



Madrid, Spain

Cultural

Duration: 4 hours
Stops: 5
Cost: EUR35 - EUR45 per person
Start: 9:00 AM
Transport: Mostly walkable, short metro

HIGHLIGHTS

- Prado Museum
- Plaza Mayor
- Mercado de San Miguel
- Royal Palace
- Temple of Debod

ITINERARY

1. Museo del Prado

Calle de Felipe IV, s/n, 28014 Madrid, Spain

1 hour 30 minutes • time: Morning • *museum*

Spain's premier art museum houses masterpieces by Velzquez, Goya and El Greco. Its vaulted halls offer a journey through 800 years of European painting.

Try: Las Meninas by Velzquez

Tips:

- Enter through the garden gate on Paseo del Prado to skip the main line.
- Pick up a free audio guide app for deeper context on key works.

— 15 min walk from previous stop —

2. Plaza Mayor

Plaza Mayor, 28012 Madrid, Spain



20 minutes •time: Morning • landmark

This historic square, once a market and venue for executions, now buzzes with cafs and street performers beneath its elegant arcades.

Try: Photo with the statue of Philip III

Tips:

- Grab a quick tapa at one of the terrace bars for authentic ambiance.
- Visit the kiosk for a souvenir map of historic Madrid.

— 5 min walk from previous stop —

3. Mercado de San Miguel

Plaza de San Miguel, s/n, 28005 Madrid, Spain

30 minutes •time: Morning • market

A 19thcentury iron market turned gourmet food hall, offering fresh olives, jamn ibrico, paella bites and local wines.

Try: Bocadillo de jamn y queso

Tips:

- Sit at the bar and ask the staff to recommend a small tasting platter.
- Buy a small bottle of Txakoli to accompany the cheeses.

— 10 min walk from previous stop —

4. Royal Palace of Madrid

Calle de Bailn, s/n, 28071 Madrid, Spain

45 minutes •time: Afternoon • landmark

The official residence of the Spanish monarch, featuring lavish rooms, a grand staircase, and the Royal Armory with historic weaponry.

Try: Changing of the Guard ceremony (if scheduled)

Tips:

- Enter through the western courtyard to avoid the main ticket queue.
- Visit the Royal Pharmacy for a glimpse of 18thcentury medicine.

— 15 min walk from previous stop —



5. Temple of Debod

Calle de Ferraz, 1, 28008 Madrid, Spain

15 minutes • time: Evening • *viewpoint*

An ancient Egyptian temple gifted to Spain, perched in Parque del Oeste, offering one of Madrid's best sunset vistas over the city.

Try: Sunset photo with the Temple silhouette

Tips:

- Arrive a few minutes before sunset for optimal light.
- Check the plaque for a quick history of the temple's relocation.

BEFORE YOU GO

- Wear comfortable shoes; some cobblestone streets are uneven.
- Buy a single-journey Metro ticket (EUR1.80) for any needed rides.