

Contents

TOP 10 4

That Madrid Feeling 6

The Magazine

■ The Royal Family: Image is Everything ■ The Madrid Lifestyle: Exuberant, Fun-Loving and Social ■ Literary Voices, Illustrious Visitors ■ Madrid and Football ■ Skyscrapers ■ Feast: Tapas and Three-Course Stews ■ Madrid – Between History and Legend ■ Against the Grain: *Movida* and Awakening ■ Green Madrid

Finding Your Feet

■ First Two Hours
■ Getting Around
■ Accommodation
■ Food and Drink
■ Shopping
■ Entertainment

In the Heart of Madrid

Getting Your Bearings ■ The Perfect Day

TOP 10 ■ Plaza Mayor ■ Museo Real Academia de Bellas Artes de San Fernando

Don't Miss ■ Monasterio de las Descalzas Reales

At Your Leisure ■ More Places to Explore

Where to... ■ Eat and Drink ■ Shop ■ Go Out

Prado, Retiro & Surrounds

Getting Your Bearings ■ Three Perfect Days

TOP 10 ■ Museo Nacional del Prado ■ Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía ■ Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza ■ Parque de El Retiro

At Your Leisure ■ More Places to Explore

Where to... ■ Eat and Drink ■ Shop ■ Go Out

West of the City

Getting Your Bearings ■ Two Perfect Days

TOP 10 ■ Palacio Real ■ Ermita de San Antonio de la Florida ■ Catedral de la Almudena ■ **Don't Miss ■** Real Monasterio de la Encarnación ■ A Casa de Campo

At Your Leisure ■ More Places to Explore

Where to... ■ Eat and Drink ■ Shop ■ Go Out

South of the City

Getting Your Bearings ■ The Perfect Day

TOP 10 ■ El Rastro

Don't Miss ■ Real Basílica San Francisco el Grande

■ Madrid Río

At Your Leisure ■ More Places to Explore

Where to... ■ Eat and Drink ■ Shop ■ Go Out

Excursions

■ El Escorial

■ Toledo

■ Alcalá de Henares

Walks

■ 1 Madrid – the Essence

■ 2 Barrio de las Letras

■ 3 Squares, Boulevards and Greenery

Practicalities 185

■ Before You Go

■ When You are There

■ Useful Words and Phrases

Street Atlas 193

Street Index 202

Index 206

Picture Credits 210

Credits 211

10 Reasons to Come Back Again 212