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## In This Book

## QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know

Tips for a smooth trip



Neighbourhoods

What's where

# Explore Madrid

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



### **Top Sights**

Make the most of your visit



#### Local Life

The insider's city

# The Best of Madrid

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



#### **Best Walks**

See the city on foot



#### Madrid's Best...

The best experiences

# Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



### **Getting Around**

Travel like a local



## **Essential Information**

Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:





Orinking

**Entertainment** 

Shopping

# These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- Telephone Numbers
- Opening Hours
- P Parking
- Nonsmoking
- ▼ WI-FI Access✓ Vegetarian Selection
- English-Language Menu

- ₱ Family-Friendly
- Pet-Friendly
- Bus
   Ferry
- M Metro
- S Subway
- ☐ Tram

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



# Lonely Planet's Madrid

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides

are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city. Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert author has searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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## Welcome to Madrid

No city on earth is more alive than Madrid, a beguiling place whose sheer energy carries a simple message: this is one city that knows how to live. Madrid's calling cards are many: astonishing art galleries, stunning architecture, relentless nightlife, fine restaurants and tapas bars. Other cities have some of these things. Madrid has them all in bucketloads.

Gran Vía (p124)
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### Museo del Prado (p66)

Spain's premier art gallery is also one of Europe's finest, an extraordinary collection that ranges from Goya and Velázquez to Rembrandt, Rubens and Bosch. If you visit one Madrid art gallery, make it the Museo del Prado.

