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Historical center

Around the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor most centenary shops are concentrated, crafts, gifts, hats, fans, porcelains, religious articles, luthiers, espadrilles, ceramics, flamenco articles... **El Rastro**: A popular market typical of Madrid where the mornings of Sundays and holidays offers second-hand products, antiques, collectibles, decoration and the most improbable things. **Gran Vía, Carmen and Preciados**: It is the most popular shopping area among tourists where all kinds of shops are located. **Galería Canalejas**: An exclusive shopping, hotel and residential space in the heart of the capital, including the Hotel Four Seasons, the chain's first in Spain. An exclusive shopping mall in tune with Europe's most cutting-edge trends, and a gourmet space designed to offer a top-class dining experience.



Chueca, Malasaña & Salesas

Chueca & Fuencarral: LGBTI-friendly areas with places for leisure and recreation respectful of the diversity of today's society where alternative fashion is the protagonist. **Malasaña & Tribunal**: The triangle formed by Gran Vía, Fuencarral and Corredora Baja de San Pablo, constitutes a new shopping, gastronomy and culture area, with young designers predominating. **Salesas**: This area is home to exclusive brands with a very personalised service.



Barrio de las Letras

The so-called **Barrio de las Letras** is a bohemian neighborhood of Spanish Golden Age, where one of the most illustrious writers like Cervantes, Quevedo or Lope de Vega used to live. Nowadays this is a great area of leisure, restaurants and alternative shopping. Here you can find vintage stores, antique shops, art galleries, silver and decoration stores, musical instruments and bookshops and a very nice pedestrian area. Visit artisan workshops in the most authentic parts of Madrid: artisan shoes and tailoring, leatherwork, ceramics and painted silk fashion accessories.



Salamanca - Retiro

Serrano and José Ortega y Gasset: It is the axis of the most exclusive shopping in Madrid; from Puerta de Alcalá to Plaza del Marqués de Salamanca, you can perceive the luxury, design and glamour of national and international fashion where the most prestigious brands have their boutiques. **Claudio Coello, Lagasca, Jorge Juan, Ayala, Hermosilla...** are the showcases of our designers; most of them have located their points of sale here. Shoes, accessories, home and decoration articles, children's clothing, art galleries and antique shops, small shops with exquisite treatment. **Shopping malls**: ABC de Serrano, located in a historic building. El Corte Inglés, stores where you can buy clothes, accessories and household objects.



Argüelles

The main artery of the Argüelles district is **Princesa** street. Students of the nearby Ciudad Universitaria frequent these streets. It is a bustling commercial area, especially at the intersection with **Alberto Aguilera** Street where some young fashion brands have located their flagships and internationally recognized Spanish brands blend with traditional shops and department stores. Between purchases, you can enjoy a delicious ice cream made with the best ingredients in a shop opened since 1950 or have your hair cut in a barbershop opened in 1925 which still maintains its original furniture.



AZCA

The heart of Madrid's business is located in **AZCA**, a commercial space between the streets of Orense, Av. del General Perón, Raimundo Fernández Villaverde and Paseo de la Castellana. This area is home to the largest and most eco-friendly ZARA store in the world and one of the largest and most modern El Corte Inglés stores, as well as national and international chain stores such as Mango and H&M. The neighbourhood's commercial offer is complemented by a wide range of restaurants, cafés and an attractive nightlife offer.



Spanish Fashion

Spanish designers have been surprising the world of high fashion for decades with their talent and a whole new approach to design. Without forgetting that Spanish culture inspires the collections of many fashion giants. Remember that in Madrid you have a chance to visit some showrooms and ateliers of prestigious designers. You have definitely made a good choice for your trip!

Spain is in fashion!

SPANISH DESIGNERS

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| Adolfo Domínguez | Del Pozo | Juanjo Oliva |
| Agatha Ruiz de la Prada | Felipe Varela Francis | Miguel Palacio |
| Alfredo Villalba | Lorenzo Caprile | Pedro del Hierro |
| Amaya Arzuaga | Modesto Lomba | Purificación García |
| Ángel Schlesser | Montesinos | Roberto Torretta |
| Cristóbal Balenciaga | Hannibal Laguna | Roberto Verino |

MARKETS & GOURMET



Markets of Madrid provide their visitors with an excellent combination of place for traditional daily shopping and modern meeting point, where you can take part in different activities, events or just have a drink with friends.

MARKETS & GOURMET STORES

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| Cal Millor | Gold Gourmet | Manacor |
| Mercado de Barceló | Gourmet Experience | Mantequerías Bravo |
| Mercado de Chamartín | Härina | Moulin Chocolat |
| Mercado de Chamberí | La Chinata | Ohi Delicatessen |
| Mercado de La Cebada | Le Pain Quotidien | Ramest |
| Mercado de la Paz | Mallorca | Mamá Framboise |
| Mercado de Maravillas | | |



Gastronomy

The gastronomic possibilities of the region of Madrid are as numerous as varied. Lovers of good cuisine will find here a wide range of flavors.

Michelin Stars

Numerous and distributed throughout the region, top the list the renowned David Muñoz with the 3 stars of DiverXO. Also have their position in the gastronomic firmament great chefs of the stature of Mario Sandoval, Paco Roncero or Ramon Freixa.



RESTAURANTS * Michelin Stars

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| A'Barra | DiverXO | Kabuki Wellington | Montia |
| Albora | DSTAGÉ | La Candelaria Restó | Punto MX |
| Cebó | El Club Allard | La Tasquería | Ramón Freixa |
| Clos Madrid | El Invernadero | La Terraza del Casino | 99 KO Sushi Bar |
| Coque | Goytán | Lúa | |
| Corral de la Morería | Kabuki | Madrid Santceloni | |
| Chirón | | | |

To rest the body and soul, the region offers luxury hotels to suit all tastes. Each one has its own personality and provides unique experiences which will make your stay in Madrid unforgettable, be it downtown, in the centenarian Gran Vía, the Plaza de España or in the Barrio de Salamanca, or in one of the beautiful enclaves declared by UNESCO as World Heritage Sites, if you prefer to get away from the crowds.



Hotels



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Centennial Restaurants



To taste the best of the old kitchen: Casa Botín (from 1725), the oldest restaurant in the world, Posada de la Villa (1692), Casa Lhardy (1839) or Malacatin (1830), Lhardy among others.

CENTENNIAL RESTAURANTS AND TAVERNS IN MADRID

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| Bodega de la Ardosa | Casa Alberto | Casa Pedro |
| Botín | Casa Ciriacio | Malacatin |
| Café Gijón | Casa Labra | Posada de la Villa |

In Plaza de España two new 5-star design hotels, the Barceló Torre de Madrid in one of the most emblematic skyscrapers of the city and the VP Plaza de España. Hotels managed by international chains such as Hyatt, Four Seasons, Riu and Starwood Marriott, revolutionizing the face of the city.



Madrid Region

In the region, you will find quaint and refined rural lodgings where the smallest detail is taken care of in addition to charming hotels such as the Paradores de Alcalá de Henares and Chinchón.



Gourmet Markets



These are renovated traditional markets in which you can taste some delicious tapas accompanied by a good wine and also buy excellent gourmet products.

MARKETS • GASTRONOMIC SPACES

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| Cortejo Yatai Market | Mercado de San Antón | Mercado de Moncloa |
| El Huerto de Lucas | Mercado de San Ildefonso | Organic Market & Food Platea Madrid |



Tapas at any time

In all neighborhoods you will find traditional taverns, gastronomics and bistros where you can practice one of the traditions that never go out of style: el tapeo. The best of Madrid cuisine in a small format all day long.



A gastronomic getaway

The best recommendations among the excellent products of the Madrid pantry: asparagus and strawberries from Aranjuez, wines with D.O. Vinos de Madrid, farm cheeses and craft beers, and pastry and traditional mountain cuisine, especially the meats with the protected geographical designation of Sierra de Guadarrama.



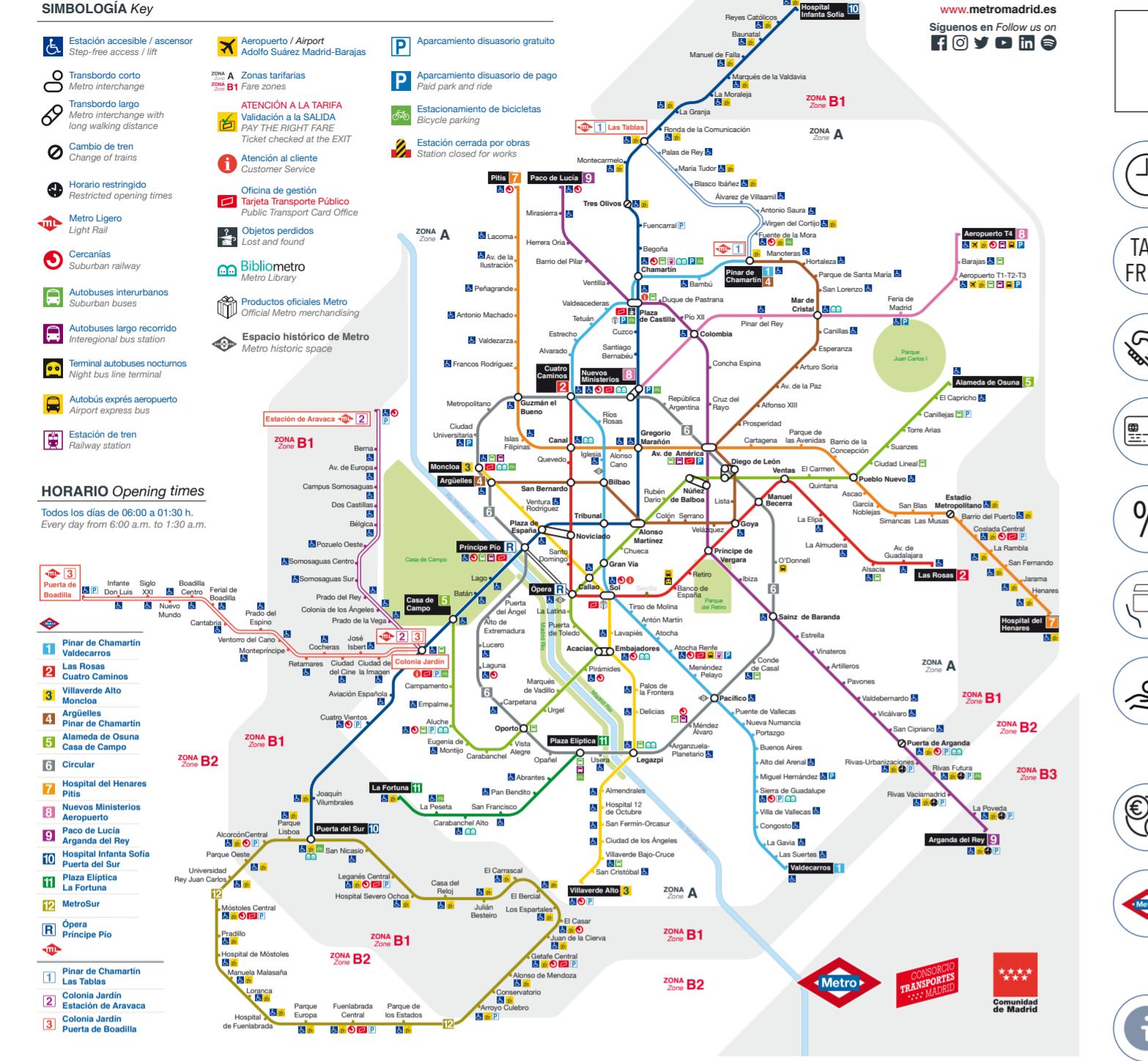
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Useful tips

What should I know about shopping in Madrid?

Madrid has very competitive prices compared to other European capitals, the VAT refund conditions are better, so the final prices are much more attractive.

Opening hours: Most of the shops open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 9:00 p.m. especially in the center and commercial areas. The shopping malls close at 10:00 p.m.

TAX FREE: Spain has a quick tax-free system, which offers an average discount of 16%, with no minimum spend and digital validation (the DIVA system).

To haggle: It is NOT common to haggle over prices in shops, yet at flea markets, it is an integral part of the street shopping experience.

Credit cards: The majority of stores accept all kinds of credit cards for purchases. Among them Visa, Master Card, American Express, Diners Club, China Union Pay...

Sales: Although we can find offers and opportunities throughout the year, traditionally there are two seasons of sales: in winter from January 1 to February 28 and in summer from June 21 to August 31.

Shipping of my purchases: Many shops have their own local, national or international messenger services. It is very comfortable to travel without bulges.

Tips: Tips are not obligatory, but for certain services, they are a welcome addition to the workers' salary: waiters, taxi drivers and bellboys. It is the way to show appreciation for a good job. The amount depends on the cost of the service and the level of customer satisfaction, but it can never be demanded.

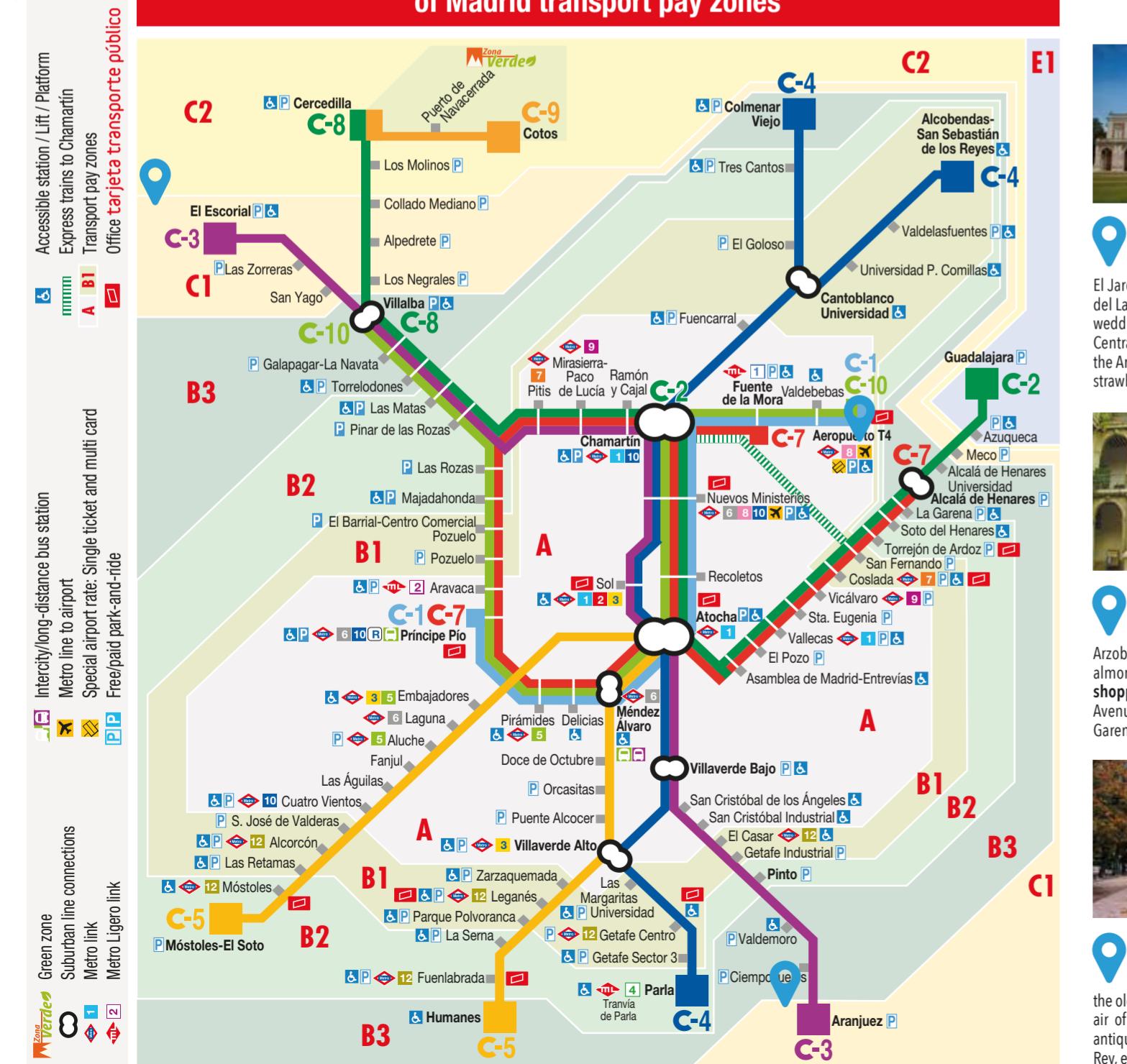
Currency exchange: You will easily find exchange offices in the city centre. For example, Western Union offices in Gran Vía.

Shopping by metro: The Madrid subway network is a fast and economic way to move about the city and do your shopping. If you want to use public transport, you will need a Public Transport Card (Tarjeta de Transporte Público, TTP) loaded with a valid ticket for your journey. More information: www.metromadrid.es/es/titulosytarifas

Tourism offices: For more information on shopping in Madrid, visit one of our tourist offices located in the emblematic places of the city. Check at: www.comunidad.madrid



Suburban network in Regional Transport Consortium of Madrid transport pay zones



Shopping outside the capital: World Heritage



Aranjuez: The Bourbons chose Aranjuez located on the banks of the Tagus River to establish their spring residence. It is a real privilege to walk along this landscape, declared by UNESCO as a World Heritage site, and visit its gardens: El Jardín del Príncipe, De la Isla or Del Parterre, as well as the Royal Palace, La Casa del Labrador or La Plaza de Toros. **Typical products:** autochthonous garden products, wedding boutiques, jewelry, textiles, footwear, gourmet. **Main shopping areas:** Central area, Foso-Moreras, Travelling Flea Market, El Deleite shopping mall. Discover the Aranjuez market "Mercado de Abastos" and the products of its fertile valleys, like strawberries and asparagus.



Alcalá de Henares: Cervantes's home town, declared a UNESCO World Heritage site, and its historical center is an ideal place to explore. Its streets, squares, and monuments, like San Ildefonso Chapel, Alcalá University or Arzobispal Palace take us back to the Spanish Golden Age. **Typical products:** sugar almonds, "rosquillas" (local donuts), gourmet products, textiles, handicrafts. **Main shopping areas:** Central Area, Calle Mayor and surroundings, Reyes Católicos Avenue, Juan de Austria Avenue; shopping malls: Alcalá Magna, La Dehesa, El Val, Garena Plaza.



San Lorenzo de El Escorial: Is distinguished by its extraordinary artistic heritage, its cultural offer and its magnificent location in the Sierra de Guadarrama mountain range. The Monastery of San Lorenzo de El Escorial and the oldest theatre of its kind in Spain are located here. These streets breathe the country air of past centuries. **Typical products:** Sierra de Guadarrama meats, bakery, art, antiques, etc. **Main shopping areas:** Juan de Leyva, Reina Victoria, Floridablanca, Del Rey, etc. Municipal public market, El Zaburdon shopping mall.