

The Madrid Boutique Hotel – '5 star' Luxury Boutique Hotel: Madrid, Spain

Summary

Madrid's hottest new luxury hotel is bang next to the iconic Puerta de Alcalá city gate, and the leafy oasis of Retiro Park. Set in this "Knightsbridge" of Madrid, the newly restored luxury 5 star hotel is an easy walk from all Madrid's sights. Hidden behind a 19th century façade is an impeccably styled contemporary interior, with spa, plunge pool, chill-out terrace and gourmet dining room. The guest rooms are intimate boudoirs of the 21st century, with sexy hi-gloss finishes and cutting edge open-plan bathrooms. This bolthole is perfect for luxury holidays or honeymoons in Spain, and if you are looking to impress with a romantic city break in Madrid, it definitely won't disappoint.

Details

The Madrid Boutique Hotel has just opened its doors after years of careful restoration. The city gets up late, so take time to linger in the stylish guest rooms before hitting the sights. The cool colour palette, with rich textures, concealed lighting and fusion of contemporary and classical style elements, combine to create the most tranquil of atmospheres. The open-plan bathrooms are masterpieces with vast egg-shaped bath tubs and walk-in "rainforest" showers.

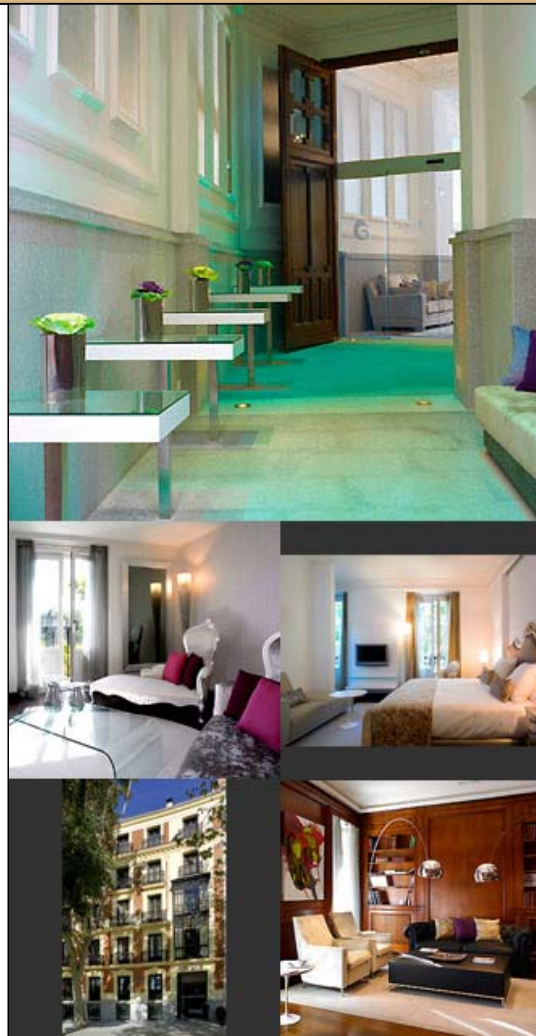
Start the day with a stroll in the Retiro Park, opposite the hotel, which is a favourite with Madrilenos. Wander past the boating lake, watch a puppet show or street performer, rollerblade with the locals through tree-lined avenues and stop for a chocolate "churro" pastry (de rigueur for anyone emerging after a late night out).

Then, from the hotel's door, wander down the wide boulevards, lined with roccoco palacios, and punctuated with bright plazas, which gradually narrow and eventually lead to Madrid's grittier quarters or Huerta and La Latina. Here you'll find cafes, bars and eateries galore. Alternatively, turn north from the hotel for the upmarket Salamanca district where designer shops compete with those of Rue de St Honore in Paris, and "old-money" grandeur simply oozes from the stately buildings. Beyond is the Chueca region, with an edgy vibe and quirky boutiques.

Be sure to take in some of Madrid's fine museums and exhibitions. Temporary displays are often to be found in the Retiro's grand glasshouse, but one of our favourite galleries is the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum, a stone's throw from the hotel. Here you'll find an eclectic mix from the Old Masters through to modern art, all under one roof. And if you are visiting on a Sunday, don't miss the Rastro flea market.

Nightlife gets going late in Madrid, so there is time to head back to the hotel for a stress-busting massage, dip in the pool, or some R&R time in oak-panelled library and lounges. The hotel's own restaurant is fast gaining an excellent reputation for its new wave Spanish cuisine, or opt for more casual dining under the stars on the candle-filled chill-out terrace. For those with stamina, Madrid stays awake as long as you can, so head out for "pintxos" (the capital's form of tapas), or dance the night away at one of the city's many Flamenco bars or clubs.

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Facts & Figures

41 Guest Rooms:

- Standard double
- Deluxe double – larger double room with internal view
- Deluxe double Alcalá – same as Superior Double but with Alcalá Gate view
- Junior Suite – bedroom with sitting room
- Duplex Suite – sitting room with mezzanine loft bedroom upstairs
- Gran Suite – bedroom with sitting room

All rooms have: open plan ensuite bathrooms – LCD Sat TV – Minibar – Air-Con/heating – Safe – Telephone – Wifi Access – Hairdryers

Hotel facilities: Garden terrace – Restaurant – Tapas Bar – Cocktail Bar & Drinks Service – Spa – Indoor Pool – Lounge

Also available by prior arrangement: Baby-sitting, City Tours

Regional Highlights

- Madrid's many colourful districts, museums, art galleries and historic sights within walking distance
- Retiro Park, with pretty walks, boating on the lake and exhibitions in the glasshouse
- Designer shopping in Salamanca and quirky boutiques in the Chueca quarter
- The Rastro flea market on Sundays
- Relaxing massages or pampering beauty treatments at the hotel's spa
- Nightlife with Flamenco, Tapas or "Pintxos" Bars, Clubs & Restaurants ... followed by a chocolate "churro" pastry (de rigueur for anyone emerging after a late night out)

Location

Nearest airports:

Madrid (20 mins drive)

Nearest direct flight from London:

Madrid (20 mins drive)

Nearest train station:

Atocha 5 mins drive

Nearest Metro station:

Retiro (doorstep)

Nearest shops and restaurants:

Doorstep

