

City Breaks

NAME//**REFERENCE**

PREMIUM MADRID//**CB-PM6N**

RECOMMENDED DURATION

7 days / 6 nights

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Royal Palace in Madrid
- World known Real Madrid Football Club Stadium & Museum
- El Prado & Reina Sofia, two of the most outstanding museums in the world
- The grandiose yet rock-solid majesty of El Escorial monastery
- Toledo: the city museum of the three religions
- Cervantes' Windmills & Giants
- Avila's colossal city walls
- The Great Roman Aqueduct in Segovia

ACCOMMODATION

6 nights Madrid

SUGGESTED HOTELS

Ganivet 3*, Rafael Orense 4* or similar

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Typical Lunches:

- "Cochinillo" (baby pork) in Segovia
- "Carcamusas" (braised pork and potato stew in tomato sauce) in Toledo

REMARKS



Cibeles Square, Madrid



Alcázar of Segovia



Royal Palace, Madrid



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Itinerary

DAY 1, Arrival

Arrival at Madrid airport, meeting with Local Tour Escort & Bus. Transfer to Hotel (Trip orientation). Free time, dinner at hotel and overnight.

DAY 2, Panoramic Tour of Madrid + Royal Palace + Santiago Bernabeu Stadium

Breakfast at hotel. In the morning, we will enjoy a **Panoramic Tour** by bus / on foot. We will get a first contact with Madrid, along the Gran Vía or Paseo de la Castellana Avenues, famous squares such as Plaza de España, Puerta del Sol (Km 0 in Spain, neuralgic centre of the country), and Puerta de Alcalá; historic neighborhoods such as Casa de Campo & Retiro; exterior of Prado Museum & Real Madrid F.C. stadium as well as Las Ventas Bullfighting Arena. We will continue our tour by visiting the interior of **Royal Palace**, the main symbol for Borbonic Madrid. It allows us to experience the life of the Royalty and Aristocracy in an old luxury time, isolated & parallel to the rest of the Villa and its revolts. Free Lunch. In the afternoon, we will have the opportunity of visiting the world known **Santiago Bernabeu, Real Madrid Football Club stadium and its museum**. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 3, Museum's day

Breakfast at hotel. Morning tour of one of the world's outstanding art museums, the Prado. The first collections contained in the long-disappeared Hapsburg **Alcázar** inspired the House of Bourbon to found a great museum of painting in Madrid in the early 19th century. Despite the terrible upheavals that have threatened its heritage over the years, such as the Spanish Civil War, the Prado has survived intact, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors both for its permanent collections and its travelling exhibitions. There is an incredible abundance of artists represented here: from the best-known and most emblematic painters of Spanish art (El Greco, Goya, Velázquez, Zurbarán, Ribera, Murillo etc) to the countless masterpieces from the Flemish, Hispano-Flemish, German, Dutch, Italian, French and English schools. Free Lunch. In the afternoon, we will continue our tour through the **Reina Sofía Art National Museum**,

which is considered an extension of EL Prado. It features a marvelous collection of mainly 20th-century art, in which the highlights are Guernica as other fine work by Picasso, Dalí, Miró, Julio González and Juan Gris. It consists of extensive collection of pre-1st World War art as well as from the inter-war period and collections of the various abstract movements. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 4, San Lorenzo del Escorial & Valle de los Caídos.

Breakfast at hotel. Departure to **San Lorenzo del Escorial** (1h00m approx). Guided tour of this place that goes far beyond the grandiose yet rock-solid majesty of its monumental monastery and fine surroundings. The setting chosen by the monarch responsible, Phillip II, is wide and lush, unusually so for the Sierra de Guadarrama mountain range, interrupted by the implacable silhouette of the monastery from every angle. In the distance, the Valle de los Caídos ("**Valley of the Fallen**") Cross breaks the skyline with the silence of the dead. Toward Madrid or toward Segovia, all roads from El Escorial are all routes with a real secular significance, tangible in the ruins and buildings, less so in the battle fields and age-old stories of muleteers crossing Los Leones mountain pass. Around El Escorial the historic parks and gardens so carefully shaped by the hand of man is counterbalanced by the imposing, rugged Monte Abantos and the forests that hug the mountainside. Free Lunch and return to hotel. Dinner and overnight.



Valley of the Fallen, Madrid

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DAY 5, Toledo & Don Quixote windmills.

Breakfast at hotel. Departure southwards to Toledo (1h00m aprox), the city of the three religions, home to an immense heritage which led the city to be designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987. Toledo needs little introduction as a classic site to spend a day enjoying both its majestic monuments and its imposing countryside. Famous for the multitude of languages that used to be spoken in medieval times and by a remarkable school of translators, its numerous monuments and historic streets invoke legend, history and craftwork. A long & unhurried visit to is Toledo a must! Guided tour of the Cathedral, **San Juan de los Reyes Monastery**, its two ancient synagogues and Santo Tomé (wich houses El **Greco Masterpiece** "Entierro del Conde Orgaz").

Free lunch. Continuation to **Consuegra (50m aprox)**, Most Spanish windmills, like those described in Cervantes's Don Quixote, can be found in the province of Castilla La Mancha in central Spain. The best examples of restored Spanish windmills may be found in this village where several mills spike the hill just outside of town, giving us a spectacular view of the **12th-century castle** and of the town. Return to Madrid (1h30m aprox), dinner and overnight.

DAY 6, Avila & Segovia

Breakfast at hotel. Morning departure to the northern city of Segovia (1h15m aprox), another fine city which has been granted World Heritage Site and status enjoys a marvelous setting between the Rivers Eresma and Clamores overlooked by the timeless Sierra de Guadarrama mountain rage. Local guided tour of the **Alcázar** castle and the **Roman aqueduct**, the city's two outstanding landmarks. Free Lunch. Continuation to Avila (1h00m aprox), which represents the essence of austerity and harshness that is Old Castile used to have, a city condensed behind its colossal city walls. Guided tour of the city and its Cathedral, which will take us to a land of saints and myths. Return to Madrid (1h20m aprox), dinner and overnight.

DAY 7

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Airport at the scheduled time, end of services.



Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, Madrid



Consuegra, Toledo



Roman Aqueduct of a Segovia

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