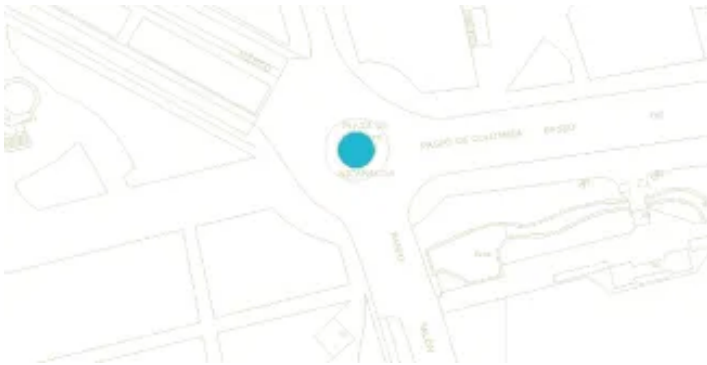


# Welcome to Madrid

**Commissioned by Ferdinand VII to commemorate the first anniversary of the birth of Princess Isabella, later to become Isabella II, the Galápagos Fountain is also known by her name. It was originally constructed in the Red de San Luis in 1832 and remained there for nearly 50 years until it was moved in 1879 to Glorieta de Nicaragua in the Retiro Park, near the big lake and the bandstand.**

The fountain shows three fairies offering their gifts to the princess and the sculpture reflects good wishes for the future queen. The dolphins ridden by four children are associated with intelligence, wisdom and prudence; the marine elements represent fertility, as water is the source of all life, and the Galápagos tortoises symbolise longevity.



## Practical Information

### Address

Glorieta  
de Nicaragua (Parque del Retiro), s/n  
28001

### Telephone

### Website

<https://bit.ly/36tMcXW>

### Metro

Retiro (L2)

### Cercanías (local train)

Madrid-Recoletos

### Price

Free access.

### Type

Sights and monuments

### Tourist area

Retiro

### Fax

### Email

### Bus

1, 2, 9, 10, 14, 15, 19, 20, 26, 28, 32, 51, 52,  
60, 61, 63, 74, 146, 152, C1, C2, N2,N3, N5,  
N6, N7, N8, N9

### BiciMAD bike-share scheme

Alquiler de bicis (BiciMAD)

Docking stations:

- Calle Antonio Maura, 15
- Puerta del Doce de Octubre (Avenida de Menéndez Pelayo, nº 163)
- Plaza de la Independencia, 6

### Times

April - September: 6:00am - 12:00am

October - March: 6:00am - 10:00pm



Official Tourism Website

