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Going Shopping in Madrid by [Tisa Peterson](#)

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If you have a large budget for shopping, head towards Goya Street, in the Salamanca neighborhood, one of the most traditional, exclusive areas where you can find thousands of shops. Luxury boutiques, jewelery shops and top of the line malls contrast with the more casual atmosphere of the high class outlets for youth.

Shopping along "La Milla de Oro"

This is an exclusive shopping area for the very elite shoppers that can be found in Ortega, Serrano, and Ortega y Gasset Streets.

"CHIC" Goya and Serrano Streets Area

Right in the Barrio de Salamanca shopping district, famous international fashion designers like Lacoste, Valentino Garavani, Channel and Gucci amongst others, have their outlets to the public. Also present are Spanish designers such as A. Dominguez, Hierro and Purificacion Garcia. etc.

Shopping in the Castellana Area

Located in the North of the city of Madrid and very close to Castellana Promenade and the Palace of Congress, right in the center of the busy financial district, lies Orense Street. This street is packed with galleries, business and small shops and always seems to be busy with shoppers. It is also very popular amongst the business workers, who have their lunch breaks in its many cafes and fast food restaurants and try to sneak in some shopping.

Calle Arguelles and Calle Princesa

Princesa Street, one of the most popular shopping areas in the city, starts in Espa a Square and runs all the way to Moncloa Square. Lined both sides with shops, business, cafes, pastelerias, cinemas, clubs and discos, is the right spot for a shopping afternoon. You can find shoes, leather accessories, Spanish fashion, jewelery and everything under the sun. When you are tired of shopping, you can relax, eat or go to the movies.

The principal one is the Cathedral of Orihuela, built over the ruins of an old mosque about 10 centuries ago. Retaining its Gothic foundation, it was remodeled in classic Baroque during the 1500s.

Shopping in "Sol" Area

La Puerta Del Sol offers many souvenir shops and cafes, but if you walk toward the Royal Palace you will find two walking streets: El Carmen and Preciados. In this area you can find specialized shops that sell the very expensive shawl, which is embroidered in silk, known worldwide as "El Manton de Manila". The best Spanish or Italian Shoes, purses, bags and accessories are available in many exclusive shops that line Preciados Street.

Other important shops in Preciados Street are El Corte Ingles Shopping Center, the famous Spanish department store, and FNAC, a massive music shop with an extraordinary display of CDs and books.

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