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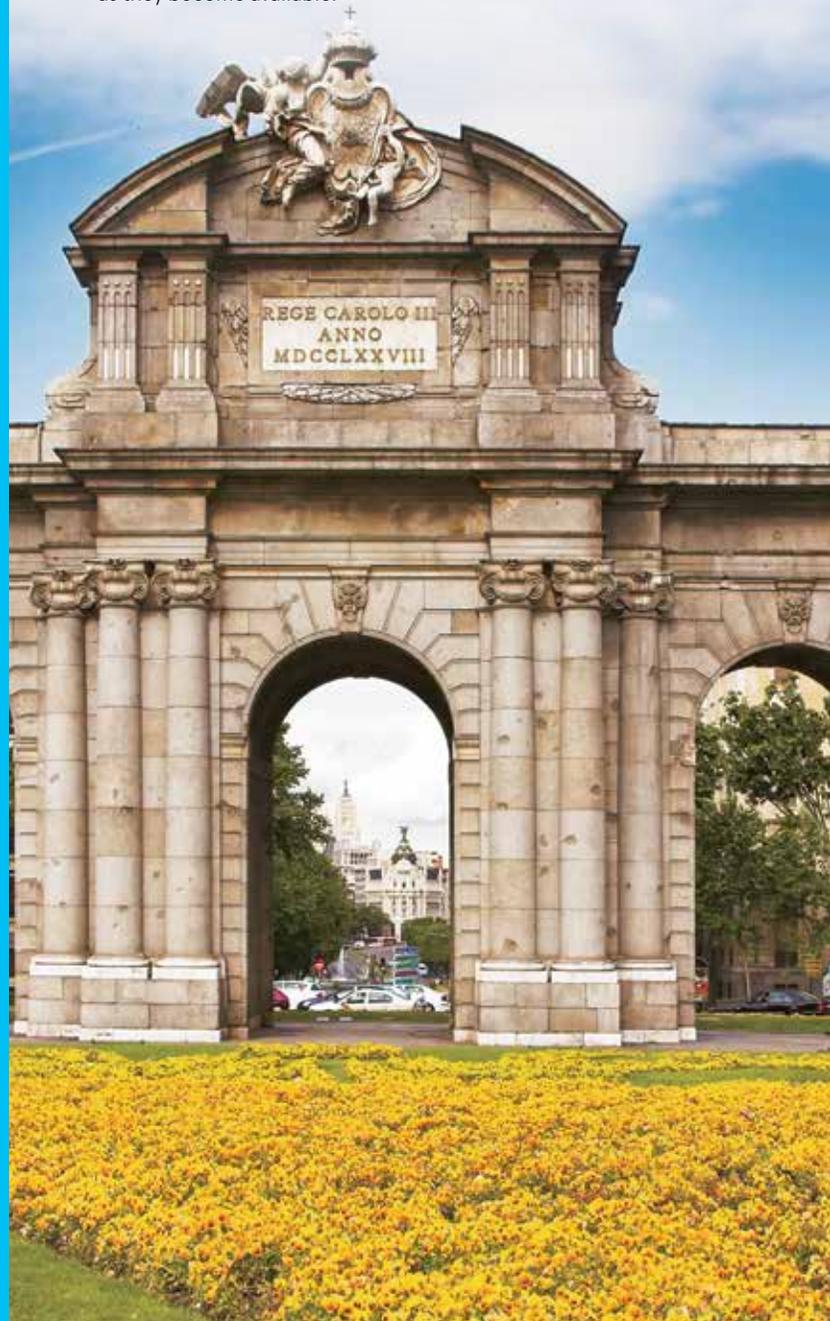
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Enter a world of timeless beauty and endless dreams...

To help you make the most of your vacation, Transat has arranged a varied program of exciting excursions.

This booklet contains information on some of the excursions available, as well as additional information on money matters, clothing suggestions, shopping and the like.

As we strive to offer the best possible value, we carefully monitor each excursion to ensure that it meets our high standards. Therefore, we reserve the right to cancel any excursion which does not provide the utmost satisfaction and similarly, we will also vary the itinerary or add new ones as they become available.



GOOD TO KNOW

Food and drink

Meal times differ from those in Canada, except in some resort areas.

Lunch, which is the largest of the three meals, is served from 1 to 4 pm and dinner from 8:30 to 11 pm. Nightclubs rarely get going before 2 am.

Shopping

Stores usually run from 9:30 or 10 am to 1:30 or 2 pm and from 5 pm to 8 or 9 pm. Most department stores are open all day. Stores are closed all day Sunday and some also close on Saturday afternoons.

Taxis

Minimum fare approx. €2.90

The taxi service in Madrid operates three fares: **Fare 1** applies weekdays between 6 am and 9 pm; **Fare 2** applies on weekdays between 9 pm and 6 am. **Fare 3** applies on weekends and legal holidays.

Subway

The Madrid Metro is made up of sixteen lines and is the sixth longest in the world. Many of the newer stations are accessible to people with disabilities. The metro runs from 6 to 1:30 am.

Banks

The local currency is the Euro (€). Banks are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 or 9 am to 1 or 2 pm and, in large cities, from 4 or 5 to 8 pm. It's generally not a good idea to use banks located near monuments or tourist sites. ATMs can be found throughout Madrid.

Tipping

Tip is not included on the bill. Although not obligatory, it is customary to leave 10% of the total.

Destination Representatives in Spain

Our destination representatives are always ready to assist you! You'll find the number for our 24-hour help line below. We will be glad to help you!

Jumbo Tours emergency number: +34 91 060 9323

Transat Customer Service: 1 866 322 6694



DESTINATIONS

Madrid

Home to some of the finest museums in the world and splendid historic sights, the capital of Spain is almost as famous for its endless array of evening entertainment. Gourmet restaurants, tapas bars, sidewalk cafés and pulsating flamenco rhythms will all vie for your attention the minute you step out of your hotel.



Must-sees

- > El Prado Museum
- > Mercado San Miguel
- > Santiago Bernabeu Stadium
- > Avila & Aranjuez
- > El Escorial
- > Royal Palace

Toledo

A mesmerizing blend of Christian, Jewish and Moorish architecture, Toledo boasts a maze of cobblestone streets and hidden squares that will delight your senses. It was also once the home of one of Spain's greatest painters, El Greco, so you will find many of his great works of art scattered throughout the city. Put on your walking shoes and step back in time.



Must-sees

- > El Alcazar
- > Santa Maria de Toledo Cathedral
- > Jewish Quarter
- > Santo Tomé Church
- > Santa Maria la Blanca Synagogue
- > San Juan de los Reyes Monastery

Segovia

Travel to Segovia to admire its stunning Roman Aqueduct, and succumb to the charms of this medieval town that combines all that is good about Spanish living: meandering streets, lovely squares, ancient churches, mouth-watering cuisine, lively tapas bars and a hearty dose of history.



Must-sees

- > Alcazar
- > Cathedral
- > Roman Aqueduct
- > Vera Cruz Church
- > Plaza Mayor
- > Plaza de San Martin



EXCURSIONS

Aranjuez

Half day

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Visit the Royal Site of Aranjuez, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, located on the banks of the Tagus River. A place of leisure for the Spanish kings, the site reached its heyday under the reign of the Bourbon Dynasty during the 18th century. Visit the interior of the beautiful Royal Palace with its Oriental Room and the throne of Queen Isabel II. See the Royal Boatbuilding Museum, built to preserve the patrol boats and vessels that were used to sail the Tagus River.

El Escorial & The Valley Of The Fallen

Half day

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Visit El Escorial, a World Heritage Site and great basilica-church and monastery designed by architects Juan Bautista de Toledo and Juan de Herrera, and built between 1562 to 1584 to become the political centre of King Philip II's empire. View the Valley of the Fallen, a memorial monument built to honour those who died during the Spanish Civil War in 1936.

Avila & Segovia

Full day

€€€ with lunch • €€ without lunch



This tour takes you through two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Avila and Segovia. See Avila's prominent and emblematic Romanesque medieval city walls and famous sites, a mystical reminder of the warring and monastic centre that Avila used to be, and a symbol of its history, art and heroic chivalry. Then out to Segovia, meeting point of the Roman, Arabic, Jewish and Christian cultures throughout the millennia. Admire the impressive 1st to 2nd century Roman aqueduct. View the city wall, Alcazar, great plazas, Cathedral, Romanesque churches, convents, narrow streets, and splendid mansions.

With gourmet, or tourist lunch, or with or without lunch.

El Escorial & The Valley of the Fallen AM + Toledo PM

Full day

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Start your panoramic tour at El Escorial and the Pantheon of the Kings, the resting place of monarchs and queens, from Emperor Charles V to modern times. Then, discover the Valley of the Fallen, which was built as a memorial after the Spanish Civil War. End your guided walking tour in Toledo's beautiful medieval city. Here, you will visit the Plaza del Ayuntamiento, the old Jewish quarter, the Church of Santo Tome, the old Synagogue of Santa Maria la Blanca, which is a strong symbol of the coexistence of the "Three Cultures", a typical Damasquinado factory and much more.

With or without lunch.

EXCURSIONS

Hop-On Hop-Off

One or two-day pass



This hop-on hop-off bus tour carries out two routes, both of which offer spectacular views of the city! **Route 1** begins at Museo del Prado and the highlights include Puerta de Alcalá, Barrio de Salamanca, Plaza de España, Plaza Mayor, Puerta del Sol, Circulo de Bellas Artes and Museo Reina Sofía. **Route 2** starts at Plaza de Neptuno and attractions include Plaza de Cibeles, Museo de las Esculturas, Plaza de Castilla, Puerta de Alcalá, Puerta del Sol and Plaza de las Cortes.

A double-decker tour bus and an audioguide are included. Museum tickets and un-specified meals and services are not included. Two-day pass is only valid for consecutive days.

Panoramic City Tour & Real Madrid TC Stadium

Half day



Enjoy a sightseeing tour through the most important and representative avenues, streets and squares of Madrid to admire its buildings and monuments. Also visit the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium: take the tunnel to the locker rooms, see the bench, the pitch, the press room and the presidential box and admire the new trophy exhibition area, showcasing the legend of the Real Madrid Football Club - the best of the 20th century.

This excursion does not operate during official football matches. Transportation back to the hotel not included.

Madrid Panoramic Tour & Prado Museum

4 hours



Set off on a panoramic tour that highlights the best of the city: Plaza de Oriente, Plaza de España, Parque del Oeste, Principe Pio, Puente del Rey, the Shrine of the Virgen del Puerto, Calle Mayor, Plaza de la Villa, Puerta del Sol, Neptuno, Atocha, Puerta de Alcalá, Calle de Alcalá, Retiro Park and the Plaza de Toros (Bullring). Stop at Plaza de Colon at the Hard Rock Café Madrid for a complimentary soft drink, before continuing to the Paseo de la Castellana, Plaza de Castilla, Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, Plaza de Cibeles, Gran Vía and Plaza de Callao. End the day with a tour of the Prado Museum.

Guide service inside the museum is not included

Panoramic City Tour & Royal Palace

Half day



Enjoy a sightseeing tour through the most important and representative avenues, streets and squares of Madrid and admire its buildings and monuments. Also visit the beautiful, well-preserved 18th century Royal Palace, landmark of Madrid's status as Spain's capital, where official receptions of the Crown such as gala dinners and signings of important agreements are still hosted.

Legend

€ 10 to 30

€€ 31 to 65

€€€ 66 to 90

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Panoramic Sightseeing Tour

Half day



Enjoy a sightseeing tour through the avenues, streets and squares of Madrid. Tour the densely-built streets of the 17th century Austrian quarter, where the austere exteriors of its palaces contrast sharply with their luxurious interiors. Panoramic view of the splendid 18th century neo-classical architecture of the Royal Palace and the Sabatini and Campo del Moro gardens. In the orderly laid out streets of the newer quarters, see Madrid's most modern and avant-garde works.

Panoramic Tour AM + Aranjuez Half Day PM

Full day



Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Madrid's avenues, streets and squares. Tour the streets of the 17th century Austrian quarter and enjoy a panoramic view of the splendid 18th century neo-classical architecture at the Royal Palace, Sabatini Gardens and Campo del Moro. Then, enjoy a visit of the Royal Palace of Aranjuez, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Located on the banks of the Tagus River, the site reached its heyday under the Bourbon dynasty's reign in the 18th century. Visit the Royal Boat Building museum and the Royal Palace's interior, which holds Queen Isabel II's throne.

Prado Museum "Skip The Line"



Designed by architect Juan de Villanueva in 1785, the building that houses the Museo Nacional del Prado was actually meant to lodge the National History Cabinet, by orders of King Charles III. As a result of the monarch's grandson, King Ferdinand VII, encouraged by his wife Queen Maria Isabel de Braganza, the Museo Nacional del Prado opened its doors to the public for the very first time in November 1819. Thanks to them, today we can admire masterpieces like The Garden of Earthly Delights by Bosch, Las Meninas by Velazquez and The Family of Carlos IV by Goya!

Real Madrid Football Club

(Stadium Tour only)



Channel your inner football star at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium! On this tour, you will have the chance to visit the tunnel that connects the field to the players' changing rooms, the bench, the press room, the pitch and the presidential box. Enjoy this thrilling experience at your own pace, on your own watch. Comfortable shoes and clothing are recommended.

This Stadium Tour is not guided and is unavailable on match days.

EXCURSIONS

Segway Tour Madrid



See Madrid from a new perspective! Choose from the following Segway tours: **Austrias Tour (90 minutes)** will take you from Gran Vía to visit Madrid's historical areas, which include Plaza España, Mercado de San Miguel, and Plaza Mayor. **Retiro Tour (90 minutes)** tackles Madrid's green spaces and is best suited for families with young children. **Rio Tour or Prado Tour (150 minutes)** is a complete tour marked with history, monuments, landscapes and a special visit to San Miguel Market. Comfortable shoes and clothing are recommended.

Services include a Segway, a guide and training.
Museum tickets and un-specified meals and services are not included.

Toledo

Half day



Start with a panoramic walking tour of Toledo. Enter the old quarters for a visit to the Plaza del Ayuntamiento and see the facade of the Primate Cathedral and old Palace of Justice and City Hall. Walk down the narrow streets of the old Jewish quarter to the Church of St. Tomé, where you will see *The Burial of Count Orgaz*, El Greco's famous painting; the old Synagogue of Santa María la Blanca, symbol of the coexistence of the "Three Cultures"; the Monastery of San Juan de los Reyes; and the Victorio Macho Museum overlooking the Tagus River.

Toledo

Full day



Once the capital of Castille, Toledo is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that offers magnificent examples of Moorish, Jewish and Christian architecture. Upon arrival, enjoy a walking tour that includes the cathedral, the Church of Santo Tomé (home to the El Greco masterpiece, *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz*), the Synagogue of Santa María la Blanca, the Church of San Juan de los Reyes and the Victorio Macho Museum. Also visit a typical factory of Damasquinado, the well-known handcraft art of Toledo. The visit will conclude with a panoramic bus tour which will circle around the city from the other side of the river to admire the views.

Traditional Flamenco

3 hours



After a panoramic sightseeing tour through Madrid's illuminated city streets, enjoy a live flamenco performance at the 40-year-old traditional Café de Chinitas restaurant, located in the heart of Madrid.

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Walking Tour Madrid Historic Town & Prado Museum

2 hours



On this walking tour, you'll discover Madrid's picturesque Renaissance and Baroque period buildings. You will also get to visit one of Madrid's most emblematic cafés, where you will be offered a drink. Then, it's off to the Prado Museum! Designed by architect, Juan de Villanueva in 1785, the museum opened its doors in November of 1819. Once inside, admire masterpieces from the following renowned artists: J. Bosch (El Bosco), El Greco, Velazquez and Goya.

A bilingual guide, a free drink and entrance to the Prado Museum are all included. Transportation, lunch, beverages and un-specified services are not included.

Walking Tour Madrid Historic Town & Royal Palace

2 hours



On this walking tour, you will discover the most emblematic buildings from the Renaissance and Baroque period of Madrid which are picturesque and representative of the city. With a stop at one of the most emblematic Cafés of this popular area of Madrid, you will be offered a drink. The Royal Palace is one of the most beautiful and best preserved palaces in Europe. The Palace was the official residence of the Spanish Monarchy from 1765 to 1931. The most stunning receptions of the Spanish Crown are still celebrated here. Comfortable shoes are recommended.

Transportation, lunch, beverages and un-specified services are not included.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservations

The information on excursions contained in this pamphlet is indicative only. These excursions are available through the Transat or Jumbo Tours representatives. Excursions other than those outlined in this booklet may be available.

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(Week days from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

Scheduling of excursions

All tours depart are indicated in the excursion description and participants are asked to be at the pick-up point 30 minutes prior to departure. At the completion of the tour you will be returned to the bus terminal or meeting point unless you opt to leave the tour en route. In this case, it will be your responsibility to secure transportation back to your hotel, at your own expense.

Refunds and cancellation

Your booking for any excursion is confirmed immediately with the excursion operator in each resort. Therefore, no refunds can be given for any unused or partially used tours.

Prices, inclusions and itineraries

Excursion prices and/or itineraries and/or tour inclusions in this booklet are all subject to change without prior notice. Meals and/or beverages are not included unless otherwise specified. Excursions may be offered in one language or multilingual. Excursion content may vary slightly depending on the service provider. Any of the described excursions may be cancelled for any reason, including lack of participants, and with or without prior notice. In such circumstances, Transat and Jumbo Tours' sole responsibility shall be to refund in full all monies paid.

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