



TRAVEL

A LONG WEEKEND IN... MADRID

Tired of the masses of Catalanian crowds that swarm the streets of **Barcelona**? Then make sure to visit the Spanish capital instead. Here's our guide on all the things to do in Madrid, including where to eat, what to see and where to stay...

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Where to stay

Urso Hotel & Spa

Located in the quiet and chic Alonso Martínez area of Madrid is this elegant five-star boutique hotel. Opposite its entrance is the Barceló market complex, and next door is an **art** foundation that will soon open up, while the touristy hotspot of Puerta del Sol is only two metro rides away.



Despite its close proximity to the city centre, serenity spreads throughout the walls of the Urso. Architect Antonio Obrador has kept many of the original features of this 20th-century palatial building, including the mahogany lift, while the interior's cool golden-green colourway creates a relaxed vibe. To add to the hotel's laid-back style, guests can relax in the Natura Bissé [spa](#), take a plunge in the seven-metre-long hydromassage pool, or even have a quick lounge in the sauna – an ideal set up for those looking to detox after a night out in the city's tapas bars.



The best part? The [breakfast](#) room. Set in a gargantuan first-floor conservatory, guests can sit on tan leather seats while surrounded by beautiful greenery and blazing Spanish sunlight. There's no better place than here to kick-start a long day of shopping, dining and drinking.

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