

## IAFL welcomes you to El Barrio de las Letras Madrid

The area known as the Barrio de las Letras (Literary Quarter) is the neighborhood surrounding the Vincci Hotel in the center of Madrid where some of Spain's greatest authors have lived and written over the years. Today it is an area which combines a bohemian atmosphere, entertainment, shopping, and good food.

The neighbourhood is crisscrossed by narrow streets which are either pedestrianized or with restricted access to traffic, and pleasant squares such as the Plaza de Santa Ana. This is an area where it is easy to find houses in which towering literary figures of the Spanish Golden Age such as Lope de Vega, Quevedo, Góngora and Cervantes were born, lived and/or found their final resting place. This is why on the cobbles of many of the streets you'll find inscriptions and brief texts from the works of some of these writers. Another of the charms of the Las Letras quarter are its abundant shops and businesses, which include everything from the most traditional establishments with centuries of history (such as cobblers, silversmiths and lute-makers) to modern avant-garde venues. You'll also find numerous restaurants and pavement cafes where you can enjoy the gastronomy of Madrid and the popular Spanish custom of 'going out for tapas'.

Finally, the neighbourhood is ideally placed for discovering Madrid's cultural offerings, as it is very near the Prado and the Thyssen-Bornemisza museums, as well as a stone's throw from monumental ensembles such as the squares of the Puerta del Sol and the Plaza Mayor. Here follows a small guide that you may find useful. It's all at your doorstep within a 10 min walk from the hotel.



## **PRADO MUSEUM**

Paseo del Prado, s/n,  
28014 Madrid

Opening hours:

From Monday to Saturday  
10am – 8pm  
Sundays and holidays  
10am - 7pm

Price:

**FREE ADMISSION**  
Collection free Access  
From Monday to Saturday  
6pm – 8pm  
Sundays and holidays  
5pm – 7pm  
Last admission 30 minutes before closing  
The galleries are cleared 10 minutes before closing



## Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza

Palacio de Villahermosa  
Paseo del Prado, 8  
28014 Madrid

Opening hours:

Tue-Sun 10am-7pm

Transport:

Banco de España (M: L2)

Price:

€10; reduced €7: over-65s and students. Paseo del Arte ticket €25.60 Temporary exhibitions €9 and €11. Free Mon noon-4pm



## **El Retiro Park**

Plaza de la Independencia, 7,  
28001 Madrid

## Bars in Barrio de las Letras



### **Estado Puro**

Hotel NH Paseo del Prado  
Pza. Cánovas del Castillo, 4  
28014, Madrid



### **Matute 12**

Pza. Matute, 12  
28012 Madrid



## **Viva Madrid**

Calle Manuel Fernández y González 7  
28014 Madrid

## Bars with live music



### La Fidula

Huertas, 57, C.P. 28014,  
28014 Madrid



### Cafe central

Plaza del Ángel 10,  
28012 Madrid

## Restaurants\Tapas bars



### **Triciclo**

Calle Sta. María, 28  
28014, Madrid





## **Cerveceria Cervantes**

Plaza Jesús, 7,  
28014 Madrid



## **Taberna del Volapie**

Calle Prado n 3 | Calle Echegaray,  
28014 Madrid

## **Further afield ...**

Head for the Malasaña, Madrid's Hip District

15m walk from the hotel and stroll around Calle del Pez and Espiritu Santo.

Malasaña is a melting pot of Madrid - be sure not to miss it!