

# CANSO ATM WEEK 2018

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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION GUIDE

#### Location

Madrid is the capital city of Spain, with a population of 3.2 million inhabitants. This large and growing population makes it the third largest city in the European Union.

#### **Visa Information**

There are a number of countries whose citizens are required to have a valid current visa to enter Spain. For information about obtaining a visa, please visit: www.spain.info/en/informacion-practica/consejos-viaje/consejos-practicos/requisitos.

#### **Time Zone**

The time zone in Madrid is UTC/GMT +1 hour.

## Language

Spanish, also known as Castilian Spanish or just Castilian, is the official national language in Spain. However, English is widely spoken in Madrid.

## **Currency**

The currency in Spain is the Euro. 1 EUR = 1.20 USD (\*As of 10 January 2018)

## **Tipping**

Tipping is not customary in Spain. Service charges in restaurants are included in the final bill. Most Spaniards primarily leave an additional 5 percent of the bill as a tip. In a taxi, rounding up the fare to the nearest Euro is standard, providing the service is to your approval.

## **Electricity**

Spain uses the 230V AC at a frequency of 50Hz. Two pin electrical plugs are standard in Madrid.

#### Climate

The climate of Madrid is dry and warm. The weather in March can vary but the average daytime temperature is 16°C (60°F). While the weather is warming up during March, temperatures at night can drop below freezing.

## **Transport**

In Madrid, there are several means of transport to get around town. The most popular are the subway network, bus service and train. Official taxis in Madrid carry diagonal red stripes and a green light on the roof.

#### Water

Tap water is drinkable in Spain. However, if you wish to buy bottled water "con gas" is carbonated water and "sin gas" is still.

#### Health

The Spanish National Health Service has an extensive network of health centres and hospitals throughout the country. They are usually located within 15 minutes of any place of residence.

In Spain, medications are obtained at pharmacies, which are marked with a green cross. Prescriptions need to be obtained from a doctor. If you come from a country in the European Union, or your country has health agreements with Spain, you will have the same prescription drug benefits as Spanish citizens.

## **Emergency services**

In case of an emergency, dial 112 (free of charge).







