

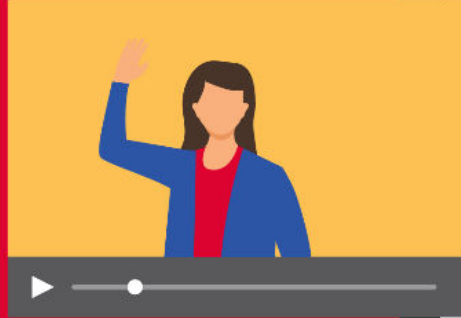
Moving to Madrid Webinar



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We **love** living in **Madrid** and we want you to love it too!



Sort out all the essentials **BEFORE**
getting on the plane



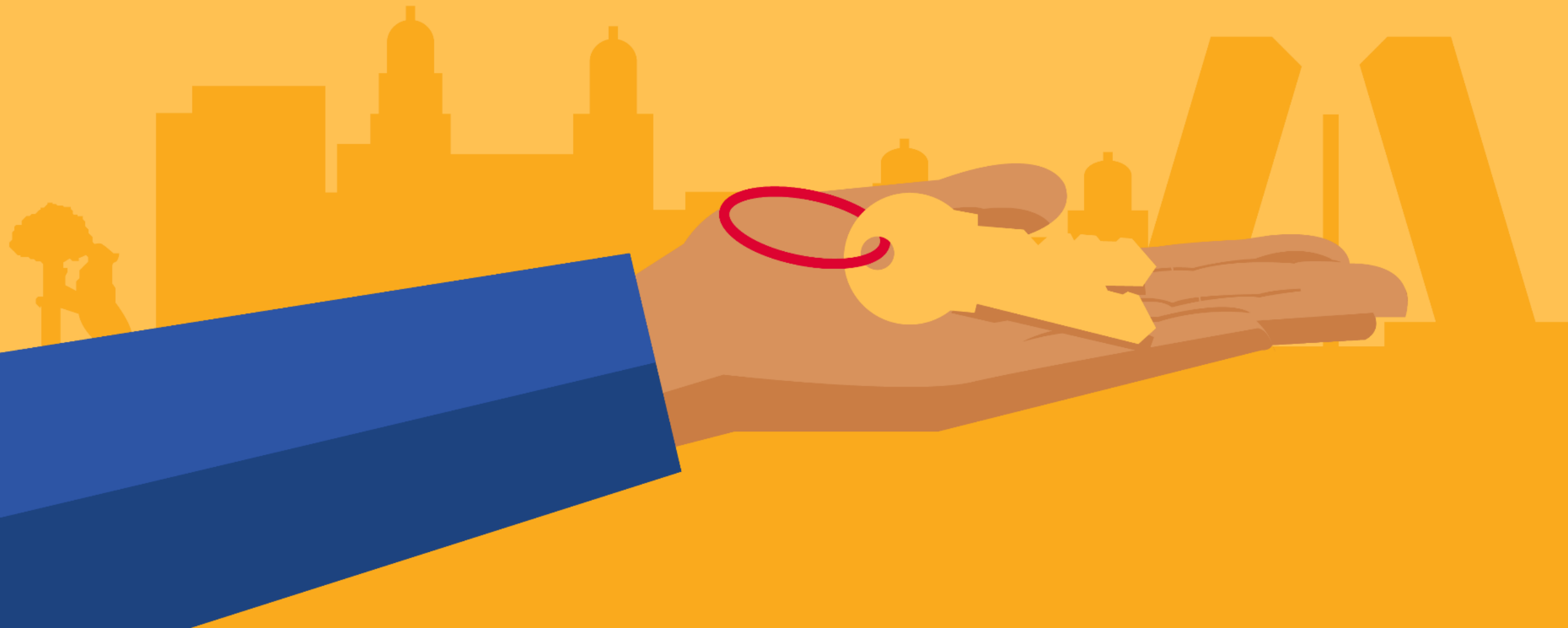
Settle in **UPON** your arrival in
Madrid & let the adventure begin

Sort out the Essentials before Getting on the Plane!



- Finding your Home in Madrid
- Order your Monthly Transport Card in Advance
- Understanding the Spanish Healthcare System & Choosing the Right Health Insurance
- Getting Connected - Spanish SIM Card & Internet
- Setting up a Spanish Bank Account & Money Transfer Options
- Understanding Visa & Required Legal Procedures Upon your Arrival

Find your New Home in Madrid



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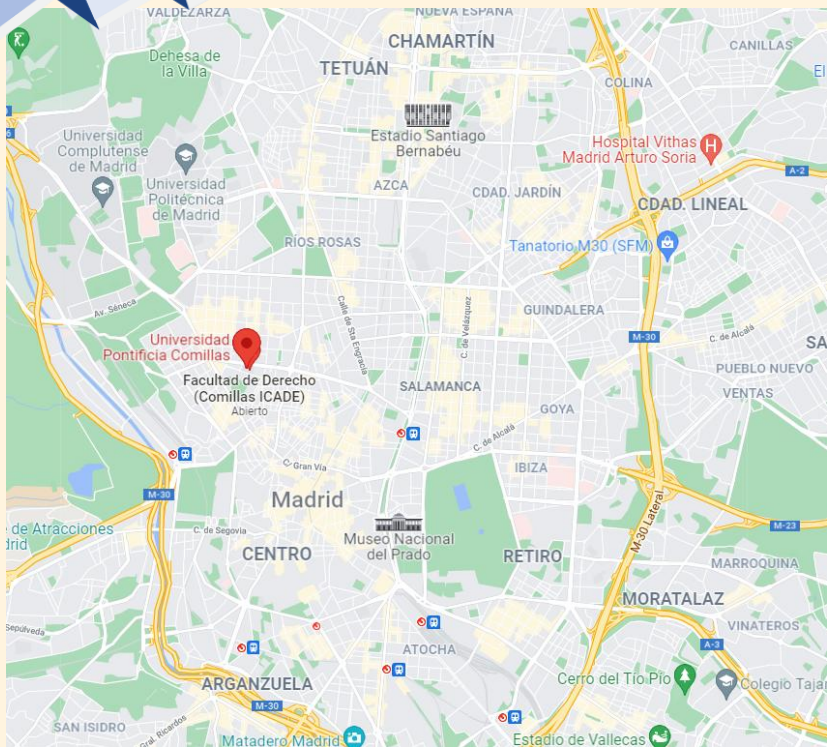
Let us guide you!



- What neighbourhood is right for me?
- What types of housing are there and which should I choose?
- How do I find the perfect place to stay?
- Which agencies, residencies and online platforms are the most trustworthy?
- Any other topics that I should be aware of before reserving a flat/room?
- What should I focus on when it comes to the contract, avoiding potential problems and scams?

Where is Universidad

Pontificia de Comillas **located?**



Campus Alberto Aguilera

Zona: A

Metro:

- Lines 3, 4 & 6 – Stop Argüelles
- Lines 2 & 4 – Stop San Bernardo

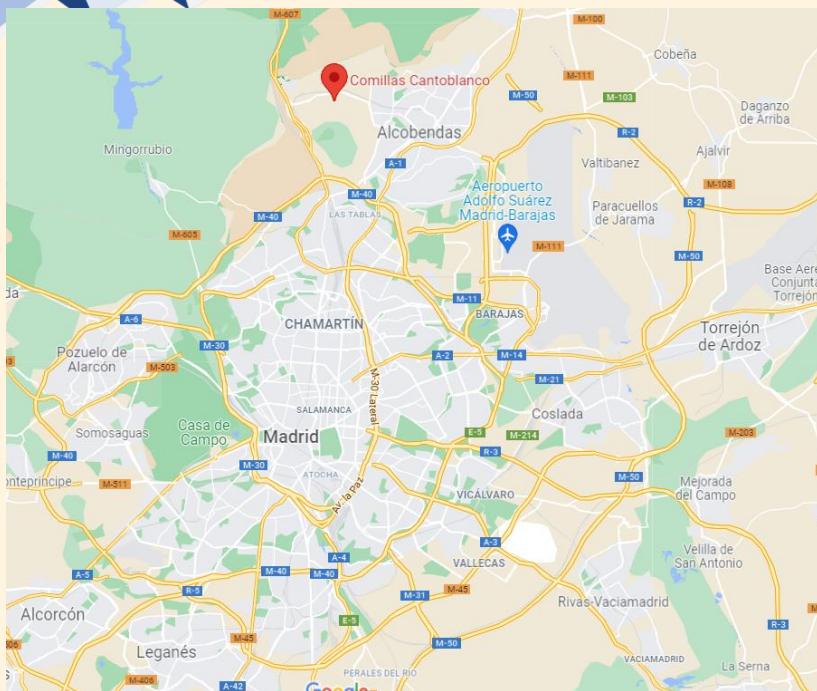
Urban Buses (EMT):

Lines: 1, 2, 003, 21, 44, 133, C1, N21

[Read more](#)

Where is Universidad

Pontificia de Comillas **located?**



Campus Cantoblanco

Zona: B1

Suburban trains (Cercanías):

Line C-4 - Stop: Univ. Pontificia de Comillas

Suburban buses:

Lines: 827, 827A, 828, 714

[Read more](#)

Finding the **Neighbourhood** That's Right **for you!**



How to Plan Your Commute from Home?: Choosing an apartment that is both centrally located and well connected to the places you need to go is essential. The best way to start this search is to define two essential details:

- 1) Where is your campus located?**
- 2) What are the public transportation options near this location?**



Madrid's Neighbourhoods

Centro - Sol
Malasaña
Chueca

Huertas
Barrio de las Letras
Lavapiés
La Latina

Moncloa
Argüelles
Chamberí
Almagro

Chamartín
Retiro
Salamanca

Other
Non-centric
Neighbourhoods

[Read more](#)

Types of Housing!

Shared Apartments

Probably the most affordable option with an average rent of 550€ per month (without expenses)

- More social atmosphere
- Share the “house work”
- Make friends easily
- Noisier

Student Residency

Living in a residency is more costly but puts you in contact with many like-minded peers

- Meal plans
- Social atmosphere
- Support system
- More costly
- Strict rules

Apartments

More expensive than sharing a flat and less availability throughout the city

- Quiet atmosphere
- Independence
- More costly
- Less social connection

Homestay

Living with a Spanish family will foster cultural exchange but less personal freedom during your time in Madrid

- Secure residence
- Cultural integration
- Strict rules
- Less social connection

Download the Citylife free Housing in Madrid welcome guide



Discover where and how you want to live in Madrid:

- What neighbourhood is right for me?
- What types of housing are there and which should I choose?
- How do I find the perfect place to stay?
- Which agencies, residencies and online platforms are the most trustworthy?
- Any other topics that I should be aware of before reserving a flat/room?
- What should I focus on when it comes to the contract, avoiding potential problems and scams?



[Download](#)

Fill out the Citylife free Housing Request Form for free



Find the perfect new home in Madrid that matches your needs and expectations based on:

- When you will arrive to Madrid
- Your preferred neighbourhood in Madrid
- The type of accommodation your are looking for (shared apartment, studio apartment, student residency, homestay)
- The number of rooms you would like to rent
- Your budget



Fill out now

Join the Citylife “Madrid Roommates and Flat Search” Facebook group



Connect directly with people looking for roommates and renting rooms in Madrid:

- Check on daily announcements and posts about available rooms/flats in the city
- Meet potential roommates and get to know others moving to the city
- Connect with fellow classmates and search for your accommodation together
- Use the group to learn more about Madrid in general (neighbourhoods, types of flats, avoiding scams etc)
- Avoid agency fees



Relocate to Madrid with our Support Package



1 . Plan your Trip

- ✓ We will review your personal needs & expectations.
- ✓ You will learn all there is to know about Madrid (visa & legal topics, Spanish healthcare system, transportation, etc.).
- ✓ You will get an update on news that are relevant to you.
- ✓ You will get answers to all your questions.
- ✓ We will create a plan to make your move efficient & hassle free!

2 . Finding your Home

- ✓ Help you understand the different types of housing options available.
- ✓ Find the ideal location for your home.
- ✓ Provide you with concrete options according to your preferences that you can choose from.
- ✓ Review and negotiate your contract.
- ✓ Ensure that you avoid hidden fees & potential issues.

3 . Settle In Upon your Arrival

- ✓ Orientation (information about the city, your neighbourhood, shopping facilities, points of interest, healthcare, etc.).
- ✓ Getting your public transportation card & opening of a free Spanish bank account.
- ✓ Activating a free Spanish phone number.
- ✓ Guidance on required legal steps that need to be completed once you arrive.
- ✓ Get your City Card for free.

Get your Free Quote Today!

Recommended Agencies, Residencies & Popular Online Platforms!

Free Search Platforms

Rooms and apartments are uploaded to these platforms by everyone, **private owners, people searching for a roommate and agencies.**

In case of private landlords, negotiations are handled directly between the owner and the one searching.

What to Expect

- Completely free – no agency fee paid to the platform itself
- Private landlords often don't rent to foreigners short term
- Private landlords might not offer signing a contract – very important for non EU citizens, because without a contract you can't apply for Empadronamiento
- Language barriers – most private landlords don't speak English
- Offers mostly for complete apartments & studios with long term contract (more Higher potential for scam)

The logo for Idealista, featuring the word "idealista" in a lowercase, sans-serif font on a bright yellow-green square background.The logo for Housfy, consisting of a blue icon of a house with a white outline and the word "housfy" in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font.The logo for Fotocasa, featuring a teal location pin icon with a white circle inside and the word "fotocasa" in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font.The logo for Roomgo, featuring an orange icon of a house with a white outline and the word "roomgo" in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font.The logo for Piso compartido, featuring the word "piso" in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font and "compartido" in a lowercase, cursive font below it.

Recommended Agencies, Residencies & Popular Online Platforms!

Rental Agencies Offering Rooms, Studios and Apartments for Students

Housing agencies are private companies that manage many flats around Madrid. They typically rent individual rooms in shared flats, but some will also have studio apartments or rent entire flats. **This is the recommended option when you book before your arrival so that everything is more formal and secure.**

What to Expect

- More expensive than free platforms or if you rent privately
- Reliable companies when booking from home and without seeing the apartment or room in person.
- Contract support
- Flat manager for support throughout
- Possibility to visit before booking
- Many roommates
- International atmosphere



Recommended Agencies, Residencies & Popular Online Platforms!

Student Residences Offering Single and Double Rooms

There are many student residence buildings throughout the city that offer a sophisticated style with a modern design to ensure a unique experience abroad. **There is the possibility of renting either a single or double room.**

What to Expect

- More expensive than renting an apartment in a shared room
- Possibility of hiring meal plans
- Different extras such as study areas, gyms, lounge areas, some even have swimming pools.
- Trusted companies
- Support with the contract
- Possibility to visit before booking
- Many colleagues
- National and international environment



Student Experience



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Recommended Agencies, Residenciers & Popular Online Platforms!

Paid Search Platforms

On these platforms you can find apartments offered by agencies or private owners. **All have been inspected by the platform team and guarantee their existence and quality.** The initial reservation is made through the platform.

What to Expect

- Will charge a booking fee
- Potential double fee (platform fees & agency fees)
- Great selection
- Safe platform to avoid scam
- Not possible to visit the flat before
- International atmosphere

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20%
OFF

**Service Fee
Discount**

with the code

CITYLIFEMADRID


Inlife
We show. You live.

20%
OFF

10%
OFF

SPACEST.COM

BY ROOMLESS

Hints & Tips **BEFORE** **Reserving** your Room/Flat

Interior vs. Exterior Apartments

Some apartments in Madrid have direct access to exterior light while others only have access to interior light (building interior). Room prices between the two vary with exterior light being pricier.

Internet

Some places will have internet installed included in your monthly expenses. However some flats won't and you will need to set up your own internet, which can be timely and costly.

Furniture & Appliances

Some places are fully furnished and supplied with all you need, while others are not. Make sure you read all the details of each offer carefully.

Quiet vs. Active Neighbourhoods

Living in the center can be very exciting, but it does come with a lot of noise. Make sure you're fully prepared to live in an area filled with bars and clubs. Alternatively, areas outside of the center can be very quiet and family oriented with less access to a social atmosphere.

Questions & Answers **BEFORE** **Reserving** your Room/Flat

What's usually included in the rent?

It varies. Some include utilities (agua, luz, gas, wifi), others don't. Always ask specifically.

Are deposits required? How much?

Yes, normally 1–2 months' rent as a deposit. Some agencies may charge an additional fee.

How can I avoid housing scams?

Don't send money before seeing the place or having a contract. Use trusted platforms, avoid offers that are "too good to be true," and verify landlords/agents. – Send us your contact to review!

When is a good time to start searching?

- Start browsing listings in late May or early June to understand the market.
- Reach out and reserve from mid-June to July.
- Don't wait until late August if you want to be able to choose a place you really like.

Understand your Contract, Avoiding Potential Problems & Scams

What to look for in the contract?

- Am I renting through an agency or private landlord?
- Is there an agency commission?
- How much is the rent? Is it monthly payments or all at once upfront?
- What is a deposit and how much is it? When and how do I get it back?
- Is water, electricity, gas, community fee and internet included?
- Is there a code of conduct?
- Are there visiting hours? A fee for friends to stay?
- Is it furnished and are linens and blankets provided?
- Is there a check-in checklist for potential damages?
- If I leave before the end of contract, what are the penalties?



Unsure about your contract?

Before signing your contract get in touch with us to avoid pitfalls & scams.

We are here to help

Transportation in Madrid



Transportation in Madrid

Public Transportation

Metro – The city's underground system

EMT – Urban buses in the city center

ALSA, Continental, Avanza Group – Suburban buses outside the city center

Búhos – Night buses

Cercanías & Renfe – Train services around the Community of Madrid

[More details](#)

Transportation Alternatives

City Taxis – You can find a taxi on the street or order one via the FREE NOW app

Uber, Cabify, Bolt – Rideshare providers in Madrid

BiciMadrid – Electrical bike sharing system by the city of Madrid

Lime-S, Bird, GoTo Scooters – e-Scooters (also known as kick scooters) companies

eCooltra, Movo – Motor Scooters companies

[Promo Codes](#)

Transportation in Madrid



Multi Transportation Card

Price: 2,5€

Use: This is a “use as you go” type of card. You can either top it up once you need to take a ride or top up 10 rides in advance

Where to use it: Madrid Metro, urban & night buses

How to get it: You can get it at any machine at the entry of any metro station

Documents: No documents required

If you lose it: You have to get a new one for 2,5€



Personal Transportation Card

Price: 4€

Use: This card gives you access to your monthly transportation pass - it needs to be topped up once a month

Where to use it: You can use it on all of Madrid’s public transportation. You can also use it as a Multi card

How to get it: You can order it online (takes up to 15 work days) or by appointment

Documents: Passport / ID (EU only) and passport size photo

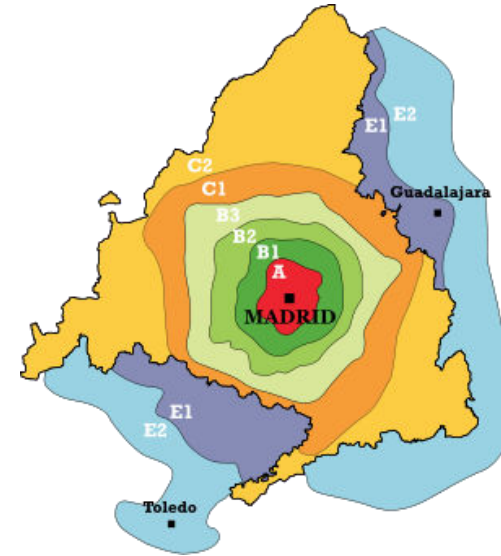
If you lose it: You can request a replacement for 6€

Transportation in Madrid



Abono Joven vs. Abono Normal

Every 30 days you will need to top up your personal transportation card, which will grant you **unlimited access** to **all public transportation** in the city.



Abono "Joven"

Age: < 26 years
Price: 10€ / 20€
Zones: All zones

Abono "Normal"

Age: ≥ 26 years
Price: Starts from 32.70€ / 54,60€
Zones: Each zone has a different price

ZONE	A	B1	B2	B3	C1	C2	E1	E2
TRAVEL PASS								
Ordinary	54,60€ 32,70€	63,70€ 38,20€	72,00€ 43,20€	82,00€ 49,20€	82,00€ 49,20€	82,00€ 49,20€	110,60€ 49,20€	131,80€ 66,30€
Young	"Abono Joven" - 20€ 10€							
10 trips	12,20€ 7,30€	"Combinado" - 18,30€						

*Prices Available from July 2025 onwards

How to Order Your Personal Transportation Card



The process is simple:

- Visit the official **Consortio de Transportes de Madrid website**
- Select the type of card you'd like ("Tarjeta Transporte Público")
- Select your age range
- Fill out the online form (**make sure to properly indicate the Citylife office address & phone number**)
- Get detailed instructions on how to fill out the form **here**.
- Submit the required documentation
- Pay the 4€ fee online on the CRTM web
- Pick it up upon your arrival at the Citylife Madrid office

Order your card now!

You will need a **Spanish phone number** and an **address in Spain** to which the card can be sent. Use those provided by the Citylife Madrid office.

Citylife Madrid Office
Calle Gran Vía 33, Floor 8, Office D
28013 Madrid

+34 656 190 745

Make sure you have ordered your transportation card at least **15 days before arrival**.

Healthcare in Spain



Healthcare in Madrid

- Types of Insurance
- Centros de Salud & Public Hospitals
- Private Hospitals & Doctors
- Translation Services
- Citylife free Healthcare Advice Hotline



Healthcare in Madrid

EU Citizens

Without private insurance:

- Centro de salud
- Public hospital



What do I need:

- European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)

With private health insurance

- Private doctors
- Private hospitals

What do I need :

- Private health insurance

Non – EU Citizens

With private health insurance

- Private doctors
- Private hospitals

What do I need :

- Private health insurance



If you are moving to Spain for a period of **more than 3 months**, you will need to purchase private health insurance that covers the duration of your stay in Spain.

This is a mandatory requirement for any **visa application** as proof of sufficient coverage must be submitted with the application.

[More details](#)

Recommended Medical Insurances for Spain

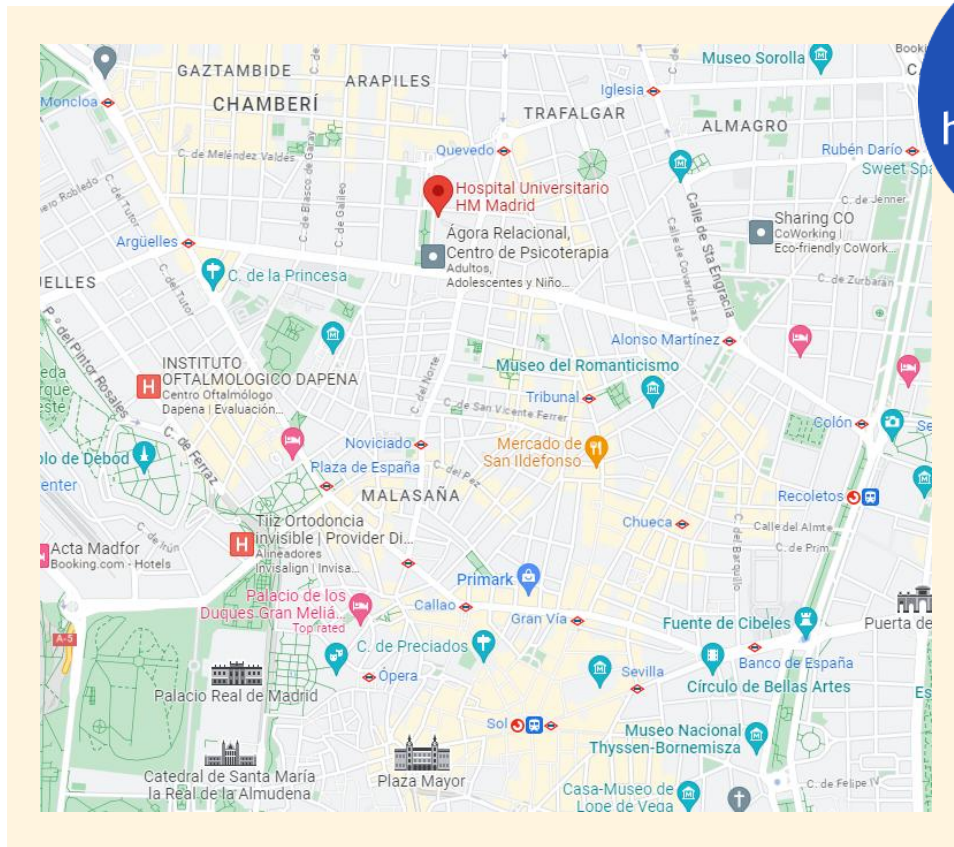
Our top choices for private health insurance in Spain are **Asisa, Mapfre and Sanitas**. For many years they have specialized in healthcare plans for young internationals moving to Spain. They offer the **most popular healthcare plans** currently out there in terms of coverage, costs, service and flexibility.

- No co-payments, no waiting periods, with repatriation.
- Flexible, short term & long term contracts covering every aspect of your stay in Spain and Europe.
- Personal assistance in English or Spanish. Documentation available in many languages to find the best private health insurance plan that matches your needs
- Meets all the requirements necessary for your visa application in case you need one to enter Spain.
- Comprehensive policy including general practitioner and specialist consultations, diagnostic tests, outpatient surgery, inpatient surgery and general hospitalization.
- 24hr help line and access to Spain's general, emergency, specialty & dental healthcare.
- Full flexibility guarantee: Plans are made to fit your course length and can be extended.



[Get your Free Quote Today!](#)

Recommended **Healthcare** **Institutions** for Internationals



Services Offered



Emergency coverage of all specialties.



24/7 multilingual call center
(+34) 629 82 34 93



Personalised assistance during the entire period of medical care.



Direct management of your international medical insurance.



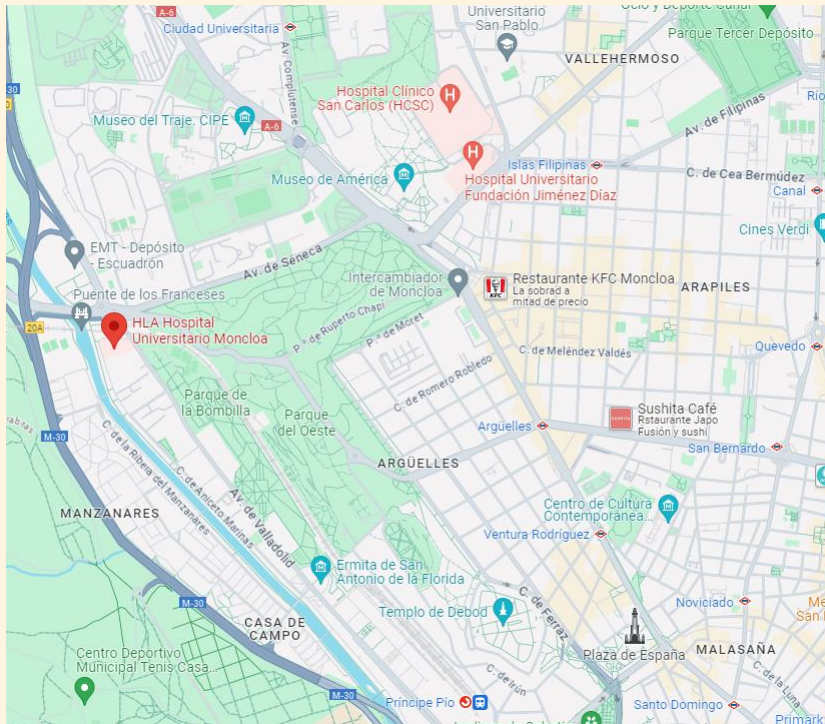
Free interpreter service.



STD Check-up

Explore all their services on the official HM Hospitales website [here](#).

Recommended **Healthcare** **Institutions** for Internationals



Medical and Healthcare Services

- Consultations with all types of medical specialties.
- Emergency 24/7/365
- Scheduled dental consultations and treatments
- Hospitalisation in suites
- Diagnostic tests, radiology, laboratory
- STD fast tests
- Gynaecology checkup
- Home doctor visit

Administration and Logistic Services

- Repatriation
- Ambulance transportation & free taxi to the hospital
- Priority Scheduled treatments
- Telemedicine. Video medical consultations
- Call center 24/7 in English. we do healthcare assistance management and international administration
- All insurance accepted. We do the paperwork for you.

Explore all their services on the official HLA Hospitales website [here](#).

Recommended **Healthcare** **Institutions** for Internationals

Quirónsalud is the largest group of medical hospitals and centers in Spain, and has centers in cities such as Madrid, Valencia, Sevilla, Córdoba, Barcelona, Bilbao, San Sebastian, and Toledo. It operates around the world and offers top medical services.

International patients are granted access to all the amazing services offered by Quirónsalud, but with extra help along the way!

With Quirón internationals will be assisted with their healthcare every step of the way in the language that makes them feel most comfortable.



Services Offered

- Appointment management.
- At home medical service.
- Coordination with international patients insurance companies.
- Translation of case-related documents: Medical reports and treatment-related documentation are translated into different languages, upon request.
- Contact point for emergencies: Any request patients and/or insurance companies may have.

Explore all their services on the official QuirónSalud website [here](#).

Recommended **Healthcare** **Institutions** for Internationals

Caring for Your Mental Health Abroad

Studying or working abroad is a unique opportunity for growth, but also a challenge for your mental well-being. At MindPlace, we help you thrive with personalized support, therapy, coaching, and psychiatric care.

You don't have to do it alone.

Online and In-person sessions:

- Avenida del General Perón 22 3D
(close to Santiago Bernabeu Stadium)
- Calle Ortega y Gasset 22 5th floor
(Barrio Salamanca)



MindPlace Services:

- Individual Therapy (in English, Spanish, French, Norwegian, Arabic)
- Psychiatric Services (assessment, diagnosis, and medication prescription)
- ADHD Assessment and Management
- Personal and Professional Coaching
- Collaboration with major international insurance providers

Descubre todos sus servicios en el sitio [web oficial](#) de Mindplace.

Recommended **Healthcare** **Institutions** for Internationals

Moving abroad is a big step in someone's life. It can add stressors to an already anxious mind, or create stress for those who may not be used to it.

Therapy can be helpful for everyone and Sinews is there to help you in your own language.

Their languages include:

- English
- Spanish
- Portuguese
- Italian
- Hebrew
- German
- Polish



Sinews is licensed to treat the following therapy services:

- Psychology
- Psychiatry
- Speech therapy
- Online therapy
- Coaching
- Nutrition
- Accent reduction

Explore all their services on the official Sinews website [here](#).

Getting Connected



Getting Connected

Cell Phone Plans & Internet Services

- Things to keep in mind before choosing a SIM Card for Spain:
 - Do I really need a Spanish SIM card?
 - Reserve your Spanish SIM card now – [click here](#)
 - EU roaming vs. Non-EU roaming
 - **Is my phone unlocked and how can I unlock it?**
 - Using your current phone vs getting a new phone?
 - **eSIM vs. traditional SIM card**
- Prepaid SIM Card or contract in Spain – What's best?
- Most popular mobile phone operators in Spain & top recommendations
- Internet providers in Spain

[Read more](#)



Lycamobile – Best physical Pay as you Go SIM Card for Spain & Europe

We recommend reserving your Lycamobile pay as you go SIM card through us! **We will register and activate your SIM card for free** so all you need to do is pay for the voice/data plan you'd like to use. We will also take the time to explain how everything works. This way you can use your new SIM card confidently during your time in Spain.

Services include:

- Free calls between Lyca numbers
- EU roaming included
- 4G highspeed connection
- Cheap international and national plans
- Special offers for Latin America
- Data plans up to **200GB**
- Prices ranging between only 5€-20€ per month

Reserve now

	SIM only			citylife madrid
	LYCA GLOBE 5	LYCA GLOBE 10	LYCA GLOBE 15	LYCA GLOBE 20
Price for 28 days	5€	10€	15€	20€
5G Internet	6 GB	50 GB	150 GB	200 GB
National Minutes	100 MIN	UNLIMITED		
International Minutes*		400 MIN	1.000 MIN	
National SMS	100 SMS (Lycamobile to Lycamobile Spain)			
EU Roaming	INCLUDED			

*Countries included:
Only landlines: Argentina, Andorra, Brazil, Chile, Croatia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Gibraltar, Indonesia, Japan, Morocco, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela.
Landlines & Mobile: Austria, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Israel, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Romania, Singapore, Spain, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom, USA.

Lebara – Best flexible Pay as you Go eSIM Card for Spain & Europe

We recommend reserving your Lebara pay as you go eSIM card through us! **We will register and activate your eSIM card for free** so all you need to do is pay for the voice/data plan you'd like to use. We will also take the time to explain how everything works. This way you can use your new eSIM card confidently during your time in Spain.

Services include:

- Free calls between Lebara numbers
- EU roaming included
- 4G highspeed connection
- Cheap international and national plans
- Special offers for Latin America
- Data plans up to **150GB**
- Prices ranging between only 7€-30€ per month

Reserve now

LEBARA

eSIM or SIM

	TODO INCLUIDO 7	TODO INCLUIDO 10	TODO INCLUIDO 15	TODO INCLUIDO 20	TODO INCLUIDO 30
Price (for 28 days)	7€	10€	15€	20€	30€
4G Data	7GB	25GB	50GB	100GB	150GB
National Calls	Unlimited to landline and mobile phones				
International Calls*	100 min	500 min	1000 min	2000 min	2000 min
National SMS	100 SMS				
EU Roaming 🌐	INCLUDED				

*Countries included

Only landlines: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Israel, Morocco, New Zealand, Panama, Paraguay, Russia, Taiwan, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Landlines & Mobile: Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand and United Kingdom.

Connectivity – Quick and easy eSIM Card for Spain & Europe

Connectivity Mobile's prepaid eSIM card services are a perfect solution for uninterrupted connectivity throughout your time in Spain. They ensures travelers can stay online effortlessly. With hassle-free activation and great prices, travellers can avoid the complexities of language barriers and contract negotiations. **Card can be activated online at any point in time, even before your arrival to Spain.**

Services include:

- Unlimited data in Spain (up to 600Gb/month)
- 40Gb roaming in EU and US
- Spanish Phone Number
- Unlimited national Calls to Spanish landline and mobile phones
- Vodafone 5G network
- flexible plans from 1 – 12 months

Activate your eSIM



eSIM
From 10€/month
Depending on plan & duration



1. Select your plan.
2. Choose your duration.
3. Select Activation or Renewal
4. Click on 'Purchase'.
5. Enter your personal details.
6. Click on 'Place order'.
7. You will then receive an email.

Duration	1 month	2 months	4 months	6 months	9 months	12 months
M - 60GB	15€	28€	52€	72€	99€	120€
L - 80GB	20€	38€	72€	102€	144€	180€
XL Unlimited	25€	48€	92€	132€	189€	240€
XL Intl. - 150GB	30€	58€	112€	162€	234€	300€
EU Roaming 🌐	M - 8GB L - 9GB		XL Unli.- 40GB		XL Intl.- 19GB	
National Calls	Unlimited to landline and mobile phones					
International Calls	M / L / XL Unli. - Not Available ¹ · XL Intl. - 1.000 minutes					

¹ with this plan, it's not possible to make international calls via the carrier. You can still make **online calls** using apps like FaceTime, WhatsApp or Viber.

Banking in Spain



Banking in Spain: Understand your Options and Related Costs

Opening a bank account in Spain can make your life a lot easier. You can skip any fees that come with using your foreign card abroad and it gives you a more direct way to access your money. We can help you set up your account quickly and easily

- Things to keep in mind before choosing a Spanish bank:
 - Deciding if you truly need a Spanish bank account
 - Avoiding unnecessary costs associated to your Spanish bank account
 - How to open a bank account in Spain as a non-resident?
 - What documents do you typically need to open a Spanish bank account?
- Best banks in Spain for non-residents & best options for international students & expats
- Traditional banks vs. online / virtual banks
- Bank fees & ATM withdrawals in Spain & Europe
- International money transfers

[Read more](#)



Banking in Spain: Top picks

Wise

- Worldwide transfers at low exchange rates
- Free ATM withdrawals of up to 200€/month
- Free debit card with application
- Service in over 10 languages
- International transfers to over 30 countries at real exchange rates (no bank fees)
- No physical location
- Access to local bank details in over 10 currencies
- Open multiple balances for different currencies within one account

[Read more](#)

Banco Sabadell

- Free transfers within the EU
- Free ATM withdrawals in Spain
- Service in Spanish & English
- Free debit/credit card with application
- Easy & quick process to open an account without NIE/TIE
- Reliable and modern online service
- Free account if you are under 30 years of age
- Several different accounts to choose from
- Very known bank with great reputation

[Read more](#)

Bunq

- Spanish IBAN with account
- Free transfer within EU and worldwide transfers at low rates
- 6 Free ATM withdrawals every month
- No NIE/TIE required for the first 90 days
- Service in over 35 languages
- High interest on savings
- 3 free physical cards
- Open an account in 22 different currencies
- Great exchange rates

[Read more](#)

Revolut

- Spanish IBAN with account
- Free transfers around Europe, America and Australia
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Getting Legal

NIE, TIE, EMPADRONAMIENTO



What Documents do you Need to Live, Work and Study Legally in Spain!



For citizens of the **European Union** or equivalent*



For citizens from **outside the European Union** or equivalent* (**Non-EU**)

If you are coming to Spain under a tourist status (3 months or less) this chart **does not** apply to you.



***Citizens of the EU and equivalent refers to:** citizens of the EU (Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden), the European Economic Area (EEA): Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, and Switzerland.



Citizen of the European Union or equivalent *

NIE Spain – What is a NIE Card (EU Citizens)?

The NIE card is officially known as the “Certificado de Registro de Ciudadano de la UE”. This is the document that citizens of the European Union (or equivalent) should apply for when moving to Madrid to work or study for **longer than 3 months**.

What is the Empadronamiento & Who Needs to Apply for it?

The Empadronamiento is a general census record of habitants in the city, which allows the municipal government to allocate the right amount of funds and community services to a particular region or neighbourhood of the city (healthcare centres, police, maintenance, etc.) Once a person is registered (“empadronado/a”), they will officially become a member of the community and their presence in Spain will be verified.

What is the Social Security Number & Who Needs to Apply for it?

The Social Security number is officially known as the “Número de Afiliación de la Seguridad Social”. It’s mandatory to obtain in order to be able to work legally in Spain. EU citizens can apply for it with their passport or NIE (if already available).



Non-EU Citizens



Visa / NIE / TIE - What do Non-EU citizens need to apply for?

Visa – Usually applied at the embassy / consulate at your home country. If you'll stay to less than 6 months it will be granted for the entire period of your stay. If you'll stay for more than 6 months, you'll be granted a 90 days visa to enter the country and apply for your TIE. It's possible to apply from Spain too, but takes up to 3-4 months to be approved.

Once your visa is granted, you'll get a **NIE** number assigned to your Visa. It's either printed on the visa or you'll need to requested once in Spain.

TIE – This is the document that all Non-Europeans who are staying in Spain for more than 6 months will need to apply for, as the visa you'll have granted will be for only 90 days. You need to apply for your TIE within the first 30 days entering Spain.

What is the Empadronamiento & Who Needs to Apply for it?

The Empadronamiento is a general census record of habitants in the city and once a person is registered ("empadronado/a"), they will officially become a member of the community and their presence in Spain will be verified. **In order to obtain your TIE, you will first need to apply for the Padron. To do so, your rental contract needs to be valid at least for 6 months.**

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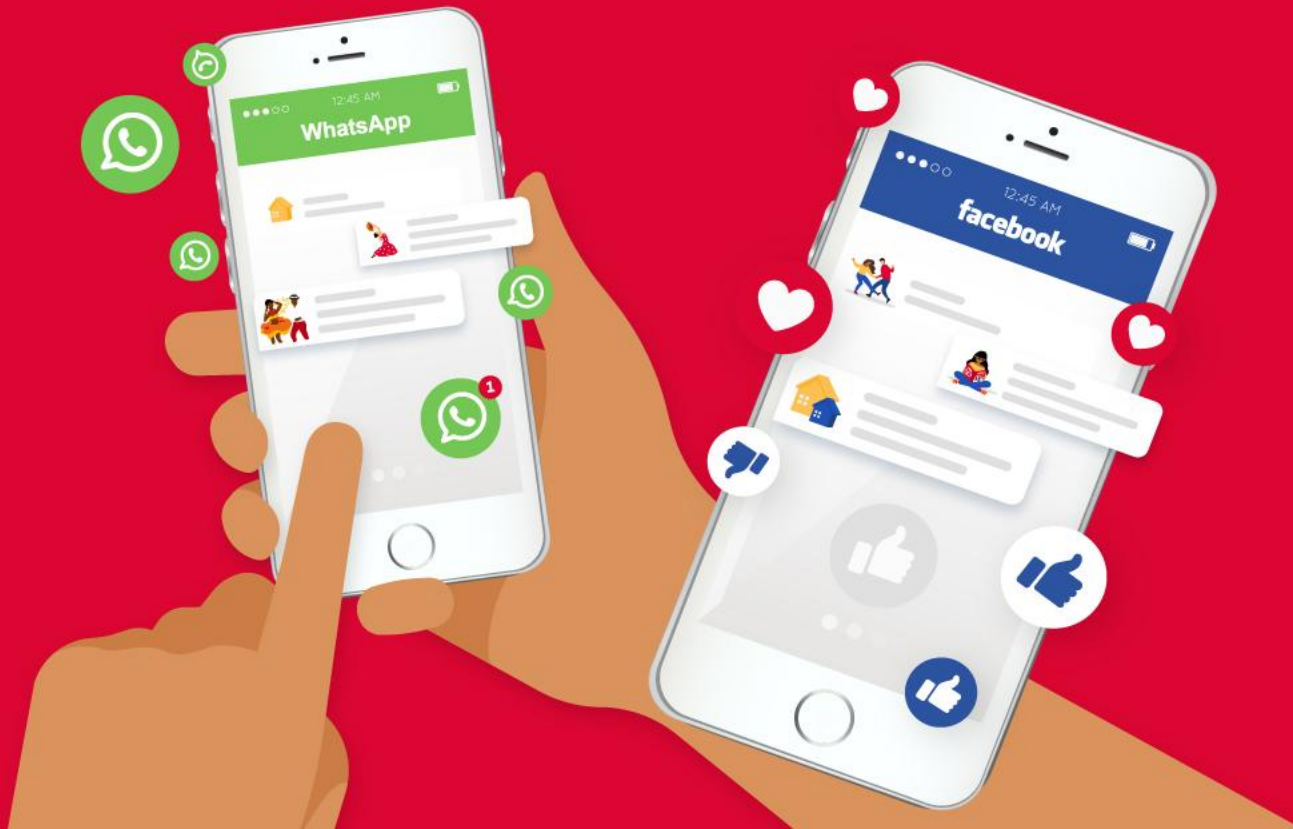
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- 17 **El Escorial & Segovia** · Time Travelling
- 21-25 **Andorra** · Ski & Après Ski at Grandvalira
- 21-25 **South Morocco** · Marrakesh & Sahara Desert
- 24 **Toledo & The Windmills** · History & Legends
- 30-01 **North Morocco** · Tangier & The Blue City
- 31 **Salamanca & Ávila** · The Golden Cities

February

- 4-8 **South Morocco** · Marrakesh & Sahara Desert
- 7 **El Escorial & Segovia** · Time Travelling
- 13-15 **North Morocco** · Tangier & The Blue City
- 18-22 **South Morocco** · Marrakesh & Sahara Desert
- 20-22 **Andalucía** · Granada, Sevilla & Córdoba
- 27-01 **North Morocco** · Tangier & The Blue City

March

- 6-8 **Basque Country** · Bilbao & San Sebastián
- 11-15 **South Morocco** · Marrakesh & Sahara Desert
- 18-22 **South Morocco** · Marrakesh & Sahara Desert
- 19 **Las Fallas Valencia** · La Cremá
- 27-29 **North Morocco** · Tangier & The Blue City
- 30-05 **Easter Morocco** · The African Adventure

April

- 1-5 **Easter Portugal** · Porto, Sintra & Lisbon
- 15-19 **South Morocco** · Marrakesh & Sahara Desert
- 24-26 **North Morocco** · Tangier & The Blue City
- 29-03 **South Morocco** · Marrakesh & Sahara Desert
- 29-03 **Yeah! Ibiza Trip** · The Party Island

May

- 13-17 **South Morocco** · Marrakesh & Sahara Desert
- 22-24 **North Morocco** · Tangier & The Blue City
- 31 **Cuenca** · The Canyoning Trip

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- 10-14 **South Morocco** · Marrakesh & Sahara Desert

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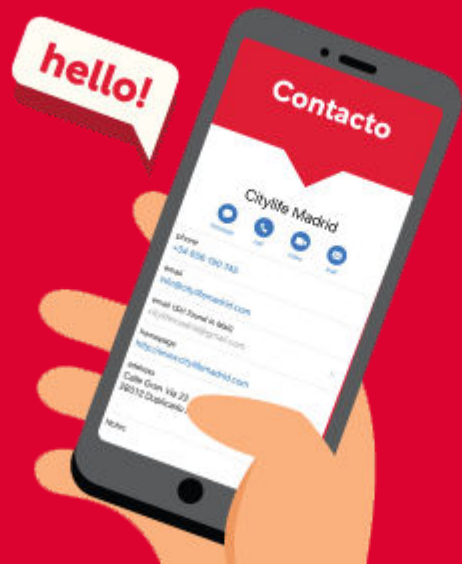
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