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GUIDE TO

MADRID

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THE BASICS

Hola

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Hi

¿Cómo está?

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How are you?

Por favor

por fah vohr

Please

Gracias

grah cee ahs

Thank you

¿Habla inglés?

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glays

Do you speak

English?

¿Cuánto cuesta?

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cways tah

How much?

¿Qué hora es?

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What time is it?

¿Dónde está

el baño?

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ban yoh

Where is the

bathroom?

Una mesa

para dos

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A table for two

Introduction



MOVE ME

Geneva Business School works in tandem with Move.

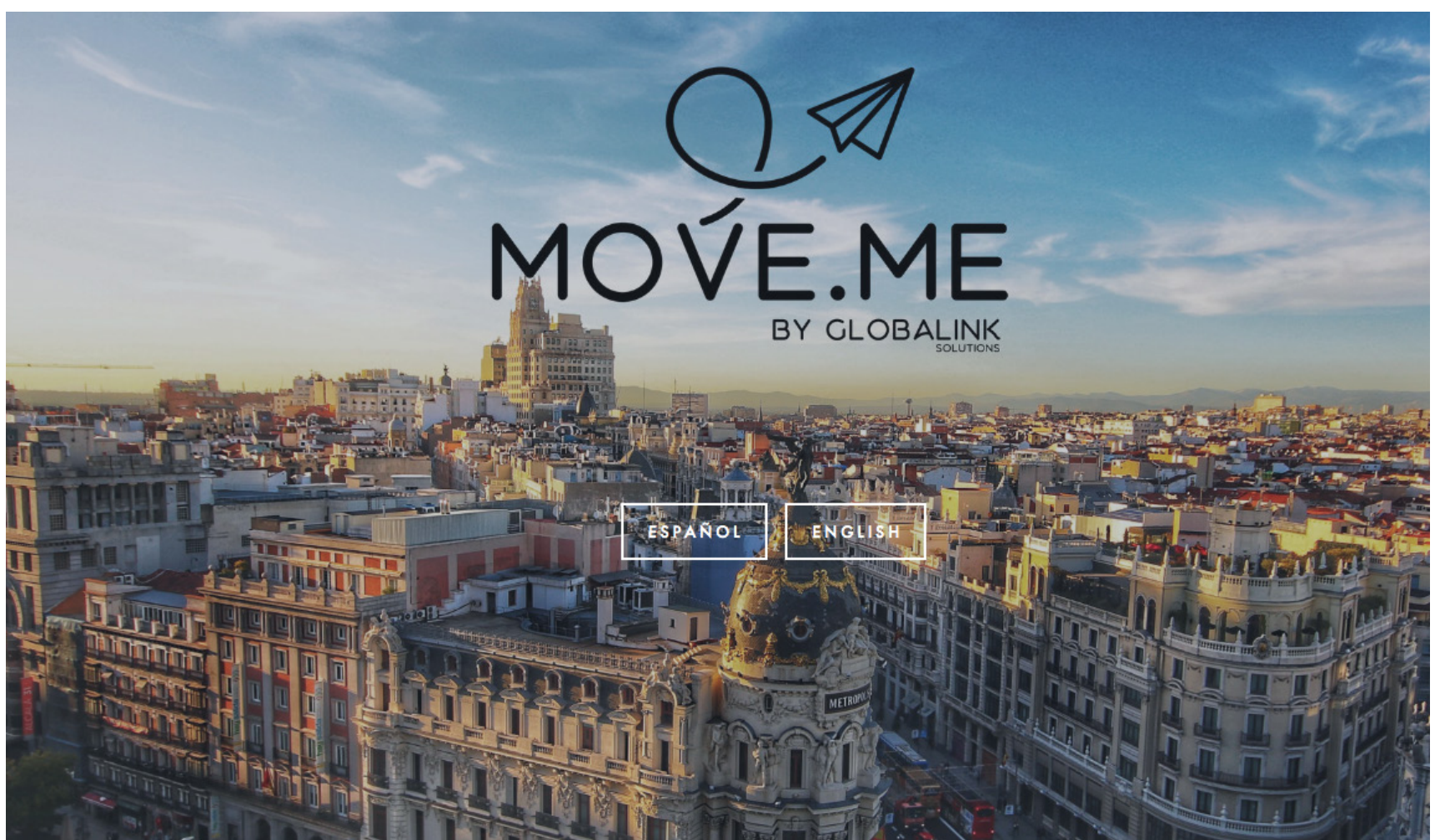
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- Airport pick-up
- Support with finding accommodation
- Support with opening a bank account
- Getting a national ID number for Spain - NIE (EU) or TIE (non-EU)
- Registering as a resident in Spain (empadronamiento)
- Guidance with day-to-day life, such as transport cards, installing internet, buying a phone, health insurance, and much more.

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ACCOMMODATION



Idealista



SPOTAHOME

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OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

To open a bank account as a non-resident, you'll need the following:

1. Your valid, unexpired passport or national identity card (if you're an EU citizen).
2. A document to prove your address, such as a bank statement or utility bill (less than three months old).
3. A document to prove your employment status (a payslip, tax return or a government letter confirming that you're unemployed or receiving state benefits).

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OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

To open a resident bank account, you'll typically need the following:

- 1. Your valid, unexpired passport or national identity card (if you're an EU citizen).**
- 2. A document to prove your Spanish address (such as a lease, a recent utility bill or a recent bank statement).**
- 3. Your Spanish NIE or TIE number.**
- 4. Proof of your employment status (such as an employment contract, a student card or unemployment paperwork).**



GETTING TO MAD

Getting to Madrid

OPTION 1:



Bus (Airport Express)

€5

3 stops: O'Donnell, Plaza de Cibeles and Atocha

Buy your ticket onboard

40-minute journey

Stops at terminals T1, T2, and T4.



Getting to Madrid

OPTION 2:



Taxi

€30 (to any central location) line up by the taxi ranks outside the airport terminal.



Getting to Madrid

OPTION 3:

Metro:

€5 single ticket

Terminals T2 and T4

12-minute journey to the centre of Madrid (Nuevo Ministerios Metro).

TIP

Buy the Madrid Tourist Travel Pass (€5) to travel on any metro bus or suburban train.





TRANSPORT

Transport

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Taxi:

€10 - €20 average

Metro/bus tickets

One-way ticket

€1.50 to €2.00



Transport

BIKE



The city's department of transport provides a bike rental service called biciMAD. You simply pick up a bike from one of the many stations around the city, complete your journey and return it to your nearest station.

This service costs €25 for the year.

NOTE: you will need your NIE/TIE to sign up.

For more information and to sign up:



Transport

USEFUL APPS



Get the **MyTaxi app** to get a reliable ride at any time



Get the **Uber app** to get a reliable ride in minutes, at any time



Get the **Cabify app** to get a reliable ride in minutes, at any time



Get the **DonkeyRepublic app** to rent a bike from many locations





NEIGHBOR- HOODS

Neighborhoods

MALASAÑA



Known as the hippest part of town, especially for its history, its main plaza, Plaza de Dos de Mayo, was where the Madrileños rose up against Napoleon in 1802. Now the plaza is full of cafes and restaurant terraces.

Neighborhoods

HUERTAS



Huertas is colloquially named after its main street, Calle Huertas, although it is officially part of Barrio de las Letras. More than a neighborhood, Huertas is a place for food and nightlife. There are plenty of little streets to discover, all lined with cool bars, old-school delicatessens, boutiques and more.

Neighborhoods

BARRIO DE LAS LETRAS



Barrio De Las Letras (The Literary Neighborhood) usually refers to the neighborhood just above Calle Huertas. It is named after the great writers who once lived there, such as Cervantes, Quevedo and Lope de Vega. You can actually visit Lope de Vega's house, now a museum, on Calle de Cervantes, 11.

Neighborhoods

LA LATINA



La Latina boasts the city's oldest architecture (hence the name "Latin Quarter") and some of its finest cuisine. Make some time to explore the beautiful small alleyways nestled between 18th century buildings, and the tiny streets that turn into staircases, where restaurants put tables out on each individual stone step.

Neighborhoods

CHUECA



Famous for being Madrid's gay neighborhood for the past two decades, Chueca is undoubtedly one of the trendiest and most fun nightlife destinations in the city. During the day, Chueca offers fabulous restaurants, outdoor terraces and boutiques.

Neighborhoods

Here are a few more top destinations in the city.

Chamberí



Salamanca



Sol and Gran Vía



Lavapiés





FOOD & DRINK

Food & Drink

PUNTO VEGANO €



A cosy and casual vegan restaurant with all kinds of starters, main courses and desserts. Punto Vegano is perfect if what you want are healthy but affordable options. Prices are around €10 and below, making it a very affordable place to eat. The restaurant is open from Thursdays to Sundays.

Calle Luisa Fernanda, 27, 28008



Food & Drink

LAS CUEVAS DEL DUQUE



This Spanish restaurant sticks to the traditional slow and careful cooking techniques. With its classically styled interior and cosy atmosphere, it is ideal for large groups. And it's ideal for your pocket too, with dishes ranging from around €10 - €15. And the best part? It's only a minute away from our campus!

Calle de la Princesa, 16, 28015



Food & Drink

WAGAMAMA€€



Wagamama is a popular Japanese restaurant with a variety of traditional dishes. They offer everything from fresh salads to ramen bowls, and prices float around the €12 range. What sets this restaurant apart from other Asian cuisine joints is its use of communal tables, perfect for big groups.

Calle de la Princesa, 5, 28008



Food & Drink

EL JARDÍN SECRETO €€

One of Madrid's hidden gems, this corner restaurant is best suited for small groups or couples, who can soak up its cosy atmosphere and great cocktails. Meals begin around the €10 mark. Although it's called "The Secret Garden", the restaurant is often very busy so we recommend you to either make a reservation or arrive before opening time.

Calle del Conde Duque, 2, 28015



Food & Drink

EL PIMIENTO VERDE €€

A strictly Basque restaurant that is open from lunchtime until midnight, El Pimiento Verde is a must for seafood lovers. If you're more turf than surf, do not let that put you off; the steak dish is stellar! Prices range into the €40 region but for good reason. This is a very popular spot among locals so booking in advance is highly recommended!

Calle Quintana, 1, 28008

[More Info](#)

Food & Drink

MARÍA BONITA

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A magnificent place to discover Mexico while eating, drinking, and taking in the great environment in the bar! Hip artwork and decorations complement excellent tacos, nachos, margaritas and more. Prices range into the €16 area.

Calle Duque de Liria, 928015





EMERGENCY INFO

Emergency Info

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Emergency services: **112**

Medical emergencies: **061**

Fire brigade: **080**

Police: **092**

HM Hospitales (leading hospital group in Madrid):

- Open 24/7
- Personalized attention in English or your own language
- No paperwork
- No on-the-spot payment required

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