



Madrid

**“All you’ve got to do is decide to go
and the hardest part is over.**

So go!”

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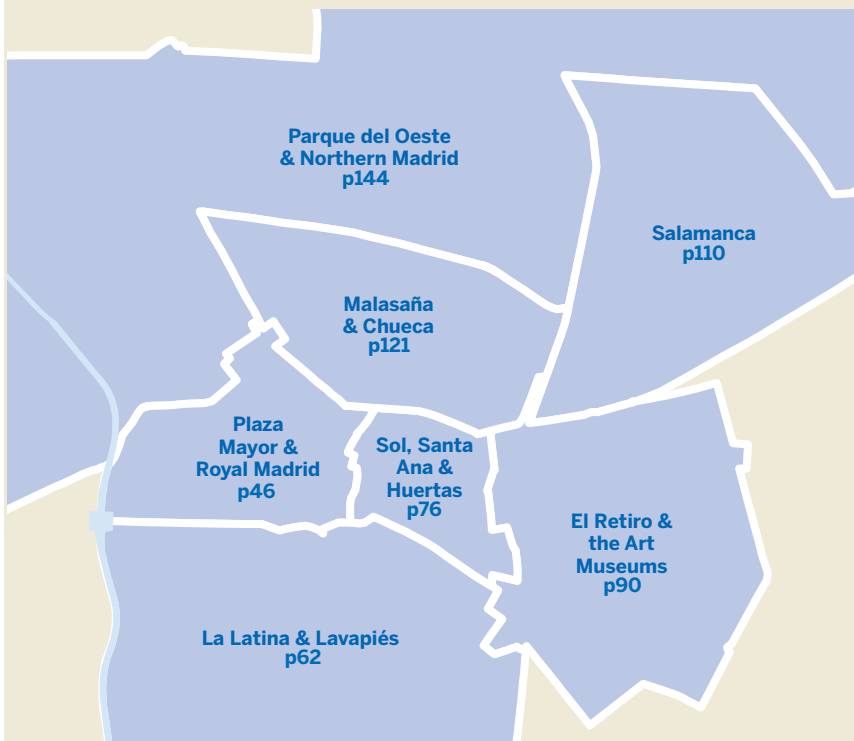
(left) Flamenco show at Casa Patas (p73)

(above) Basilica de San Francisco El Grande (p64)

(right) *Jamón* (ham), tomatoes and peppers



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Top Itineraries

Day One

Plaza Mayor & Royal Madrid (p46)



So many Madrid days begin in the **Plaza Mayor**, or perhaps nearby with a breakfast of *chocolate con churros* (chocolate with deep-fried doughnuts) at **Chocolatería de San Ginés**. Drop by the **Plaza de la Villa** and **Plaza de Oriente**, then stop for a coffee or wine at **Café de Oriente** and visit the **Palacio Real**.



Lunch Mercado de San Miguel (p54) is an innovative gastronomic space.

El Retiro & the Art Museums (p90)



Spend as much of the afternoon as you can at the **Museo del Prado**. When this priceless collection of Spanish and European masterpieces gets too much, visit the **Iglesia de San Jerónimo El Real** and **Caixa Forum**.



Dinner Restaurante Sobrino de Botín (p56) is the world's oldest restaurant.

Plaza Mayor & Royal Madrid (p46)



To kick off the night, perhaps take in a flamenco show at **Las Tablas**, followed by a leisurely drink at **Café del Real** or **Anticafé**. If you're up for a long night, **Teatro Joy Eslava** is an icon of the Madrid night.

Day Two

El Retiro & the Art Museums (p90)



Get to the **Centro de Arte Reina Sofía** early to beat the crowds, then climb up through sedate streets to spend a couple of hours soaking up the calm of the **Parque del Buen Retiro**. Wander down to admire the **Plaza de la Cibeles**.



Lunch Estado Puro (p109) is one of Madrid's most creative tapas bars.

Parque del Oeste & Northern Madrid (p144)



After lunch, catch the metro across town to admire the Goya frescoes in the **Ermita de San Antonio de la Florida**. **Templo de Debod** and **Parque del Oeste** are fine places for a stroll.



Dinner Casa Alberto (p81) is one of Madrid's most storied *tabernas*.

Sol, Santa Ana & Huertas (p76)



Begin the night at **Plaza de Santa Ana** for a drink or three at an outdoor table if the weather's fine. After another tittle at **La Venencia**, check out if there's live jazz on offer at wonderful **Café Central**, then have an after-show drink at **El Imperfecto**. The night is still young – **Costello Café & Niteclub** is good if you're in the mood to dance, **La Terraza del Urban** if you're in need of more sybaritic pleasures.

Day Three

El Retiro & the Art Museums (p90)



Begin the morning at the third of Madrid's world-class art galleries, the **Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza**. It's such a rich collection that you could easily spend the whole morning here. If you've time to spare, consider dipping back into the Prado or Reina Sofía.



Lunch Sula Madrid (p115) offers stunning tapas in an elegant setting.

Salamanca (p110)



Head out east to take a tour of the **Plaza de Toros** bullring, before dipping into the **Museo Lázaro Galdiano**. Spend the rest of the morning shopping along Calle de Serrano, Calle de José Ortega y Gasset and surrounding streets.



Dinner Naïa Restaurante (p68) has a lovely La Latina setting and fresh tastes.

La Latina & Lavapiés (p62)



As dusk approaches, make for La Latina and spend as long as you can picking your way among the tapas bars of **Calle de la Cava Baja** – even if you're not hungry, stop by for a beer or wine to soak up the atmosphere. A wine at **Taberna Tempranillo** and a mojito out on Plaza de la Paja at **Delic** should set you up for the night ahead.

Day Four

Sol, Santa Ana & Huertas (p76)



Start the day with some souvenir shopping at **Casa de Diego** and **Gil**. If you really love your art, **Real Academia de Bellas Artes de San Fernando** will nicely round out your experience of Madrid's exceptional art scene.



Lunch Albur (p126) or La Musa (p126) on Calle de Manuela Malasaña.

Malasaña & Chueca (p121)



You've been around almost long enough to be a local and it's therefore worth exploring the laneways of Malasaña between Calle Pez, Plaza Dos de Mayo and the Glorieta de Bilbao – stop off at **Lolina Vintage Café** along Calle del Espíritu Santo, **Café Manuela** on Calle de San Vicente Ferrer, and **Café Comercial**, as well as the **Museo de Historia** or **Museo del Romanticismo** en route.



Dinner La Tasquita de Enfrente (p126) is loved by celebrities and foodies.

Malasaña & Chueca (p121)



Get to know multifaceted Chueca from the dignified calm and bou-tiques of **Calle de Piamonte**, pass by **Plaza de Chueca** to watch the *barrio* (district) come to life, then get seriously into the cocktail bars along Calle de la Reina, followed by the legendary **Museo Chicote**. **El Junco Jazz Club** will leave you with great memories of the city.

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Neighbourhoods at a Glance



1 Plaza Mayor & Royal Madrid (p46)

The bustling, compact and medieval heart of the city is where Madrid's story began and the city became the seat of royal power. It's also where the splendour of imperial Spain was at its most ostentatious – think expansive palaces, ancient churches, elegant squares and imposing convents. It's an architectural highpoint of the city, with plenty of fine eating and shopping options thrown in for good measure.

2 La Latina & Lavapiés (p62)

La Latina combines Madrid's best selection of tapas bars, fine little boutiques and a medieval streetscape studded with elegant churches. Graceful Calle de la Cava Baja could just be our favourite street for tapas in town. Down the hill, Lavapiés is one of the city's oldest *barrios* (districts) and the heart of multicultural Madrid. Spanning the two neighbourhoods is the Sunday flea market of El Rastro.

3 Sol, Santa Ana & Huertas (p76)

These tightly packed streets are best known for nightlife that never seems to abate once the sun goes down, but there's so much more here than immediately meets the eye. At the Sol end of things, Madrid's beating heart, you'll find the sum total of all Madrid's personalities, with fabulous shopping, eating and entertainment options.

4 El Retiro & The Art Museums (p90)

From the Plaza de la Cibeles in the north, the buildings arrayed along the Paseo del Prado read like a roll-call of Madrid's most popular attractions. Temples to high culture include the Museo del Prado,

Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza and Centro de Arte Reina Sofía which rank among the world's most prestigious art galleries. Up the hill to the east, the marvellous Parque del Buen Retiro helps to make this one of the most attractive areas of Madrid in which to spend your time.

5 Salamanca (p110)

The *barrio* of Salamanca is Madrid's most exclusive quarter. Like nowhere else in the capital, this is where stately mansions set back from the street share *barrio* space with designer boutiques from the big local and international fashionistas. Salamanca's sprinkling of fine restaurants, designer tapas bars and niche museums are also very much at home here.

6 Malasaña & Chueca (p121)

The two inner-city *barrios* of Malasaña and Chueca are where Madrid gets up close and personal. Here, it's more an experience of life as it's lived by *madrileños* (people from Madrid) than the traditional traveller experience of ticking off from a list of wonderful, if more static, attractions. These are *barrios* with attitude and personality, *barrios* where Madrid's famed nightlife, shopping and eating choices live and breathe and take you under the skin of the city.

7 Parque del Oeste & Northern Madrid (p144)

Madrid's north contains some of Madrid's most attractive *barrios*, including Chamberí which is a wonderful escape from downtown and offers unique insights into how locals enjoy their city. Parque del Oeste is a gorgeous expanse of green, while a series of fascinating sights – from Goya frescoes to an Egyptian temple – add considerable appeal.

Madrid Maps

Map Legend

Sights

- Beach
- Buddhist
- Castle
- Christian
- Hindu
- Islamic
- Jewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery
- Ruin
- Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo
- Other Sight

Eating

- Eating

Drinking & Nightlife

- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

Entertainment

- Entertainment

Shopping

- Shopping

Sleeping

- Sleeping
- Camping

Sports & Activities

- Diving/Snorkelling
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Skiing
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
- Walking
- Windsurfing
- Other Sports & Activities

Information

- Post Office
- Tourist Information

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- Cycling
- Ferry
- Monorail
- Parking
- S-Bahn
- Taxi
- Train/Railway
- Tram
- Tube Station
- U-Bahn
- Underground Train Station
- Other Transport

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- Freeway
- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary
- Lane
- Unsealed Road
- Plaza/Mall
- Steps
- Tunnel
- Pedestrian Overpass
- Walking Tour
- Walking Tour Detour
- Path

Boundaries

- International
- State/Province
- Disputed
- Regional/Suburb
- Marine Park
- Cliff
- Wall

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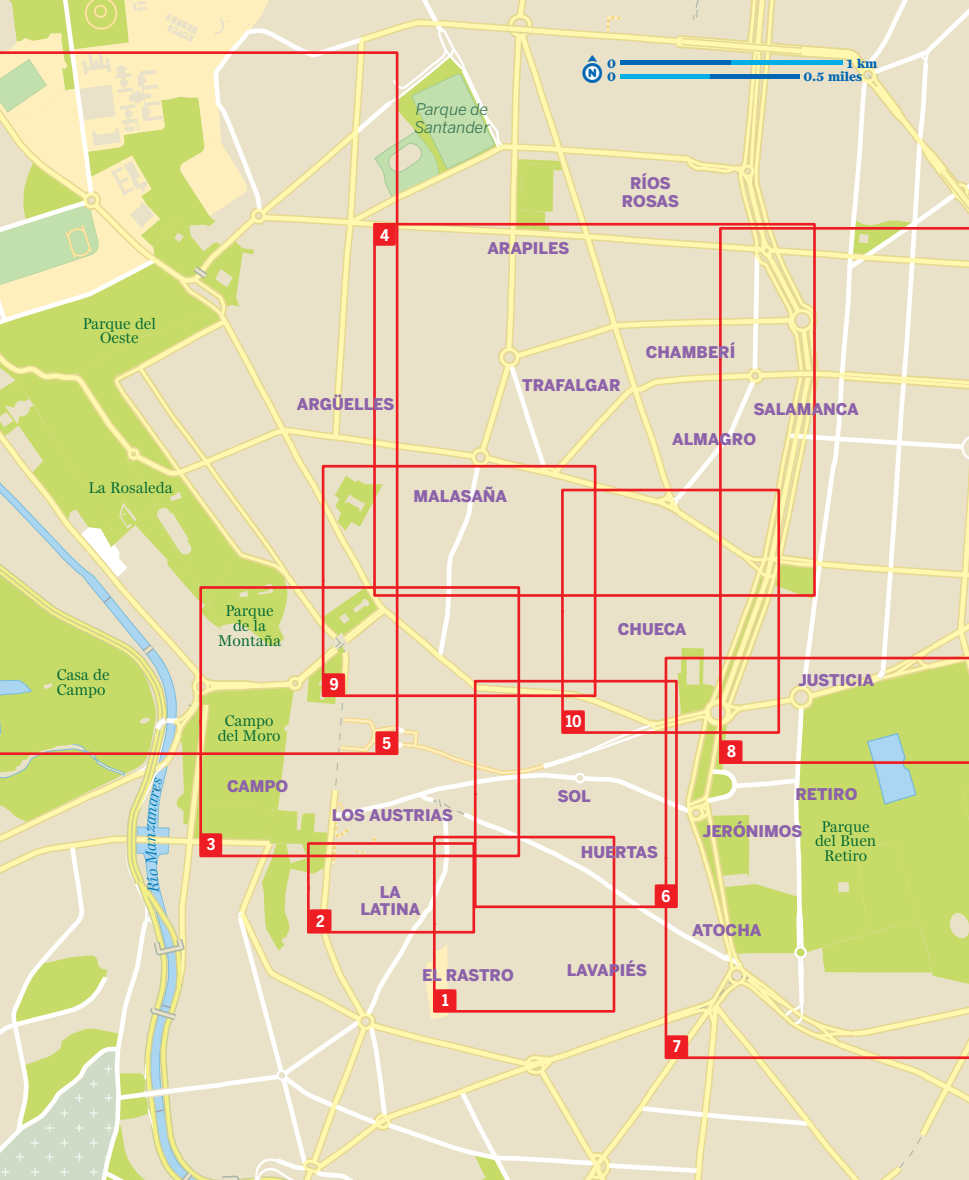
- Hut/Shelter
- Lighthouse
- Lookout
- Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
- Pass
- Picnic Area
- Waterfall

Hydrography

- River/Creek
- Intermittent River
- Swamp/Mangrove
- Reef
- Canal
- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
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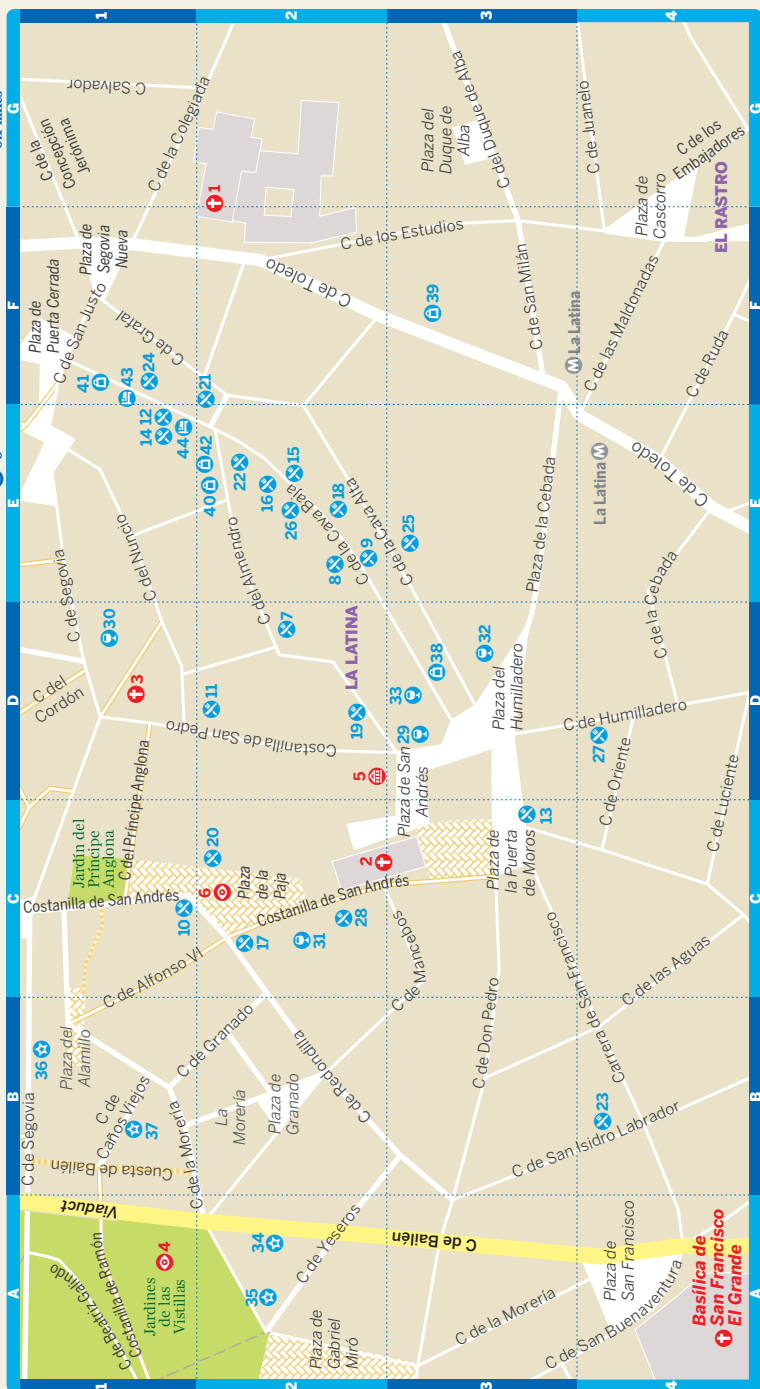
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LA LATINA

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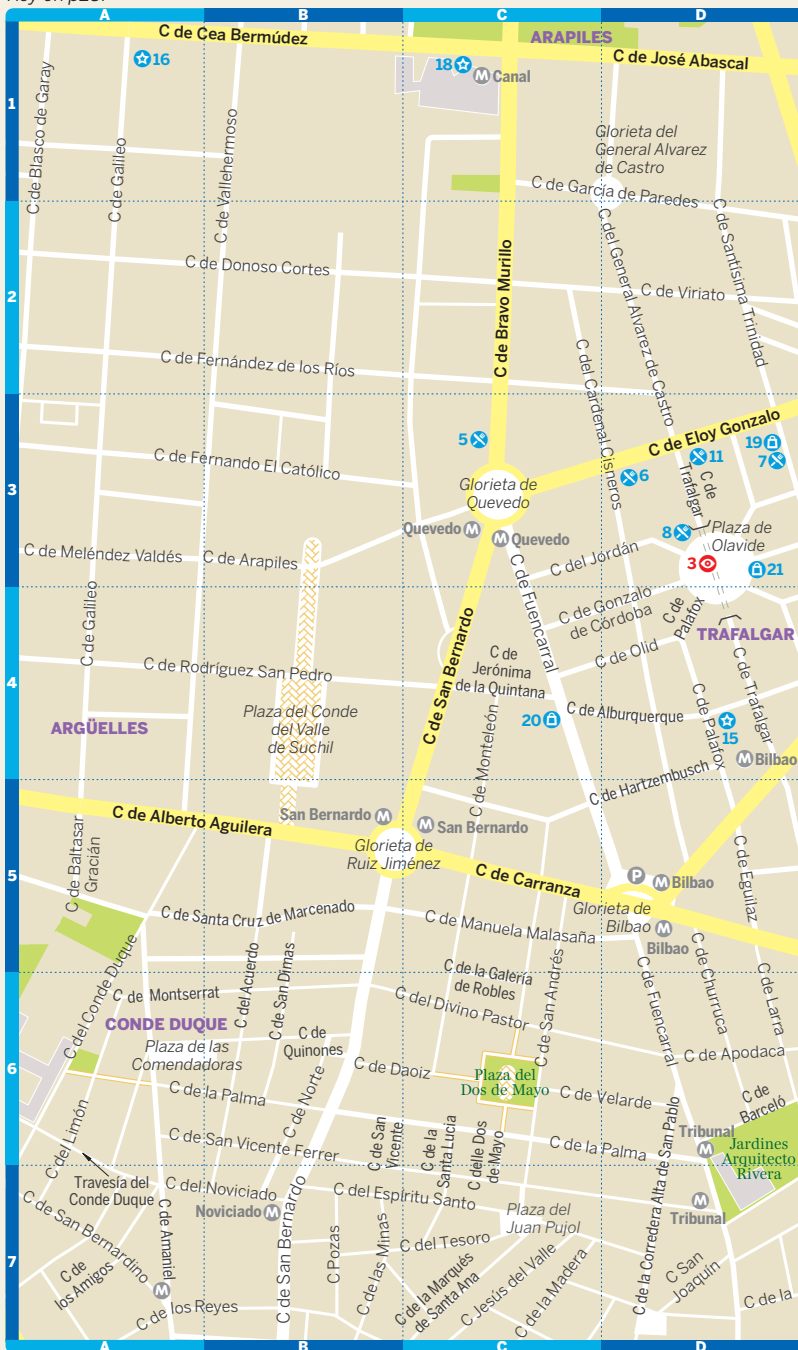
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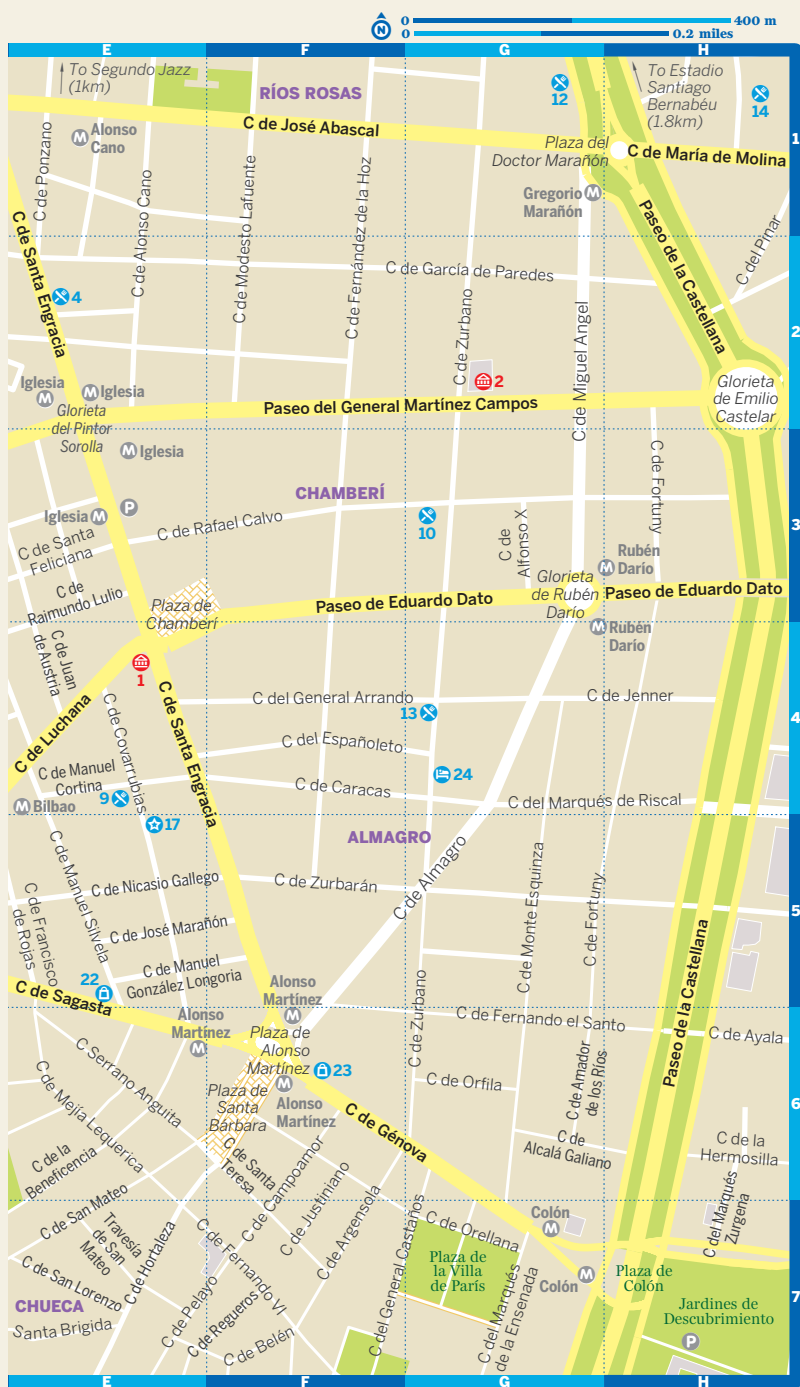
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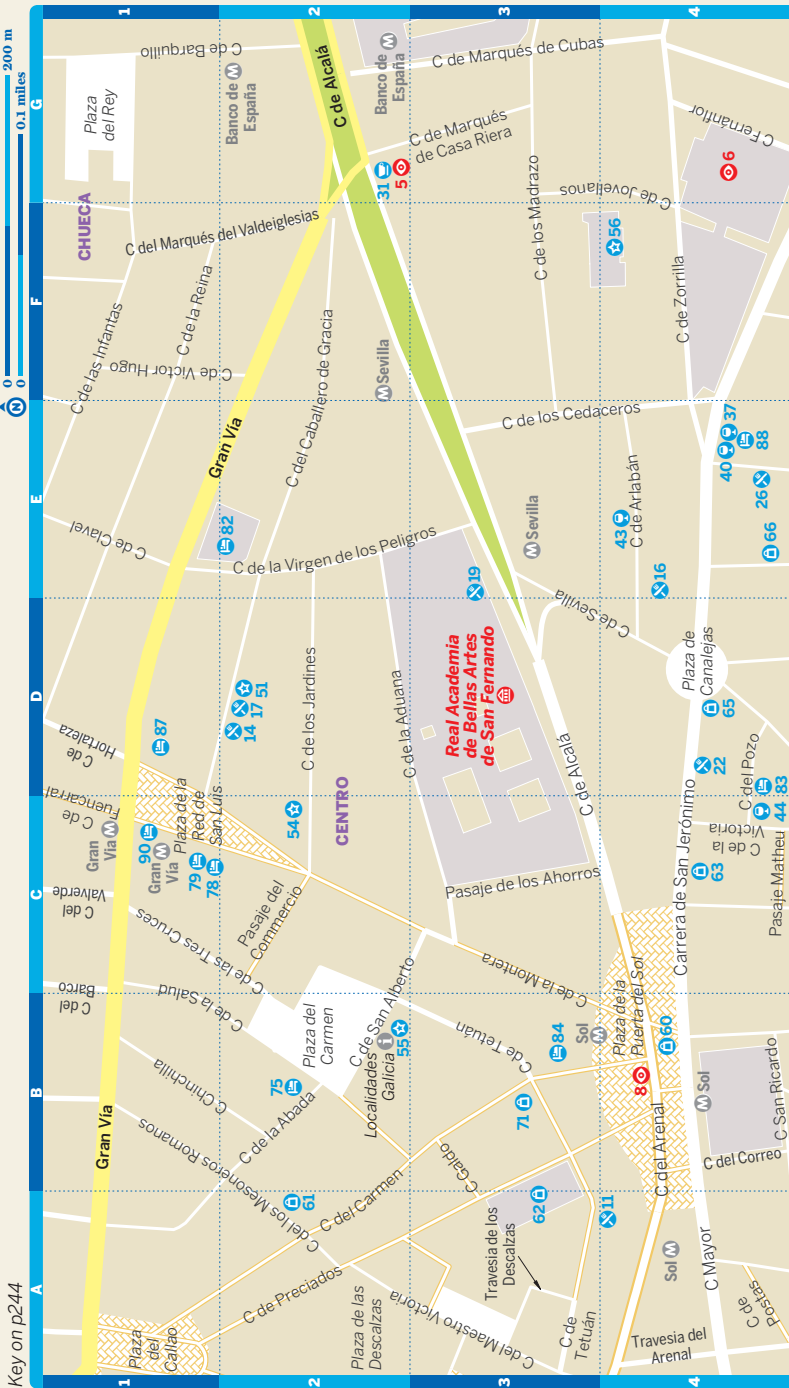




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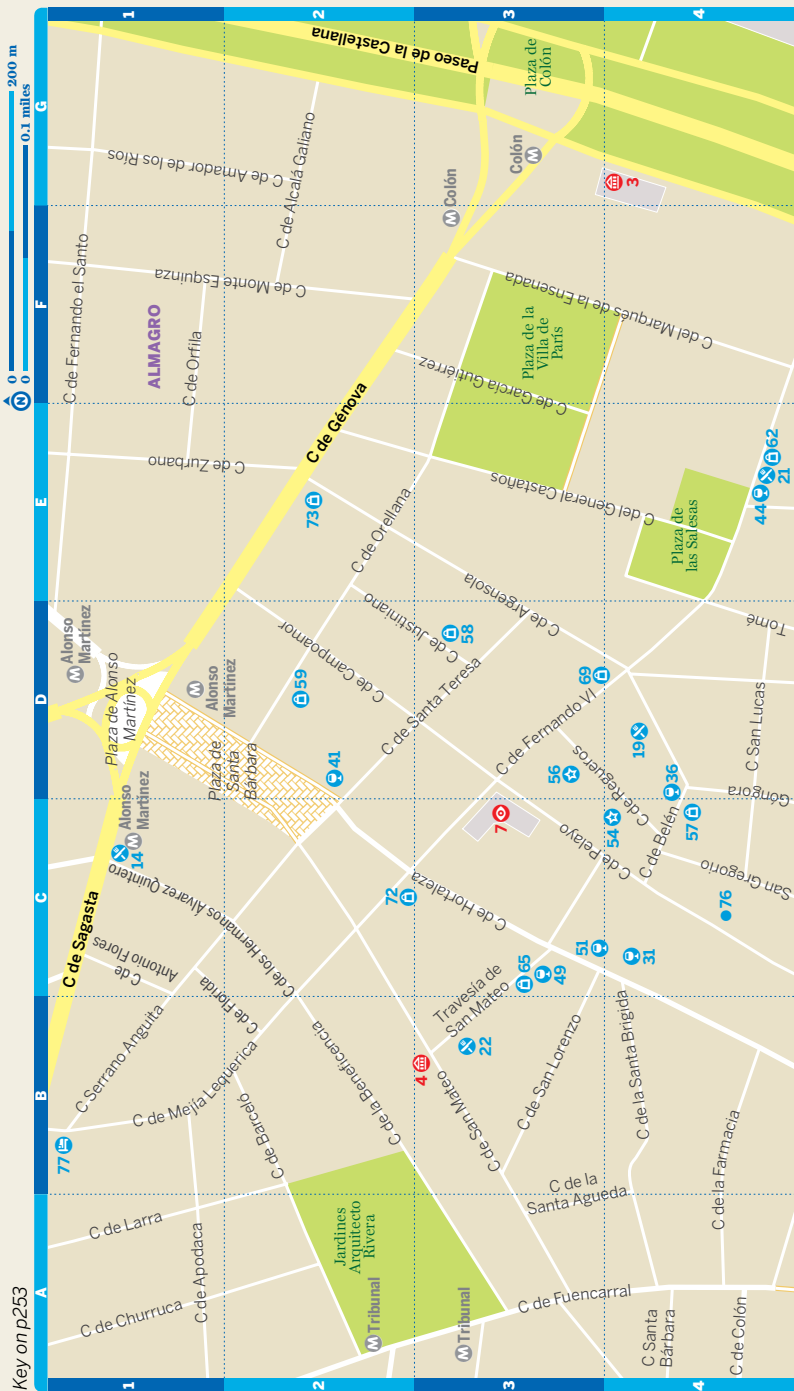
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