



MADRID & TOLEDO

PAINTING & PALACES

Sunday 01 - Thursday 05
November 2026

MUSEO DEL PRADO

One of the world's most important art galleries. The original gallery opened in 1819 under Ferdinand VII, and its contents represent the royal collection of paintings put together by the Habsburg and Bourbon monarchs in Spain over several centuries.

THYSSEN-BORNEMISZA MUSEUM

The museum houses works of art collected by the Thyssen-Bornemisza family over two generations with over 800 works arranged and presented in chronological order,

MUSEO NACIONAL CENTRO DE ARTE REINA SOFÍA

The museum presents the national collection of contemporary art including *Guernica* (1937), Picasso's impassioned denunciation of war and fascism.

GALLERY OF THE ROYAL COLLECTIONS

Inaugurated as recently as June 2023, it features the cultural treasures amassed by the Spanish Monarchy from the Middle Ages to the present day. The collections offer a narrative through its painting, tapestries, art, sculpture and armoury.

TOLEDO

The city's historic centre has been successively occupied by Arabs, Jews and Christians, and the influence of this rich and varied history is combined in the architecture of the city.

Visits include the **Monasterio de San Juan de los Reyes**, an Isabelline Gothic temple, the **Synagogue El Tránsito**, an important example of Hispano-Jewish art and architecture that dates back to the 14th century, and the **Synagogue of Santa María la Blanca**. We will also see some of Greco's works in the **Cathedral and Church of Santo Tomé**.

LIRIA PALACE

The official residence of the House of Alba who have amassed remarkable collections of art and furniture over the centuries. A tour here will include access to the library, which boasts a first edition of *Don Quixote* and the largest collection of manuscripts by Columbus.

PALACIO REAL (ROYAL PALACE)

We hope to arrange a visit to the Palacio Real (Royal Palace), built by Phillip V after the previous fortress was destroyed by fire in 1734. Construction lasted 26 years, spanning the reign of two Bourbon monarchs and the décor reflects the tastes of Carlos III and Carlos IV.

TOUR PRICE

£1,265 per person sharing a twin/double room
(excluding low cost flights with EasyJet)
£300 single supplement

Price includes: 4 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation at the central **Hotel Emperador** (4 star), welcome drink and dinner, 2 lunches, the services of a local specialist guide throughout, all coach travel in Spain as per the itinerary, VOX headsets, gratuities and a full programme of visits.

If you would like to secure a place on this trip, please send a written expression of interest to chloe@grouptravel.co.uk. Spaces will be allocated on a 'first come, first serve' basis.

Full tour details, including an itinerary and booking form, will be available in early October.