

# Welcome to Madrid

**This public institution created by Spain in 1991 is responsible for the promotion and teaching of the Spanish language and the dissemination of Hispanic cultures worldwide. It has two branches in Madrid: one is located in the popular Calle de Alcalá, alongside the Gran Vía, and the other in the municipality of Alcalá de Henares, birthplace of the illustrious writer, Miguel de Cervantes.**

The Madrid headquarters of this institute is located in Alcalá street, in what is known as the “Edificio de las Cariátidas” (Caryatid Building). The former head office of the Central Bank, it was designed by the architects Antonio Palacios and Joaquín Otamendi to house the historic Río de la Plata Bank.

The Cervantes Institute, present in 88 cities in 45 countries on the five continents, has a lot of cultural activity for all audiences with diverse proposals, such as exhibitions, workshops, talks, film cycles, concerts, etc.



## Services

### Image



Lift

## Practical Information

### Address

Calle  
de Alcalá, 49  
28014

### Telephone

(+34) 91 436 76 00

### Website

<http://www.cervantes.es>

### Metro

Sevilla (L2)  
Banco de España (L2)

### Cercanías (local train)

Madrid-Recoletos

### Price

Free entry.

### Type

Cultural venues  
Cultural centres, exhibition halls, foundations

### Tourist area

Salesas

### Fax

(+34) 91 436 76 91

### Email

[informa@cervantes.es](mailto:informa@cervantes.es)

### Bus

0001, 002, 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 14, 15, 20, 27,  
34, 37, 45, 46, 51, 52, 53, 74, 146, 150, 203,  
M1, C03, SE712, N5, N6, N7, N8, N9, N10,  
N11, N12, N13, N14, N15, N16, N17, N25,  
N26, N27

### BiciMAD bike-share scheme

Alquiler de bicis (BiciMAD)

Docking stations:

- Banco de España A (calle Alcalá, 49)
- Sevilla (calle Alcalá, 27)
- Plaza de Cibeles

### Times

**Enrolment Times:**

Mon - Fri: 8.30am – 2.30pm

**Opening times for exhibitions and other cultural activities:** [See programme](#)



Official Tourism Website

