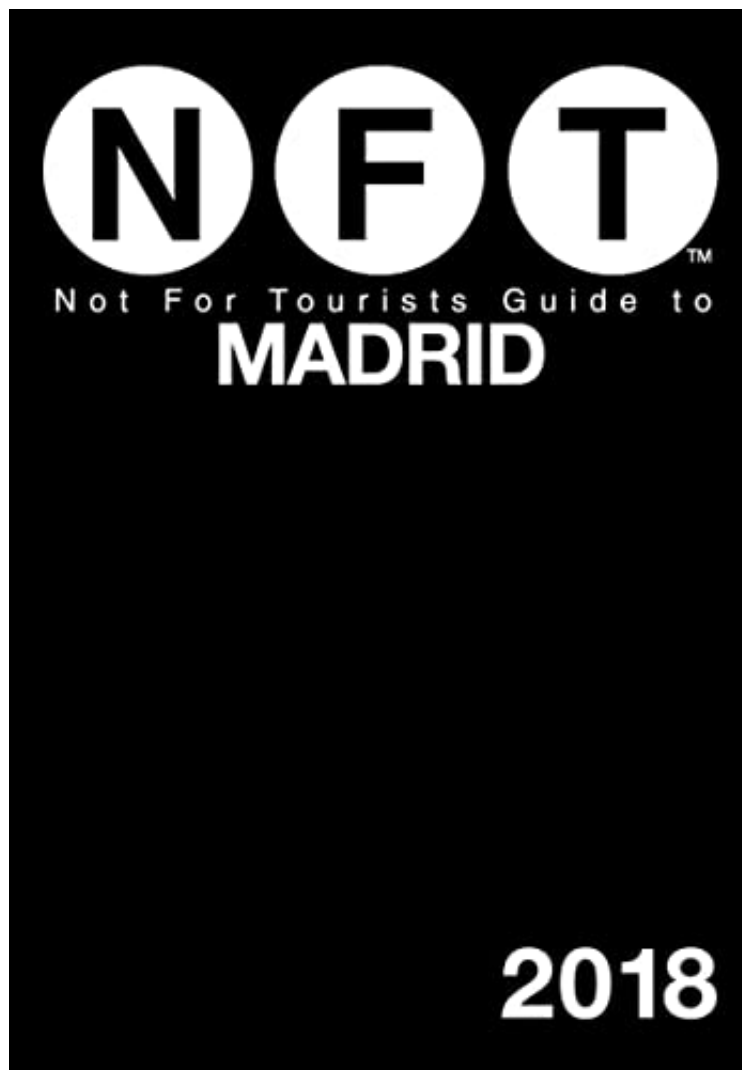


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Dear NFT User:Greetings from Madrid! It's been awhile since we've produced a brand-new city, but what better place to start than the center of all good things Spanish? We absolutely love this city--its outdoor plazas, great parks, world-class museums, endless nightlife, and delicious food. But we most of all love this place for its people: the average Madrileño is more than happy to direct you to the nearest classic tapas joint, help you navigate the Byzantine rules at government offices, and, of course, join you at 2 a.m. for a nightcap in the city's most perfect neighborhood, Malasaña.But Malasaña isn't the only great neighborhood in this city, not by a long shot, and that's why we decided to create a classic (yet newly-designed) NFT guide for it. Sipping a cocktail at the top of Mercado San Anton while you wait for Chueca's nightlife to take hold, wandering the ancient streets of Conde Duque in search of the city's most perfect record store, cozying up in a delicious tapas joint in Barrio de las Letras, exploring African and Indian cuisine in Lavapiés, window-shopping the latest high fashion in Salamanca, or simply observing the locals going about their day in La Latina, or Chamberí, or Argüelles, or any one of Madrid's dozens of neighborhoods, are some of our favorite pastimes here in Madrid, and we've created a guide to help you understand what it's like to live the life of a local.And don't worry that this is all some esoteric exercise, either: all the obvious stuff is here too, since it's not just tourists who gaze in wonder at the El Boscos at the Prado or scream like maniacs during El Clásico. Trust us, there are plenty of locals in evidence, no matter where you go. Just take your NFT along to find the best stuff along the way; you'll be glad you did..Jane, Rob, Julia, Scott & Craig

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MALASAÑA PLAZA DOS DE MAYO LA PESCADERÍA FÁBRICA MARAVILLAS 1862 DRY BAR THE STUYCK CO. Welcome to the center of the center! Malasaña is where it's at, folks--nightlife, cafes, restaurants, shopping, theater, live music, teeming plazas, and people still pounding canned Heinekens at 5:25 a.m. on a Saturday morning. While the rest of the world is commuting to work, the residents here (and, frankly, most of the rest of Madrid) are sleeping off the night before. When you do wake up, head to Plaza Colón, Plaza Juan Pujol, Plaza dos de Mayo, or Plaza Luna for some coffee and some tapas before a day of shopping on the busy Fuencarral. Poke your head into Museo Historia de Madrid or Museo Nacional de Romanticismo for some high culture before some drinking and noshing at one of Madrid's classic bodegas, a short theater piece, some more drinking, some dinner, some more drinking....you get the idea.

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 Iglesia San Antonio de los Alemanes Calle Puebla 22 Plain exterior, absolutely stunning interior--worth the euro donation!
 Mercado de San Ildefonso Calle Fuencarral 57 Hip, buzzy night market for prepared foods on three levels--delicious.
 Mercado Municipal de Barceló Calle Barceló 6 Giant 3-level mercado with dozens of vendors--say hello to Marco.
 Museo de Historia de Madrid Calle Fuencarral 78 Fabulous entrance and overall great museum explaining Madrid's history.
 Plaza Dos de Mayo Calle Daoiz & Calle de San Andrés Where it all went down with the French in 1808.
 Plaza de Luna Calle Luna & Calle Tedescos Strange brutalist plaza with bizarre plaque that can't be missed.

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 Fábrica Maravillas Calle de Valverde 29 Malasaña's own microbrewery, designed to look like a Danish coffee shop. Bizarre.
 Harvey's Cocktail Bar Calle Fuencarral 70 Designed like a Vegas or L.A. lounge, good drinks, decent food too.
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legendary Spanish bodega that's almost always open (and crowded!). La Pesacadería Calle Ballesta 32 Delicious tapas, ceviche, fish and meats--try for a table outside. Lateral Fuencarral Calle Fuencarral 43 Perfect tapas and great outdoor tables to rest your post-Fuencarral shopping feet. La Fondue de Tell Calle Divino Pastor 12 Cosy fondue and raclette in the heart of Malasaña. El Bosco Calle Hortaleza 63 Fabulous modernist Italian tucked behind the School of Architecture; a must. Dionisios Calle Augusto Figueroa 8 Perfect little Greek on pedestrian-only Augusto Figueroa. SHOPPING J & J Books and Coffee Calle Espíritu Santo 47 Books both in Spanish and English, coffee, beer, and expats. Generación X Puebla Calle Puebla 15 Probably the hippest and biggest of Malasaña's half-dozen comic book stores. Viena Lacrem Calle Sta Brigida 6 Best overall bakery in Malasaña...when it's open, of course. Panta Rhei Calle Hernán Cortés 7 One of the best design bookstores anywhere in Spain, and probably Europe. Say hi. CHUECA FUNDACIÓN MAPFRE TUK TUK EL JUNCO EL BIERZO TONY 2 The heart of LGBT Madrid, Chueca parties long into the night. During the day, it's got the most famous shoe-shopping street in all of Spain (Calle Augusto Figueroa), perhaps the best mercado in Madrid (Mercado San Antón), and lots of little squares, including Plaza de Chueca, Plaza del Rey, Plaza Santa Bárbara, and Plaza Vazquez de Mella, to have a tinto de verano in while you wait for the shops to re-open. On the east (Recoletos) side of the neighborhood, the Fundación MAPFRE is a must-see, and more fabulous shopping is on tap along Calle Fernando VI and environs. Don't miss the ornate, Gaudi-ish Society of Spanish Writers and Editors Building while waiting for Chueca's best live music club, El Junco, to finally open (hey, it's Madrid--did you think anything was happening before midnight?). A nightcap at classic Taberna de Ángel Sierra is, of course, not to be missed. CHUECA LANDMARKS Fundación MAPFRE Paseo de Recoletos 23 Brilliant, rotating art exhibitions--everything from Italian Futurism to modern photography. Mercado San Antón Calle de Augusto Figueroa 24 BB Best mercado in Madrid--1 floor vendors, 1 floor tapas, 1 floor rooftop bar. Parroquia de Santa Bárbara Calle del Gral. Castaños 2 Looks like an amazing church from the outside....sadly, almost never open. Plaza de Chueca Sit down and watch the neighborhood move by you (or, more likely, sit and drink with you). Society of Spanish Writers and Editors Calle Fernando VI 4 Brilliant Gaudi-esque modernist masterpiece by José Grases Riera. RESTAURANTS Krachai Calle Fernando VI 11 Very good Thai in the heart of Chueca's hip shopping streets. Paella de la Reina 39 Calle Reina 39 Classic Valencian paella, but don't miss the black rice and the fideos, either. El Bierzo Calle de Barbieri 16 Traditional Spanish food at a really good price. Tuk Tuk Calle del Barquillo 26 Great mix of Asian street food options, especially the Char Siu and the Rendang. Yakitoro by Chicote Calle Reina 41 Skewered Japanese goodness, plus fabulous marrow and a great drink selection. NIGHTLIFE D'Mystic Calle de Gravina 5 Perfect Madrid cocktail bar for before and after additional Chueca adventures. El Junco Plaza de Sta. Barbara 10 Head over at midnight for some of Madrid's best live bands, especially Thursday's "Black Jam." Tony 2 Calle del Almirante 9 Only if you feel like singing karaoke next to a grand piano surrounded by drunk Spanish people. Taberna de Ángel Sierra Calle de Gravina 11 Classic Madrid bar that you need to drink a beer in, sometime. SHOPPING Cacto Calle Fernando VI 7 For all your cactus needs. No, really. Seriously. A cactus store. Calle de Augusto Figueroa Between Hortaleza and Barbieri. A dozen shoe shops in a four-block stretch: paradise! Nakama Lib Calle Pelayo 22 Lovely little bookshop with great selection of Madrid-centric books. Papelería Cámara Calle de Hortaleza 68 Fantastic paper and art shop for your inner Zóbel. Poncelet Calle Argensola 27 A veritable cathedral of cheese for your gustatory pleasure. Sugar Factory Madrid Calle Argensola 27 Delectable pastry shop with the best croissants in Madrid. CONDE DUQUE JACK

PERCOCA MUSEO ABC PALMA BREW LA CARBONERA There's a feel to this neighborhood that's inescapable--a feel of true medievalism. You just kind of have to walk around the streets here and you'll understand what we're talking about. Yes, the shops and the mercados and the restaurants and the bars and the cultural institutions (such as the Conde Duque Cultural Center and the Museo ABC) are all buzzing with Madrileños (and with fewer tourists than other neighborhoods), but there are plenty of streets around here, both during the day and at night, that can seem pretty empty--in the best and spookiest kind of way. The shuttered Edificio España, possibly the largest current empty building in all of Spain, adds to the sense of oddness. But, just like the rest of Madrid, you can relax at a plaza (try Cristino Martos) sipping coffee and watching the children play while you wait for the clubs (try Tempo Club) to open.

CONDE DUQUE LANDMARKS Centro Conde Duque Calle Conde Duque Brilliant cultural institution with fabulous rotating art shows and great live music. Mercado de los Mostenses Plaza Mostenses 1 Bustling mercado that features a good supply of Asian greens and sundries. Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Montserrat Calle San Bernardo 79 Baroque church on bustling San Bernardo that's worth a peek inside. Museo ABC Calle Amaniel 29 Excellent museum of drawing and illustration with a super-cool exterior and kids' programs. Parroquia de San Marcos Calle San Leónardo 10 Conde Duque's best church, with an amazing floor plan and ceilings.

NIGHTLIFE Bodegas El Maño Calle de la Palma 64 Hundred-year-old bodega serves up drinks late into the night. Ah, Madrid. El Jardín Secreto Calle Conde Duque 2 Yes, it's a restaurant, but the decor is trippy enough for, well, you know... Jack Percoca Calle Conde Duque 14 It's a little bit of everything. Including cocktails. Palma Brew Calle de la Palma 50 Cool beer shop with (what else?) in-store tastings. Tempo Club Calle Duque de Osuna 8 Hippest spot in the 'Duque. Live music, DJs, stiff drinks.

RESTAURANTS Esfahan Calle San Bernadino 1 Persian goodness in the heart of Conde Duque. Yum. Goiko Grill Calle de la Princesa 26 Hungry after a movie? Grab a delicious burger. And fries. La Carbonera Calle Bernardo López García 11 Cheese and tapas bar. Did we mention cheese? Meson O'Luar Calle San Bernardo 17 Eat classic Spanish tapas with the hotel workers and cab drivers of Madrid. Perfect. Restaurante Peruano Chinchá Plaza Mostenses 3 Good selection of Peruvian specialties and, of course, Cusqueña beer.

SHOPPING Atticus Finch Calle de la Palma 78 Best name for a bookstore ever, we think. Headbanger Rare Guitars Calle de la Palma 73 Channel your inner Jimmy Page (if you've got the budget). Pescadería Gonzalo González Calle Noviciado 9 Great local fish shop if you don't want to deal with the madness of the mercado. Radio City Calle Conde Duque 14 Best record shop in Madrid, hands-down. Say hello. Supermercado Intertropico Calle de los Reyes 17 Supermarket favorites from all over Central and South America. Impressive.

PLAZA MAYOR & OPERA ASADOR REAL TEATRO REAL LOS AMIGOS EL PIMIENTO VERDE One of a trio of neighborhoods south of the Gran Vía that makes up Madrid's "center," this 'nabe has some of the city's biggest tourist attractions, including the Palace (absolutely amazing), the Opera (absolutely sublime), the Mercado San Miguel (absolutely essential), and the Plaza Mayor (absolutely overrun with tourist nonsense, but essential nonetheless). The beautiful gardens of the Plaza de Oriente, on the Palace's eastern flank, and the Jardines de Sabatini, on the Palace's northern side, are also not to be missed. In terms of classic Madrid shops and restaurants, it seems there is at least one down every street here; walking around will give you delight after delight, including the roast pork (cuchinillo asado) at Asado Real and the monkfish (rape) at El Pimiento Verde. At night, many of the tourists melt away from the western area; chill out with the few locals at Plaza Rameses and reflect on all you've seen.

PLAZA MAYOR & OPERA LANDMARKS Catedral de la Almudena Calle de Bailén 10 Whacked-out pseudo-modernist cathedral that's one million times

nicer on the inside. Mercado de San Miguel Plaza de San Miguel Jammed, but filled with delicious tapas and drinks of all kinds, in all directions. Plaza Mayor Barren, cold, devoid of greenery, filled with tourist nonsense, but still a must; the northern side is lovely. Royal Palace of Madrid Calle de Bailén Giant monument to excess with some absolutely stunning period rooms and gorgeous baroque chapel.

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