

Soak up the best of Spain's charming capital, and be sure to pack your dancing shoes... this city really never sleeps

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# Madrid

**MORNING**  
Considering Madrid is one of the highest and greenest cities in Europe, you might want to check its credentials on the east or west side of the Spanish capital to get some early bearings. Proof of altitude can be found at the Parque del Oeste, near the site of the reconstructed 4<sup>th</sup>-century BC Egyptian temple, Templo de Debod. Looking down upon the huge **Casa de Campo** public park and, left, across to the magnificent Palacio Real, the park is as equally impressive at sunset. From here, you're also well placed to find the top of the historic Austrias district and find a different perspective (and breakfast) in one of barrio La Latina's

**MIDDAY**  
If you preferred to start your day on the city's east side, you'll have had the Parque del Retiro to explore. Buffered from relentless traffic on the Paseo del Prado by the calming Jardines Botánicos and the famous Museo del Prado further north, this 17<sup>th</sup>-century park is an essential respite for the city. To return to the centre of the action—and the geographical centre of Spain—head to Puerta Del Sol and give yourself a few options. One is to head northeast via Calle de la Montera to the stylish shops, restaurants and cafés in rejuvenated Chueca. Contemporary film club Café Diurno (37 San Marcos, Tel. + 34 91 522 0009) smartly sums up the appeal of this hip district with an



**AFTERNOON**  
Dividing Chueca and its partner Malasaña is Calle de Fuencarral, which is lined with a few big-name stores, and attracts swarms of Madrileño teenagers to its three-tiered counter-culture hive Mercado de Fuencarral. A more grown-up approach might involve shopping Calle Barquillo, and its surrounds, in the heart of Chueca. Alternatively, you could always sit back spend your money on a lavish seafood platter, just off Fuencarral, at Ribeira do Miño (1 Santa Brigada,

the abundance of restaurants on Calle Manuela Malasaña for the best menú del día. If you came to Madrid for its tapas, then the mesones (tapas bars) along Cava Baja in La Latina can't be equalled for atmosphere—day or night.

## EARLY EVENING

Compact as the city is, it's near impossible to see everything on a quick visit. What you will see in abundance, however, around Chueca and Malasaña especially, are the fashionistas of Madrid. If they can't be beaten, book an appointment to join them at peluquería Juan, Por Dios! (3 Pérez Galdóz, Tel. +34 91 523 3649). Part-gallery, part-hairdressers, this establishment is part of the reason why everyone looks so damn good when the sun goes down. Bide your time with a long Argentinian-influenced meal at La Latina newcomer Camoati (3 Calle Alfonso VI, Tel. +34 91 366 9550) before heading up to the late-night bars and clubs of Malasaña. Or dress up and head to La Capilla de la Bolsa (12 Calle de la Bolsa, Tel. +34 91 521 8623), near the



**EVENING**  
revolution movida may have hit its peak way back in the 1980s, locals still believe it's their given right to party hard. Cocktails in (or outside) the swanky **Penthouse Bar atop the ME Madrid Hotel** (14 Plaza de Santa Ana, Tel. +34 91 701 6000) should get you into high spirits with sweeping views over the sparkling city. But if heights (albeit spectacular) aren't your thing, **Sol y Sombra** (Echegaray, Tel. +34 91 542 8193) close by is another supremely stylish start-off. A selection of more down-to-earth bars stay open late around Chueca and Malasaña's lively epicentre Plaza del Dos de Mayo. And, later till, you can enjoy



11. ME Madrid Hotel
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