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# Madrid, Spain City Travel Guide 2014: Attractions, Restaurants, And More.. (DBH Mega City Guides)



## Synopsis

Are you planning a trip to Madrid and looking for a guide that will give you everything you need to get the most out of this capital? Let travel expert, David Hoffmann, show you everything from where to stay, what to see and do, the best restaurants, and all there is to know about this the biggest city in Spain. David will also give you ideas for day trips to nearby areas such as Segovia, Alcala de Henares, Avila, Toledo and El Escorial. Purchase this *David's Been Here Travel Guide* today and David will make sure you leave no stones unturned and return home with a lifetime of memories. Each Travel Guide comes with photo rich, up to date descriptions of: A Hotel Exclusive See's and Do's Restaurants Nightlife *Day Trips Videos (NEW) Custom Itinerary (NEW) Additional Travel Information (NEW)* Also included are country, area, and city maps to help plan your itinerary.

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## Customer Reviews

I just returned from a vacation in Madrid and I used the *David's Been Here Madrid* travel guide as a source for lots of ideas while I was there. It's like having a friend recommend the best things to do and see, it's not attempting to be a comprehensive guide to everything in the city a la Fodors or

Lonely Planet. After a short introduction, you get personal recommendations for a hand-picked set of places to stay, eat and things to do in Madrid and the surrounding area. In addition to text and photos, there are links to YouTube videos which offer a different angle. I read this in Kindle form and found that when I clicked on the YouTube links on my iPad (in the Kindle app), it opened the email program. After a bit of this I just went to the [davidsbeenhere](#) YouTube channel and watched the videos there. For the recommendations I followed, I generally agree with David's enthusiasm, though my experiences weren't identical to his. I'll definitely check out his other guides when I next travel.

it presents some interesting stuff but it is not very well organized, which makes it difficult to navigate in the book. it also lacks better maps.

I'm afraid I cannot say I would recommend this guide. I had done some research for a trip to Madrid and I did not think it provided me with any further detail beyond that you would get yourself from scanning the internet briefly. Additionally, I thought the maps were not detailed enough to be useful. Not worth the money.

What I like most about this guide is the immersion aspect of it. Any regular travel guide or city guide can tell you about a city or country but this guide includes links to digital content that actually show you, in person, what it is like. I traveled to Spain with my high school teacher and eight other students during senior year and I compared this guide to what my own experience was. Our trip was planned by one of the popular education tour groups. But, what about for a person who doesn't have the luxury of going through an agent, or would rather just plan a trip without the assistance of a tour operator or planner? The amount of valued content for the dollar in this mega guide is substantial. It covers where to stay, the best ways to get around when there, where to eat and what to see. From experience, most of the restaurants the author mentions, our group visited during our trip and the food really is that good. He also does a great job of hitting the top places you want to see because honestly, even with months of time, you won't see everything, much less what you can fit in a week. Segovia, Toledo, Madrid and other cities are fantastic, but really, Madrid is the best place to call your home base on a trip to Spain and travel out from there. There is so much to learn from seeing swords made and catching the falls of the River Tagus in Toledo, to the Roman Aqueducts and the Alcazar Castle (stone fortification really) in Segovia and don't forget the numerous churches and cathedrals throughout the country; All of this easily branches out from Madrid. Having a travel guide like this can help put it all in perspective for you, before you even set

foot on Spanish soil. The video content in correlation with the guide itself is fantastic. This guide tempts me so much to want to go back to Spain very soon, reminding me how much I missed out on the first time around. The suggested itinerary is rather conservative and I believe compared to most suggested itineraries you will find out there, you can actually accomplish this one and still find some free time for those spur of the moment activities that popup, definitely a plus. Overall, if you are planning a trip to Spain, you will gain so much from this travel guide. It reads great on an E-Ink device but to check out the digital content and see the color photos, you'll need to read it on a PC, Tablet, Phone or Kindle Fire Device. Disclosure: I received a digital review copy of this book from the author. A review in exchange for the review copy was not promised. The views and opinions expressed in this review are my own, and in no way represent the views or opinions of the publisher, distributor or author.

The series 'David's Been There...' begins with the premise that the author will only report on what he has done and where he has stayed in any particular place. This worked very well for Barcelona but it works less well for so complex a city as is Madrid. In this regard, his travels are also supported by hot links to more informative sites and to video footage on You Tube of the author giving an interesting take on his time at specific attractions. I do not know of another guide that lets the reader see so much or that does that this well. The video segments I sampled are well thought-out, focus and pacing are fine but some portions are bedeviled by contrast difficulties in lighting. David says Madrid is like his 'second home' but he needs more visits there to record its compass. I bet he plans to do that as soon as he is able! The glowing reviews on this page seem to refer to the needs of people planning a first stay/short stay in Madrid and who would also like to visit other places like Toledo. (These people will also need to have smart phones or tablets with GPS to download planning maps and to find their way around the city or on the recommended visits to other cities in the general region. Maps in these guide books are an afterthought. The author could recommend the use of GPS as an important travel tool and as an adjunct to his books. As a tech-savvy young traveler, I guess he just assumes people do that.) Many surrounding cities are not a convenient day trip in my experience and it would be better if more hotel and restaurant information were included for the other cities cited in this already short book. Readers will have a fine visit to some of the definite 'must-see' sights in Madrid and will enjoy the city if they are willing to do exactly what David did. His guides include interesting restaurant choices and no guide books are truly able to be comprehensive in that regard. Good luck, however, in trying to understand in advance where these restaurants are located! Other travelers will be better advised to spend more money on the

industry-standard comprehensive guides that illuminate more choices of places to stay, places to eat and things to see. This guide is not at all strong on museum-going, for example. In any case, I would never recommend relying on any single guide for serious or extended travel. Early readers seem to be 'pulling for' David's success and I am among them. Watching his efforts move from a travel 'blog' kind of beginning into finding a way to 'make it pay', while also adventuring into the frontiers of web links and electronic formats in publishing has great interest for fans of the genre. His efforts are a worthwhile start and it will be exciting to see how he develops his 'franchise.' It is like imagining a young Rick Steves putting together his first books and his first videos. Buy in to watch the trip!

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