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20 THINGS TO DO IN MADRID

1-Goya restaurant and terrace:

Before starting to explore the effervescent city of Madrid, what better way to start your day that with a delicious buffet breakfast at the famous Goya Restaurant or in the summer, as temperatures rise, enjoy your meal “al fresco” on our elegant terrace, an oasis of cool and calm overlooking the magnificent Ritz gardens.



2-Museums:

From Goya to Velázquez, Picasso to “el Greco”, art begins at the Ritz! Indulge in visits to the Thyssen, Prado and Reina Sofia museums. The hotel’s superb location ensures that you will not have far to travel – the Ritz overlooks the Prado, and is within a stone’s throw from the Thyssen and Reina Sofia.

3- Relaxing environment at the Retiro:

Located just five minutes walk from the Hotel Ritz, this natural park offers a relaxing atmosphere, with beautiful gardens where you can unwind after a busy day of sight seeing. Once inside, don’t forget to visit the breathtaking Crystal Palace.



4 The “Tapeo” tour

Not only famous for art and culture, the Hotel Ritz recommends its visitors to follow the unique gastronomic tour of the “Tapeo” in the historical part of town where one encounters mouth-watering tapas accompanied by wines from the countries best known bodegas.

5- Madrid- the most Spanish of Spanish cities “E.Hemingway”

Madrid is truly a royal and monumental city. One of the highlights is undoubtedly the Almudena cathedral located next to the Royal Palace which took over 100 years to complete. Inside, you will find a mixture old-style chapels and statues. Afterwards enjoy a refreshment at another of the cities landmarks the famous Plaza de Oriente with terraces overlooking the Royal Palace.



6- Wonderful Celebrations

The Ritz Madrid boasts five salons available for meetings, ranging from small and stylish to grand and imposing. Functions may also be organised in the elegant hotel gardens, which are perfect for larger receptions during the warmer months. Each meeting room is individually decorated and distinctive in character, providing an impressive setting for your business or personal needs.

7- La Zarzuela:

La Zarzuela represents the Spanish popular music theatre of the 17th century. Awe-inspiring pieces are performed here combining verse, prose and popular songs revealing the essence of pure art in Madrid.

8- The Paseo del Prado:

The Paseo del Prado was originally created as a landscaped area, with monumental fountains dating back to the 19th Century. It is also home to the Astronomic Observatory and the Botanical Garden, which boasts Spain’s richest variety of botanical species.

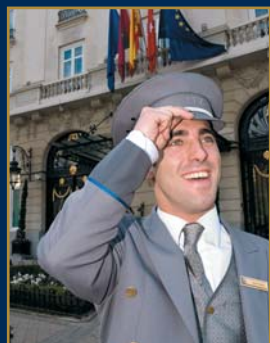
9- Afternoon Tea at the Ritz:

While away the afternoon over high tea, a tradition introduced to Madrid by the hotel in 1910 in the majestic lobby. Choose from a wide range of carefully selected teas from around the world to accompany an extravagant array of sandwiches, scones and pastries.



10- Plaza Mayor and Puerta del Sol:

Plaza Mayor and Puerta del Sol are both emblematic places in Madrid, are packed with terraces and open-air markets with a wide assortment of traditional gifts on offer.



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11- Shopping in style

Madrid is a shopping Mecca for all tastes in fashion. At Serrano or Goya streets you will find the well known Spanish designers such as Loewe, Adolfo Domínguez, Purificación García, Hoss, and elegant jewellers like Carrera y Carrera. Dotted at various locations in the city is the world famous El Corte Inglés department store or for the serious bargain hunter our shopping malls on the outskirts of the city Las Rozas Village, La Cúpula or Xanadú rival some of the world's best.

12- Royal Theatre:

As the Teatro alla Scala in Milan and the Liceu in Barcelona, Madrid's Teatro Real is one of the world's most prestigious opera houses. There have been many outstanding and famous operas and concerts performed here including La Traviatta, Madame Butterfly and Anthony & Cleopatra. The Teatro Real also houses a museum, organizes guided tours plus has a wonderful gastronomic restaurant.

13- City walks and tours

In the Gran Vía lies the heart of entertainment in the city offering a wide range of cinemas theatres and restaurants. One will also find the crème de la crème of high street shops plus the cities biggest books & record stores. A wonderful way to see Madrid is to jump on a "double decker" tour bus that stops right outside the Ritz.

14- Traditional Gastronomy

Madrid is a melting pot of culinary delights, offering specialities from all around the peninsula. Madrid's signature dishes "Cocido Madrileño" or "Tortilla de patata" can be found even in the finest restaurants in the city.

15- Traditional flamenco

Flamenco dancing is a must when visiting Madrid. El Café de Chinitas and El Corral de la Morería are two the most historic restaurants "tablaos" in Spain where the most celebrated flamenco artists perform nightly.



16- Nightlife in the city:

Madrid has long been considered the "European capital of the night". The streets of Paseo de la Castellana, Paseo de Recoletos and Plaza de Santa Ana boast an impressive array of restaurants, cafés and popular night spots. In summer, open-air terraces are in abundance and are full of people enjoying the delights of the capital.



17-Cultural heritage around Madrid:

The Hotel Ritz offers guests the opportunity to make day trips to the cultural cities of Segovia, Toledo or Aranjuez all located within an hour's drive of the capital.

18-El Rastro:

On Sundays, Madrid hosts one of the world's most famous and colourful outdoor markets, "El Rastro" located in the Latino neighbourhood, tradition dictates that one must sample tapas in the selection of tiny tapas bars to choose from dotted around the area.

19- Children's Activities:

Madrid offers a wealth of exciting experiences for the younger tourists. Catch your breath after spending a day in the awe inspiring roller coasters of the "Warner Bros Amusement Park" or alternatively "The Attraction Park" will certainly get their adrenalin racing. Madrid also sports an aquarium that offers fun for all the family and plays host a zoo and safari where the children can amuse themselves for hours.

20- Business Tourism:

Madrid, the financial and economical capital of Spain, is an ideal destination for meetings, corporate and incentive travel.

Welcome to the Hotel Ritz Madrid.

For more information and maps, please ask our concierge (concierge@ritz.es).

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