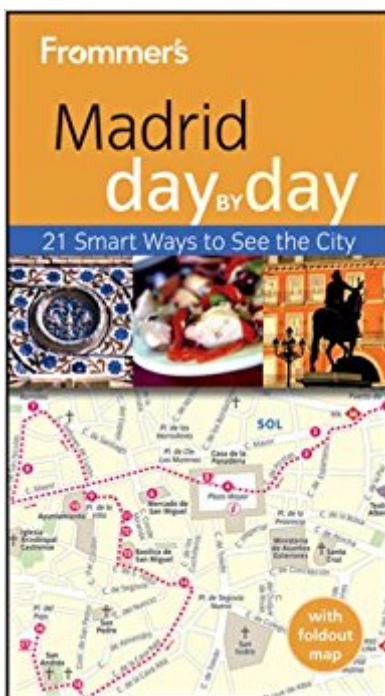


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# Frommer's Madrid Day By Day (Frommer's Day By Day - Pocket)



## Synopsis

Day by Day guides are short and punchy city guides that direct travellers on a short break around the city in the most effective way. The guides are aimed at sophisticated travellers who are looking for a very accessible read to make the most of their stay. Through the use of special-interest tours in the books, travellers are able to get a good idea of the geography of their city instantly before exploring it in an interesting way, giving people some surprising choices for what to see and do, that they might not have thought to consider normally. These travellers know that there's a kind of science to organizing your time on a trip, to avoid a lot of needless backtracking or overbooking and Day by Days provide this information in an accessible way.

**Contents**

**15 Favourite Moments**

The Best Full Day Tours around the Royal Palace, the Plaza Mayor, the Prado Museum, the glorious Retiro Park, as well as eccentric palaces, convents for blue-blooded nuns, and all the best caf  s and tapas bars to fuel up as you wander. Includes Special-Interest Tours through the city's world-class art museums, plus a glimpse into the Madrid of Cervantes and Lope de Vega, along with tours for kids, a bar hop through the best tapas places, and a stroll through the city's lush parks. Details the Best Neighborhood Walks around the Madrid of the Austrias, with its royal palaces and churches: the bohemian Plaza de Santa Ana: the trio of superb art museums which form the Golden Triangle; the chic Salamanca district: and the hip, colourful neighbourhoods of Malasa  a and Chueca. Features outdoor visits to the Retiro Park with its enormous boating lake; the Casa de Campo with its Zoo and Cable Car; and the enchanting 18th-century botanic gardens. Lists the Best Shopping from the gritty charm of the Rastro flea market to the exclusive boutiques of Salamanca. Recommends the Best Dining experiences from classic Madrile  o cuisine to tapas; the Best Nightlife, the Best Arts and Entertainment including Opera, and the Best Places to Stay. Includes Day Trips to magical cities, including Toledo and Segovia, as well as the magnificent royal palace and pantheon at El Escorial.

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I wanted a guidebook that would be small and light but still useful for the four days my husband and I spent in Madrid on our honeymoon. We didn't need anything exhaustive, just a quick reference guide. I was persuaded to take this guide rather than Lonely Planet's because it came with two maps: the pull out quick reference and the bigger "detailed" map in the back pocket. For the most part, we were satisfied with the guide and its suggestions/information. My major complaint, however, is with the maps. The pull-out reference map in the front is great but the larger map is useless. It has little to no more detail and information than the pull out map, and was incredibly inadequate when we found ourselves on a street corner asking, "Ok, so where are we again?" I suggest to the guidebook's creators that the pull out map be a DETAILED look at central Madrid, i.e. street names for every road. The roads and suburban areas are not necessary for the tourists buying your guide and I don't know why they were included. If I had planned on driving in and out of Madrid, I'd buy a map with better road details anyway. If you buy this guide, be prepared to buy another map for general use in Madrid.

I just returned from a short business trip to Madrid, with only a small amount of free time, and just wanted a few suggestions for shopping and restaurants. Madrid Day-to-Day included a couple of vegetarian restaurant recommendations, which was nice in a city dominated by ham, but I found at least one shop entry to contain an incorrect metro stop reference. If I hadn't double-checked the metro map beforehand it would have been a problem because, as other reviewers have mentioned the maps do not have detailed street information and so to navigate, I relied on getting to the appropriate neighborhood via metro and then asking for directions to the appropriate street once there. Also as mentioned in other reviews, the fold-out map with worthless. Your hotel will likely be able to provide a better one. The focus of the book is on walking tours, and had a couple of good recommendations, but overall it was disappointing.

This guide is great for informing you of things to do while in Madrid, but it is not very clear about telling you exactly how to get there. The foldout map, while accurate, is very incomplete. I don't know about you, but when I am in a foreign place, I like to figure out where I am and where I am going and it is hard to do that with a map that doesn't label ALL of the street names. Further walking directions from metro stops to sites would also be incredibly helpful as there are usually more than one metro stops that have more than one entrance to the surface. Nice guide, but it needs more because going on this guide alone will get you lost.

With such a guide in hand, execution of a self planned walking/riding tour are simple and fulfilling. local destinations are described in ample detail so that it is simple and fun to organize the limited time we have available, thereby maximizing our vacation pleasures. Frommer's Madrid by Day makes you feel you've already been there and includes "everything you need to know"! We recommend it to everyone. Our thanks to for leading us to it.

If you are looking for a book to guide you through a few days in Madrid, look no further--this is it. This book will take you to major sites, off the beaten path, to tourist attractions, local hangouts and everything in between. Don't waste your money or break your shoulder carrying around an expensive and heavy guidebook.

Great pick me up book before my trip. Consulted it and the maps when going around the city. had a bunch of easy to read and do activities and touched on the highlights of the city. worth getting this or a Top 10 book when traveling abroad

This book is very useful if you are planning to stay 1-5 days in the city. I have the same book for 6 more cities and they are all great. Very useful metro train maps, city maps and area maps. It includes day trips to places outside the city.

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