

Our walk around **Madrid** was truly delightful and unexpected. Before our arrival, I could not have imagined a place so full of green places, and it turns out that many of the most emblematic and touristic sites in Madrid are these spaces full of history and nature.

We arrived in **Madrid** excited to know the great capital of Spain. The first place we visited was the **El Retiro Park**, an impressive "oasis" in the center of the city, home to over fifteen thousand trees. Impressive, isn't it?

This wonderful place has gardens of great importance such as the Garden of Vivases, Garden of Cecilo Rodriguez, Rose Garden and others. In this prodigious historical point there are also exceptional palaces.

That same day we ventured to know the boulevard of **Paseo del Prado**, where we appreciated beautiful monuments and water fountains of great artistic and historical interest. We were told that we could not miss **La Gran Vía**, so we went there. It is one of the biggest attractions in Madrid, where you will find restaurants with delicious food. We tried the Madrilenian stew; out of this world.

We dedicated the next day to our delight at **Museo del Prado**. Did you know that this museum has a collection of over 7,000 paintings? Works of art by great artists such as Velázquez and Goya can be found in the exhibit halls.

Another place we stopped at was **Puerta del Sol** (Gate of the Sun), a very busy square in **Madrid**. There, we couldn't miss taking a picture with the famous clock whose bells announce the entrance of the New Year. At Puerta del Sol we saw the sculpture of the Bear and Strawberry Tree, a tribute to Madrid's coat of arms.

The beautiful architecture of **Madrid** and its hectic but fun lifestyle, made it clear that it will take more than just one visit to continue enjoying the city.

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