

Some suggested places to look up and guide your partner to:

- **Royal Palace.** Madrid's most beautiful building, the largest royal palace in Western Europe.
- **Parque del Retiro.** Outdoor gardens, lake, forest, etc.
- **Puerta del Sol.** Madrid's most central and best known square. Street performers, shopping, and food.
- **Plaza Mayor.** Marvellous enclosed square, perfect to sit outside and people watch. Shops, events, and cafés.
- **Templo de Debod.** An authentic 2nd Century BC Egyptian temple in the middle of Madrid. Lovely at sunset.
- **Catedral de la Almudena.** Madrid's largest and most important church.
- **Puerta de Alcalá.** A Madrid icon, this old city gate arch even has a song dedicated to it!
- **Plaza de Cibeles.** Beautiful fountain in a central square where Real Madrid celebrates championship wins, and home to the Bank of Spain as well as a fantastic free museum, CentroCentro.
- **Plaza de Oriente.** Beautiful square located in front of the Royal Palace
- **El Rastro.** Madrid's oldest and most iconic street market, selling clothes, costume jewellery, decorative items, vinyl records, T-shirts of bands, souvenirs of Madrid, prints and drawings. Stalls open every Sunday at 9am.
- **Gran Vía.** A Broadway-like street full of theaters, shops, and the famous **Metrópolis building**.
- **Teatro Lope de Vega.** Theatre that has led the transformation of the Gran Vía into Madrid's very own Broadway, through its large-scale productions like 'The Lion King'.
- **Chocolatería San Ginés.** Serving chocolate and *churros* night and day since 1894
- **Kapital.** The Godzilla of Madrid nighttime dance clubs, with splendid views of the main dance floor from each of the seven stories, each has something different to offer: karaoke, R&B and hip hop, cocktail bars, Spanish disco, a cinema, and at the top is a terrace with a retractable roof.
- **Shôko.** This dance club has everything that nocturnal fun seekers need. Commercial music to dance to and the occasional live performance make for a mix that attracts scores of young people every weekend.
- **Mercado de Fuencarral.** Urban fashion market with three floors with more than 45 shops, an iconic of alternative groundbreaking fashion in Madrid. A must if you want to keep up with the latest trends.
- **Mecado San Miguel.** A food extravaganza, this is one of Madrid's oldest and most beautiful markets. You can order tapas and sometimes more substantial plates at most of the counter bars under the old arched roof.
- **Museo del Prado.** A world-class art museum, with Goya, Velazquez, el Greco, Titian, Rubens, Bosch, etc.
- **Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza.** Private collection of art from 1300s to Modern
- **Museo de la Reina Sofia.** Picasso's 'Woman in Blue' and Guernica paintings are just 2 of the highlights. Also, a great place to see Salvador Dalí's paintings, and many more works you will recognize.
- **CaixaForum.** A new addition to Madrid's cultural offering, includes an amazing vertical garden.
- **Casa Museo Lope de Vega.** Dedicated to Spain's greatest playwright, their version of Shakespeare, this small museum reproduces a 17th Century Spanish home.
- **Museo Arqueológico.** The most important exhibit here is the Dama de Elche, a woman's bust from the 4th or 5th Century BC, and the skeleton of Lucy, *A. Afarensis*. Artifacts from prehistory to Roman times to modern.
- **Naval Museum.** One of the world's most important naval museums, right here in Madrid.
- **Museo de Cera (Wax Museum).** Life-sized representations of famous figures, celebrities, and more.
- **Cardamomo Tablao Flamenco.** Probably the best flamenco tablao in Madrid, a must see, dinner is optional.
- **La Taberna de Mister Pinkleton.** Great selection of Spanish typical food and a Flamenco show.
- **The X-Door MADRID.** A "live" escape game in Madrid, you are locked inside a room, and you have 60 minutes to find the way to escape. Solve riddles, conundrums and puzzles using your ingenuity and imagination.
- **Atocha Railroad Station (Estacion Atocha).** Madrid's largest train station. The station is exceptional with its steel and glass construction, not to mention the vivid tropical gardens that line its concourse, and statue gallery.
- **Prada Spain.** High-end clothing in the Salamanca district, a great place to start a luxury shopping trip.