

# VALLADOLID, MEETING INFORMATION

## 1. TRAVELLING TO VALLADOLID

### 1.1 How to reach Valladolid

Valladolid is the capital of the autonomous region of *Castilla y León*, the largest administrative region in the EU (around 95,000 km<sup>2</sup>), but scarcely populated (see more information at the [Official Tourism Website](#)). It is situated in the centre of Spain's northern plateau, 192 km northwest from Madrid.

Valladolid was founded during the 11<sup>th</sup> century by count Ansúrez (you can see his statue in the Plaza Mayor). It became the residence of the kings of Castilla and later on was the first capital of Spain (up to 1561 and a short later span from 1601 to 1606), before the capital was fixed in Madrid. Nowadays it has a population of around 320,000 inhabitants (the entire urban area contains about 400,000 people). Its University is one of the oldest in Spain (it was established in the 13<sup>th</sup> century) and has around 28,000 students.



Apart from more exotic possibilities (like taking the night train from Paris), the usual way of coming to Valladolid from abroad is by plane. The following are the main flight possibilities to reach Valladolid:

#### 1.1.1 Direct flight

Valladolid's airport, called *Villanubla*, is small but it does have an increasing number of international connections: London-Stansted (a daily flight by *Ryanair*), Brussels-Charleroi (a daily flight also by *Ryanair*), Paris-Orly (three daily flights by *Iberia* & *Air France*) and a daily flight to Lisbon (*Portugalia*). Direct flight from Milano (*Ryanair*) is already available also.

*Villanubla* airport is situated 10 km (6.21 mi) away from the centre of Valladolid. There is a bus line to the bus station in town centre (1 €), the timetable is usually scheduled with the arrival of flights. You can also take a taxi; taxis from the airport to town centre have a fixed fare (14 €).

To see airport information (including bus schedules) visit [AENA's website](#).

### 1.1.2 Connection through Barcelona

*Villanubla* is frequently connected with Barcelona, with usually more than three or four daily flights, so if you have good connections with Barcelona this is a valid option. You may want to book in advance, since the planes are usually small (also do not expect cheap fares). Maybe Barcelona option is a suitable one for almost everyone, coming from Madrid is longer and less comfortable in our opinion.

The airplanes companies are: [Air Nostrum L.A. Mediterráneo](#) & [Lagunair, S.A](#) (the latter one web page is not available in English).

Note that there are **NO** flight connections between Valladolid and Madrid.

### 1.1.3 Flight to Madrid and ground transportation

The most available and in many cases cheapest way (but also the longest one) to reach Valladolid is to fly to *Barajas* airport in Madrid and from there travelling to Valladolid by:

- **Car:** the road connection between Madrid and Valladolid is very good (it is highway all the way through, about 200 km), so it can be made in about 2 hours. If you rent a car at *Barajas* airport, there is no need to go through Madrid, the AP-6 highway to Valladolid can be reached from the airport through the M-11 airport highway and the M-40 ring (follow the signs to “A-6 La Coruña”).

Note that AP-6 is a toll highway; the cost is 8.05 € per journey. You can pay by cash or with credit card (in this last case you automatically get a receipt; if you pay by cash and need a receipt ask for it when paying).

The toll is placed around km. 100 approximately. Shortly after it (around km. 107) you will find an exit indicating Valladolid via the N-601 road. It is best **not** to take this exit, and keep on going within the A-6 highway<sup>1</sup> instead. While N-601 is certainly the shortest route to Valladolid, it is a single-lane road that usually carries heavy traffic. Keeping to the highway makes the route only about 20 km longer, and it remains as a highway up to Valladolid. If you do so, you will find another exit labelled as “Burgos & Valladolid” at around km. 180 (this time take it!), after about 20 km (12.43 mi) through another highway (A-62) you will reach the town.

- **Train:** train connections are frequent, however the trip takes quite a long time (about 2 hours and 45 minutes), since the railway has to cross the mountains. In compensation, you will get some scenic spots on the first half of the journey.

Trains are usually comfortable and cheap. See [annex A](#) for schedules and fares.

Trains to Valladolid depart from Madrid *Chamartín* train station, easily reached from *Barajas* airport, either by taxi (normally<sup>2</sup> 10 minutes, about 20 €) or by underground (about 25-30 minutes, take line 8 up to *Nuevos Ministerios*, and there change to line 10 for *Chamartín*). See [annex C](#) for details.

- **Bus:** there also frequent bus connections to Valladolid, the trip taking about 2.5 hours (providing traffic conditions around Madrid allow for it, since the bus must go through Madrid). See [annex B](#) for the schedule.

Valladolid is served by buses from the ALSA Company. Its buses depart from Madrid South Station (*Estación Sur de Autobuses*) at *Méndez Álvaro*. To reach *Méndez Álvaro* from *Barajas* airport you can take the underground; you must change 2 times and the journey takes about 35-40 minutes. You can also take a taxi. See [annex C](#) for details.

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<sup>1</sup> AP-6 and A-6 are the same road, the ‘AP’ tag just indicates its status as a toll highway (i.e. the toll-free highway before and after the toll section is named A-6).

<sup>2</sup> The way from *Barajas* to *Chamartín* does not need to get into the city centre, so you are unlikely to get into bad traffic conditions. But you can never know ...

## **2. ARRIVAL AT TID. LIFE IN THE CITY**

### **2.1 Transportation to TID**

We will give you the information in next days.

### **2.2 Internet in TID**

Wireless internet access will be available.

### **2.3 Hotel Reservation**

Here are the Hotels we chose for you. They are all close to public transport and have their room rates at an affordable level. They all confirmed that they accept reservations by phone, fax, email and their website. You can choose which way you want to go.

We suggest you to book **MELIÁ BOUTIQUE RECOLETOS** hotel. The hotel details are the following:

#### **MELIÁ BOUTIQUE RECOLETOS \*\*\*\***

Acera de Recoletos 13

47004 – Valladolid

Phone.: +34 98 321 62 00

Fax.: +34 98 321 62 10

[http://www.solmelia.com/solNew/hoteles/jsp/C\\_Hotel\\_Description.jsp?codigoHotel=4705](http://www.solmelia.com/solNew/hoteles/jsp/C_Hotel_Description.jsp?codigoHotel=4705)

The price is 82 € plus 7 % fee for a double room per individual use, or 90 € + 7€ fee for double use. This price includes breakfast. When you book the room, please mention that is for Tripcom meeting that is going to be hosted by Telefonica (special rate).

This hotel is close the city centre and also near the rail and bus station.

The deadline for booking the rooms is till June the 14th.

We have other hotel possibilities with special TID rate (so please, while booking mention reservation option “Telefónica I+D”):

#### **MELIÁ OLID \*\*\*\***

San Miguel , 10

47003 – Valladolid

Phone.: +34 98 335 72 00

Fax.: +34 98 333 68 28

[http://www.solmelia.com/solNew/hoteles/jsp/C\\_Hotel\\_Description.jsp?codigoHotel=4701](http://www.solmelia.com/solNew/hoteles/jsp/C_Hotel_Description.jsp?codigoHotel=4701)

85€+7% tax individual use and 93€+ 7% tax double use (breakfast included).

This hotel is also well situated in the city centre.

**MOZART \*\*\***

Menéndez Pelayo, 7

47001 - Valladolid

Tlfn.: +34 98 329 77 77

Fax.: +34 98 329 21 90

[www.hotelm Mozart.net](http://www.hotelm Mozart.net)

70 €+7% or 83€+7% (breakfast not included). Hotel situated in the city centre.

**AMADEUS \*\*\*\***

Montero Calvo , 18

47001 – Valladolid

Tlfn. : +34 98 321 94 44

Fax.: 98 321 94 40

[www.hotelamadeus.net](http://www.hotelamadeus.net)

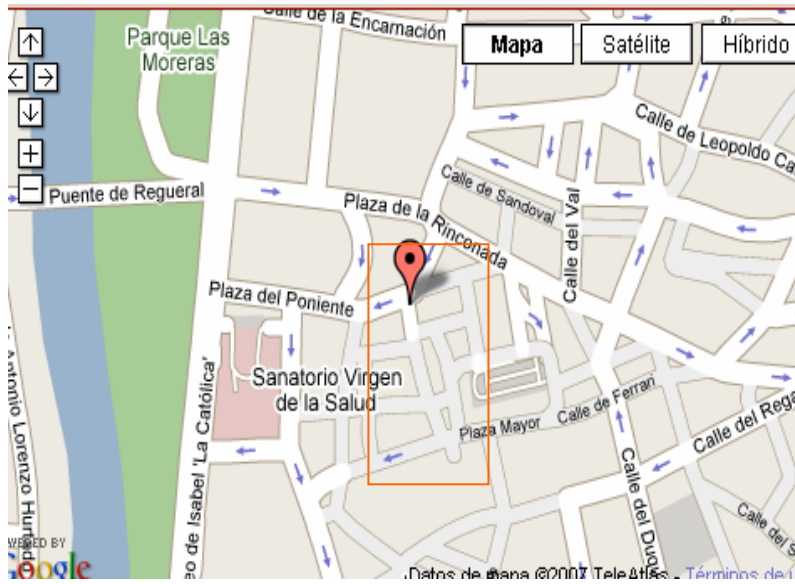
81 €+7% or 90€+7% (breakfast not included). In the city centre also.

As you have told us these prices are too expensive for you, we suggest also you to visit [Bancotel Checkbook](#) where you can find some special offers.

## 2.4 Going out in the city

[In this page](#) you can find some bars to eat “tapas”. This page is only available in spanish.

I suggest you going out to have dinner eating tapas in bars near the Plaza mayor. I give you a few names: La Tasquita, La Sepia, La Mina, Jero (very nice), Vino Tinto, Vino Tinto Joven...



### 3. SOCIAL EVENT

We are organising a social dinner in a typical restaurant from our city Thursday evening. We will give you further information and our recommendations in a few days.

## Valladolid map

The figure shows a map of Valladolid's centre. The *Tryp Recoletos* hotel is highlighted with a red star, next to the *Campo Grande* gardens. The train station is to the south (labelled as *Estación de RENFE*); the bus station (*Estación de autobuses*) is to the left of the train station.



If you are driving from Madrid, and you follow the recommendations given (i.e. to stay on the motorway), you will arrive at the left of the map, at *Avenida de Salamanca*. In order to reach the hotel, you will have then to turn right and cross the river towards *Plaza de Zorrilla*. There are park places nearby as well as in the hotel itself (ask the hotel reception).














## Annex A: Train schedule between Valladolid and Madrid

The following table lists a typical train connection timetable between Madrid-*Chamartín* and Valladolid. Updated schedules can be obtained from [RENFE's website](#).

The fares in the table are for a one way ticket. Two-way tickets have a discount of 20% on the return ticket. You can buy a return ticket and leave the return travel open; in this last case you will need to go to the train station before leaving to get a valid ticket for the return train, using your open return ticket (which is not enough).

If you arrive at *Chamartín* in a hurry, for some of the trains (the *REGIONAL EXPRESS* ones) you can skip going to the ticket booth and directly board the train. The ticket can be then paid directly to the conductor. Of course, by doing so you risk not having a seat, but except on special occasions such as peak holidays (Eastern, Christmas) there is usually no problem with seats; in the worst case on those trains you are allowed to stand, until someone leaves a seat.

Most trains make only a few stops between Madrid and Valladolid (typically *Ávila*, *Arévalo* and *Medina del Campo*, or *Villalba*, *Ávila* and *Medina del Campo*). The mentioned website provides information on the number and times of the stops for each train.

TRAIN NUMBER	TYPE OF TRAIN	DEPARTURE TIME	ARRIVAL TIME	RUNNING PERIOD (1)	PRECIO EN INTERNET	COMPRA	PRECIO EN ESTACION	PRESTACIONES
00131	TALGO	08:00	10:24	DIARIO del 02-01-2007 al 08-12-2007	Tourist 23.30 TouristChildren 13.95 First 30.90 FirstChildren 18.55	 Tiknet	Tourist 23.50 TouristChildren 14.10 First 31.20 FirstChildren 18.70	
08061	REGIONAL EXPRES	08:30	11:00	DIARIO del 14-12-2003 al 09-06-2007	Tourist 14.10	 Tiknet	Tourist 14.10	
00061	TALGO	09:00	11:23	DIARIO del 02-01-2007 al 08-12-2007	Tourist 23.30 TouristChildren 13.95 First 30.90 FirstChildren 18.55	 Tiknet	Tourist 23.50 TouristChildren 14.10 First 31.20 FirstChildren 18.70	
00203	INTERCITY	10:00	12:24	LMXJVS del 19-03-2007 al 08-12-2007	Tourist 20.10 TouristChildren 12.05 First 26.60 FirstChildren 16.00	 Tiknet	Tourist 20.30 TouristChildren 12.15 First 26.80 FirstChildren 16.10	
08001	REGIONAL EXPRES	11:30	14:10	DIARIO del 16-06-2002 al 09-06-2007	Tourist 14.10	 Tiknet	Tourist 14.10	
08063	REGIONAL EXPRES	13:30	16:05	DIARIO del 12-12-2004 al 09-06-2007	Tourist 14.10	 Tiknet	Tourist 14.10	
00079	TALGO	14:15	17:24	DIARIO del 10-12-2006 al 05-08-2007	Tourist 23.30 TouristChildren 13.95 First 30.90 FirstChildren 18.55	 Tiknet	Tourist 23.50 TouristChildren 14.10 First 31.20 FirstChildren 18.70	

08003	REGIONAL EXPRES	14:30	17:00	DIARIO del 28-05-2000 al 09-06-2007	Tourist	14.10		Tourist	14.10	
00209	INTERCITY	14:42	17:13	D del 16-12-2006 al 08-12-2007	Tourist TouristChildren First FirstChildren	20.10 12.05 26.60 16.00		Tourist TouristChildren First FirstChildren	20.30 12.15 26.80 16.10	    
00077	TALGO	15:49	18:53	DIARIO del 26-04-2007 al 05-08-2007	Tourist TouristChildren First FirstChildren	23.30 13.95 30.90 18.55		Tourist TouristChildren First FirstChildren	23.50 14.10 31.20 18.70	    
		15:49	18:53	DIARIO del 06-08-2007 al 08-12-2007						
08791	REGIONAL	16:18	19:18	V del 06-08-2006 al 09-06-2007	Tourist	12.30		Tourist	12.30	
		16:18	19:18	V del 09-02-2007 al 09-06-2007						
08065	REGIONAL EXPRES	17:30	20:10	LMXJV D del 12-12-2004 al 09-06-2007	Tourist	14.10		Tourist	14.10	
08005	REGIONAL EXPRES	18:30	21:07	DIARIO del 16-06-2002 al 09-06-2007	Tourist	14.10		Tourist	14.10	
07111	REGIONAL	19:32	22:44	V del 29-05-2006 al 09-06-2007	Tourist	12.30		Tourist	12.30	
08007	REGIONAL EXPRES	20:30	23:00	LMXJV D del 28-05-2000 al 09-06-2007	Tourist	14.10		Tourist	14.10	
00751	Atlantico	22:10	00:35	LMXJV D del 11-04-2007 al 23-06-2007	First FirstChildren Bunk Beds <input type="text" value="See bed Prices"/>	26.60 16.00 30.90		First FirstChildren Bunk Beds <input type="text" value="See bed Prices"/>	26.80 16.10 31.20	   
		22:10	00:35	LMXJV D del 24-06-2007 al 07-09-2007						
00831	Costa Verde	22:45	01:40	LMXJV D del 01-01-2007 al 08-12-2007	First FirstChildren <input type="text" value="See bed Prices"/>	26.60 16.00		First FirstChildren <input type="text" value="See bed Prices"/>	26.80 16.10	   
00205	Costa Vasca	22:45	01:40	DIARIO del 03-05-2007 al 08-12-2007	First FirstChildren Bunk Beds <input type="text" value="See bed Prices"/>	26.60 16.00 30.90		First FirstChildren Bunk Beds <input type="text" value="See bed Prices"/>	26.80 16.10 31.20	   

## Annex B: Bus schedule

The following table lists the bus schedule from Madrid to Valladolid, including fares (the figures include VAT). There can be daily variations; to check the data for a concrete day visit [ALSA's website](#). There is usually no problem finding a seat.

(\*)These prices do not include 1,00 € of [handling costs](#)

Departs	Arrives	One way price	Round trip price	Links	Type of service	Seats Available	Itinerary	Select
00:30	02:45	11,94€	22,69€			YES	<a href="#">View</a>	<input type="radio"/>
01:30	03:45	15,90€	30,22€		Class	YES	<a href="#">View</a>	<input type="radio"/>
07:30	09:45	11,94€	22,69€			YES	<a href="#">View</a>	<input type="radio"/>
08:30	10:45	11,94€	22,69€			YES	<a href="#">View</a>	<input type="radio"/>
09:30	11:45	11,94€	22,69€			YES	<a href="#">View</a>	<input type="radio"/>
10:30	13:00	11,94€	22,69€			YES	<a href="#">View</a>	<input type="radio"/>
11:30	13:45	20,00€	38,00€		Supra	YES	<a href="#">View</a>	<input type="radio"/>
12:30	14:45	11,94€	22,69€			YES	<a href="#">View</a>	<input type="radio"/>
13:30	15:45	15,90€	30,22€		Eurobus	YES	<a href="#">View</a>	<input type="radio"/>
14:30	16:45	11,94€	22,69€			YES	<a href="#">View</a>	<input type="radio"/>
15:30	17:45	11,94€	22,69€			YES	<a href="#">View</a>	<input type="radio"/>
16:30	19:00	11,94€	22,69€			YES	<a href="#">View</a>	<input type="radio"/>
17:30	19:45	11,94€	22,69€			YES	<a href="#">View</a>	<input type="radio"/>
18:30	20:45	11,94€	22,69€			YES	<a href="#">View</a>	<input type="radio"/>
19:00	21:15	20,00€	38,81€		Supra	YES	<a href="#">View</a>	<input type="radio"/>
19:30	21:45	11,94€	22,69€			YES	<a href="#">View</a>	<input type="radio"/>
20:30	22:45	11,94€	22,69€			YES	<a href="#">View</a>	<input type="radio"/>
21:30	23:45	15,90€	30,22€		Eurobus	YES	<a href="#">View</a>	<input type="radio"/>
22:30	00:45 Next day	11,94€	22,69€			YES	<a href="#">View</a>	<input type="radio"/>

## Annex C: Underground routes from Madrid airport to train/bus stations

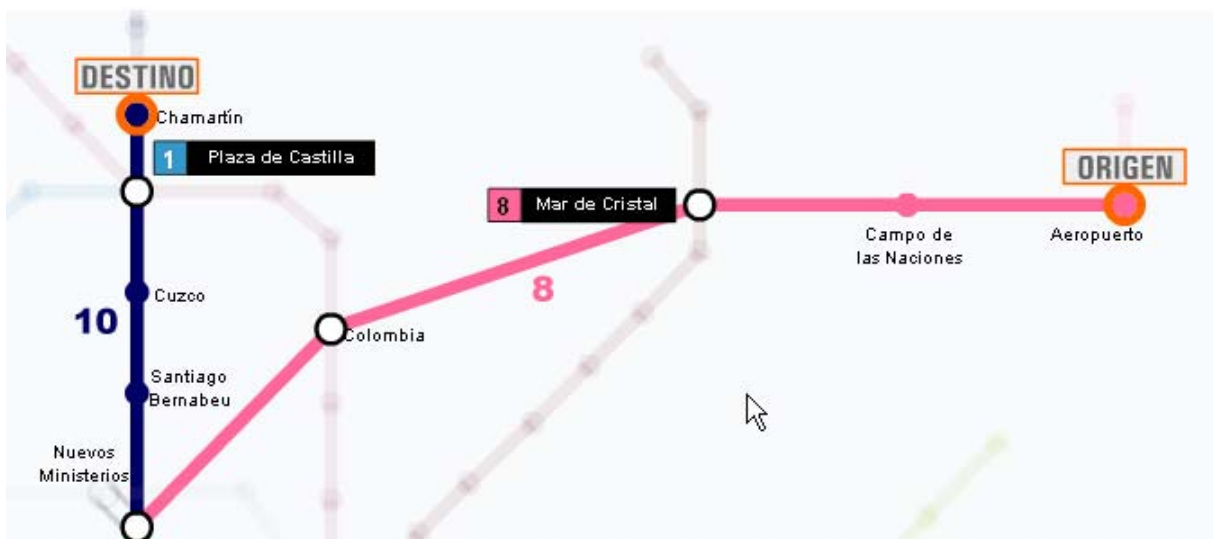
The following two diagrams show the routes needed to go from Madrid airport to *Chamartín* train station (for the train to Valladolid) and to *Méndez Álvaro* bus station (for the bus to Valladolid):

- To *Chamartín*: take line 8 (pink), then change to line 10 (dark blue) at *Nuevos Ministerios*. About 25-30 minutes.
- To *Méndez Álvaro*: take line 8 (pink), and then change to line 9 (magenta), then to line 6 (grey). About 35-40 minutes.

Alternatively you could just take line 8 up to the end (*Nuevos Ministerios*) and there change to line 6 up to *Méndez Álvaro*. It is slightly longer in time, but more convenient since you only have to change once.

Complete information about Madrid underground system can be found at the [Madrid Metro website](#). A single ticket will cost you 1.15 € (a 10-trip ticket is 5.80 €).

If you prefer to go by taxi, it will cost you around 16 € (*Chamartín*) or 20-25 € (*Méndez Álvaro*), plus the 4.20 € airport charge. Taxis in Madrid are white, with a red diagonal stripe on the sides. Be sure to get yours at the official taxi ranks at the airport, and that the driver starts the meter when the journey begins. If you need a receipt, ask for it when paying.



From Madrid-Barajas airport to *Chamartín* train station



From Madrid-Barajas airport to Méndez Álvaro bus station