

Useful information

TRANSPORT

The city of Madrid counts with excellent means of transport. Its underground network has modern trains and stations and links to most destinations reaching even some of the main towns in the surrounding areas of the city. Using the underground will be the best way to get from one part of the city to another. Here is a useful website for planning your transportation in Madrid: www.ctm-madrid.es, you will find schedules for buses, trains and for the subway lines.

Barajas airport-City Center

It is just 13 km away from the city center.

METRO: Madrid-Barajas Airport (**Line 8**, the pink one) is connected to the rest of metro lines. Cost: 4.50 - 5 euros. Single metro ticket: 1.50 - 3 euros

TRAIN: C-1 line connect the airport to the city center and to the other metro stations. Single ticket: 2,60 euros.

TAXI SERVICE: You can order them by phone or through internet. In the streets, just make a sign and they will be keen to stop! **One-way trip from the city center to the airport costs 30 euros.** *Remember that according to COST rules expenses for taxis can only be reimbursed in few, very special cases.*

CLIMATE

The average maximum temperature in Madrid in March is 26 °C, and the average minimum temperature is 6°C. Although Madrid climate is quite dry, March can bring some occasional rainfall.

CURRENCY AND BANKS

The national currency of Spain is the European euro (€). Exchange facilities are available at Barajas airport, most banks and also along central streets like Gran Vía. Many visitors to Spain have commented on the advantage of bringing debit cards rather than credit cards, since the exchange rate is generally much better and commissions lower. However, it would be prudent to check this with your bank before travelling.

ELECTRICITY

Spain's standard electricity supply is 220 Volts (V), 50 Hertz (Hz) AC. The plugs are round two pin, European standard.

EMERGENCIES

The number 112 can be dialled to reach emergency services - medical, fire and police - from anywhere in Europe. This Pan-European emergency number 112 can be called from any telephone (landline, pay phone or mobile cellular phone). Calls are free.

TIME

The time in Madrid is the Central European Time (Summer Time GMT+2)

TIPPING AND TAXES

At almost all restaurants, service is included, but it is common practice to leave a tip or around 5%, as it is with taxi drivers (depending on how you liked the driving!). Tipping is not obligatory anywhere, but much less in bars or cafeterias. However, if you leave a small tip it shows your appreciation of the service - a good rule of thumb here is 10 to 20 cents per round of drinks. Never leave tips in pubs or discotheques. A tip of 1 euro may be used in many other occasions, such as with hotel porters.

There are two different tax rates in Spain 10% and 21%. You will pay 10% tax on your hotel and restaurant bills, as well as other items considered "essential". This tax is not refundable.

Most physical items purchased in shops will be taxed at the 21% rate.

TOURIST OFFICE

One of the main tourist information offices is the Municipal Office of Tourist Information, which can be found at Plaza Mayor (address: Plaza Mayor, 27). You can reach them on the telephone or fax at: Tel: 91 366 54 77. Fax: 91 588 16 36. If you are planning to see as much as possible on your stay, then this tourist information office should be the first stop on your itinerary.

TOURIST TRAVEL PASS

The Tourist Travel Pass is the most affordable and practical way to get to know Madrid. It can be used on all public transport in the Region as many times as necessary within the valid dates. There are five passes valid for 1, 2, 3, 5 or 7 days. The Tourist Travel Pass can be purchased at:

- All Metro stations
- Metro Passenger Information Office at Barajas Airport (T1-T2-T3 Metro stations)
- Certain tobacco shops and press kiosks
- Municipal Tourist Office (Plaza Mayor 27)
- Regional Tourist Offices (c/ Duque de Medinaceli 2 and at the Atocha Station)
- National and International Tour Operators
- Spanish Travel Agencies and hotels in the city
- Internet

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Líneas

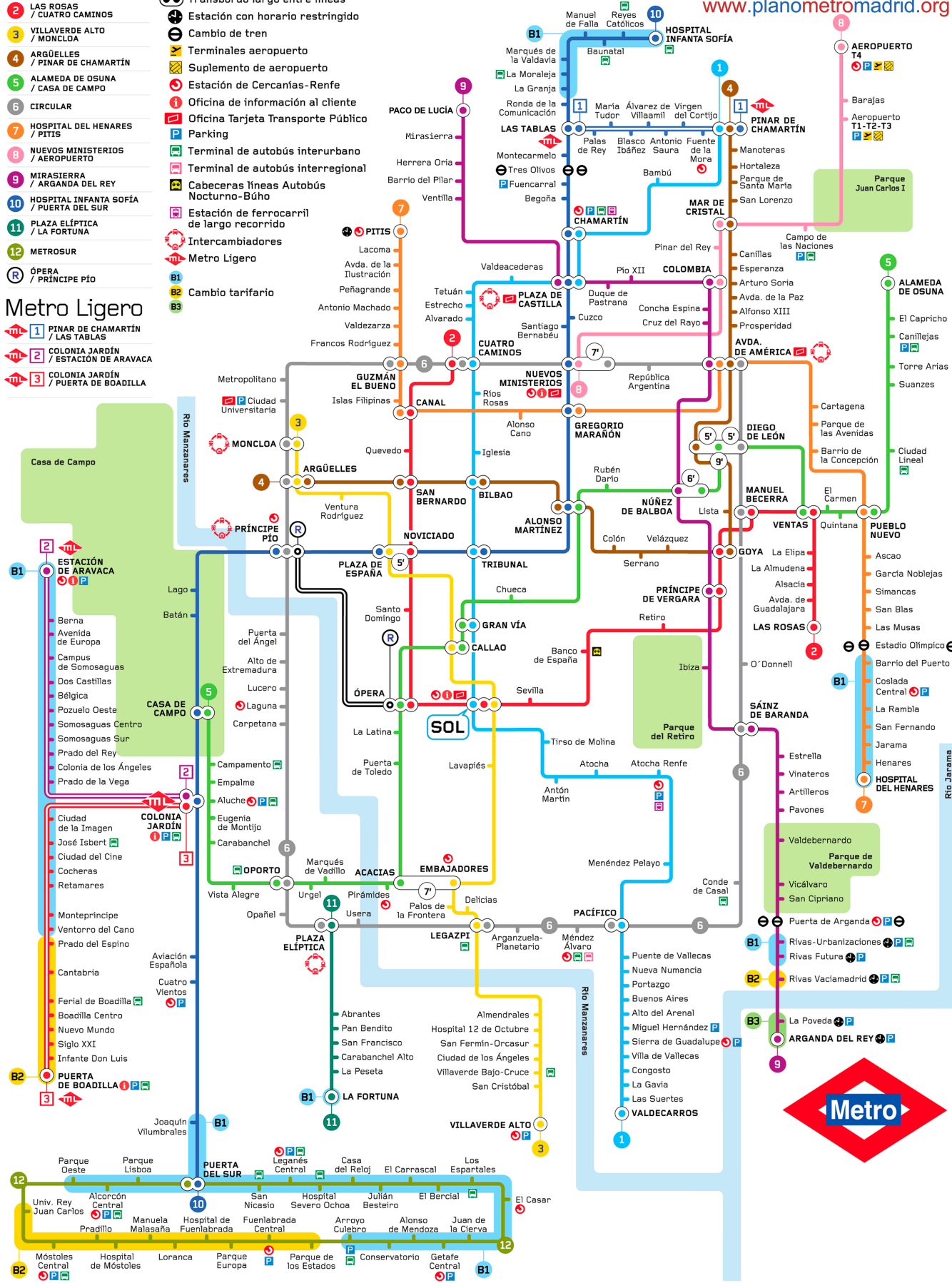
- 1 PINAR DE CHAMARTÍN / VALDECARROS
- 2 LAS ROSAS / CUATRO CAMINOS
- 3 VILLAVERDE ALTO / MONCLOA
- 4 ARGÜELLES / PINAR DE CHAMARTÍN
- 5 ALAMEDA DE OSUNA / CASA DE CAMPO
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- 7 HOSPITAL DEL HENARES / PITIS
- 8 NUEVOS MINISTERIOS / AEROPUERTO
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Metro Ligero

- 1 PINAR DE CHAMARTÍN / LAS TABLAS
- 2 COLONIA JARDÍN / ESTACIÓN DE ARAVACA
- 3 COLONIA JARDÍN / PUERTA DE BOADILLA

Simbología

- ☉ Transbordo corto entre líneas
- ☼ Transbordo largo entre líneas
- ⌚ Estación con horario restringido
- 🚆 Cambio de tren
- ✈ Terminales aeropuerto
- 🛫 Suplemento de aeropuerto
- 🚉 Estación de Cercanías-Renfe
- ℹ Oficina de información al cliente
- 🎫 Oficina Tarjeta Transporte Público
- 🅓 Parking
- 🚌 Terminal de autobús interurbano
- 🚚 Terminal de autobús interregional
- 🚏 Cabeceras líneas Autobús Nocturno-Búho
- 🚆 Estación de ferrocarril de largo recorrido
- 🔄 Intercambiadores
- 🚇 Metro Ligero
- B1 Cambio tarifario
- B2
- B3





Plano esquemático

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- Estación con plataforma / Station with raising platform
 - Estación accesible / Accessible station
 - CIVIS Tren con paradas limitadas / Train with limited stops
 - Conexión con Metro / Connection with Metro
 - Estación de autobuses / Bus station
 - Zona Verde
 - Estación con ascensor / Station with lift
 - B1 Corona Tarifaria / Fare limit for the RENFE Suburban Train Network
 - Conexión con Metro ligero / Connection with Light Metro
 - Aparcamiento / Car Park
 - Continúa a Sta. M^a de la Alameda
- (*) Para estas estaciones es preciso la Tarjeta E3 del Consorcio de Transportes. For these stations Card E3 of the Board of Transport is required.