



## A MATTER OF TASTE

### A BOHEMIAN BREAKFAST IN MADRID

When it opened in 1888 the Café Gijón swiftly became a favourite with Madrid's intellectuals and writers, and still attracts leading journalists and literati. Start your day there with a traditional breakfast, or to really experience the bohemian atmosphere, go for coffee after 6pm.

### CUISINE OF CONTRASTS

Dedicated foodies will adore the local speciality, pastel de carne, a veal pie wrapped in hojaldre (traditional Arabic dough). It's unique to the region, and you'll find the best at Bonache. If upmarket tapas is more your style, book a table at the gorgeous Palacete la Seda, worth a visit for the décor alone.

### SUPPER AND SINGING

For a dining experience with a difference it would be hard to beat La Favorita. This restaurant, housed in an old palace that's also home to two opera societies, specialises in dishes from Navarra, with live opera as you dine. On some evenings, you can even join in.



## A SIGHT TO BEHOLD

### THE BEST CLUB IN HISTORY?

Whether or not you agree, for football fans, on non-match days a tour of Real Madrid stadium has to be high on the list. Take a peek into the dressing room, and explore the tunnel and dugouts, before going football crazy in the souvenir store.

### A PERFECT DAY BY THE SEA

What better way to spend a morning than a gentle cruise around the volcanic islands in the gentle waters of Mar Menor? In the afternoon, stroll along the historic streets of Cartagena and admire the architecture before ambling down to the port for a sundowner at one of the plentiful cafés.

### ART AND SOLE

Madrid has enough galleries to satisfy even the most ardent art lover. Take the 'Art Walk' to encounter the Prado, Reina Sofía and Thyssen Museums, and if that isn't enough, travel back in time with a guided tour of the Palacio Real, then rest tired feet over a coffee on the Plaza de Oriente.



## A PARTING GIFT

### GO TREASURE HUNTING

Madrid's El Rastro Market is fringed by small antique shops full of little treasures that you'll never find anywhere else. To browse them at your leisure, go on weekdays, because on Sundays and Bank Holidays the flea market springs up - the most popular open air market in Spain.

### SILVER AND FINE FABRICS

Calle Platería is a unique street in the old part of Murcia where locals come to buy silver, and it's famous for jewellery that can't be found anywhere else. Turn along Calle Trapería and you'll be heading for the Cathedral, down a street lined with shops offering clothes and fine fabrics.

### A FEEL FOR FLAMENCO

If you've taken a fancy to flamenco style, Maty is the shop for all things dance-related, and you can kit yourself out in style from top to toe. You'll need an accompanist of course, and the place for high-quality, hand-made guitars is Guitarras Ramirez, who'll ship anywhere in the world.

## Contacts

### Café Gijón

<http://www.cafegijon.com/>  
Paseo de Recoletos, 21

### Pastelería Bonache

<http://pasteleriabonache.com/>  
Plaza de las Flores, Murcia

### Palacete la Seda

<http://www.palacetelaseda.com/restaurante.html>  
Vereda del Catalan, Santa Cruz

### La Favorita

<http://lafavoritarestaurante.com/en/>  
Calle Covarrubias, 25

### Real Madrid stadium

[http://www.realmadrid.com/en/tickets/bernabeu-tour#why\\_visit](http://www.realmadrid.com/en/tickets/bernabeu-tour#why_visit)  
Av. Concha Espina 1, 28036, Madrid

### A perfect day by the sea

<http://www.lamangawatersports.com/boattrips.html>

[http://www.spain.info/en\\_GB/que-quieres/ciudades-pueblos/otros-destinos/cartagena.html](http://www.spain.info/en_GB/que-quieres/ciudades-pueblos/otros-destinos/cartagena.html)

### Prado Museum

<https://www.museodelprado.es/en/>  
Paseo del Prado, s/n, 28014 Madrid

### Reina Sofia Museum

<http://www.museoreinasofia.es/en>  
Calle de Santa Isabel, 52, 28012 Madrid

### Thyssen Museum

<http://www.museothyssen.org/en/thyssen/home>  
Paseo del Prado, 8, 28014 Madrid

### Palacio Real

<http://www.patrimoniocultural.es/?language=en>  
Palacio Real, Calle de Bailén, s/n, 28071

### Go treasure hunting

[http://www.madridtourist.info/rastro\\_market.html](http://www.madridtourist.info/rastro_market.html)  
Calle Ribera de Curtidores, 28005 Madrid

### Calle Platería

Plateria, Calle Plateria, Murcia

### Maty

<http://www.maty.es/>  
Maty, Calle Maestro Victoria, 2

### Guitarras Ramirez

<https://www.guitarrasramirez.com/>  
Guitarras Ramirez, Calle Paz, 8

## Our Spain hotels

InterContinental Madrid

InterContinental Mar Menor Golf Resort & Spa

