

Welcome to Madrid

Located in El Pardo forest, this palatial building was built on the site of a small castle built by Henry III and Henry IV (14th century). Surrounded by around 16,000 hectares of woodland, it is one of the royal palaces that belongs to National Heritage. Since 1983, it has been the residence for foreign Heads of State during official visits to Spain.

King Charles I commissioned its reconstruction to Luis de Vega, who created a small traditional Spanish Alcazar. It was square in shape with four towers jutting out at each corner and encircled by a moat. The palace was finished by Phillip II, who introduced the Flemish-style slate roofs for the first time, decorating the interior in the Italian style with frescoes and a portrait gallery showcasing masterpieces by Titian, Antonio Moro and his disciples. In 1604, a fire completely destroyed the interior decoration.

Phillip III entrusted the rebuilding of the palace to Francisco de Mora, repeating his father's decoration. Phillip V altered the interior to accommodate his court, as he lived there in the winter, like Charles III, who ordered the residence to be extended, entrusting Sabatini with the work. Thanks to these two monarchs, the interior of the palace was filled with tapestries with models by Goya or the Bayeu, among others, which can be observed today on visiting the interior of the palace.

The palace also preserves the 18th and 19th century furniture, as well as important paintings.

Casa del Príncipe Don Carlos

The Prince's El Pardo Country House is adjacent to the palace at this Royal Site. In a Neo-classic style, it was yet again built by Villanueva during the reign of Charles III for the Prince and Princess of Asturias, Charles and Maria Luisa, to use it as a place to hold parties and to rest. Its interior is unique, as it preserves the original 18th century decoration, based mainly on silk, fabric or embroidered drapery, which are combined with the furniture.

It has been closed since October 2020 for the refurbishment of its interior. It reopened to the public on 3 December 2021, whereby it can be visited from Tuesday to Sunday: in groups of up to 8 people at a cost of €3.



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Practical Information

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Website

<https://www.patrimoniacionacional.es/visita/palacio-real-de-el-pardo>

Metro

Cercanías (local train)

Tourist area

Otros

Fax

Email

elpardo@patrimoniacionacional.es

Bus

601, 602

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Price

General price: €9

Reduced price: €4

Casa del Príncipe Don Carlos: € 3

Free entrance: for European Union citizens, residents and holders of an EU work permit and Ibero-American citizens:

- - From October to March:
Wednesdays and Sundays, from 3 pm - 6pm
- - From April to September:
Wednesdays and Sundays, from 3 pm - 7pm
- - 12 October (National Day of Spain)
- - 18 May, International Day of Museums (except days closed)

Type

Sights and monuments

Times

When there are no foreign heads of state visiting:

Palace and Gardens:

Winter (October - May): Tues - Sun: 10am - 6pm (last entrance at 5pm)

Summer (April - September): Tues - Sun: 10am - 7pm (last entrance at 6pm)

Casa del Príncipe D. Carlos (to arrange a visit call 91 376 15 00)

Pradera de San Francisco:

- Winter (October/March) - Mon - Sun: 8 am - 6 pm

- Summer (April/September) - Mon - Sun: 8 am - 8 pm

Closed: Mondays, 24, 25 and 31 December; 1 and 6 January; 1 May

Special openings 2022: 2 May, 16 May, 25 July, 15 August



Official Tourism Website

