

TOUR 5: Malasaña

SHORT DESCRIPTION

Malasaña is a vibrant neighborhood full of lively bars and clubs overflowing with young people. Its streets are currently being renovated, making it a much more attractive quarter.

TIME:

Length: 2,7 Miles. During aprox. 3, 5 hours we'll see the most important highlights

LONG DESCRIPTION:

The area of **Madrid** has had different names during its existence. Its real name is Barrio de Maravillas, but since the 1980's it more known as **Malasaña**, which really is the name of a street in it.

This area was inhabitant by people belonging to different social classes. We find the typical churches and hospitals or schools built by noblemen to take care of the poor, but also buildings that were built by rich businessman and others that belonged to the lower middle class.

It is interesting that, like in most countries, streets are named after famous people. Here we can still find some original names, names that were given to the streets by its inhabitants because there was something characteristic in the street that made it easy to be remembered like the fish street.

Starting Point: I suggest a tour that begins in front of the Cuartel de Conde Duque on the street of the same name (Tube station: San Bernardo)

Where to refuel:

"Pepe Botella" to take an bohemian coffe or tea, "La Mucca" for lunch or savory tapas.

1. **Conde Duque Barracks.** This is a huge 18th-century barracks built for King Felipe V's guards, with two spacious courtyards. Now days the centre provides different art exhibitions a year as well as concert performances and conferences.
2. **ABC Museum** In the early twentieth century, the architect José López Salaberry designed in Madrid this brick building that housed one of the earliest breweries. This museum of 'drawing and Illustration' a three thousand square meters space, distributed over seven floors will house the ABC Collection. Around 200.000 works of art signed by 1500 artists compose this collection, endorsed by Diario ABC and Vocento group. A historical collection with noteworthy pieces by Ramón Gaya, Penagos, Maruja Mallo and Benjamín Palencia that has a markedly current character thanks to its connection with other disciplines such as graphic design, comic strips, animation and digital creation.

POI. Pigocha Mavila (29 Amanuel Street.Madrid) .Urban, Vintage and Boho Chic clothes from Spanish designers

3. **Comendadoras Convent** Built in 1650 from the Military Order of Santiago. This building has been restored lots of times; one of the most important works was carried out by the Italian architect Sabatini in the XVIII Century.
4. **Church Comendadoras** The church has also a valued sacristy, called the Knights Sacristy, where you can see inside baroque paintings.
5. **Nuestra Señora de Montserrat Church.**
6. **Salesas Nuevas Convent**
7. **Plaza Dos Mayo** This small square, less impressive aesthetically than in its historical associations, celebrates the uprising of the populace against the French army on May 2, 1808. Formerly, it was the site of the Montelón barracks, where captains **Daoiz and Velarde** launched their famed counterattack. Today a statue in their memory stands in the plaza, and the streets to the west and east of the square are named after them. An archway representing the main barracks gate stands next to the statue. The liveliest time here is during the San Isidro festivities in May, when concerts and outdoor parties are held
8. **Casa Julio**, Taste the croquettes, this place was chosen for U2 band to take some photos that still hang on the wall
9. **Pepe Botella** Café, a place with jazz music and old flavor

NAVI: turn for San Vicente Street

POI: **LAPELUQUEQUERIA** (San Vicente Ferrer Street # 11.Madrid) Hairdresser new concept

1808-(Corredera Alta de San Pablo Street #9-11.Madrid) Avant-garde fashion men and women

10. **Antonio Barradas Palace**
11. **Parcent Palace**
12. **Bauer Palace (High Singing school)**

NAVI: turn for Pez Street

13. **Duque de Baena Palace**
14. **Marques de Escalona y Bornos Palace**
15. **Alfil Theatre**
16. **San Plácido Convent and Church**

POI: La Mucca This restaurant offers a variety of reasonably priced dishes from all over the world: Spanish and Mexican tapas, fresh Mediterranean salads, Curry chicken, Italian pizza, and more. The modern, urban, style of the establishment resembles what you'd find in Soho, New York

NAVI: return to San Bernardo Street

17. **Marqueses de Sonora Palace**
18. **High School Cardenal Cisneros**

NAVI: Calle de los Reyes turn right to San Bernardino

19. San Marcos Church

20. Coliseum Building

21. **Plaza de España.** Famous for its **Don Quixote and Sancho Panza** statue (on horseback in front of a taller one of Cervantes)

22. **Torre de Madrid** (nicknamed "the Giraffe"), completed in 1953 was at its time the largest concrete building in the world

23. **Museo Cerralbo** 19th-century mansion/museum Leaving the museum

24. **Templo de Debot** Built by the Pharaoh Zakheramon, was transferred stone by stone from Egypt, in thanks for help given by Spain in building the Aswan Dam

25. **View of the "casa de Campo"**

26. **Cines VO Renoir**

27. **Liria Palace.** Formerly the private residence of the Duchess of Alba, its art collection includes paintings by Rembrandt, Rubens, and Goya

NAVI: Travesia Conde Duque and Conde Duque Street

POI: Polar (fashion) La Tipo (T-Shirts designed for adults & kids) La Griot (drinks)

28. **Limón Sq.** This little and charming square has also a pair of terrace for rest and enjoy having a little beer.

Ending Point: Conde Duque