

# Staying at the Residencia de Estudiantes

**For me being here is one of the greatest moments, one of the greatest rewards of my existence.**  
[Octavio Paz]

Located in a privileged environment, the Residencia de Estudiantes offers a unique accommodation in the centre of Madrid. Its buildings are considered to be one of the most significant compounds in the Spanish architecture of the so-called Silver Age, within the urban area that Juan Ramón Jiménez named Colina de los Chopos (Poplar Hill).

At present, a stay at the Residencia is directed towards researchers and artists from diverse fields and from around the world, which makes it an outstanding venue for sciences and the arts.

Surrounded by an historic garden and far from city noise, the Residencia offers the visitor



a unique experience in Madrid, as within its grounds it is possible to visit an exhibition at the Pabellón Transatlántico; consult bibliographical materials and archives at the Documentation Centre, which includes one of the most important collections on the Silver Age; or enjoy any of the concerts, poetry readings, book presentations or lectures that take place every week in its auditorium.

Founded in 1910, the Residencia de Estudiantes was one of the most vivid and intense experiences of literary, artistic and scientific creation of interwar Europe. Many key Spanish figures of the arts and sciences of the twentieth century lived here, such as Federico García Lorca, Salvador Dalí, Severo Ochoa, Francisco Grande Covián, and Luis Buñuel. Also, during the first period of the Residencia its Auditorium hosted lectures from Albert Einstein, Marie Curie, Howard Carter, G.K Chesterton o Paul Valéry, among others.

Today, the Residencia de Estudiantes, declared European Heritage Site in 2007, continues to be one of the most important foundations in the Spanish cultural panorama. In recent years, some of the most relevant names of contemporary culture have participated in its activities such as the poets Seamus Heaney, Gonzalo Rojas or Antonio Gamoneda; the writers Mario Vargas Llosa or Imre Kertész; the pianist Joaquín Achúcarro or the composer Karl Heinz Stockhausen; the scientists Juan Luis Arsuaga, Ginés Morata or Peter Lawrence; and the architects Rafael Moneo, and Santiago Calatrava.

**Nothing is more honourable for the old wandering poet than this unique oxygen. [Gonzalo Rojas]**

# Rooms

One of the few places in this fragmented world where a poet or a scientist can feel at home.

[Roald Hoffmann]

The Residencia de Estudiantes has 90 rooms, all of them fully equipped and with free WiFi Internet access. In addition, guests can follow the concerts, lectures, poetry readings or any other activity that take place at the auditorium live on the television sets located in their rooms.

The furniture at the Residencia de Estudiantes, which mixes traditional and modern styles, comprises a unique set of pieces, many of which are already part of international and Spanish design history.

**Room prices:** from 77,60 €, VAT included.

Special discounts are offered to universities, research centres and public agencies, among others.

There are also promotions for Christmas and Easter holidays, weekends and bank holidays.

**Bookings:**

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# Restaurant

What is certain is that its proposal to start the day is, first of all, a concern for quality, and above all, for not making anybody feel foreign, even if one is, in this house of culture.

(Sara Cucala, *Desayunos en Madrid*, RBA Libros, Barcelona 2008)

Traditional cuisine predominates at the Residencia de Estudiantes' restaurant. It is open to the general public and serves breakfast, lunch and dinner every day of the year, weekends and bank holidays included. Lunch and dinner menus are approximately 15 euros .

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Most matters can be resolved through dialogue and discussion [...] It is about thinking together, about progressing through a common dialogue [...] At the Residencia, it is impossible not to feel the need of interaction, of the interdependence of ideas. [Massimo Cacciari]

# Facilities

The Residencia de Estudiantes offers several facilities to its guests such as the cafeteria (open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.); two business centres (with computers and printers available); living and reading rooms, and an auditorium, where conferences, concerts, poetry readings, book presentations, congresses, etc., are regularly held.

**Around the early 80's, the gods gave me the opportunity of spending a few weeks at the Residencia. In very few occasions life has given me the marvellous opportunity to recover intact a hope which one thought was gone forever. Not one corner, not even the most hidden one of the buildings, not a step in the path between the poplars, not one of the guests having lunch or dinner or even the cats that calmly walked through the gardens were different from what I have imagined in my afternoons in Bogotá [...]. // I have returned many times to stay at the Colina de los Chopos, with the certainty of having recovered for my poetry that untouched territory raised in the middle of Madrid to preserve the highest display of the soul of an everlasting, generous and brilliant Spain.**  
[Álvaro Mutis]



## Environment

The unique location of the Residencia de Estudiantes allows the access to the wide range of possibilities that Madrid offers. Just a few meters away, one can find several centres of the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, the National Historic Archive and the Museum of Natural Sciences.

And not far away are the National Library, the Prado Museum, the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum and the Reina Sofía Museum.

### Distances and public transport nearby:

**Tube:** Gregorio Marañón [lines 7 and 10] and República Argentina [line 61] • **Buses:** 9, 16, 19 and 51 [Calle Serrano]; 12 [Calle María de Molina]; 14, 27 and 45 [Paseo de la Castellana] • **City Centre:** 3,3 kms • **Train station (Atocha):** 3,8 kms • **Train station (Chamartín):** 3,6 kms • **Barajas Airport:** 12,8 kms • **Complutense University:** 4 kms • **Autonoma University:** 13 km •

For additional information: [www.residencia.csic.es](http://www.residencia.csic.es) • [www.edaddeplata.org](http://www.edaddeplata.org)

## Corporate events

Bookings for corporate activities can be made at the Residencia de Estudiantes: business meetings, press conferences, presentations and cocktails, among others.

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