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INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE MADRID, SPAIN

ACCOMPANYING PERSON PROGRAM

Accompanying person fee **375 €** which includes the following:

- Sunday Welcome Reception
 - Monday Gala Dinner
 - Tuesday Farewell Reception

Looking for things to do during your stay in Madrid? Check out these exciting activities below!

Please note any cost for these activities is not included in the cost of Accompanying Guest Program, and must be booked by the delegate independently

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Architecture



Palacio Real de Madrid



The Royal Palace of Madrid is the largest in Western Europe and one of the largest in the World. It is one of the few official seat of a Head of State that is open to the public, and boasts over 3,400 rooms. It was built in the 18th century in the luxurious Rococo style, and houses many unique treasures.

Templo de Debod

An ancient Egyptian temple dating back to the 2nd century B.C., it was moved in 1968 from Aswan to Madrid, and reconstructed on top of a small hill overlooking the palace and city skyline. Although the interior of the temple is temporarily closed, the surrounding views are particularly special at sunset.





Plaza de Cibeles



Centred around an 18th c. Neoclassical fountain depicting the goddess Cybele, the square is overlookeed by the spectacular Palacio de Cibeles, built in a style known as Neoplateresque with elements of Baroque architecture. It was originally the Head Post Office! It now houses the City Council and also CentroCentro, a bustling cultural centre which has a tower providing panoramic views of the city.

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Shopping & Eating

Galería Canalejas

High-end shopping and sophisticated dining across three floors in a historic building, adjacent to the four seasons hotel. Including designer brands Cartier, Dior, Giorgio Armani, Hermès, Jimmy Choo, Louis Vuitton, Rolex, Saint Laurent, Valentino and more.



Mercado de San Miguel



A stylish covered gastronomic market dating to 1916, offering many local foods, drinks, and delicacies.



Azotea del Círculo

The Azotea del Círculo is a rooftop bar and restaurant with incredible panoramic views from the top of the Circle of Fine Arts cultural center (the Círculo de Bellas Artes). Find the website with more information by clicking the image below.



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Museums





The Golden Triangle of Art

Three art museums sit in a triangle around the Paseo del Prado boulevard in the city centre. The world-famous **Museo Nacional del Prado** has a vast collection from the 12th - 19th-century, including Velázquez, Goya, and El Greco masterpieces.

The **Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía** is Spain's national collection of Spanish 20th-century art. It houses Picasso's *Guernica*, and many other pieces by Picasso, Dalí, Miró, Gris, and more.



The **Museo Nacional Thyssen-Bornemisza** boasts a large permanent collection of European art ranging from the Middle Ages to the late 20th-century, which is free to view.

Find more information through the museum websites linked to the pictures.

Museo Cerralbo

A palace-museum which used to be the home of the 17th Marquess of Cerralbo - boasting over 50,000 objects including paintings, sculptures, ceramics, glassware, tapestry, furniture, coins, medals, armour, drawings, clocks, and more.



Museo Arqueológico Nacional

The National Archeological Museum is a public institution aiming to offer all citizens an interesting and critical interpretation of historical objects and what they meant to different people across Antiquity and ancient times in Spain and the Mediterranean area.



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Parks & Gardens Parque del Retiro





One of the largest parks in Madrid at 1.4 km squared, you can spend as little or as long as you like wandering along paths, under trees - there are around 19,000 within the park - and visiting the numerous architectural structures spread throughout. The park is centred around a lake overlooked by a grand monument, and there are smaller gardens within the grounds, including a beautiful rose garden (la rosaleda) and the Cecilio Rodríguez Garden. *Find a guided walking tour by clicking the above images.*

Real Jardín Botánico

The Royal Botanical Gardens, described as a 'living museum' on their website (linked to the picture) has over 550 unique species of plants arranged throughout the scenic gardens and large glasshouse. There is also a large collection of bonsai trees, some even growing fruit! The gardens have over 265 years of history, and since 1939 it has been a research centre of the Higher Council for Scientific Research (CSIC).





Museo Sorolla

Another museum that used to be a house - this time it belonged to the artist Joaquín Sorolla, famous for his portrayal of light in serene Spanish scenes.

The house has a beautiful garden tucked away in a busy area of the city with sculptures, water features, and places to sit under leafy coverings.

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Traditional Dances

There are not a lot of things that showcase a country's folklore as well as dances do. In Spain, *Flamenco* speaks for itself. From the first Flamenco theatre in the world to many different, newer spaces, you can enjoy this traditional dance up close in Madrid.

Teatro Flamenco Madrid







Flamenco de Leones



Cardamomo





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Shows

WAH Show





A 360° show displayed in 3 acts and conducted through music. An innovative experience that combines spectacle and gastronomy as you have never seen before.

OCO The Show





OCO The Show is all about contemporary Flamenco combined with Rock. A tribute to music through these two disciplines that are closer than it might seem.



Puy du Fou (Toledo)

A place where history and nature go hand in hand, a place of emotion and spectacle in abundance for an unforgettable day or night out.

Just a 50 minutes drive from Madrid, it is one of the biggest and most attractive medieval shows in Spain.

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Sports

Santiago Bernabéu





Madrid has a great culture related to sports, especially football. A visit to Real Madrid's newly renovated stadium, the Estadio Santiago Bernabéu, and its museum, is a must. For fans of the city's rival team, Atlético de Madrid, a tour of its brand new stadium, the Cívitas Metropolitano, is also available.

Cívitas Metropolitano







Wizink Center

For basketball lovers, there is also an opportunity to watch Real Madrid Baloncesto playing at Wizink Center. This Stadium also hosts Movistar Estudiantes' matches and other events such as music concerts.

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