

Una Ciudad Española

Madrid

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Where Madrid is located?

Madrid lies on the river Manzanares between in the centre of both the country and the Community of Madrid region. It is the capital city of Spain and it is found in the southwestern of Spain.

Population

- The population now is 6,669,000.
- The area is 604.3km squared

Tourism

About 6 million tourists visit each year

The language spoken

The modern Castilian Spanish is spoken in Madrid. It is also known as the Standard Spanish. It originated after the decline of the Roman Empire.

Place of interest - The Prado Museum

The Prado Museum, officially known as Museo Nacional del Prado is the main Spanish national art museum, located in central Madrid. It is widely considered to have one of the world's finest collections of European art. More than 2300 paintings have been incorporated in the Prado Museum.



Place of interest - Parque del buen Retiro y el Palacio de Cristal del Retiro

The Retiro Park is the best known Park in Madrid. It was planned in 1632 as palace gardens by King Felipe IV. “Retiro” means retreat or a place to rest.



Place of interest - Puerta del sol

The 'Puerta del sol' is a public square in Madrid, one of the best known and busiest places in the city. The square also contains the famous clock whose bells mark the traditional eating of the twelve grapes and the beginning of a new year.



Place of interest - Royal Alcázar of Madrid (Royal Palace of Madrid)

- The architect is Filippo Juvarra (first of many)
- The floor area is 135,000 m squared.
- Over 1.5 million people visit the royal palace each year.
- The structure was originally built in the second half of the 9th century by the Muslims.
- It got extended and enlarged over the centuries, particularly after 1560.

Place of interest - Plaza Mayor (Main Square)

- Plaza Mayor is an important public space in the heart of Madrid
- It was first built (1580 - 1619) when King Philip III started ruling
- It was originally named Plaza del Arabal
- It dates back to the 15th century

Typical foods - Cocido madrileño

Cocido madrileño - when the weather gets cold this simmering pork stew starts to waft through the streets of Madrid.



Typical foods - Churros con chocolate

There are two types of churros in Spain, One is long and fat (porra) and the other type is extra popular in Madrid, it is thin and has knots.



Porras

Typical drinks - Sangría

Sangria is an alcoholic beverage originating in Spain and Portugal. Under the EU regulations A punch, Sangria traditionally consists of red wine and chopped fruit



Typical drinks - Mojito

The Mojito is a traditional Cuban highball. The cocktail often consists of five ingredients: white rum, sugar(traditionally sugar cane juice), lime juice, soda water and mint. Its combination of sweetness, citrus and herbaceous mint flavours is intended to compliment the rum and has made the mojito the most popular summer drink.



Typical drinks - Horchata

Horchata is a name given to various kinds of plant milk beverages of similar taste and appearance. It originated at least as far back as the 13th century, Valencia where it is known as 'orxata de xufa'. In Spain it is made with soaked, ground and sweetened tiger nuts.

