

Madrid Trip 2026 – Parent Information Presentation



Essential details for
parents about the
upcoming trip

Trip Overview



Trip Details and Dates

The trip to Madrid is scheduled from 6 to 9 July 2026 for 40 students.

Flying to and from London Heathrow (via coach from School)

2.30am Start

Supervision and Safety

Four experienced staff members will supervise students throughout the trip ensuring safety and support. Mr Orsini, Mr Lockhart, Mrs Colman, Mrs Pacaud.

Accommodation and Meals

Students will stay at Hostel Bastardo with breakfast and dinner provided; Students will need to bring money for lunches. (We will visit a range of places, supermarkets, Pizzaria's etc. for a range of budgets.)

Breakfast-Continental Buffet

Dinner- 3 course meal

Educational and Cultural Experience

The trip combines cultural visits, language practice, and social development in a safe and structured environment.





Day 1 – Travel and Orientation

Early Departure and Flight

Students start the day early, traveling by coach to the airport and flying to Madrid by mid-morning.

2.30am- Meet at school

2.45am Depart Latest - We cannot wait for latecomers

6.15am Flight BA456

11.45am - check in at Hostel

City Orientation Tour

A guided three-hour city tour introduces key landmarks and geography to help students become familiar with Madrid.

Accommodation and Rest

Students check into the hostel, store luggage, have an evening meal, and enjoy a relaxed evening to recover.



Day 2 – Cultural Exploration



Royal Palace Visit

The group visits the iconic Royal Palace in Madrid, engaging with Spain's rich history through a self-guided tour supported by staff.

Exploration of Public Squares

Students explore key public spaces like **Plaza Mayor**, **Plaza de España**, and **Puerta del Sol**, gaining insight into Spanish culture and architecture.

Supervised Independence

Students enjoy supervised free time in safe areas, building confidence in independence and decision-making about meals and money.

Structured Day with Safety

The day balances structured cultural visits and guided independence to ensure student safety while fostering personal growth.





Day 3 – Sports and Leisure

Football Stadium Visit

Students travel to Bernabeu Stadium to explore its cultural significance in Spanish football.

Leisure at Retiro Park

Afternoon spent relaxing and exploring the green spaces of Retiro Park in central Madrid.

Group Safety and Supervision

Students stay in organised groups with staff ensuring adherence to safety guidelines throughout the day.

Evening Meal and Reflection

The day ends with a communal meal at the hostel followed by time to reflect on experiences.

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Day 4 – Final Visits and Return

Morning Museum Visit

Students visit the Prado Museum to experience renowned art and cultural history.

Luggage Management

1pm Students check out, store luggage securely, and later retrieve it before departure.

Airport Transfer and Flight

Group transfers to airport, check in for return flight BA461 DEPART 17.30 arriving at 18.55

Arrival and Supervision

Students arrive at home airport and are safely transported back to school under staff supervision for 21:00 (9pm approx.)

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Packing List

Essential Travel Documents

Students must bring a valid passport for international travel to ensure smooth entry and exit procedures.

Appropriate Clothing and Footwear

Pack warm-weather clothing and comfortable walking shoes suitable for the hot July climate in Madrid.

Sun Protection and Hydration

Bring plenty of sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, and a reusable water bottle to protect from sunburn and stay hydrated (34 degrees). Comfortable footwear.

Daily Essentials and Organization

Use a small backpack for snacks, money, and personal items; label all belongings to prevent loss.

Towels are provided.

23kg baggage allowance - think about packing hand luggage - essentials for the day.

Toiletries





Spending Money Guidance

Recommended Budget Amount

Students should bring between €100 and €150 to cover meals, snacks, souvenirs, and local travel costs during the trip. Cards/Revolut are a good idea. Students are responsible for their own monies.

Daily Meal Expenses

Lunches are not included, so students must plan daily spending for meals throughout the trip.

Secure Money Handling

Using wallets or money belts and carrying a mix of cash and prepaid cards ensures money safety.

Parental Guidance and Financial Responsibility

Parents should discuss budgeting with children to foster responsible money management during the trip.





Important Information for Parents

Accommodation Deposit

We must pay a refundable €20pp deposit upon arrival, contingent on no room damage. Intentional damage will be charged back to parents, so it is important that you discuss this with students.

Supervision and Safety

Experienced staff will supervise the trip, ensuring students follow rules and behave responsibly. We want students to have as much fun as possible and will provide opportunities for independence when it is safe to do so.

Emergency Procedures

Staff carry contact details and access to medical support to manage emergencies during the trip. We will be taking a school mobile (Number to be shared with students and parents).

Parental Communication

We will endeavor to provide updates to parents, however, our itinerary is packed and our focus is providing fun opportunities and creating memories, for students, so please bare with us.



Frequently Asked Questions



Emergency Response Protocol

Staff are trained to respond quickly in emergencies and will contact parents following safeguarding policies. We have an agent in Madrid for local emergencies as well as colleagues on hand in school that act as 24hour support.

Mobile Phone Use Guidelines

Students will be permitted use phones during the day to capture moments, support language. However we reserve the right to confiscate phones for misuse. We will be implementing an evening phone amnesty to ensure that students are not using phones during bedtimes.

Health and Medical Support

Staff provide care and seek medical help if students feel unwell, keeping parents informed.

Supervision and Safety Measures

Organised groups, regular headcounts, and clear meeting points ensure student safety throughout the trip.



Frequently Asked Questions 2



Rooms- 6 People in most rooms. 1x4 room

Students will have free time for independent exploration (Biggest Primark in Europe).

My Tour manager- Insurance phones and electrics not covered. Check your home contact insurance.

Padlocks for Lockers in rooms

Food-Breakfast on day 1.

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