

# MADRID

## TO DO

- **TEMBLO DE DEBOD (TEMPLE OF DEBOD)**  
*This is a must-see for sunset. It's an ancient Egyptian temple in the middle of Madrid! But be careful: it is a prime pickpocket location!*
- **RETIRO PARK**  
*Madrid's Central Park equivalent, it is perfect for an afternoon stroll. And if you're feeling super fun, rent a rowboat on the lake! Highlights include: **lake w/ rowboats; crystal palace; Lucifer statue***
- **PUERTA DEL SOL**  
*Main plaza in Madrid. Have to see the famous **bear statue** (story behind the bear: when the Romans arrived in the area it was overrun by bears. Obviously they didn't want to fight bears but they wanted the land. Eventually they realized a curious thing: the bears would lick the berries from the madrileño trees that were common in the area and after licking them they begin to walk funny and eventually fall asleep. Turns out the berries were getting the bears drunk. Utilizing this information, the Romans killed the bears and established a civilization. Hence, bear getting drunk is the symbol of Madrid) and also the **0 Kilometer plaque** (after they checked with modern topographic technology they realized it's not ACTUALLY the center of Spain but it's close so they kept it). Fun fact: the plaza is shaped like a rising/setting sun (semicircle) and the streets coming off of the plaza are called the "ray" streets.*
- **MUSEOS**  
*Madrid is famous for the Golden Triangle of Art, which includes the **Prado** (European art from 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> century [has Goya, El Greco, Bosch]), **Reina Sofía** (modern art [has Picasso]), and **Thyssen** (contemporary & modern art).*
- **PALACIO ROYAL (ROYAL PALACE)**  
*Modeled after Versailles, it's a pretty spectacular building in the heart of Madrid. If you pay to go inside you can see some very ornate furniture and decorations.*
- **PLAZA MAYOR**  
*The other main plaza of Madrid, this sort of enclosed plaza is very popular in Spain.*
- **PLAZA DE TOROS**  
*This is quite out of the way, but it wouldn't be Spain if you didn't see at least one bull-fighting ring while you were here. They still occasionally do bull fights, if that sort of thing interests you.*
- **MERCADILLO (SUNDAYS ONLY)**  
*Every Sunday morning there is a giant street market in La Latina neighborhood*

## EAT

- **EL TIGRE**  
*Specializes in giant ass mojitos and delicious tapas, this place will definitely fill you up! It is a hot spot so getting a table may be hard. Warning: You almost certainly will be standing during your meal.*
- **LAVAPIES NEIGHBORHOOD**  
*This is a heavily immigrant neighborhood and has some delicious and cheap Indian food!*  
*\*Pro tip: "Menu del día"s are great deals. They come with first round, second round, drink and dessert/coffee. They are normally only offered for lunch.*  
*\*Pro tip: People don't tip wait staff in Spain.*

## DRINK

- **AZOTEA BAR AT CÍRCULO DE BELLOS ARTES**  
*This rooftop bar has the BEST view of the city at night. MUST DO.*
- **MAU**  
*Mau is the special beer of Madrid so make sure you order one at least once! You can get it pretty much anywhere.*

## PARTY

- **KAPITAL**  
*5-story club near Atocha train station. It's got latin music, karaoke, popular club music. And it's near a McDonald's for when you're done partying at 7 AM!*
- **TONY'S 2**  
*For a different kind of party, hit up this old-fashioned piano bar! Poppin' in the late hours, they take requests and sing in basically any language!*  
*\*Pro tip: You will be approached on the street every 5 minutes with a deal to get into a series of bars and clubs so if you are looking for a good time, don't worry—it'll find you here.*