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Synopsis

LUXE MADRID 6th EDITION Only got a few days in Madrid? This broad may not be easy to crack, but persist and you'll be most taken. To this end, we've peeped, pried, prodded and picked, put our palates to the test, pounded pavements and lain prostrate to bring this city to you in all her glory. Now there's no excuse, come play in Madrid... Want to know the hottest terrazas to hang out at with the coolest Madrileños? Want to float in a balloon at dawn over majestic woods and medieval fortresses? Want to find the city's most tempting and mouthwatering gourmet experiences? Want private visits to the finest museums? Want the best of Spanish fashion, design and leather hand-crafted to order? Want to find troves of fabulous antiques, mid-century furniture and modern décor? Want the very best of Madrid in one glam little pocket sized companion?

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Famous for their ultra short, sharp and snappy reviews and highly personal and selective entries - LUXE City Guides have sold well over one million copies - no padding, no maps, no daft pictures and graphics, just super-curated, highly opinionated quickfire speed reads from resident editors and contributors who REALLY know their city, so you can spend time enjoying the city not head down in a book. Packed from concertina cover to cover with snazz, snark and snap, if it's in LUXE, it's IN - enough said.

I am obsessed, and I mean OBSESSED, with these guides. They have never led me astray and I have traveled with them all over the world. If they made one for Schenectady, NY...(trying to think of less...glamorous destinations, we'll say) ...I would probably attempt to visit because I'd know it would be FABULOUS! These are most definitely not for everyone though. If you are a student, on a tight budget or don't know how to pronounce the word "luxe" then move on. This guide is for travelers looking for THE BEST of the best, and who are secure in their own tastes enough to know it. My husband? NOT a sophisticated international traveler. He would not really benefit from these guides -- he is not into shopping and doesn't like fancy/exclusive restaurants, so I don't usually take them when we vacation together. But personally, I can't get enough of them. Why? The specific, insider-y information makes me feel like a rockstar. In partic, I love the shopping itineraries -- the ones for Madrid were particularly good -- even when I don't actually purchase anything. They are divided by area, so you can hit a whole district's boutiques at once. The stores and restaurants mentioned in the itineraries are also cross-referenced on other pages under headings like "brunch" or "top shopping." Personally, I can think of nothing more fun than strolling around stores in a foreign city. Again, I know this is not everyone's idea of a good time. They would NOT be into the Luxe guides, though. The food recommendations are impeccable, too. Our concierge in Madrid suggested some of the same places that I had read about in Luxe -- it was like they were "double approved" so that's never a bad thing! Just a tip though: these don't have maps in them or visual depictions of anything, so you really have to commit to reading them in detail and then locating them on a map later. But anyone who is still considering buying this guide shouldn't be deterred by that though. My solution is to take a map or use my smartphone to see streets/areas that are mentioned in the guides just to make sure I am not getting lost. Summary: do you like the BEST (and sometimes most expensive) stores, restaurants, clubs, hotels and spas? If yes, then buy this guide! If this isn't your scene, no big deal - there are plenty of other good guides that suit different types of travelers.

I am in the habit of getting these for most cities I visit-love the size and the great, accurate info.

Great book!

I buy Luxe Guides all the time...was delighted to find one for Madrid. They are THE best !

As someone who resides in Madrid, I was pleasantly surprised at how great this "guide" is. Note: this is not a guidebook. It is a foldup paper that easily slips into your purse or jacket pocket. It is now what I take out with me when I'm out and about during the day or night. Its recommendations are spot on, covering restaurants and bars that you'd never find in other guidebooks. (Other guidebooks for Madrid send you to horrible touristy places) It's a great reference and I agree with all of the comments and guidance contained in it. If you want a big touristy guidebook that will have you dining, drinking, and dancing alongside hordes of other tourists don't buy this. If you want to see the best of Madrid without Rick Steves guidebook-toting crowds, buy the Luxe Guide.

I bought this guide along with another and a map of Madrid. I found the information in the guide to be accurate but catty and surely designed for a 20-30 year old crowd. I would not buy any other LUXE guides.

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