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Frommer's Madrid (Frommer's Complete Guides)



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Frommer's Madrid, 4th Edition explores the highlights of this cosmopolitan city, using our local author's insider advice. You'll discover the best Madrid has to offer, from world-class museums to old-world markets, humble tapas to haute cuisine. Several unique walking tours help you to navigate the city. Exciting new developments in the city are covered, such as the new Eurostars Madrid Tower (the largest hotel in the city), and the renovated Mercado San Miguel. Readers also get language and etiquette tips, exact prices and directions, logistical advice, detailed maps, and much more.

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A contributor to a variety of European magazines, guidebooks, and travel brochures, Peter Stone has lived in Madrid since 1998. Born in London, he started his working life in the Foreign Office in Downing Street before moving on to translating and journalism. He previously resided in Greece, North Africa, and in various other Spanish cities, including Mlaga, Barcelona, Alicante, Palma de Mallorca, and Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. A lifelong lover of Hispanic culture, history, and language, his publications include a book on Madrid province called Madrid Escapes. He has

contributed to Time Out and Insight and is the author of Frommer's Barcelona and co-author of Pauline Frommer's Spain.

This book, although published fairly recently, is already woefully out of date. Prices and transport options were not current. More importantly, the restaurant guide was almost impossible to use. You had to try to use the maps to find them and there were no specific addresses shown necessitating lots of questions of people in the street. I would not recommend this book for anyone traveling to Madrid in 2012 or 2013. Perhaps they will update it by 2014.

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That is All You Need To Know Great Travel Books.

Have used Frommer's several times and found this one the least informative for my use. I admit I have already searched online for places to eat and rented an apartment so didn't need that information. Less than an hour dedicated to trip advisor would provide better information on both of these. Looking for places to shop is poorly covered (Time Out does a better job). I have a detailed map so this book would be a waste of packing space.

Just follow their advice. It's right, it works, and it makes for a very fun time in and around Madrid. Even used it to guide us on our trip to Segovia -- had the best meal of our lives there, thanks to the Frommer's recommendation.

It was exactly what I was looking for at a good price. Even with the shipping.

Madrid is a youthful, vibrant, fun, exciting, bustling city during the day and especially the night! So buying a guide book that doesn't explore any of these facets of the city (okay very few of them) is pretty much a waste of money. It was not particularly helpful for my age group (18-24). In fact, much of the language itself was pretentious, didactic and derivative and described many sites and how to get there inaccurately. Clearly the author of this didn't actually travel his own prescribed directions). I do think that this guide is great for an old couple, or for a family who will do the traditionally site seeing and walking tours that the book boasts. Otherwise it needs a fresh, young perspective and some exciting color, details, and fun excursions. Overall, I only consulted the map in the book, and

basic descriptions of things in the barrios (neighborhoods) we would visit. Madrid has really evolved into a city known for its amazing nightlife, clubs, restaurants, hot spots etc, more than its historical and architectural significance. Not to mitigate how amazing those things are, because they are, but there is an entirely new side of Madrid that needs to be explored and discussed in a good, not just decent city guide book. Honestly, there were points when you could just feel that the book was written by an old man. Overall, we didn't use the book, the free Wi-Fi in the hotel was a life saver, save your money and do internet research if you are looking for the above mentioned youthful perspective on Madrid fun!

This is a great guidebook. It is very informative and easy to read. The only negative I have is that the interior pages aren't in color and aren't high-quality, gloss paper. Everything in the book is great. I had a Fodor's book for Barcelona, and this Frommer's book was far better.

I went to Madrid by myself last year and relied on this book for most things. I had a great time!!!! The maps and walking tours gave me a good sense of the city to then go back and explore on my own and the night spots that I chose from the book were a lot of fun and I met very nice people.

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