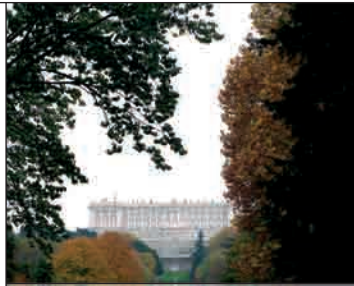




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# ROYAL SITES

Apart from the incalculable value of the works of art kept in its museums, exhibition rooms and art galleries, the Community of Madrid boasts of an incomparable wealth of heritage: magnificent buildings located in natural spaces that enhance further, if possible, the appearance of Spain's heritage. Towns and villages that show the splendour of a glorious past through palaces, monasteries, grand houses, castles and fortresses.

Patrimonio Nacional is the organization that takes care of and manages these State assets, both those attached to the use and service of the Royal House and those founded by our former kings and queens throughout the centuries. These palaces and monuments are one of the main architectural ensembles in western history and their building has been a cultural driving force in Spain for centuries.

This ensemble opens its doors to the public as well as to those doing history research, except on the days when state functions are held.



# PALACIO REAL DE MADRID

The Royal Palace, one of the most beautiful palaces in the world, stands majestically in one of the loveliest areas in Madrid as it overlooks the city landscape. Surrounded by other lovely constructions, it forms a spectacular architectural ensemble.

It was King Philip V that ordered its construction over the old fortress, although he would never enjoy it. The Palace has withstood the passing of time and is beautifully preserved. If the building is wonderful outside, its interior is magnificently decorated and ornamented: porcelains, tapestries, carpets, jewels, clocks and even a most impressive table for 100 guests, as well as a select collection of paintings by artists as well-known as Tiépolo, Goya, Velázquez or Lucas Jordán, among others.

Visitors must not miss the Jardines del Moro (Moor's Gardens) surrounding the Palace and created to make it even more beautiful. A great variety of plants, fountains and statues makes this place a lovely spot for gentle walking and contemplation.



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## Address

Palacio Real de Madrid.  
C/ Bailén, s/n.  
28071 - Madrid.  
Phone: +34 91 454 88 00.

## Opening Times\*

Winter: from Monday to Saturday: 09:30 to 17:00 hours.  
Sundays and public holidays: 09:00 to 14:00 hours.  
Summer (from April to September): from Monday to Saturday: 09:00 to 18:00 hours.  
Sundays and public holidays: 09:00 to 15:00 hours.

Closed: 1 and 6 January, 1 and 15 May, 9 September, 12 October, 9 November, 24, 25 and 31 December. Days of official events.

## Prices\*

Basic: 8 euros.  
Basic, with a guide: 10 euros.  
Retirees, visitors aged 65+ and school groups: 3.50 euros.  
Children under 5 and school groups (previously arranged visit): free.

## How to get there

**Underground:** Lines 2 and 5 – Opera

station.

**Bus:** Lines 3, 25, 39 and 148.  
**Suburban Train:** Príncipe Pío.

## Services

Gift Shop.  
Bookshop.  
Cafeteria.  
Restaurant.  
Booking service for groups.  
Access for people with disabilities.  
Photos may be taken.

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# REAL SITIO DE SAN LORENZO DE EL ESCORIAL

In the Guadarrama Sierra, this unique monastery in Spanish Renaissance style built under Philip II's orders can be admired: the San Lorenzo de El Escorial Royal Site. This imposing building, World Heritage, started to be built in 1563, the architect in charge being Juan Bautista de Toledo, although later on his work was continued by Juan de Herrera. It was designed as a Royal Pantheon and as a venue to pray for the eternal memory of the Royal family. The ensemble is formed by a Royal Palace, the Monastery for the monks, a magnificent library and a great Basilica with the cenotaphs to Philip II himself and his father Charles I.

Its interior houses a significant collection of paintings by Zuccaro, Tibaldi, Cambiaso, Tintoretto, Tizian, Velázquez, and many others. We can also see several images of Jesus Christ on the cross, made by important Italian artists from the 16th and 17th centuries. Among them, there stand out those by Bernini and the one made of white marble by Cellini.



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## Address

Real Sitio de San Lorenzo de El Escorial.  
Avenida Juan de Borbón y Battemberg, s/n.  
28200 - San Lorenzo de El Escorial (Madrid).  
Phone: +34 91 890 59 02 / +34 91 890 59 03.

## Opening Times\*

Winter (from October to March).  
Working days, Sundays and public  
holidays: 10:00 to 17:00 hours.  
Closed: Mondays.  
Summer (from April to September).  
Working days, Sundays and public  
holidays: 10:00 to 18:00 hours.  
Closed: Mondays.

## Prices\*

Basic: Non-guided visit: 8 euros.  
Guided visit: 10 euros.  
Minimum: non-guided visit: 3.50 euros -  
short tour and 4 euros - long tour.  
Reduced (for travel agents' groups): 6 euros.

## How to get there (from Madrid)

**Road:** Madrid - San Lorenzo de El Escorial  
A-6, to Las Rozas, exit to M-505; A-6 exit to  
M-600.

**Bus:** Lines 661 and 664 from Transport  
Exchange in Moncloa. (Buses Herranz).

**Suburban Train:** Line C8 Madrid - El  
Escorial.

## Services

Gift Shop.  
Bookshop.  
Cafeteria.  
Restaurant.  
Bookings for groups.  
Photos may be taken.

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# PALACIO REAL DE EL PARDO

Monte de El Pardo, a place of environmental interest because of its large Mediterranean woods, is where the El Pardo Royal Palace is found. Its origin lies in the Royal House that Henry III ordered to be built in 1405, although it would not be completed until the reign of Philip II.

Very similar to other Spanish fortresses of the times, with a square-shaped plan and towers at the angles and a central courtyard, the Palace houses a splendid collection of paintings and equally wonderful examples of both Spanish and Flemish tapestries.

The town also has other monuments of interest such as the Church, the Prince's House, the Convent of Our Lady of the Angels, which houses the famous El Pardo Jesus Christ sculpture, and the Zarzuela palace, the official residence of the Spanish Royal family.



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## Address

Palacio Real de El Pardo.  
C/ Manuel Alonso, s/n.  
28048 - Madrid.  
Phone: +34 91 376 15 00.

## Opening Times\*

Winter (from October to March)  
Working days: 10:30 to 16:45 hours.  
Sundays and public holidays: 10:00 to 13:30 hours.  
Summer (from April to September)  
Working days: 10:30 to 17:45 hours.  
Sundays and public holidays: 09:30 to 13:30 hours.

## Prices\*

Basic, with a guide: 4 euros.  
Reduced (Travel Agents' groups): 2,70 euros.  
Minimum, with a guide: 2,30 euros.

## How to get there (from Madrid)

**Road:** M-30, exit to El Pardo  
M-605.

**Bus:** Intercity line 601 (from Princesa street,  
next to Transport Exchange in Moncloa).

## Services

Gift Shop.  
Bookshop.  
Bookings for groups.  
Access for people with disabilities.  
Photos may be taken.

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# PALACIO REAL DE ARANJUEZ

Its beauty and interesting buildings and gardens make the town of Aranjuez a highly visited place of great tourist interest. It was made a Royal Site by the Catholic King and Queen that made it a place for rest. It was Philip II that enlarged the original building, on the basis of a very open space design cut off from the outside by a series of gardens.

The building is baroque in style, although its main façade shows the different stages undergone in its construction. It has over 300 rooms, with decoration and ornamental elements mostly from the 18th century. The ground floor houses the Museum of Palace Life, with curious exhibits on daily life in the Royal Homes.

This wonderful piece of architecture stands in the middle of beautiful gardens, ideal for enjoyable and pleasurable walks. The Flower Bed Garden, the Isle Garden, Elizabeth II's Garden and the Prince's Garden form a visual ensemble enriched by mainly Italian fountains from the 16th and 17th centuries.



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## Address

Palacio Real de Aranjuez.  
Plaza de Parejas, s/n.  
28300 - Aranjuez (Madrid).  
Phone: +34 91 891 07 40.

## Opening Times\*

Winter (from October to March)  
Working days, Sundays and public  
holidays: 10:00 to 17:15 hours.  
Closed: Mondays.  
Summer (from April to September)  
Working days, Sundays and public  
holidays: 10:00 to 18:15 hours.  
Closed: Mondays.

## Prices\*

Basic: 4.50 euros.  
Basic, with a guide: 5 euros.  
Reduced (Travel Agents' groups): 4 euros.  
Minimum: 2.50 euros.

## How to get there (from Madrid)

**Road:** Madrid - Aranjuez; A-6 , exit to  
M-305.  
**Bus:** Madrid - Aranjuez line from Méndez  
Alvaro coach & bus station.  
**Suburban Train:** Line C-3, Atocha  
station.

## Services

Gift Shop.  
Bookshop.  
Access for people with disabilities.  
Photos may be taken.

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# MONASTERIO DE LAS DESCALZAS REALES

Starting from Plaza de Santo Domingo and along Veneras street, where Rubén Darío lived, you get to Plaza de las Descalzas, where the Monastery of the Descalzas Reales is found. The building was an old palace where Charles I and Elizabeth of Portugal lived. In 1557, their daughter, Jane, founded a convent of barefooted Franciscan nuns. Princess Jane first lived in the monastery and then his sister Maria until she died in 1603.

In the cloistered area, apart from the structure, many ornamental elements from the old Renaissance palace have been preserved. It houses works of a great art value, such as the paintings in the Chapel of Miracles and at the stairs, frescoes from the 17th century.

The tapestries representing the Apotheosis of the Eucharist are also interesting to see. They were woven in Brussels following designs by Rubens and they were commissioned by Princess Isabel Clara Eugenia, daughter to Philip II.



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## Address

Monasterio de las Descalzas Reales.  
Plaza de las Descalzas, 3.  
28013 - Madrid.  
Phone: +34 91 454 88 00.

## Opening Times\*

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday: 10:30 to 12:45 hours and 16:00 to 17:45 hours.  
Fridays: 10:30 to 12:45 hours.  
Sundays and public holidays: 11:00 to 13:45 hours.  
Closed Monday all day, Friday, Sundays and public holidays in the afternoon and on official celebrations.

## Prices\*

Basic, with a guide: 5 euros.  
Reduced, with a guide: 4 euros.  
Minimum, with a guide: 2.50 euros.

## How to get there

**Underground:** Lines 2 and 5, Ópera station.

**Bus:** Lines 3, 25, 39 and 148.

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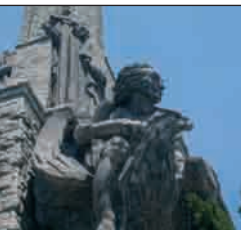


# VALLE DE LOS CAÍDOS

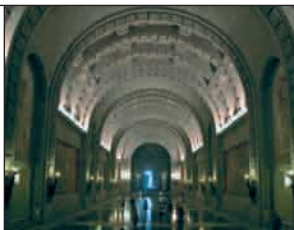
The Benedictine Abbey of the Holy Cross in the Valle de los Caídos is interesting not only because of its natural surroundings but also because of the ensemble of monuments that can be visited and admired. It is located in a lovely valley in the Guadarrama Sierra, in whose landscape there stand out the granite boulders and the green pine woods.

The most visible element of the ensemble is the imposing 150-metre high granite cross, whose arms measure 26 metres each. Pedro Muguruza and Diego Méndez were the architects in charge of its construction. At its base, the cross is ornamented with 18-metre high stone figures, designed and sculpted by Juan de Avalos.

The great sepulchral Basilica is excavated in the rock. Its interior is formed by a vestibule and an atrium ornamented with 40 statues of saints. From this point visitors step into a nave with six chapels, situated on the sides and dedicated to different evocative representations of the Virgin. The structure of the Basilica is formed by an open transept and nave space and a magnificent and impressive dome, ornamented with mosaics. Its main altar is situated in a crypt excavated in the rock.



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## Address

Abadía Benedictina de la Santa Cruz del Valle de los Caídos.  
Carretera de Guadarrama - El Escorial  
28209 - Valle de Cuelgamuros (Madrid).  
Phone: +34 91 890 56 11 / +34 91 890 13 98.

## Opening Times\*

Winter (from October to March)  
Gate: 10:00 to 17:00 hours.  
Basilica: 10:00 to 17:30 hours.  
Closed: Mondays.

Summer (from April to September)

Gate: 10:00 to 18:00 hours.  
Basilica: 10:00 to 18:30 hours.  
Closed: Mondays.

## Prices\*

Basic: 5 euros.  
Reduced (Travel Agents' groups): 4 euros.  
Minimum: 2.50 euros.

## How to get there

### (from San Lorenzo de El Escorial)

**Road:** San Lorenzo de El Escorial - Valle de los Caídos; M-600.

**Bus:** El Escorial - Valle de los Caídos; Line 660, at Plaza de la Virgen de Gracia, s/n (Buses Herranz).

### (from Madrid)

**Road:** A-6, exit to M-600.

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# PANTEÓN DE HOMBRES ILUSTRES

This basilica designed by architect Fernando de Arbós and built between 1891 and 1911 on the space occupied by a Dominican convent built in the 16th century houses a Romanesque image of the Virgin.

At present, the cloister contains a funerary monument used as a burial place for illustrious personalities: the Pantheon of Illustrious Personalities, where the mortal remains of Antonio Ríos Rosas, the Marqués del Duero, Martínez de la Rosa, Muñoz Torrero, Juan Álvarez de Mendizábal, José María Calatrava, Salustiano Olózaga, Agustín Argüelles, Antonio Cánovas del Castillo, Práxedes Mateo Sagasta, José Canalejas and Eduardo Dato rest in piece. For some time, the remains of Prim, Palafox and Castaños also lay here but eventually they were moved to their original places of birth. The graves and funerary monuments by sculptors Mariano Benlliure, Agustín Querol, Arturo Mélida, Pedro Estany and Federico Aparici are interesting to see.



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## Address

Panteón de Hombres Ilustres.  
C/ Julián Gayarre, 3.  
28014 - Madrid.  
Phone: +34 91 454 88 00.

## Opening Times\*

Winter (from October to March)  
From Monday to Saturday: 09:00 to 18:00 hours.  
Sundays and public holidays: 09:30 to 15:00 hours.  
Summer (from April to September)  
From Monday to Saturday: 09:30 to 19:00 hours.  
Sundays and public holidays: 09:00 to 16:00 hours.

## Prices\*

Admission free.

## How to get there

**Underground:** Line 1, Atocha-Renfe station.

**Bus:** Lines 10, 14, 24, 26, 32, 37, 54, 57, 140, 141 and Circular.

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# REAL MONASTERIO DE LA ENCARNACIÓN

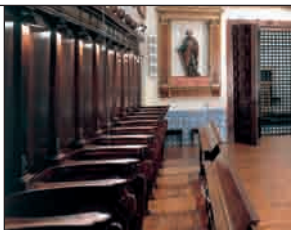
This monastery, very close to the old fortress in Madrid, was founded in 1611 by Philip III and Margarita of Austria. Its construction was commissioned to architects Juan Gómez de Mora and Fray Alberto de la Madre de Dios. It has kept the Castilian atmosphere of the 17th century, with a church with a simple façade. Other elements are more recent as it was rebuilt after the 1734 fire.

The convent keeps works by Carducho, Pedro de Mena, Lucas Jordán, Gregorio Fernández or Juan Van der Hammen, which form sets of paintings and sculptures from the 17th and 18th centuries.

Special mention must be made of a mysterious chamber, in Baroque style, where relics are kept and a great set of pieces sculpted in bronze, wood, ivory and coral are housed. An ampoule with Saint Pantaleon's blood is also kept here. According to tradition, this saint's blood liquefies on the anniversaries of the saint's death.



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## Address

Real Monasterio de la Encarnación.  
Plaza de la Encarnación, 1.  
28013 - Madrid.  
Phone: +34 91 454 88 00.

## Opening Times\*

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays: 10:30 to 12:45 hours and 16:00 to 17:45 hours.  
Fridays: 10:30 to 12:45 hours.  
Sundays and public holidays: 11:00 to 13:45 hours.

Closed: All Mondays, Fridays, Sundays and public holidays in the afternoon and on official celebrations.

## Prices\*

Basic, with a guide: 3.60 euros.  
Reduced, with a guide (Travel Agents' groups): 2.90 euros.  
Minimum, with a guide: 2 euros.

## How to get there

**Underground:** Lines 2 and 5, Opera station.

**Bus:** Lines 3, 25, 39 and 148.

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# SAN PASCUAL AND SANTA ISABEL

The Royal Convent of San Pascual, in Aranjuez, founded by Charles III as a Franciscan convent, is a building designed by Francesco Sabatini and built between 1765 and 1770.

The architectural style is neoclassical. The plan in the shape of a Latin cross is surrounded by numerous chapels full of works of art. And with so many chapels, visitors must not miss the canvas over the main altar, a work by Raphael Mengs.

The Royal Monastery of Santa Isabel is situated near Atocha. Philip II established a girls' school in this convent. Years later, Margarita of Austria, wife to Philip III, would also establish a cloistered convent for Augustinian nuns.

The architecture of the church was designed by Gómez de Mora, in the middle of the 18th century. A great many paintings from the 17th and 18th centuries are kept in the cloistered area.



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## Address

Real Convento de San Pascual.  
C/ del Rey, 57.  
28300 - Aranjuez (Madrid).

## Opening Times\*

The temple can be visited only when there is a religious service.

## Prices\*

Admission free.

## How to get there

**Road:** A-4, exit 37.

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## Address

Real Monasterio de Santa Isabel.  
C/ Santa Isabel, 48 bis.  
28012 - Madrid.

## Opening Times\*

The temple can be visited only when there is a religious service.

## Prices\*

Admission free.

## How to get there

**Underground:** Line 1, Antón Martín station.

**Bus:** Lines 6, 26 and 32.

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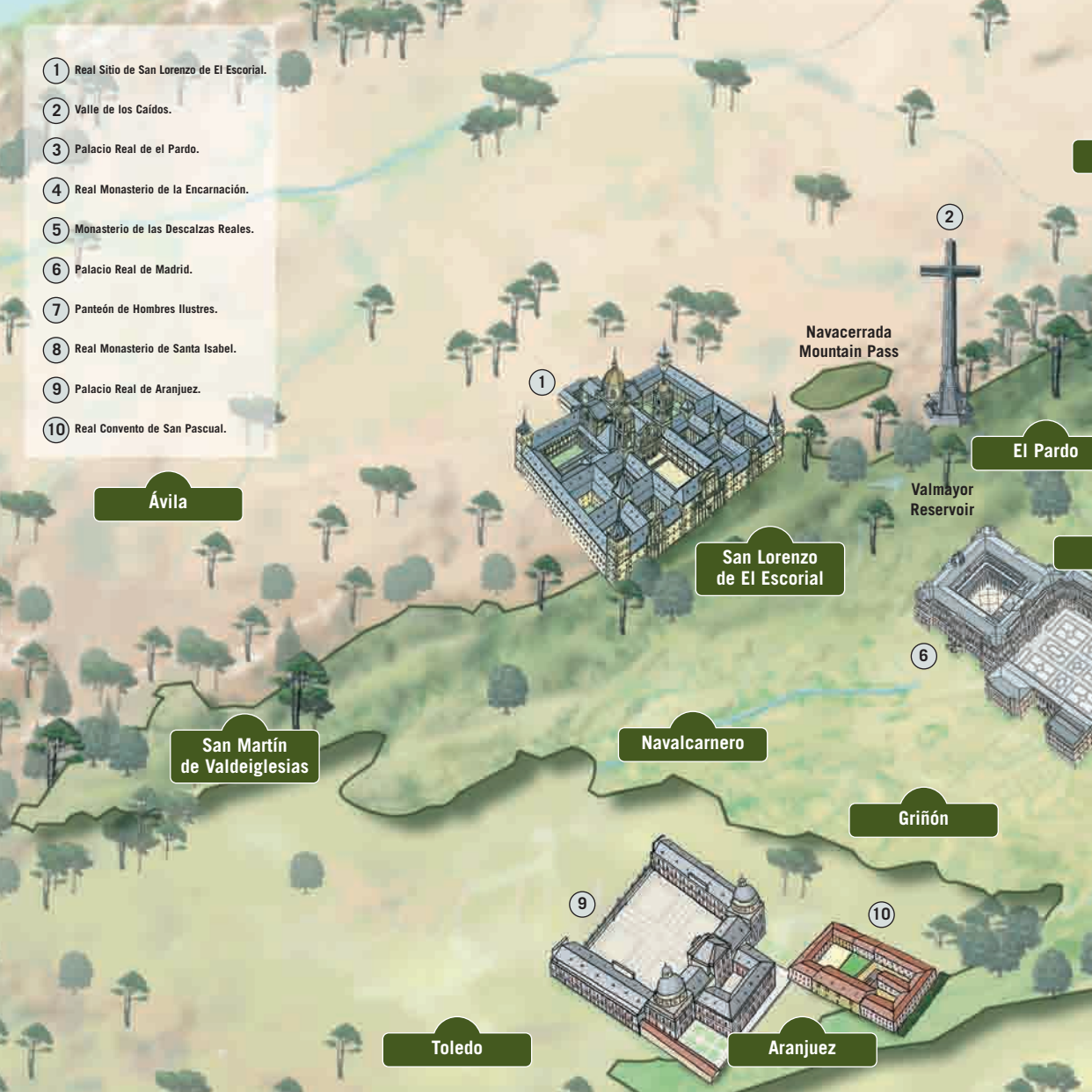
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