



Plaza Cybilles



Calle Mayor



Calle de Alcalá

Madrids Neighbourhoods and Shops

Madrid neighbourhoods can be divided into three principal districts -- Old Madrid, which holds the most sites for tourists; the new district, often with the best shops and hotels; and the periphery, which is usually ignored by visitors.

Some popular neighbourhoods included in this program are Salamanca, Gran Via and Paseo del Prado. 50plusabroad offers study abroad language courses with visits to Madrid's Neighbourhoods and Shops

Gran Via/Plaza De España is the city's main street, lined with cinemas, department stores, and the headquarters of banks and corporations. It ends at the Plaza de España, where bronze figures of Don Quixote and his faithful squire, Sancho Panza, are set in a park beside a fountain overlooked by the stark 1950s Torre España and Edificio Europa buildings.

The Paseo del Prado is the elegant final stretch leading from Cibeles down to Atocha. Tree shaded and maturely beautiful, it's home to such incomparable city gems as the Neptune statue, la Bolsa (Stock Exchange), Ritz hotel, Museo del Prado, and Botanical Gardens.

Madrid is without doubt one of the main centers for shopping in Spain and the numerous districts provide a shoppers' paradise. Whether you are looking for Spanish fashion, antiques, art or home accessories, rest assured that Madrid will provide you with a huge choice.



Gran Via



Puerta del Sol



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MADRIDS NEIGHBOURHOODS AND SHOPS AT A GLANCE

QUICK FACTS

- 1 Small groups: 6 to 12 participants
- 2 Commencing first Monday of month (except July, August and December)
- 3 Duration 1 week
- 4 No language requirement
- 5 8 levels of language classes from complete beginners to composition classes for advanced speakers.
- 6 Designed for active travellers who prefer around 50/50 organized activities with free time

INCLUDED

- 1 Transfers from and to Madrid's Barajas airport
- 2 50/50 balance between organized activities and time to explore on your own
- 3 Options for lodging in Madrid in shared apartments with Spanish family or other program participants
- 4 One week intensive language course daily from 9:30 to 1 pm, 20 classes
- 5 Full-coverage health and accident insurance
- 6 Orientation pack
- 7 One group cultural activity (concert, excursion, exhibition, et al)
- 8 Optional cultural activities coordinator for those who want more with free and small fee activities
- 9 Bilingual staff
- 10 Free Internet access at Spanish school
- 11 Testing, materials, certificates, value-added taxes
- 12 Activities as stated in description
- 13 Low bureaucracy

Not included: Transportation, normal meals, communication costs, personal expenses and lodging costs. If the minimum number of participants is not covered we will join our group with another to guarantee participation

START DATES

- July 16 – 22, 2007
- November 12 – 18, 2007
- February 4 – 10, 2008
- September 17 – 23, 2007
- January 14 – 20, 2007