Welcome to Madrid

At over a hundred years old, Gran Vía, in the Sol / Gran Vía area, is one of the city's main arteries and one of its most iconic avenues. Its construction, between 1910 and 1931, marked the beginning of the modernisation of the city, with the appearance of the country's first skyscrapers and the adoption of modern architectural trends originating in the United States.

The project was intended to decongest the chaotic centre of the city, formed by a tangle of narrow streets, 22 of which were to disappear. It was carried out in three stages, starting at the point where Gran Vía meets Calle Alcalá. The first stage went as far as Red de San Luis, the second as far as Plaza del Callao and the third up to Plaza de España, each of them reflecting the new architectural styles of the years in which they were completed.

As the project had to respect three religious buildings (the <u>Caballero de Gracia oratory</u>, and the <u>San José</u> and San Francisco de Borja churches, the latter no longer in existence), the line taken by the avenue was less regular than originally planned. The result is a magnificent series of buildings, which include some of the city's best known landmarks: the <u>Metrópolis</u>, the <u>Telefónica building</u>, the <u>Casino</u>, the <u>Capitol building</u> and the <u>Callao cinema</u>.

Madrid's Gran Vía is more alive and greener than ever before. Having undergone a vast renovation that was completed in 2018, it now boasts wider pavements which are perfect for window shopping and bar hopping as well as a bike lane that goes between **Callao** and **Plaza de España**. Designed with cyclists and pedestrians in mind, it has been fitted with new benches, lampposts, traffic lights and a large collection of trees.





Services

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Information points

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Shopping area

Practical Information

Address

Calle Gran Vía, s/n 28013

Telephone

Website

Metro

Gran Vía (L1, L5) Banco de España (L2) Santo Domingo (L2) Callao (L3, L5) Plaza de España (L2, L3, L10)

Cercanías (local train)

Madrid-Sol

Price

There is no charge for admission.

Type

Sights and monuments

Tourist area

Sol / Gran Vía

Fax

Email

Bus

001, 002, 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 14, 15, 20, 27, 34, 37, 44, 45, 46, 51, 52, 53, 74, 75, 133, 138, 146, 147, 148, 150, 203, E1, C03, N1, N2, N3, N4, N5, N6, N7, N8, N9, N10, N11, N12, N13, N14, N16, N17, N18, N19, N20, N21, N25, N26, N27

BiciMAD bike-share scheme

Alquiler de bicis (BiciMAD)

Docking stations:

- Plaza de España B (calle de los Reyes, 18)
- Sevilla (calle Alcalá, 27)
- Calle Miguel Moya, 1
- Calle Jacometrezo, 3
- Calle Tres Cruces, 7
- Calle Desengaño, 1
- Banco de España A (calle Alcalá, 49)

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