

# Welcome to Madrid

**Building was started by Antonio Sillero and later continued by Juan Bautista de Toledo between 1559 and 1564 for the Monasterio de las Clarisas. This Monastery occupies the ancient palace of Carlos I and Isabel of Portugal. In 1535, their daughter Juana, who later founded the Convent, was born there. She herself is buried in one of the chapels, with a praying funerary sculpture by Pompeo Leoni.**

Regarding its architecture, the Plateresque façade and the magnificent Renaissance stairway are the most interesting original elements. The interior was completely refurbished in the 18th century by Diego de Villanueva. The structure and many decorative elements from the Plateresque palace are conserved in the cloister.

Juana and her sister María, the widowed empress who died here in 1603, both lived in this Monastery. Al fresco paintings in the stairway and the Capilla del Milagro from the 17th century are preserved. The tapestries woven in Brussels on Rubens canvases are highlights, representing the Triumph of the Eucharist. They were entrusted to this Monastery by the daughter of Philip II, Princess Isabel Clara Eugenia, Sovereign of the Netherlands.

The Monastery has been classified as a Site of Cultural Interest, obtaining the distinction of European Museum of 1987. Its latest refurbishment, started during the enforced closure due to the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, has enabled a huge museum refurbishment to be carried out, affecting eight of its halls, including the restoration of more than 50 works, the incorporation of pieces from the cloister and the installation of a new lighting system with LED technology.



## Services

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Guided tours

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Shopping area

## Practical Information

### Address

Plaza  
de las Descalzas, s/n  
28013

### Telephone

### Website

<https://www.patrimonionacional.es/real-sitio/monasterio-de-las-descalzas-reales>

### Metro

Callao (L3, L5)  
Ópera (L2, L5, R)  
Sol (L1, L2, L3)

### Cercanías (local train)

Madrid-Sol

### Price

General: 6 euros. Previous online purchase of the tickets (for Spanish guided tour only) is strongly recommended.

Free admission on Weds and Thur from 4 to 6.30pm for EU citizens, residents, and holders of work permits in the EU, and citizens of Ibero-American countries. Please note that you will be asked to show proof of concession.

### Type

Sights and monuments

### Tourist area

Sol / Gran Vía

### Fax

### Email

[info@patrimonionacional.es](mailto:info@patrimonionacional.es)

### Bus

75, 146, 147, 148, SE712

### BiciMAD bike-share scheme

Alquiler de bicis (BiciMAD)

Docking stations:

- Plaza de Celenque A/B (Plaza de Celenque, 1)

- Calle Jacometrezo, 3

### Times

**Guided tours only.** Approximative length: 1 hour

Tues - Sat: 10:00am - 2:00pm / 4:00pm - 6:30pm

Sundays and holidays: 10:00am - 3:00pm

*Ticket desk and access to the monastery close 1 hour beforehand.*



Official Tourism Website

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