

MADRID

NIGHTLIFE

The city is renowned worldwide for its unrivalled nightlife. A host of venues open all night long for having a drink, dancing, laughing, chatting, flirting... Nightlife is a big part of Madrilenians' culture. It encompasses all ambiances and colours: from minimalist chill-out bars and fabulous nightclubs to gothic haunts, rowdy bars, crazy afterhours and nostalgic dance halls.





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EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO THE PARTY

Let your intuition guide you and you'll discover an immensely open, tolerant and exciting city. From dusk till dawn, trendy bars, popular haunts and outdoor cafés invite you to share your evening.

MADRID NEVER SLEEPS

If you like to be a dance floor diva, Madrid has dozens of venues where it is possible to imagine the night will never end. Fashionable nightclubs tempt the trendy set, the adventurous and anyone who wants to see and be seen, or even those who simply wish to let their hair down **to the sound of the music**. From the most ex-

clusive to the most popular, they are a must-visit if you want to discover the secrets of Madrid's internationally famous nightlife. And now **some nights have been given their own special name** with themed sessions on certain days to appeal to the incurable night owls who never want to stop dancing.

COME AND HAVE SOME FUN

From the old taverns of the Hapsburg quarter to the **outdoor cafés** lining Paseo de la Castellana; from the beer houses in Plaza Alonso Martínez to the **university scene** around Moncloa; from the **alternative** clubs close to Plaza Dos de Mayo to those with an international appeal around Santa Ana. You can choose from the **multi-ethnic spirit** of Lavapiés, the **tapas** route around La Latina and **cocktails** in Chueca. Live music is one of the highlights of the Madrid nightlife. Every **taste and style** is catered for: jazz clubs, acoustic sets, world music, electronic sessions, the list goes on. The big names in **international rock and pop** all visit Madrid with their live performances.

COCKTAIL CULTURE

Cocktails form part of Madrid's history. You can find out why with a visit to **Museo Bar Chicote**. This bar located on the century-old Gran Vía has been **a worldwide emblem for cocktails since it opened its doors in 1931**. Even today it retains its glamour and continues to be one of the most popular spots in the city. Nearby Calle Reina is also well-known cocktail territory, and legend has it that the two streets are connected via a secret passageway. At the end of the working day, in vogue are the so-called **afterwork sessions** springing up in an increasing number of fashionable bars.

BAR-HOPPING

A night out in Madrid can be a real adventure: you know what time it begins but you never know when it will end. You can make friends in any bar, and they are sure to tell you the best place to stop at next. There are two words to describe Madrid's nightlife: **spontaneity and fun**. If you visit venues like the Berlin Cabaret you'll soon realise **anything is possible here:** drag queens sit at the bar alongside executives -nothing unusual in Madrid at night. Traditionally, the **Literary Quarter** is one of the preferred night-time destinations for newcomers to Madrid, although there is much more to discover here.

PASSION AND FERVOUR

Feel the potency of the intense *cante jondo* singing, and join in the gaiety of the lively *sevillanas* and *bulerías* dancing. On your visit to the capital make it your mission to visit a flamenco *tablaó* to experience some authentic Spanish culture. Do not leave Madrid without having watched a flamenco show first. All the great flamenco artists have danced in the *tablaos* of Madrid. **Casa Patas is one of the best known**, and it has set up its own foundation

called the Conservatorio de Flamenco, where, if you are planning a longer stay, you can learn flamenco on one of the courses offered there. **Corral de la Morería, Café de Chinitas** and **Las Carboneras** are some of the other great flamenco venues. Many of them are also restaurants, making them the ideal option for a dinner and a show. Flamenco can also be seen and heard in some of the most hip bars where you can carry on the fiesta into the early hours.



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01. El Fabuloso
02. Museo Bar Chicote
03. Le Cabrera
04. Corral de la Morería



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IT'S A QUESTION OF TASTE

Madrid is known as the city that never sleeps. You'll be surprised how bustling the capital is at night. These are some of the most popular areas for a great time. There is only one rule: Boredom prohibited!

NIGHT-TIME ENTERTAINMENT

Madrid at night is famous not only for its bars and nightclubs. When the sun goes down, there is a place for every kind of cultural event, turning the streets into the setting for many acts. Culture, spectacle and fashion have become the main appeal of Madrid's theme nights. Top events include **Theatre Nights**, when the public and actors share each other's company all night long and **Museum Nights**, when the city's museums stay open until dawn. During **Photography Night** Madrid is lit up by the flashes of photo enthusiasts. If it's glamour you're seeking, in September **Fashion Night Out** takes place around Calle Serrano, turning the thoroughfare into the world's greatest catwalk.



AMBIENCE IN CHUECA

Efforts by the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) community in the 90s served to revitalise this neighbourhood, transforming it into a global **example of diversity and integration**. The result is one of the most cosmopolitan and exciting districts in Madrid. Plaza de Chueca is at its heart and around it the area is buzzing with life both **by day and by night**. Its outdoor cafés, a place to see and be seen, are the best meeting place to start the evening before a

night on the town. Chueca boasts of having the most fun-packed nightlife in the city, where surprises and laughs galore are guaranteed. Simply enter any of its clubs where you can have a drink with a drag queen and dance all night long. The success of the **Gay Pride festivities** and its fabulous parade has conquered the rest of the city with its nonconformist, festive spirit. An experience like no other, one which you'll want to repeat year after year.

NEW YEAR'S EVE IN SOL

Each year **Puerta del Sol** becomes the epicentre of the country's **New Year's Eve celebrations**. Thousands of people from all over descend on the square every 31 December to welcome in the New Year and eat the **lucky grapes** as the clock on the **Real Casa de Correos** building **strikes twelve**. The city's top clubs pull out all the stops for the celebrations, with special New Year parties where all drinks are included. A friendly atmosphere, great music and a party mood are the ingredients that make New Year's Eve in Madrid an **unforgettable experience**.



01. DLRO Live
02. Museum Nights
03. Musicals in Callao



A YEAR OF MUSIC

Madrid residents are avid followers of live music; everything from large-scale festivals to intimate gigs. During July and August one of the city's most captivating musical events, **Veranos de la Villa**, is held in various open-air locations with performances by many leading international artists. The soundtrack changes with the time of year: the **Jazz Festival**, the **Suma Flamenca** event, and any of the concerts that play every day in the city's small and large venues. Today's top artists never miss the opportunity to experience the **warm welcome the Madrid public gives them at their live concerts**.

MOVIDA IN MALASAÑA

In the same way the Movida movement was conceived at night, in the bars and pubs of Malasaña, the **echoes of that sociocultural movement** still ring nostalgically today. Although many years have passed since the height of the 80s underground scene, you will find the area almost

unchanged. You will encounter a **non-conformist atmosphere and a kitsch ambience** in a host of small venues where **rock, punk and indie tunes** are the sounds you are likely to hear. Come and listen to live music at the themed sessions which you can dance to almost every day of the week.

TRADITIONAL FESTIVITIES

In **August** the Lavapiés and La Latina neighbourhoods live it up during the celebration of their popular street festivals that attract people from all over the city. Of particular interest is the fair in honour of **La Paloma**, Madrid's other patron saint.

Despite its traditional origins, there is a hip and younger side of the **Las Vistillas Park** where you can enjoy open-air bars and free concerts by **pop and rock groups**. A breath of fresh air which is much appreciated during the summer nights.

► NIGHTS IN MOTION

MONCLOA

BILBAO

BERNABÉU

PRINCESA

MALASAÑA

ALONSO
MARTÍNEZ

CHUECA

CENTRO

HUERTAS

LA LATINA

LAVAPIÉS

