# Practical Information for Your Visit to Madrid

We look forward to welcoming you to Madrid and to Saint Louis University for the conference. To help you plan your visit, we have put together some practical information about travelling to Madrid, getting around the city and finding accommodation near the university.

Madrid has an extensive and efficient public transport network, making it relatively easy to reach the university and explore the city. The suggestions below are intended to help you make arrangements for your stay, although there are, of course, many other accommodation options available.

## Arriving in Madrid

Madrid is served by Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas International Airport (MAD), located approximately 12 km from the city centre. There are several convenient ways to travel from the airport to your accommodation:

- Metro: Line 8 connects the airport terminals (T1–T2–T3 and T4) with Nuevos Ministerios, where you can connect with other metro lines. The journey takes approximately 15–20 minutes to Nuevos Ministerios. An airport supplement applies in addition to the standard metro fare.
- Airport Express Bus: The 203 Airport Express bus operates 24 hours a day, connecting the airport with central Madrid. The fare is currently €5.
- Taxi: Official taxis are available outside the arrivals areas of all terminals. There is a fixed fare of €33 for journeys between the airport and destinations within the M-30 ring road.

For further information about airport transport, visit the Aena Madrid Airport website.

## Accommodation

The following hotels are located within reasonable distance of the university. We have included approximate walking and public transport times, as well as indicative prices for a one-night stay. Prices may vary depending on the dates and availability.

| Hotel | Address | Distance from SLU | 1 night |
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| AC Hotel Los Vascos by Marriott | Calle Los Vascos, 27,<br>28040 Madrid<br>Metro: Guzman el Bueno | 10 mins walking<br>10 public transport | 262-480 € |
| VP Jardín Metropolitano | Avenida de la Reina Victoria, 12<br>28003 Madrid<br>Metro: Cuatro Caminos<br>Bus: C1, F or 45 | 15 mins walking<br>10 public transport | 155-314 € |
| EXE Moncloa | Calle Arcipreste de Hita, 10<br>28015 Madrid<br>Metro: Moncloa<br>Bus: 44 or C2 | 19 mins walking<br>12 public transport | 116-203 € |
| Marriott Madrid Princesa | Calle de la Princesa, 40<br>28008 Madrid<br>Metro: Argüelles<br>Bus: 44, C2 or 2 | 25 mins walking<br>22 public transport | 229-674 € |

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| Hotel Indigo Madrid - Princesa by IHG | Calle del Marqués de Urquijo, 4<br>28008 Madrid<br>Metro: Argüelles<br>Bus: 44, C2 or 2 | 26 mins walking<br>18 public transport | 121-199 € |
| Muralto Madrid Princesa | Calle del Buen Suceso, 3,<br>28008 Madrid<br>Metro: Argüelles<br>Bus: 44, C2 or 2 | 26 mins walking<br>18 public transport | 139-195 € |
| Leonardo Boutique Hotel Madrid | Calle de Vallehermoso, 65<br>28015 Madrid<br>Metro: Canal | 19 mins walking<br>22 public transport | 203 € |
| Sercotel Conde Duque | Pza Conde del Valle de Súchil, 5<br>28015 Madrid<br>Metro: San Bernardo | 31 mins walking<br>17 public transport | 73-91 € |
| Leonardo Hotel Madrid City Center | Alberto Aguilera, 18,<br>28015 Madrid<br>Metro: San Bernardo | 31 mins walking<br>22 public transport | 213-284 € |
| NH Collection Madrid Abascal | José Abascal, 47,<br>28003 Madrid<br>Metro: Alonso Cano | 33 mins walking<br>27 public transport | 128-188 € |
| NH Madrid Zurbano | Zurbano, 79-81,<br>Madrid 28003<br>Metro: Gregorio Marañon | 36 mins walking<br>20 public transport | 116-172 € |
| Riu Plaza España | Calle Gran Vía, 84,<br>Madrid 28013<br>Metro: Plaza España<br>Bus: 44 or C2 | 38 mins walking<br>22 public transport | 168-265 € |

There is also a wide range of hostels (hostales), pensions (pensiones) and tourist apartments (apartamentos turísticos) available. We recommend Booking.com as a useful platform for finding accommodation.

If your apartment or pension does not include breakfast, you will never have to walk far to find a café. A coffee, fresh juice and toast may cost anywhere between €4 and €9. Tipping is not required in Madrid, although it is customary to leave some small change when paying in cash.

The university is a five-minute walk from the Guzmán el Bueno metro station (Lines 6 and 7). This offers considerable flexibility when choosing accommodation: as long as your hotel or apartment is close to a metro station, you should be able to reach the campus relatively easily. Some visitors may also prefer to stay in the historic centre of Madrid.

## Public Transport

The Madrid metro and bus networks are safe, efficient and relatively inexpensive. The campus is a five-minute walk from Guzmán el Bueno metro station (Lines 6 and 7). The following bus lines also stop within a five-minute walk of the campus: 2, 45, 44, C1, C2 and F.

Taxis and Uber are also readily available throughout the city and offer a convenient way to get around.

A ten-trip public transport ticket is another economical option for visitors planning to use the metro and buses during their stay. An additional airport supplement applies when travelling to or from the airport by metro.

For further information about public transport, including routes, fares and journey planning, visit Madrid's public transport website.

**A Little About Madrid**

Madrid is a welcoming and relatively easy city to get around, with an extensive public transport network and plenty to see and do. The university is located in the Chamberí district, a pleasant residential area in the north-west of the city, and is well connected to the historic centre.

Visitors may wish to take advantage of their stay to explore Madrid's historic neighbourhoods, museums, parks, restaurants and cafés. For information about sightseeing, cultural attractions and things to do in the city, visit the Official Madrid Tourism Website.