



## Hotel Ritz Madrid

GREAT TRADITION AND ONE OF THE FINEST HOTELS IN EUROPE

**H**otel Ritz, Madrid, legendary landmark of Madrid, is perfectly located in the heart of the city, overlooking the famous National Picture Galleries the Prado and the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum and next to the Madrid Stock Exchange, La Bolsa. The Reina Sofia, Madrid's museum of modern art is within walking distance. Its unrivalled position is the perfect starting point for visiting business clients, as the hotel finds itself at the entrance to the Castellana, a beautiful, wide boulevard and the most important thoroughfare of Madrid, home of headquarters of national and international financial institutions and renowned law firms and business companies. The largest Park in the centre of Madrid, the Retiro, is at a two-minute "jogging distance" for those who cannot start their day without their customary morning exercise. The hotel can also be described as home from home for many politicians, as it is only a stone's throw away from the Parliament and Government offices. In keeping with the impressive facade, the lobby welcomes visitors with an air of discreet elegance, refinement and style, at the same time conveying warmth and tranquillity, a haven of peace protected from the outside world. Guests are greeted by a magnificent mahogany table with a huge bouquet of fresh flowers. Eight Doric columns with gold capitals circle the hall. To the left, a majestic staircase leads up to the floors above, a sparkling 19th century crystal chandelier, a richly carved gilded mirror and console table, comfortable Regency style armchairs and two delicate marble busts complete the picture. Concierge and Reception desks, the latter discretely

tucked away, are of warm wood panelling and an interesting oil painting, showing King Alfonso XIII signing the Golden Book on the day of the opening in the year 1910, is proof that the Ritz is indeed a Royal Hotel. Nowadays the lower and upper lounge with its elegant and comfortable seating areas, its soft colours and warm lights, valuable antique clocks, a superb Luis XV chest, magnificent Chinese vases and the graceful sculpture of Goddess Diana, is the nerve-centre of the hotel. It is here where rushed business visitors have early morning meetings, where the lunch time aperitif is taken, where visitors as well as "Madrileños" unwind by enjoying a proper English Tea or a thick, hot chocolate in the late afternoon and where elegantly dressed visitors begin their evening entertainment with pre-dinner drinks while listening to the soft tunes of the hotel pianist. There are 125 rooms and 42 suites distributed over 6 floors, each one a perfectly conceived retreat, elegant, stylish and comfortable with fine furnishings and luxurious fabrics. The beds display exquisitely crafted bed heads, often incorporating the Royal Crown, sheets are of purest Irish linen and the huge, original panelled walk-in wardrobes are the pride of the hotel. Original wall panelling, precious antiques, delicate brass ornaments, fine oriental ceramics, sparkling crystal chandeliers, 19th century clocks and valuable paintings remind guests of the fact that they are indeed staying in a hotel of great tradition, one of the finest in Europe.

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