

# Madrid — Day Plan

June 2-4, 2026 · WAKAFLATS 2, Chueca · built for late nights + slow mornings

## 🚆 LAST TRAIN HOME

- **Metro:** 6:00 AM-1:30 AM daily (last train enters tunnel ~1:30).
- **Cercanías:** ~5:00 AM-midnight.
- **Búho night buses:** 27 lines from **Plaza de Cibeles**, 11:55 PM-5:50 AM.
- **Taxis + Cabify + Uber** 24/7. After 1:30 AM that is the default.

## ★ KNOWN FOR

*Spain's capital of late nights, art, and ham*

- 🍷 Tapas culture — eat at 10 PM, dance at 3 AM, locals not tourists
- 🎨 Prado + Reina Sofía + Thyssen — the "Golden Triangle" of art
- ⚽ Real Madrid + Bernabéu — the most decorated club in football

## Tue, Jun 2 · Arrival night

Land 9:25 PM · dinner was on the plane · go play

9:25 PM

### 🚗 Land Barajas → Executive sedan pickup ↗

Transporte Coyoacan via Booking.com · driver tracks QR151 · meet at arrivals after customs · conf 564944706 · \$59.44 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

10:30 PM

### Check in — WAKAFLATS 2 ↗

Calle de San Bartolomé 19 · drop bags, freshen up 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

11:15 PM

### Museo Chicote ↗ (\$\$)

Art Deco cocktail bar on Gran Vía, est. 1931. Hemingway, Sinatra, Ava Gardner drank here. 8 min walk. Open until 3 AM. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

1:00 AM

### Salmon Guru ↗ (\$\$\$)

World's 50 Best Bar. 3 wildly designed rooms. Experimental cocktails. Open until 2:30 AM Tue/Wed.

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

2:30 AM

### Late-night taxi home

Madrid is safest major European city at this hour · Cabify or walk (20 min) 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

10:00 AM

## Hamмам Al Ándalus — Plaza Mayor branch ↗ \$\$

4.4★, 6,184 reviews. **Co-ed Arab baths in central Madrid.** 3 thermal pools (cold/warm/hot) + steam room + tea + aromas corner.

 **Calle de Atocha 14, 28012 (Plaza Mayor branch — NOT the Puerta de Hierro location, which is 25 min cab out by the Castellana).**

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12:30 PM

## Mercado de San Antón — Chueca local market ↗ \$

**5 min walk from Wakafats** — Calle de Augusto Figueroa 24. 3-level Chueca market, Tue-Sat 10 AM-10 PM (Sun till midnight). Ground floor = fresh produce + fishmongers; **2nd floor = stall food**; rooftop = La Cocina de San Antón.

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1:30 PM

## DIY La Latina tapas crawl \$

~\$30-60 total instead of \$190 for the Devour tour. Madrid invented the free tapa — order a caña (~€2-3 small beer) at any La Latina bar and most give you a free tapa with each drink. MORE +

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4:30 PM

## Santiago Bernabéu Tour ↗

**⚠️ Only Day 2 of the trip after ~6 hrs sleep.**

Tour itself is 1.5-2 hrs + 30 min metro each way = ~3 hr commitment. Skip without guilt if you're dragging.


**If you skip:** gain 3 hours back.  [Open in Maps](#) MORE +

6:30 PM

## Plaza Mayor + caña ↗


Not a forced item. If you went to Bernabéu, drift back via

**L10 south**

then switch toward the center, or taxi if tired. [Open local metro guide](#). If you skipped Bernabéu, start here earlier (5 PM-ish) and just sit on the arcade with a beer.  [Open in Maps](#) MORE +


9:00 PM

## **Dinner**

Keep it simple: neighborhood tapas or one of the nearby casual Chueca spots. No fancy locked dinner needed here.  [Open in Maps](#)

12:30 AM

## Nightcap tour \$\$

1862 Dry Bar (speakeasy in Malasaña palace) → Hemingway Cocktail Bar (hidden behind restaurant bathroom, open til 2 AM). Or go dance — Madrid clubs don't start filling until 1-2 AM.  [Open in Maps](#)

## Thu, Jun 4 · Morning only

Train 12:50 PM Atocha → Barcelona · must leave apt by 11:30

9:30 AM

### Quick breakfast + pack

Can be as early/late as you want — just need to be out by 11:30 [Open in Maps](#)

10:00 AM

### Mercado de Antón Martín — locals' market ↗ \$

If you want one more market hit before the train. Calle de Santa Isabel 5, **10 min walk south of Wakafats**. 65 stalls across 3 floors — the real-deal neighborhood market where residents do their daily shop. [Open in Maps](#) MORE +

11:00 AM

### Easy wrap — back to apt

Pack, settle up. Do not overbook the last hours before the train. [Open in Maps](#)

11:15 AM

### Walk back / taxi, grab bags

Prado → apartment is 18 min walk or 7 min cab [Open in Maps](#)

11:45 AM

### Metro L1 to Atocha Renfe ↗

#### Line 1:

Gran Vía → Sol → Atocha Renfe (3 stops, ~10 min). [Open local metro guide](#). Or cab (~€10).

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12:50 PM

### AVE 09725 → Barcelona Sants ↗

Arrives 4:19 PM · Car 5, Seats 9A & 9B

## BEFORE YOU GO

- **DIY tapas crawl** — no booking needed. Just walk into La Latina bars in the order listed. Save \$150+ vs the Devour tour.
- **Dinner plan:** keep Madrid casual. No fancy reservation needed.
- **Bernabéu Tour is OPTIONAL** — book the 4:30 PM Wed Jun 3 slot online (refundable up to 48h prior) so you can bail morning-of if you're toast from the Tue-night arrival. Tour + metro = ~3 hr commitment on Day 2 of the trip after ~6 hrs sleep.
- **Wed Jun 3 skip lane:** if the day feels stacked, the drop order is — (1) Bernabéu, (2) the 6:30 Plaza Mayor wander (or slide it earlier as an aperitivo). Hammam + tapas crawl + nightcap are the marquee moments, keep those. Temple of Debod was cut — Plaza Mayor handles the sunset vibe already.
- **Jet lag rule:** stay awake on arrival night, sleep hard after Madrid, and do not burn the day with long naps.
- **Skipped:** DiverXO (both no), El Retiro, Madrid in a Day VIP.
-  **Dani hidden gems (slot in if you have a 90-min window):**
  - **El Rastro flea market** ↗ — Calle de la Ribera de Curtidores, La Latina. **SUNDAYS ONLY 9 AM-3 PM — doesn't hit this trip (Tue arrival → Thu departure)**, but if Wed slot opens up there's a daily mini-version of permanent antique galleries on Calle Mira el Río Alta + the Galerías Piquer (Ribera de Curtidores 29) — 50 vintage / antique dealers under one roof, open Mon-Sat 11-2 + 5-8.
  - **Museo del Romanticismo** ↗ — C/ San Mateo 13, Chueca, 8 min walk from Wakafats. Tiny 19th-c bourgeois townhouse frozen in time: pink salons, parlor pianos, a chapel, a garden café almost no tourists know about. €3, Tue-Sat 9:30-6:30. Slots cleanly in the Wed 11 AM hammam-aftermath window. Garden café is the photo: tiled walls, ivy, ~10 tables.
  - **Oteyza atelier** ↗ — Calle Conde Duque 9, Malasaña. Spain's coolest contemporary tailor — sculptural capes, Goyaesque jackets, smoke-filled showroom with a back patio. Bespoke is >€2K but the ready-to-wear rack + the visit itself is worth it. Tue-Sat 11-2 + 5-8.
  - **Antigua Casa Talavera** ↗ — C/ Isabel la Católica 2, near Plaza España. 1904 ceramic shop, hand-painted Spanish tiles + pitchers stacked floor-to-ceiling in 8m<sup>2</sup> of pure Instagram. The owners are 4th-generation. Cash + small bills. Mon-Fri 10-1:30 + 5-8.
  - **Caixa Forum Madrid + vertical garden** ↗ — Paseo del Prado 36 (free entry, even if you skip the Prado). The Patrick Blanc living-wall outside is the photo; inside the rotating Asian/contemporary shows beat the Reina Sofía queue. Daily 10-8.
-  **Sensual / couples extras (slot in opportunistically):**
  - **Andrés Sardá flagship — Barrio de Salamanca lingerie** ↗ · Calle de Velázquez 56, Salamanca. Spain's couture lingerie house since 1962 (worn at Cannes + Crazy Horse). Different vibe from Fifi Chachnil — more architectural, less rococo. **€90-220 per piece**, custom fittings free w/ appointment. Open Mon-Sat 10:30-2 + 4:30-8:30. Metro Velázquez L4 (~15 min from Wakafats). **Why couple:** Dani picks, Eddie sits in the velvet armchair — same vibe as Eres in Paris, half the markup. Slot in Wed Jun 3 afternoon instead of Bernabéu.
  - **Vodevil Cabaret — Sala Albéniz** ↗ · Calle de la Paz 11, Sol (5 min walk from Wakafats). Madrid's serious burlesque house — Spanish + international acts, art-nudity registered with the city, not strip-club. Shows Wed-Sat 10 PM + 12 AM, ~90 min. **€35-45 pp ticket + €15 min bar**. Curated drag, neo-burlesque, aerial silks — no audience-pull-up bullshit. Book at vodevil.es. **Why couple:** if Crazy Horse is the Sportscar, this is the velvet jazz-club version — closer seats, eye-contact, hour-long acts.
  - **Bodega de los Secretos — private sommelier session in a 17th-c cellar** ↗ · Calle de San Blas 4, Las Letras (12 min walk). Restaurant on top, but the move is the **"Wine Cellar Experience"**: 90 min in a private vaulted alcove with their head sommelier, 6 Spanish wines (Ribera, Rioja Reserva, Albariño, sherry flight, txakoli, single-vineyard Garnacha) + matched tapas. **€85 pp / €170 total**. Book

reserva@bodegadelossecretos.com. Candle-lit, vaulted stone, just the two of you and the somm. **Why couple:** the "honeymoon-level dinner that isn't a loud Michelin showpiece" lens. Slot: Wed Jun 3 9 PM — replace the casual Chueca dinner.

- 📌 **Eater Madrid — The 34 Best Restaurants:** <https://www.eater.com/maps/best-madrid-restaurants-38> — bookmark for late-night "where should we eat" decisions.