal Palace was placed on the ancient Muslim Alcazar in 1764. It contains an extraordinary collection of clocks. As part of the Palace, there are several museums such as: The Tapestry Museum, the Carriage Museum the Royal Pharmacy, the Royal Armoury, the Art, Porcelain and Glassware Museums, and so on.

- MUSEO NACIONAL
CENTRO DE ARTE REINA
SOFIA

C/ Santa Isabel, 52
Phone: 00 34 91 467 50 62
(Subway Station: Atocha)

Cultural and Artistic Centre
for Contemporary and
Vanguard Art. Its collection
includes sculptures,



engravings and paintings
from Spain and all around the
world.

- MUSEO THYSSEN-BORNEMISZA

Paseo del Prado, 8
Phone: 00 34 91 369 01 51
(Subway Station: Banco de
España or Atocha)



The Museum's collection
contains more than 800
pictures from the best
masters of the 13th century to
the present days. It is one of
the biggest and most
important private collections
of ancient and modern
paintings

- BIBLIOTECA NACIONAL/NATIONAL LIBRARY

Paseo de Recoletos, 20
Phone: 00 34 91 580 78 00
(Subway Station: Colon)

Designed by Francisco Jareño de Alarcón: Our National Library is one of the richest and most important libraries in the World. Its collection contains nearly 3.500.000 volumes (books, newspapers, thesis and grey literature, manuscripts and incurables).

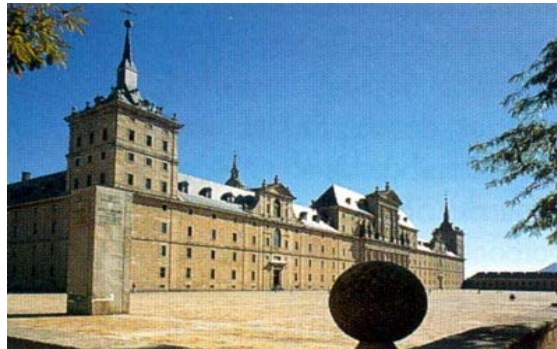
- MONASTERIO DE EL ESCORIAL

El Escorial

How to get:

Trains from Atocha Renfe to El Escorial

Buses from Moncloa to El Escorial



Built in the mountains of Madrid by order of Felipe II, it is one of the most attractive places to visit in the Madrid Province.

Royal Pantheon, the Kings of Spain are buried in its famous Herrera style monastery. As part of the Monastery there is other Royal building: La Casita del Principe (16th-18th centuries)

It is the venue of UCM Summer Courses

1.2.- SURROUNDING AREA

Starting from Madrid, it is easy to visit the surrounding sights:

- ALACALÁ DE HENARES

Placed 30 km. far from Madrid. Cervantes was born in this city and his house is open to visitors. The embryo of our actual university was founded there by the Cardinal Cisneros in 1499.

- ARANJUEZ

This city is famous both for its Court buildings and the Palace

(Royal Palace) and for its gardens (Island Garden) and “La Casa del Labrador”



- AVILA

Famous for its ramparts that surround part of the city. There several palaces and Romanic churches and one of the oldest cathedrals in the country.

- CHINCHON



It is a small village situated 50 km. In the South East of the capital. Both famous for its gastronomy and its Main Square which shows the charm of the Medieval and Renaissance times.

- LA GRANJA

Former summer residence of the Kings of Spain. There is a palace and famous gardens quite impressive for its fountains.

- SEGOVIA

The city is a historical artistic monument itself. World famous among others for its Roman Aqueduct 816 km. Long) its Romanic churches and its Gothic cathedral as well as the castle Palacio Del Alcazar.

- TOLEDO

The old Visigothic capital and Imperial City. Famous by its churches, jewellers, synagogues and cathedrals. The Christian, Arab and Jewish cultures lived in harmony giving an example of perfect tolerance



2.- GENERAL USEFUL INFORMATION

2.1.- HOW TO REACH MADRID

- BY AIR:

Barajas web site: <http://www.aena.es/ae/mad/infovuelos.htm>
Carretera Barcelona N.II Km. 10,5
Airport information: telephones: 91 3058343/44/45/46



Once you arrive in here there are three options to get to downtown Madrid:

- ✓ Take the subway: Subway station "Barajas" Line 8 (Barajas-Nuevos Ministerios) Price: 1, 00 Euros single ticket; 5,80 Euros 10 tickets pack.
- ✓ Take the bus: the bus service costs 3 Euros. These buses run every 15-20 minutes from Barajas Airport to Colon Square
Phone: 00 34 91431 61 92
Hours: from 04:45 to 1:30
- ✓ Take a taxi: The price is about 25 Euros (there are extra charges on bank holidays and weekdays after 12:00 p.m.)



- BY RAIL

Railway Information & Reservation
Phone: 34 91 328 90 20
RENFE web-side: www.renfe.es

- BY BUS

Central Bus Station: Calle Méndez Álvaro.
Phone: 34 91 468 42 00

2.2.- GETTING AROUND MADRID

- CITY BUSES

Time: from 6.00 to 23:30/24.00 (depending on the lines)

Most bus stops have detailed city maps posted which include the various bus routes.

At night there is a reduced service (called "Buhos") starting from Plaza de Cibeles every 20 minutes (until to 6:00 a.m)

- SUBWAY



Service from 6.00 to 1.30 a.m

(METRO web-side: <http://www.metromadrid.es>)

Information on all regional public transports: www.ctm-madrid.es

- TAXIS

White cars, crossed by a red line.

They bear a card with the official fees.

When they carry no passengers they display a sign inside the windscreen reading "LIBRE" and a green light on top at night.

Taxi fees starts about 1, 50 Euros and there are extra charges for things such as: pick-up at the airport, luggage, nights holidays, dogs and others

2.3.- CURRENCY MATTERS AND COST OF LIVING

- The monetary unit is the EURO.



- Coins: 1-2-5-10-20 and 50 Cents of Euro. 1 and 2 Euros

- Banknotes: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 Euros.

- Banking hours: from 8, 00 a.m to 14, 00 pm / Monday through Friday. (Some banks open on Saturday in the morning or Thursdays afternoon.)

- Living expenses (i.e. rent, heating, electricity, food, daily fares) a single student is likely to need 600 Euros per month.

Some examples:

- Transportation (Bus and Metro)



Single ticket 1, 00 Euros

Ten tickets pack.... 5, 80 Euros

Students can obtain a monthly card: 24,45 Euros under 21 years old
37,15 Euros older than 21.

for Madrid public transports (metro, bus, train..... etc)

- Newspaper..... 1,00 Euros

- Restaurant at Campus..... 4,25 Euros

- Movie Ticket..... 6, 00 Euros.

2.4.- CLIMATE

Mediterranean-Continental. Dry.

Annual average temperature is about 13° C (55°F).



Spring and autumn have an average temperature of 18-20° C.
Winters and summers are more extreme, with average temperatures of 0°C and 28° C respectively.

2.5.- SHOPPING HOURS

Big department stores open daily from 10.00 to 21.00 including Saturdays
Drugstores (shop & restaurants) such as VIPS, BURGER KING...either close at 3.00 a.m. or not at all.

The rest of the shops open from 10:00 am. to 14:00 and from 17:00 to 20:00.

All the shops are open the first Sunday of each month.

3.- THE COMPLUTENSE UNIVERSITY

- The UCM is a public institution
- It is one of the oldest universities in the world (The foundation in 1499)
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<http://www.ucm.es>

115.000 students
4.000 foreign students
6.000 staff teachers
3.500 non academic staff (administration and services)

20 Faculties
6 University Schools

- The UCM is divided in two campuses, Moncloa and Somosaguas; most of the faculties are located in Moncloa except the Faculties of Political and Social Science, Economics & Business and Psychology, as well as the Social Work College, which are located in Somosaguas.



Moncloa Campus



Somosaguas Campus