

Discover Old Madrid: A Guided Walking Tour

9:00 – Hotel Pick-up at *NH Madrid Ribera del Manzanares*

Short bus ride

Route: *Virgen del Puerto* → *Jardines de la Cuesta de la Vega*

While waiting for the bus, the guide will provide a brief introduction to the Manzanares River, Madrid's location and mythical origins, and the area's strategic relevance. You can pay your bus ticket by debit card.

Stop 1 – Jardines de la Cuesta de la Vega

Approx. 10 minutes

This is the area where Madrid was born in the 9th century, during Muslim rule, when the city was known as *Mayrit*. Introduction to medieval Madrid and its defensive role.



Stop 2 – Royal Madrid

Approx. 40 minutes (moving between locations)

- **Almudena Cathedral** – one of the youngest cathedrals in Europe
- **Plaza de la Armería** – royal protocol and official ceremonies
- **Royal Palace of Madrid** – the largest royal palace in Western Europe (larger than Versailles)
- **Plaza de Oriente** – statues of Gothic, Castilian, and Spanish kings and 19th-century urban planning



Stop 3 – Arab Wall, Calle Mayor & Surroundings

Approx. 30 minutes

- Remains of the Arab Wall and Muslim Madrid
- Why locals from Madrid are called “*gatos*”
- Fires and reconstructions of the city
- Medieval street layout and religious processions



Stop 4 – Plaza de la Villa

Approx. 15 minutes

- **Casa de la Villa** (former City Hall)
- **Casa de Cisneros**
- **Torre de los Lujanes**

Discover where political power was concentrated in Madrid before the construction of the modern City Hall.



Stop 5 – Posada del Peine

Approx. 5 minutes

Short stop to discover the oldest hotel in Madrid, including:

- Anecdotes of daily life in historic Madrid
- References in 19th-century Spanish literature



Stop 6 – Plaza Mayor

Approx. 20 minutes

The main stage of Madrid's public life: Coronations and royal celebrations, *Autos de fe* during the Rule of the Spanish Inquisition, Madrid during the Spanish Civil War





Stop 7 – Restaurante Botín

Founded in 1725, officially recognized as the **oldest restaurant in the world still in operation** that welcomed various famous guests: Goya, Benito Pérez Galdós, Ernest Hemingway...



Lunch

Arrocería D'stapa Madrid

Informal restaurant where you will taste different kinds of rice: *arròs del senyoret*, *paella valenciana*, and *arroz negro*. € Approx. 30 EUR per person (including one drink and a dessert)



Return to the hotel

Bus 50 from *Puerta Cerrada* back to the hotel.

Farewell and end of services.

PLEASE NOTE

1. This tour is available with a minimum of **8 participants**.
2. Please confirm your participation at least until **February 28th**.
3. Wear walking shoes, as it is a walking tour. Bear in mind that by the end of May, temperatures in Madrid might rise to 25°C.
4. This tour is suitable for most fitness levels, but it does involve continuous walking.
5. **TOUR FEE:** The tour fee is **44 euros per person**, paid in cash after the end of the tour. If an invoice is needed for your organisation or company, contact us at info@traductorinterprete.es. Lunch at [Arroceria D'stapa](#) is not included in the final price.
6. **SUPPORTED LANGUAGES:** English, French, German, Italian, Greek, Serbo-Croatian. Complimentary radio receivers will be provided so that participants can listen to the guide at all times.

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