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Old Madrid

Historic or old Madrid as it is also known is a latticework of streets, alleyways, squares, monumental buildings, hidden churches and secluded gardens where the people share their lives with shops, taverns and old and modern restaurants, as well as with offices and public bodies. The eighteenth-century Royal Palace stands in the city centre together with the ninth-century Moorish wall and twentieth-century cathedral. There is not just one Madrid but several intermingled. The best thing is to wander with no fixed aim through the streets and among the people, to stroll between the Plaza de Oriente and the Puerta del Sol, from Moorish Madrid to the AVE station. This route will take you across Hapsburg Madrid but, instead of

following a straight line, take a detour from Calle Mayor as far as the thirteenth-century church of Saint Nicholas and then halt a while in the Plaza de la Villa, the heart of mediaeval Madrid where the fifteenth-century Torre de los Lujanes and the seventeenth-century Casa de la Villa stand. After crossing the Plaza de la Villa you will come to Calle Segovia and Saint Peter's church where you can stroll around the barrio known as the Moreria with its charming old streets. You can return along the Cava Baja as far as Calle Toledo, climb up to the Plaza Mayor, the centre of Hapsburg Madrid, and then continue towards the Puerta del Sol, the focal point of the city where the modern and the traditional join hands.

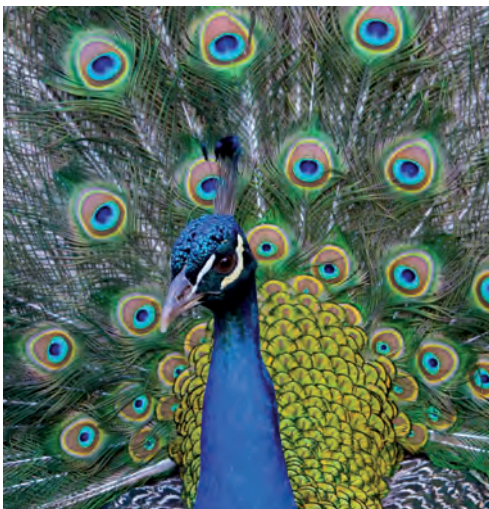


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