# **Welcome to Madrid**

# Located in the cloister of the Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Atocha, Spanish politicians and public figures from the 19th century are buried here.

In autumn 2022, the pantheon will no longer be known as the "Panteón de Hombres Ilustres" (Pantheon of Illustrious Men) and will instead be called "Panteón de España", seeking to keep alive the memory and achievements of representatives of the history of Spanish democracy and those people who have worked to defend peaceful democratic coexistence and human rights, as well as progress in science and culture.

With the enactment of the Democracy Memory Act, the Pantheon will pay tribute not only to illustrious men but also to leading women in our history, such as the proponent of women's suffrage, Claro Campoamor,

The Pantheon of Illustrious Men was erected between 1892 and 1899, in a characteristic Neo-Medieval style that is reminiscent of Byzantine art, responds to two of the constants of the end of the century: historistic architecture and funerary sculptures. Here rest thirteen illustrious figures of Spanish military and political history in tombs created by renowned sculptors. Some of the important figures buried here include: Ríos Rosas, Cánovas, Canalejas, Palafox, Castaños, Prim, and Concha, among others. The tombs sculpted by Mariano Benilliure and Agustín Querol are especially noteworthy.

Interestingly, in the courtyard of the pantheon you will find a Statue of Liberty, represented in the figure of a woman sculpted in Carrara marble by the sculptor Ponciano Ponzano in 1853, built 26 years before the popular New York statue created the Frenchman Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi. Ponzano's statue is part of a mausoleum that houses the remains of, among others, the liberal politician Mendizábal, the president of the 1841 Courts, Argüelles, and the jurist Calatrava.



# **Practical Information**

## Address

Calle de Julián Gayarre, 3 28014

#### Telephone

Website https://www.patrimonionacional.es/visita/pant eon-de-espana

#### Metro

Estación del Arte (L1) Atocha (L1) Menéndez Pelayo (L1)

## Cercanías (local train)

Madrid-Atocha

# Price

Free

Tourist area Otros

#### Fax

Email info@patrimonionacional.es

#### Bus

10, 14, 24, 26, 32, 37, 54, 57, 102, 141, 152, C1, C2, N9, N10, N25

#### **BiciMAD bike-share scheme**

Alquiler de bicis (BiciMAD)

Docking stations:

- Puerta de Granada (Avenida de Menéndez Pelayo, 38)

- Atocha A y B (Paseo de la Infanta Isabel, 3)

#### Times

Tue-Sat: 10am - 2pm / 4-6:30 pm (last entry for the morning session, 1:30pm, and for the afternoon session, 6pm)

Sundays and Public Holidays: 10am-3pm (last entry 2:30pm)

**Type** Sights and monuments



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