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MADRID CLASSICS

loved by the locals



47 LA DOLORES



- 46 **LHARDY**
Carrera de
San Jerónimo 8
Centro ②
+34 915 213 385
lhardy.com

Probably one of the most iconic restaurants in Madrid, along with Botín (the oldest restaurant in the world, in business since 1725). Lhardy opened its doors in 1839 and Spanish history was plotted within its walls. The star dish is the Beef Wellington, and of course also classic Spanish dishes such as lobster casserole, *croquetas*, or *callos* (stewed beef tripe). In a rush? Grab a homemade dish from their shop.

- 47 **LA DOLORES**
Plaza Jesús 4
Centro ②
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This is the perfect place to enjoy a draft beer and a platter of their homemade potato chips with anchovies in vinegar. While this may sound like a strange mix, be careful because some find it quite addictive. Founded in 1908, La Dolores's facade with its typical tiles tells you exactly what you can expect here: good, cool beer and tapas.

5 specialised RECORD STORES

236 LA INTEGRAL

León 25
Centro ②
+34 914 296 918
laintegral25.com

Located in a former bakery. Maria and Charo originally opened their shop to showcase their own creations. Now they offer a wide selection of brands and an extraordinary array of vinyl records, which includes reissues of great rock, pop, punk or jazz classics as well as new editions of Spanish bands of independent labels.

237 BAJOELVOLCÁN

Ave María 42
Centro ②
+34 912 502 121
www.bajoelvolcan.es

Specialising in new and secondhand vinyl, LPs or singles of all types including soul, funk, jazz, rock 'n' roll, beat, garage, psychedelia, folk, progressive, heavy, punk and indie. Bajoelvolcán also has an interesting book section focusing on music, cinema and contemporary literature.

238 TOMA 3 + PROPER SOUND

Raimundo Julio 16
Chamberí ⑤
+34 914 215 224
toma.cafe

Sometimes it is not just about buying, it's about listening. This is a place where music is worshipped and where you can also have a cup of coffee or a glass of organic wine, or even visit an exhibition dedicated to legendary record labels. At their music sessions they strictly play vinyl on high-fidelity audio equipment.

239 BIG MAMMA

Divino Pastor 22
Centro ①
+34 915 915 564
bigmammacdshop.com

The store offers a wide range of new and secondhand vinyl as well as CDs. They cover all styles but have a penchant for black music including hip-hop, jazz, the blues. If you have difficulty finding what you are looking for, just ask Diego Ortiz to help you. He has overseen the inventory since 2006.

240 FARADAY

San Lucas 9
Centro ①
thisisfaraday.com

A space where music, coffee and good taste come together. Faraday offers a carefully curated selection of vinyl with a focus on jazz, black music and non-commercial electronic music. All of the records are for sale and you can play them on-site while enjoying a cup of coffee and some chocolate truffles.



236 LA INTEGRAL

268 **ESTACIÓN DE ATOCHA**

Plaza Emperador Carlos V Arganzuela ⑧

Inaugurated in 1892, this building was initially called Estación del Mediodía (Midday Station). In 1992, it was renovated by Pritzker Laureate Rafael Moneo and turned into a railway station with a metro station, a mid and short distance train station, high speed trains and a fantastic large tropical garden inside the original station's gigantic iron structure.



269 **PALACIO DE CRISTAL**

AT: PARQUE DE EL RETIRO Paseo República de Cuba 4 Retiro ④

Built for the Universal Exposition of the Philippines in 1887, this building was designed by Ricardo Velázquez Bosco and inspired by London's Crystal Palace in Hyde Park. It moved to Retiro Park after the Exposition. Surrounded by buckeye trees and with an artificial lake in front of it, the building is sometimes used as a modern art exhibition space for the Reina Sofía museum.

270 **PALACIO DE CIBELES**

Plaza de Cibeles 1 Retiro ④

This project by Joaquín Otamendi and his university friend Antonio Palacios was inaugurated in 1909 as the headquarters of the National Post and Telegraph company. Nowadays it is home to Madrid's town hall, a post office, a vibrant cultural centre and a rooftop restaurant and bar with one of the best panoramic views of the city.



5 SQUARES to discover

281 PLAZA DE LA PAJA Centro ①

Nestled in the Madrid of the Austrias, this small square makes you feel as if you are in a village. Its name refers to past activities as the straw for the mules of Capilla del Obispo was auctioned here. Have a beer on one of the terraces and dinner or lunch at the Naia restaurant.

282 HUERTO DE LAS MONJAS Sacramento 7 Centro ②

At number 7 on Sacramento Street you will find the small entrance to the Huerto de las Monjas. After you have walked through a passage under modern buildings, the charming garden reveals itself to you. Until 1972, it was protected by the high walls of a convent (that was demolished).

283 JARDINES DEL PALACIO DEL PRÍNCIPE DE ANGLONA Príncipe Anglona 1 Centro ②

At the bottom end of Plaza de La Paja, there is a very small and romantic garden. The original 1750 structure was maintained when it was created for the adjacent noble house where the Prince of Anglona used to live. A pleasant hideaway and a good place for a break from the hectic city centre.

284 PLAZA DEL ÁNGEL Centro ②

This quiet square is located next to the very busy and crowded Plaza Santa Ana with its taverns and tapa restaurants. The elegant Palace of Tapa (now a NH hotel) overlooks the square, which is also home to Café Central, which opened in 1910. Nowadays Central is a meeting point for live music lovers.

285 PLAZA DE LA VILLA DE PARÍS Centro ①

Hidden behind the Colon Centre, this beautiful square is also called the square of Justice. Tucked in between the Supreme Court, the National High Court and L'Institut Français (The French Institute) it has an open space with trees and benches. It is also the meeting place for the neighbourhood dogs and their owners.



5 amazing ART GALLERIES

336 **GALERÍA ELVIRA GONZÁLEZ**
Hermanos Álvarez Quintero 1
Centro ①
+34 913 195 900
elviragonzalez.es

This gallery opened its doors in 1994 and specialises in 20th and 21st-century art, with a particular focus on European and American art from the second half of the 20th century and the work of internationally renowned contemporary artists. Artists like Miquel Barceló, Chema Madoz or Robert Mapplethorpe are part of its portfolio.



337 **GALERÍA GUILLERMO DE OSMA**
Claudio Coello 4
Salamanca ③
+34 914 355 936
guillermodeosma.com

Since its opening in 1991, this gallery has hosted hundreds of exhibitions dedicated to modern and contemporary art, taking a special interest in the historic European and Latin-American vanguards (1910-1939). Every year, they take part in the major contemporary art fairs.

338 **GALERÍA HELGA DE ALVEAR**
Doctor Fourquet 12
Centro ②
+34 914 680 506
helgadealvear.com

Established in Madrid since 1995, this is one of the most widely respected galleries on the Spanish art scene, with an international reputation: more than 900 square metres dedicated to international contemporary art.

339 **GALERÍA MPA**
Doctor Fourquet 20
Centro ②
+34 912 193 283
galeriampa.com

One of the coolest art spaces in Madrid, this gallery has been in business since 1996. Its exterior wall is regularly updated and used to exhibit works, as part of the gallery. They promote young talent, combining it with more renowned international artists.

340 **IVORYPRESS**
Comandante Zorita 46-48
Tetuán ⑥
+34 914 490 961
ivorypress.com

Founded in 1996 by Elena Ochoa Foster as a publishing house, this is the best art library in Madrid, covering a wide range of themes and activities within the framework of contemporary art. Visit their permanent art collection, including works by Michael Long, Marcel Duchamp and Damien Hirst.

5 wonderful BIKE TOURS in Madrid

436 BICIMAD bicimad.com

You can find these bikes almost everywhere in the city. If you are an occasional user, just follow the instructions on the display at the bike station. The bikes are half electric making your bike trip even easier. Download the app to see how many bikes are available at any given station.

437 MADRID RÍO [Arganzuela](#) ②

Madrid's equivalent of New York's High Line but bigger and greener. Along the Manzanares River a 30-kilometre cycling path (shared with pedestrians) also connects to the 'Anillo Verde' (Green Ring), the cycling path that encircles greater Madrid. In summer, Madrid Río becomes an urban beach.

438 CASA DE CAMPO [Moncloa-Aravaca](#)

The park has a 17-kilometre route created especially for cyclists. It borders the entire perimeter of the park and includes emblematic points of interest such as the Antequinas stream, the House of Cows and Covatillas hill. Take a 2-hour tour and enjoy the biggest green park of the city.

439 PALACIO REAL [Plaza de Oriente](#) [Centro](#) ②

Bike to Plaza de Oriente where you can see the Opera house, the Royal Palace and Almudena Cathedral. Continue your tour towards Parque del Oeste and make a quick stop at the Debod Temple to admire the views of Casa de Campo Park.

440 PARQUE FELIPE VI [Valdebebas](#)

Parque Felipe VI, in Valdebebas district, used to be agricultural land but has since been upgraded. Since it is not yet very known, you might well be the only person biking through the 470-hectare park. This beautiful landscape design combines vegetation and trees that are typical of the centre of the Iberian Peninsula.



5 MOVIES *filmed in Madrid*

466 **THE BOURNE
ULTIMATUM**
2007

Some of the scenes in the third instalment of this franchise about an agent with amnesia, played by Matt Damon, were filmed in Madrid. The Café del Principe in Plaza de Canalejas is the place where a journalist (Paddy Condisine) meets with Madrid's CIA chief. Bourne later escapes from a flat in Calle de la Virgen de los Peligros followed by a spectacular car chase through Castellana.

467 **DÍAS DE FÚTBOL**
2003

Besides the actors, one of the other characters in this hilarious Spanish comedy, is the neighbourhood of La Elipa. Centring around subsidised housing apartment blocks, built between 1960 and 1970, the film depicts the local football pitch, the nearby pinewood picnic table and the neighbourhood's long-standing request for a metro station in the form of graffiti with the slogan *Metro Ya*. The metro station was finally built in 2007.

468 **THE GOLDEN AGE
OF HOLLYWOOD
IN MADRID**

Stars like Charlton Heston, Ava Gardner, Sophia Loren, John Wayne and Bette Davis were received by crowds of fans, with flower bouquets and paparazzi when they landed in Madrid. In the fifties and sixties, the visionary American producer Samuel Bronston filmed epic movies around Madrid and in his massive studios in Paseo de la Habana 68, which were comparable to Hollywood's MGM or Paramount.

469 **DOCTOR ZHIVAGO**
1965

Madrid was chosen by director David Lean to recreate Moscow on a 20.000-square-metre set around Calle de Silvano. A vacant waste lot was completely transformed in just five months with snowy streets, a streetcar with a line of houses that were built just for the occasion as a backdrop and a fake Kremlin to transport us to pre-revolutionary Moscow.

470 **SOME MADRID
FILM SETS OF
ALMODOVAR'S
FILMOGRAPHY**

Calle de Montalbán 7, the attic on the seventh floor where Pepa (Carmen Maura) lived in *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown* (1988). Plaza de Santa Ana 15 (Villa-Rosa), where Miguel Bosé performed as a transvestite in *High Heels* (1991). Paseo de Eduardo Dato 18, where the couple played by Javier Bardem and Francesca Neri lived in *Live Flesh* (1997).

