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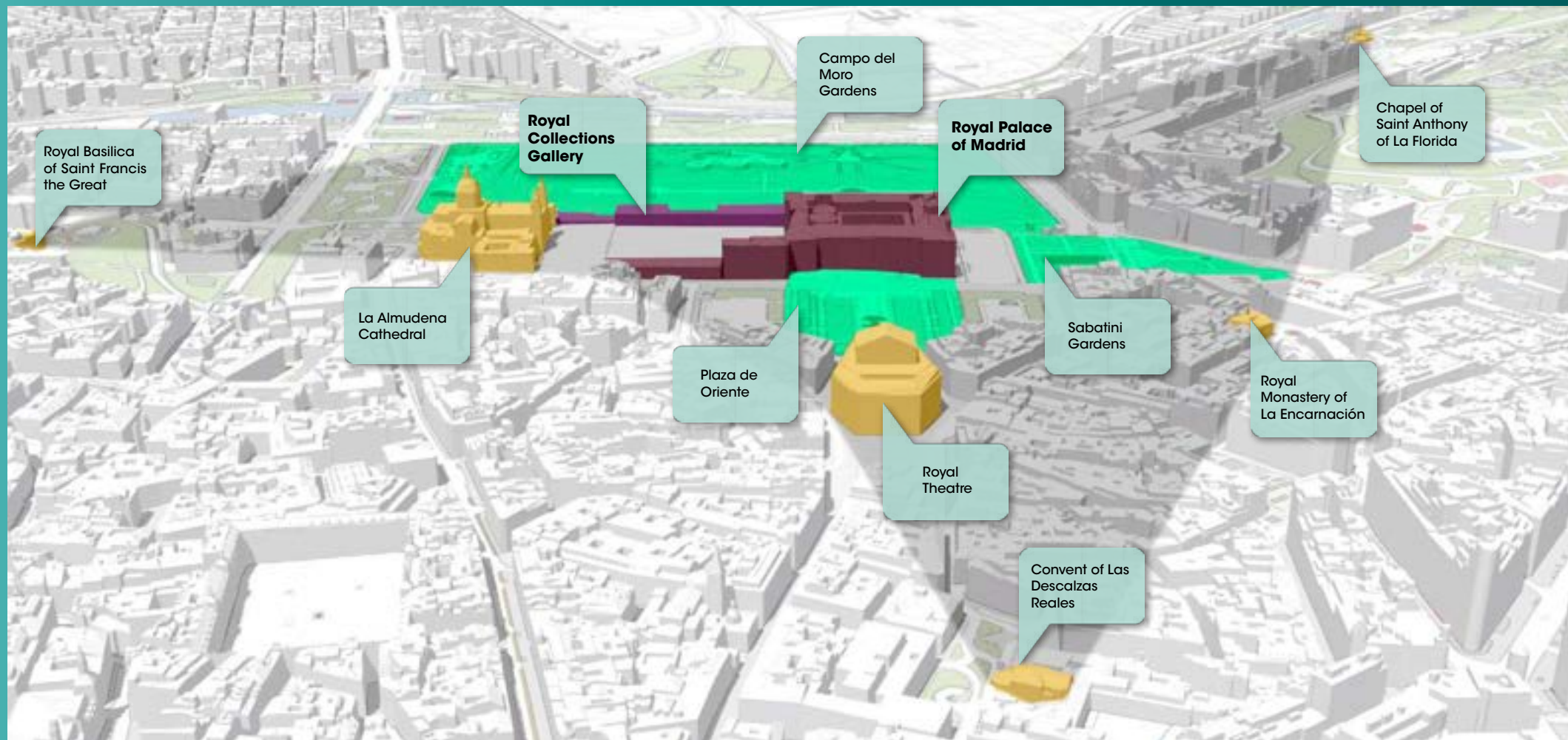
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The Madrid Royal Quarter (abbreviated to DRM in Spanish, Distrito Real de Madrid) is the essential starting point for discovering much of Spain's history. This exceptional area, which covers more than 400,000 square metres in the heart of the city, is one of the most important cultural and historic attractions at a European and international level. It brings together various monumental buildings, as well as numerous attractions and experiences that welcome visitors.

In addition to the new Royal Collections Gallery, (in Spanish, Galería de las Colecciones Reales) the Madrid Royal Quarter is made up of the imposing Royal Palace and the historic gardens that surround it, as well as various religious buildings linked to the Spanish monarchy, such as the Monastery of La Encarnación and the Convent of Las Descalzas Reales.

Furthermore, the Madrid Royal Quarter boasts the unique Plaza de Oriente, La Almudena Cathedral and the Royal Theatre, one of the most important opera houses in Europe. It is also a place that offers visitors experiences like no other, such as the changing of the Royal Guard and the beautiful sunsets of the capital.



LOCATIONS

Madrid City Centre

The Madrid Royal Quarter can be visited freely as you please, over one or several days, allowing you to discover and admire unique resources and priceless places.

We recommend starting your tour of the Madrid Royal Quarter at the Royal Collections Gallery (inaugurated in 2023). This visit is essential in order to get to know the legacy of the Spanish Crown, as well as to become immersed in the cultural and tourist experience of this majestic complex of great historic, architectural and artistic value.



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ROYAL COLLECTIONS GALLERY




The Royal Collections Gallery is the largest museum project to be seen in Europe in recent decades and any trip to Madrid would be incomplete without a visit. Its opening has marked the completion of one of the most important cultural complexes in the world, which is made up of the Royal Palace of Madrid, the Gallery itself and the Campo del Moro Gardens.

The Royal Collections boast around 170,000 works of art. It is the largest collection of art of royal origin in the world to still be together to this day. The Gallery will take you on an extraordinary journey through five centuries of art and history in an exceptional building that has received numerous architectural awards.

This is a unique experience that will give you the chance to learn about some of the history of Spain through a selection of more than 700 works, a legacy of the Spanish monarchy and its temporary exhibitions.

 Visit duration: 2 - 3 hours

 Access with ticket





**Mühlberg Cavalry
Armour**
Desiderius Helmschmid
1544

Photo: Royal Collections Gallery, Madrid,
National Heritage, 19000286



**Crown of the Virgin
of Atocha**
Narciso Práxedes Soria
1852

Photo: Royal Collections Gallery, Madrid,
National Heritage, 10012265

Armour
Pompeo della Cesa
Estilísticamente hacia 1590



Photo: David Blázquez.
Royal Collections Gallery,
Madrid, National Heritage,
19000087

Black Chariot
1670-1680



Photo: Mario Sedeño.
Royal Collections Gallery, Madrid,
National Heritage, 10008001

**Portrait of
Maria Luisa of Parma
in Court Dress**

Francisco de Goya y Lucientes
1799



Photo: Royal Collections Gallery, Madrid,
National Heritage, 10002936

**Polyptych of Isabella the
Catholic**

Juan de Flandes
1496-1504



Photo: Mario Sedeño,
Royal Collections Gallery, Madrid, National
Heritage, 19003471

White Horse

Diego de Velázquez
1634-1638



Photo: Royal Collections Gallery, Madrid,
National Heritage, 10010145

**Portrait of Charles IV in the
uniform of a Colonel of the
Royal Corps Guards**

Francisco de Goya y Lucientes
1799



Photo: Royal Collections Gallery, Madrid,
National Heritage, 10002933

ROYAL PALACE OF MADRID



The Royal Palace of Madrid is the most prominent royal palace in Europe and one of the largest in the world, covering 135,000 square metres and boasting around 2,500 rooms.


A visit to the Royal Palace will allow you to see spaces and rooms of great historic value, as well as paintings by the most renowned artists in history, an excellent collection of tapestries and impressive frescoes, clock and porcelain collections, and unique furniture.

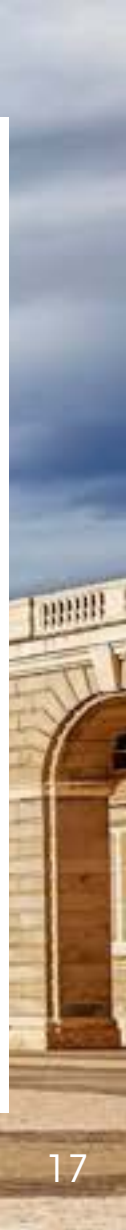
This palace is currently in use and very important state events are held here.

Main rooms

- Throne Room.
- Royal Chapel.
- Crown Room.
- Official Halls.
- Main Staircase.
- Royal Armoury.
- Palace Chambers and Rooms.
- Armoury Square.
- Gala Dining Room.
- Royal Kitchens.

 Visit duration: 1.5 - 2 hours

 Access with ticket







CAMPO DEL MORO GARDENS

Campo del Moro is the largest garden of the Royal Palace, covering 20 hectares and offering one of the best views of the palace. These English-style romantic gardens are home to secrets such as the 'Queen's Chalet', the renovated Carriage Museum and the Bonaparte Tunnel that connects the Royal Quarter with Madrid Río. In short, they are a fresh oasis of peace in the heart of the Royal Quarter, with a great richness and variety of plants that will ensure you can enjoy a moment of calm.

 Visit duration: 1 hour

 Free entry

SABATINI GARDENS

This neoclassical garden is located on the northern façade of the Royal Palace and is connected to the Campo del Moro Gardens. It is an architectural and ornamental garden of great beauty with a large rectangular pond, surrounded by fountains and sculptures of former Spanish monarchs.

🕒 Visit duration: 30 minutes

🗺️ Free entry



PLAZA DE ORIENTE

This grand square is one of Madrid's best-known landmarks. It houses an important collection of statues of Spanish monarchs and the great statue of Philip IV, based on a design by Velázquez. This is considered to be the first equestrian sculpture in the world to stand on the hind legs of a horse.

 Visit duration: 30 minutes

 Free entry



ROYAL THEATRE

Inaugurated in 1850, the Royal Theatre of Madrid is located in Plaza de Oriente, opposite the Royal Palace. Nowadays, it is considered the main institution for performing and musical arts in Spain, as well as one of the most important opera houses in Europe.



Visit duration: 1 hour



Access with ticket





LA ALMUDENA CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of Madrid, built in honour of the patron saint of Madrid in the 19th century, is located opposite the Royal Palace, across from Plaza de la Armería.

There is a museum inside, and you can also visit the crypt and climb up to the dome which is more than 70 metres high, where you can enjoy one of the most spectacular views of Madrid.

 Visit duration: 1 hour

 Free access to the Cathedral
Access with ticket to the Museum, Crypt and Dome

This monastery is just a few metres from Plaza de Oriente. It was founded by the royal family and houses a cloistered convent that is still in use today.

Inside, you can admire paintings and sculptures by prominent artists of the period (17th century), the main cloister, the choir and the reliquary, which is home to 700 very exclusive pieces.



Visit duration: 1 hour



Access with guided tour

ROYAL MONASTERY OF LA ENCARNACIÓN






CONVENT OF LAS DESCALZAS REALES

This cloistered monastery is also very close to the Royal Palace. Originally a palace, it stands out for its Plateresque façade, its magnificent Renaissance staircase decorated with frescoes and its sepulchral chapel.

It houses more than 10,000 works of art, such as tapestries woven on cardboard by Rubens and paintings by Titian, as well as other artists.

 Visit duration: 1 hour

 Access with guided tour

CHAPEL OF SAINT ANTHONY OF LA FLORIDA

A little more than a ten-minute walk from the Campo del Moro Gardens lies this neoclassical chapel, whose vaults were decorated by Francisco de Goya, representing one of the most impressive works by this universal painter.

The chapel is the centre of the popular pilgrimage that takes place on 13 June on the occasion of the feast of Saint Anthony.

 Visit duration: 30 minutes

 Free entry






ROYAL BASILICA OF SAINT FRANCIS THE GREAT

This neoclassical-style monumental basilica is very close to the Royal Collections Gallery and the cathedral. It stands out for its paintings by Goya and Zurbarán, as well as for its impressive dome, which is the largest in Spain and the fourth largest in Europe, after those of St. Peter's in the Vatican, the Pantheon in Rome and Santa María del Fiore in Florence.

 Visit duration: 30 minutes

 Access with ticket

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES

SOLEMN CHANGING OF THE ROYAL GUARD IN PLAZA DE LA ARMERÍA

The Royal Guard, a military unit at the service of H.M. the King, commemorates this spectacular tradition dating back to the early 20th century, in the Armoury courtyard of the Royal Palace.

Up to four hundred troops take part, including lancers, halberdiers and other military personnel, as well as horses and artillery pieces.

It can be seen on the first Wednesday of every month, except in January, August and September, as long as official events at the Royal Palace allow it.



CHANGING OF THE ROYAL GUARD IN PLAZA DE ORIENTE

Every Wednesday and Saturday of the year at midday, changing of the guard takes place at the Prince's Gate of the Royal Palace, opposite Plaza de Oriente. This involves fourteen royal guards and four horses.



PRESENTATION OF LETTERS OF CREDENCE



Coinciding with the arrival of new ambassadors of other countries accredited in Spain, the public can witness the procession of retinues on their way to the Royal Palace to present their credentials to H.M. the King, giving rise to one of the most important ceremonial acts in the world.



MUSICAL SEASON

Throughout the year, the Royal Palace of Madrid hosts various music concerts where you can enjoy first-class performances in unique spaces, such as the Royal Chapel and the Hall of Columns.

SUNSETS FROM THE GALLERY'S VIEWPOINT

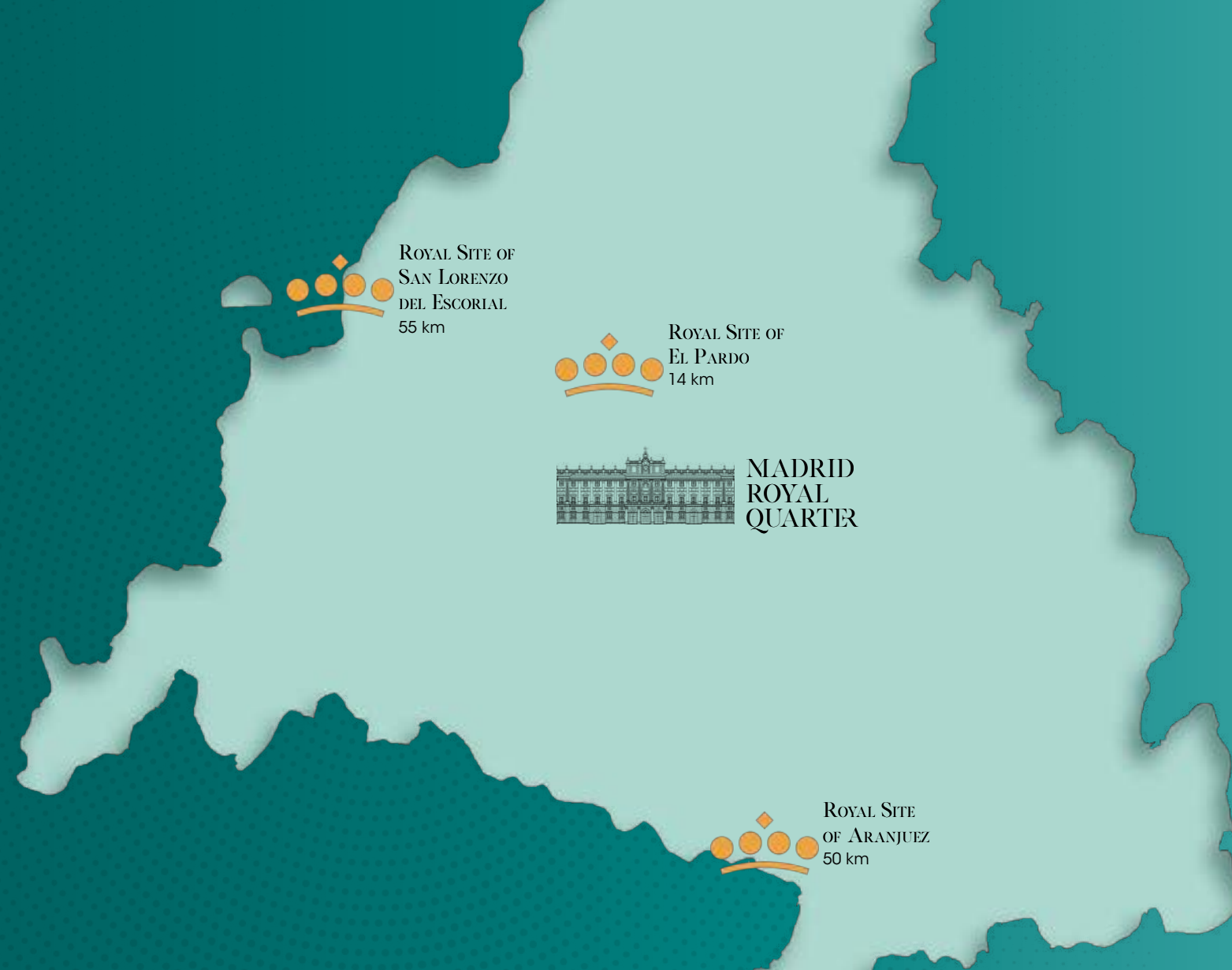
The viewpoint between the Royal Collections Gallery and the Royal Palace of Madrid is a spectacular place to take in the beautiful sunsets of Madrid.



NEARBY ROYAL SITES

A short distance from the city of Madrid, you can explore other places that form part of the National Heritage, of great historic and artistic interest.

A visit to the Royal Sites of El Escorial, Aranjuez and El Pardo will allow you to continue learning about the history of Spain.



ROYAL SITE OF
SAN LORENZO
DEL ESCORIAL
55 km

ROYAL SITE OF
EL PARDO
14 km

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ROYAL SITE
OF ARANJUEZ
50 km

ROYAL SITE OF SAN LORENZO DE EL ESCORIAL

For a long time, the Royal Site of San Lorenzo de El Escorial was the largest building in the world, conceived by Philip II as a monastery, royal residence, basilica and royal pantheon. This is a monumental work that was considered the Eighth Wonder of the World at the time.

In addition to the monastery and royal palaces, any visit to this UNESCO World Heritage Site must include the basilica, its impressive library and the pantheon of the monarchs of Spain.

It houses works by the most outstanding artists of the time and is surrounded by magnificent historic gardens.



ROYAL PALACE OF ARANJUEZ

The Royal Palace of Aranjuez is surrounded by the largest royal gardens in southern Europe, forming the first Cultural Landscape in Spain to be declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. In addition to the four prominent gardens of extraordinary historic and landscape value, any visit must include spots as unique as the Royal Barge Museum, the Porcelain Room and the Royal House of the Farm Labourer, which will be sure to surprise visitors with its impressive interior decoration.





ROYAL SITE OF EL PARDO

Located 12 kilometres from the centre of Madrid, this palace is currently the residence of foreign heads of state when they visit Spain and boasts frescoes, furniture and tapestries of great value.

It is surrounded by a large forest with viewpoints and recreational areas.

INFORMATION AND CONTACT DETAILS

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