

MADRID PRIDE

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INTRODUCTION

“Wherever you’re from
and whoever you love,
Madrid loves you”

Madrid is well-known for being one of the most inclusive cities in the world, no matter where you’re from or who you love.

With Pride coming up, it’s time to celebrate with our complete guide to Madrid Pride.



THE HISTORY OF MADRID PRIDE

2022 marks the 44th anniversary of Pride in Madrid.

25th of June
1978

A group of transgender led the **first celebration of the International Day Against Homophobia in Madrid**. More than 7,000 people took part in this march, convened by *Frente de Liberación Homosexual de Castilla* (FLHC). On this day, one of the main slogans was “**we are people, not clowns**”, through which they started the fight towards sexual liberation.



30th of June
1980

Around **600 people marched in Madrid to fight against the Penal Code reform project**, written by the UCD (*Unión de Centro Democrático*), **and for free expression of sexuality**. The participants were insulted and a far right group caused several incidents that ruined the celebration.

24th of June
1982

Approximately **300 people turned up to a protest authorized by the Civil Government of Madrid**. Halfway through, the Government tried to change the route, but the participants wouldn't allow it, and managed to complete the original route.

28th of June
1994

25th anniversary of the Gay Rights Movement. Around 500 people gathered in Tirso de Molina and walked towards Sol to celebrate!



24th of June
1995

A march of more than 2000 people, led by four drag queens, went from Puerta de Alcalá to Sol.

One of the main slogans this year was: "*Compartimos casa y techo sin un triste derecho*" ("We share a house and a roof, without any rights"), campaigning for the right for gay people to get married.

1st of July
2000

Politicians joined over 100,000 people to celebrate gay pride - an important recognition of the cause.



26th of June
1999

This date marked the 30th anniversary since the beginning of the movement in New York. More than 200.000 people gathered and celebrated this anniversary.



2nd of July
2005

Gay marriage was legalised on this day and it was celebrated in one of the biggest gay pride celebrations to date.

1st of July
2017

MADO (Madrid Orgullo) becomes Worldpride Madrid 2017, being the official global host. More than 2 million people showed up, almost 15% more than previous years. 17% of the attendees had travelled to Madrid from abroad just to be part of this historic moment.



2018

This year marked the 40th anniversary since the first protest in Madrid for gay rights.

The slogan was "*Conquistando la igualdad, TRANSformando la sociedad*". (Conquering equality, TRANSforming society). A procession of 47 floats decorated the capital city and more than a million people gathered to celebrate.

PRIDE 2022



MADO is the LGBTQIA+ party that will be held in the Chueca neighborhood and some of the main streets of Madrid. It will be the largest festival in the world to celebrate diversity. *The celebrations will start on Friday 1st July and will go on until the 10th of July.*



What to expect from Pride 2022

This year, Pride will offer open air concerts, different performing stages, parties, art, culture and sports event, political discussions and many other surprises!

The big days to put on your calendar...

Friday, 1st of July

Pride in Chueca begins with acts and events in Chueca's venues.

Wednesday, 6th of July

The Pride proclamation is back and will kick off the Pride celebrations.

Thursday, 7th of July

It's the 23rd time the hotly anticipated high heels race will take place! **This is a unique race in which all participants must wear high heels (up to 15 cm).** There are two stops during the race: one to put on a dress, and one to put on lipstick.

Friday, 8th of July

It is the 15th edition of the **Mr. Gay Pride Spain, one of the most important events of the LGBTQIA+ Pride Festival.** The winner represents Spain in international competitions: Mr. Gay World and Mr. Gay Europe.

Saturday, 9th of July

The **popular Pride Parade** leaves at 5:30pm from Atocha and will go along Paseo del Prado and Paseo de Recoletos to Plaza Colón (arriving around 00:30).

Sunday, 10th of July

Closing MADO'22

The last event of Madrid Pride.

“Our Pride is open to everybody: children, teens, the elderly, neighbours, and visitors from all over the world (whatever their culture or ethnicity), celebrating the diversity of our brilliant city. This is the spirit in which “Orgullo, ejemplo de convivencia” (“Pride, the example of coexistence”) was created, an initiative that looks to spread awareness and involvement amongst groups, businesses and organizations about the importance of MADO and the need to commit to respect and peaceful coexistence”

– AEGAL (Association of Companies and Professionals for Gays and Lesbians in Madrid)



THE “MUST-KNOW” LGBTQIA+ PLACES



There are more than 500 bars, coffee shops, travel agencies, gyms, night clubs and other establishments that have LGBTQIA+ people as their main consumers in Madrid.

In addition, over 350 events a year are dedicated to leisure, culture and sports, specifically targeted to the LGBTQIA+ sector.



Here's a list of places and activities we recommend:

Bars & Night clubs



El Rincón Guay

Want to get out of the Chueca neighborhood and visit some other traditional areas in the city? Located in Lavapiés, El Rincón Guay is a gay-friendly bar/restaurant that has great prices and a comfortable terrace.

Calle de Embajadores, 62.



Zarpa Bears

One of the most popular bars among bears, friends and admirers. They have great decoration and music, and good-quality, reasonably-priced drinks.

Calle Infantas, 26.



Baranoa Bar Lakama

Located in the heart of Chueca, this gay-friendly bar promises fun all year round. It is a great place to enjoy a drink while enjoying the most “of-the-moment” sounds.

Calle Pelayo, 31.



Studio 54

One of Madrid's most famous LGBTQA+ nightclubs! It has space for around 300 hundred people.

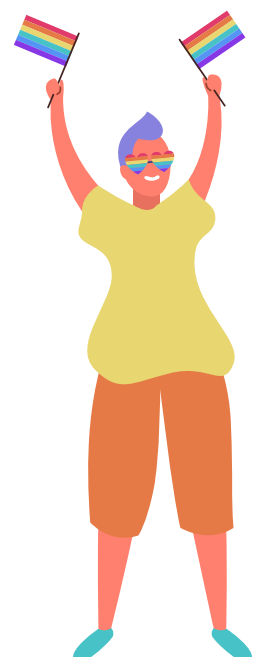
Calle Barbieri, 7.



Strong Center

Gay nightclub located in Opera has several spaces, themed parties, and live shows. If you want to dance nonstop, then this is your place!

Calle Trujillos, 7.



Coffee Shops



La Kama Café

It is one of the most emblematic coffee shops in the Chueca neighbourhood. This is a great place to have breakfast, lunch or even a cocktail. They open every single day of the year.

Calle de Augusto Figueroa, 17



Cafetería Verday

The location of the Verday has turned this long-established bar into one of those well-known classics for regulars in Chueca. Its spacious terrace is located in the heart of Plaza de Chueca.

Plaza de Chueca, 1

Gyms



Holiday Gym Princesa

It is one of the most famous gyms among the gay community in Madrid. Not only is it reasonably priced, but it is also located in a very centric place: next to Princesa.

Calle Serrano Jover, 3



Gymage Lounge Resort

This is the perfect place for those who want to train in a well-equipped gym and enjoy an amazing terrace. Located near Gran Vía metro, this stunning rooftop terrace and gym is perfect for the summer months.

Calle de la Luna, 2



WHERE TO STAY IN/AROUND CHUECA

If you choose to stay in Chueca, not only will you be in the heart of the Pride, but you will be within walking distance of many of the main landmarks of Madrid (Royal Palace, Retiro Park, Prado Museum, etc). **We have compiled a list of our favorite places to stay in this neighborhood.** There are options for all budgets!

For those on a budget:



Safestay Madrid

Located in quite an imposing building, this hotel offers a cinema room, karaoke bar and very modern bedrooms (most of them with a balcony). It is 5 minutes away from the Fuencarral Market and it has three different metro stops nearby.

<https://www.safestay.com/madrid/>



The Hat Madrid

Under the wonderful slogan “wherever I lay my hat, that’s my home”, this hostel is located in Calle Imperial, 100 meters away from Plaza Mayor. It offers shared bedrooms and it is well known for its great atmosphere.

<https://thehatmadrid.com/>

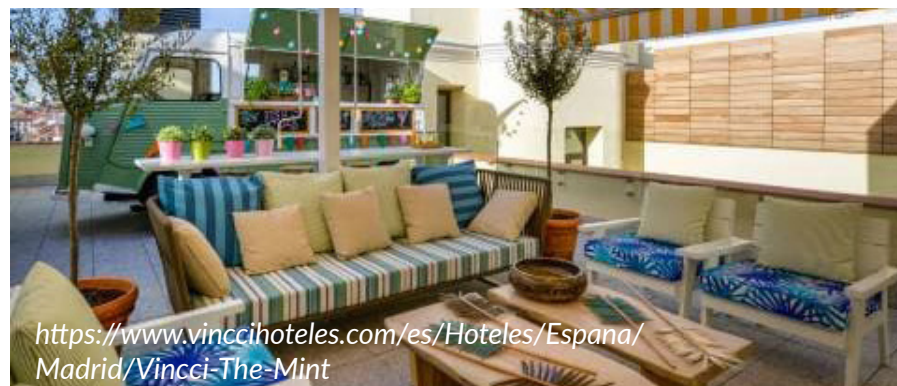
For those looking to spend more:



Only You Boutique

This luxury hotel is a 19th century mansion with a unique design by Lázaro Rosa-Violán. It offers 10 different types of rooms, all of them with a unique charm, plus an impeccable service that will make your stay a very pleasant one.

<https://www.onlyyouhotels.com>



Vincci the Mint

Designed by Jaime Beristain, this hotel located in Gran Vía offers an amazing terrace with views to some of the most emblematic buildings in Madrid. The bedrooms are super modern and the service couldn't be better.

<https://www.vinccihoteles.com/eng/Hotels/Spain/Madrid/Vincci-The-Mint>



Room Mate Oscar Hotel

Located in the heart of Chueca this LGBTQIA+ friendly hotel will have you in the centre of the party for the pride celebrations. This hotel has a stunning rooftop bar so you can catch the sun as it sets over the city.

<https://room-matehotels.com/es/oscar/>



Axel Hotel

A stylish hotel with a modern, comfort and cosmopolitan atmosphere, oriented to the LGBTQIA+ community but with a marked heterofriendly and urban spirit.

<https://www.axelhotels.com/es/home.html>

MOVING AROUND MADRID

Madrid is not only one of the friendliest cities in the world, but one of the easiest to get around too!



There are quite a few apps that will help you move around Madrid easier. We highly recommend downloading [Citymapper](#) or [Moovit](#) to make your stay as enjoyable as possible. Not only will the apps provide you with all the options for getting from point A to point B, but they will also tell you how long it will take. With an in-built map, the app will lead you directly to the stop you need, which makes it incredibly easy to plan your time in Madrid.



Metro

To hop on the metro in Madrid, you'll need a transport card that you can buy at any metro station and recharge as you travel. It costs €2.50 and then you can either choose to charge a 10-trip ticket (€12.20) or an individual one (the price will depend on where you are going).



From the airport to Madrid there is a €3 supplement. The line that gets to the airport is number 8 (pink line) and from there you can do the necessary changes to get to wherever you are going. [Here](#) you can take a look at the line map.



Bus

Bus lines are covering the city. The same 10-trip ticket you would buy for the metro can also be used here. You can download an EMT services app to have all the routes and schedules on hand.



Several lines connect the Aeropuerto Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas with other locations in Madrid. One of them is bus number 200, which only costs €1.50 and leaves you in Avenida de América (probably the cheapest way!) There is also an Express line that connects with Chamartín and Atocha in only 40 minutes. This service operates 24 hours a day and it covers Airports (T1, T2, T4), O'Donnell, Cibeles, and Atocha. The single ticket costs €5. **For more information visit [this link](#).**





Cercanías train

If you're travelling further out from the centre of Madrid, the Cercanías trains are really quick and efficient. You can reach beautiful parks and villages around Madrid if you're in the mood for a water park or a forest hike on a sunny day.



If you are arriving to the T4 terminal, then the Renfe Cercanías C1 line might be a good option. The ticket costs €2.60 and it stops in Chamartín, Nuevos Ministerios, Atocha, Méndez Álvaro and Príncipe Pío. **For more information visit [this link](#).**



Taxi

It's absolutely safe to use the taxis service in Madrid and you'll find lots of taxi ranks all around the city. [MyTaxi](#) is the app for the public city taxi service, providing you with the option to pay through the app, as well as in cash. There are also a few private taxi-hailing apps you can use, like [Cabify](#), [Uber](#) and [Bolt](#). All these apps offer you a discount on your first trip if you connect your card, as well as other promo codes.



Some years ago, it was scary to take a taxi from the airport, since you didn't know exactly how much it was going to cost. Thankfully, the price now is fixed and you can get anywhere inside the M30 (which includes the city centre) for €30.



Private transportation

If you are travelling with a group of people, it is probably the most comfortable option. They wait for you outside the airport and have space for up to 14 people. [Here you can find some of their prices](#).

In the links just shared you will also be able to find information to move around Madrid. We hope you have a fantastic time during your stay, that you enjoy the Pride and keep on fighting with us for a more inclusive society.

Welcome to Madrid!



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