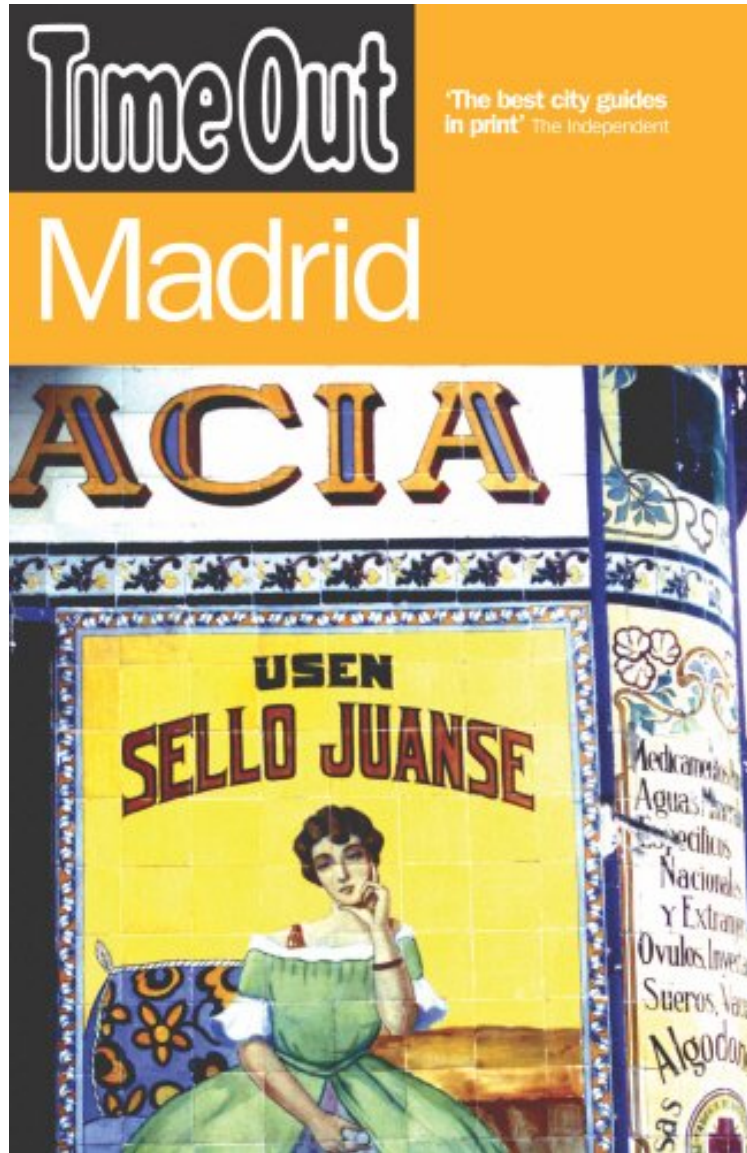


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Time Out : Time Out Madrid (Time Out Guides) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Time Out Madrid (Time Out Guides):

5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. OK, maybe, but not for me.By wiredweirdThe basics are here: what's where, hotels, restaurants, museums, and the rest. If there were no other guides to Madrid, this would probably be OK. If you're a twenty-something party animal, it's probably quite good. This has a strong emphasis on night life, music, and sport. It points out the places that are friendly to same-sex social life as well as the more traditional venues.

If you're in the target demographic, you'll probably like this a lot better than I do. I have just a little time away from a business trip to enjoy the city, and I'm looking for a different side of the city. Irrespective of the book's intended readership, a few things about it annoy me. On the positive side, it's attractively illustrated. Too often, though, an enticing picture has no caption and offers no way to find out more. Worse, although p.7 assures us that "no establishment has been included because it advertised in any of our publications," an awful lot of pages look just like advertisements to me, the kind that you'd see bought and paid for in travel magazines. The most annoying of the ads, though, are the many for other "Time Out" guides and products. So, decide what you want and what you don't want in a travel guide. If you differ from me in both areas, this guide might work for you. In that case: great! It's just not for me. //wiredweird7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. the best madrid guide we found By Gulliver travels After living in Madrid for six months, I can honestly say this is the best guide that we found for recommendations on local bars, cafes, restaurants, shopping, nightlife, and tourist attractions. For people with a limited amount of time in the city it might be best to go with a tourism-focused guide like Rick Steves which gives you specific itinerary recommendations, but Time Out would still be a good secondary guide for those folks. It contains extensive information on all of the usual and unusual tourist sights, including up-to-date pricing and hours, as well as an abundance of listings of bars, restaurants, and cafes that contain more locals than tourists (which I prefer). I know I'm sounding like an ad for Time Out, but this was the first time I'd used one of their guides and I was impressed. It ended up being the one we turned to again and again, when we needed a recommendation but wanted something that would feel truly "Spanish" (and not created for tourists). We also found their day-trip info for the surrounding towns very helpful. I couldn't more highly recommend this guide.

Famed throughout Europe for its wild nights and lazy days, Madrid provides a whole lot more, whether your interests lie in spectacular opera productions or chirpy folkloric zarzuela; in cutting-edge cuisine or ancient, tiled tabernas; in designer-shoe shopping or mooching around flea markets. Put together by journalists resident in the city, Time Out Madrid also covers the artistic jewels housed in the Prado, Thyssen and Reina Sofia, as well as the etiquette of watching a bullfight or joining in with a flamenco performance, as well as where to stay and how to escape the city heat.

"Time Out has the best written city guides." Sunday Telegraph"