

# SAVE THE DATE

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2017

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## 2017: A Year of Round Numbers

If we could travel to the future, we'd probably say that 2017 was the year of WorldPride, a celebration of equal rights which three million people are expected to attend. Because whoever you love, Madrid loves you. Just a mention of this year would be enough to relive the music festivals that await us: Mad Cool, Dcode and the Veranos de la Villa Festival which has already become a classic. Like a beautiful mirage, several of the season's exhibitions would also appear: the Escher retrospective, which has marked the grand opening of Gaviria Palace as a cultural centre, and the show devoted to the Hispanic Society opening in early April at the Prado Museum. And it's very likely that some of the theatre productions being performed for the first time will be consigned to posterity: *Ushuaia* by Alberto Conejero at Teatro Español and the adaptation of *En la orilla* by Rafael Chirbes at Centro Dramático Nacional.

If we've chosen to use the term 'probably' rather than 'definitely' it's because we don't want to blow our own trumpet, but no one can deny that 2017 will be remembered in Madrid for its round numbers: the 10-year anniversary of Matadero Madrid; 15 for La Casa Encendida; 20 for PHotoEspaña and for the reopening of Teatro Real; 25 for the Reina Sofía and Thyssen-Bornemisza museums; 40 for Fernán Gómez Centro Cultural de la Villa and the Madrid Marathon; and the fourth centenary of Plaza Mayor, whose first stone was laid on 2 December 1617.

With the passage of time, we generally remember only the best of the past. This year our memories will be hard-pressed to choose between the over 60 activities featured in this guide to 2017.

# EXHIBITIONS

## CHARLES III CENTENARY

JANUARY-MAY

VARIOUS VENUES

2016 marked the 300th anniversary of the birth of King Charles III, who commissioned the remodelling of the Paseo del Prado promenade, installing fountains and gardens, and who was known as "Madrid's best mayor". In the first few months of 2017, exhibitions commemorating the monarch can still be viewed at the Royal Palace, San Fernando Royal Academy of Fine Arts, the National Archaeological Museum, the Madrid History Museum and the Museum of Natural Science.



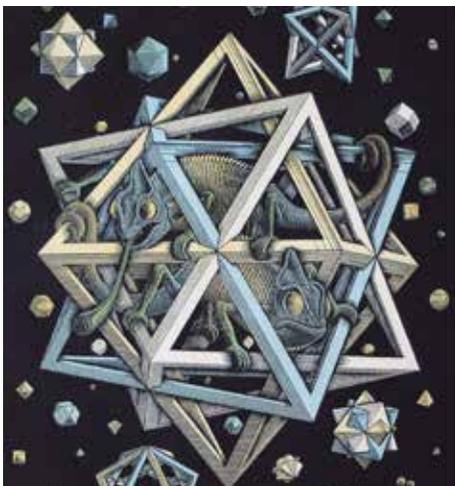
Studio of Francisco de Goya. Charles III in Hunting Dress

## ESCHER RETROSPECTIVE

1 FEBRUARY-25 JUNE

GAVIRIA PALACE

Gaviria Palace, a new art space, opens its doors to the public with this retrospective on Dutch artist M.C. Escher. More than 200 pieces, including the well-known *Hand with Reflecting Sphere* and *House of Stairs*, comprise an exhibition that has already been viewed by some half a million people in Rome and Milan.



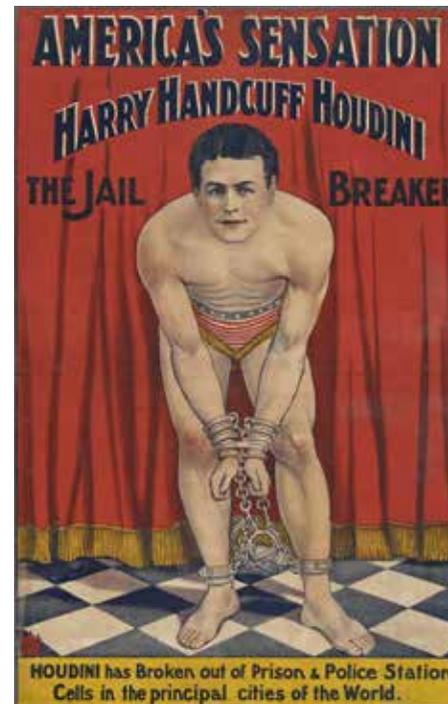
Mauritius Cornelis Escher. *Stelle*, 1930. © 2017 The M.C. Escher Company

## HOUDINI. THE LAWS OF WONDER

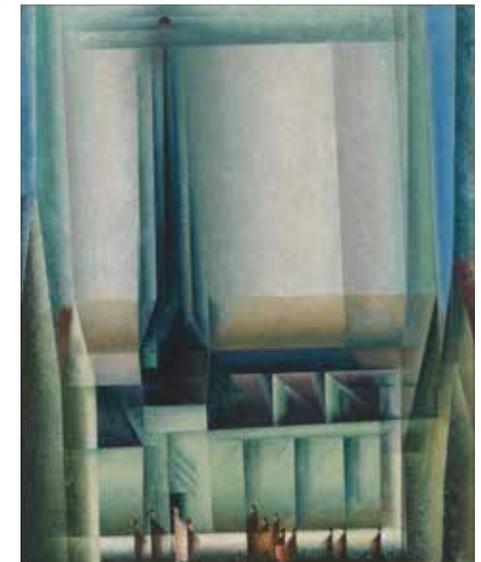
10 FEBRUARY-28 MAY

TELEFÓNICA FOUNDATION SPACE

Telefónica Foundation Space takes a look at the life story of Houdini, one of the most famous magicians of all time. In addition to bringing illusion to North America's biggest theatres, he also knew how to use the press, radio and film to become a star who achieved mass fame. Paradoxically, the artist dedicated his career to researching, documenting and circulating the scientific foundations of his numbers, unmasking those who advocated the existence of a supernatural world.



Harry Handcuff Houdini. Publisher: St Paul's Printing Co., London, c.1905 New York Public Library



Gelmeroda VIII. © Lyonel Feininger. VEGAP, Madrid, 2017. © Whitney Museum N.Y.

## LYONEL FEININGER (1871-1956)

17 FEBRUARY-28 MAY

JUAN MARCH FOUNDATION

Born in New York City, Lyonel Feininger moved to Germany when he was just 16 years old. In Europe he began an interesting artistic chapter that eventually took him to Paris and Berlin, where he would establish a relationship with the Bauhaus while working as a caricaturist for the Chicago Sunday Tribune newspaper. When World War II broke out he returned to the United States. This is the first monographic exhibition in Spain devoted to his work.



Ritratto di Renato Gualino, 1923-1924. © Felice Casorati, VEGAP, Madrid, 2017.

## RETURN TO BEAUTY

22 FEBRUARY-4 JUNE

MAPFRE FOUNDATION.  
RECOLETOS EXHIBITION HALL

Felice Casorati, Giorgio de Chirico, Giorgio Morandi, Gino Severini and Mario Sironi, among others, were at the centre of one of the most interesting periods for painting in the first half of the 20th century, when they turned their attention to classical tradition. The Recoletos Exhibition Hall at the Mapfre Foundation invites us to appreciate some of the masterpieces of Italian art from the interwar years.

## VISIONS OF THE HISPANIC WORLD. TREASURES FROM THE HISPANIC SOCIETY

4 APRIL-10 SEPTEMBER

PRADO MUSEUM

Founded in 1904 by Archer Milton Huntington (1870-1955), the Hispanic Society of America houses the most important collection of art, antiques and books from Latin America, Portugal and Spain found outside of the Iberian Peninsula. The selection on loan to the Prado Museum includes archaeological artefacts, Islamic art, Spanish Golden Age and 19th-century paintings, and colonial art.

## ART AND FILM

26 APRIL-20 AUGUST

CAIXAFORUM

The relationship between film and other art forms is the leitmotif of this exhibition which highlights the influence avant-garde movements have had on cinema as well as the latter's effect on sculpture and painting. The works on display, on loan from the Cinémathèque française and other Spanish collections, form a dialogue between artists like Monet, Chagall and Dalí and film makers such as Buñuel, Chaplin and Godard.



Pablo Picasso. *The Three Dancers*, 1925. © Sucesión Pablo Picasso. VEGAP, Madrid, 2017.

## PITY AND TERROR IN PICASSO: THE PATH TO GUERNICA

4 APRIL-4 SEPTEMBER

REINA SOFÍA MUSEUM

80 years have passed since Picasso was commissioned to create a mural-sized painting for the Spanish Pavilion at the Paris World Fair. To mark the occasion, the Reina Sofia Museum explores all of the meanings behind *Guernica*, which is considered the museum's most important work and one of the most significant of the 20th century. This iconic piece will be joined by others in the exhibition to explain one of the most interesting periods in the artist's career.

## ANNA BELLA GEIGER

5 OCTOBER-7 JANUARY 2018

LA CASA ENCENDIDA

The work of one of the most prominent Brazilian artists in recent years arrives at La Casa Encendida, which celebrates its 15th anniversary this 2017. In these fifteen years it has been a constant benchmark for those with an interest in contemporary culture, education, solidarity and the environment. Anna Bella Geiger and her reflection on the concept of the map are the best way to wrap up a very special anniversary.



Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. *La Rousse in a White Blouse*, 1889. © Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum, Madrid.

## PICASSO-LAUTREC

17 OCTOBER-21 JANUARY

THYSSEN-BORNEMISZA MUSEUM

This exhibition offers an analysis of the relationship between Pablo Picasso's early work and that of Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. Ever since his years in Barcelona, when he was part of the group Els Quatre Gats, the Malaga-born artist was incredibly fascinated by the poetics of the post-impressionist painter. Both men depicted the underworld, cafés chantants and cabarets.

## ART, PHOTOGRAPHY AND ARCHITECTURE

In addition to the leading exhibitions across Madrid's museums and cultural centres, throughout the year a number of events make the city an essential destination for lovers of culture. From 22 to 26 February, during the ever-popular Art Week, the world's top galleries showcase their work at ARCOMadrid, whose guest country this year is Argentina. Just-Mad, Art Madrid and Drawing Room will also be taking place on these dates. The 20th edition of PHotoEspaña, the International Photography and Visual Arts Festival, will be on from 31 May to 27 August. And scheduled around the first Monday in October, Architecture Week offers the chance to visit many of the city's most unique buildings. These usually include structures designed by Antonio Palacios, Fernando Higueras, Rafael Moneo and Herzog & De Meuron.



# THEATRE & DANCE

## THE LION KING

TEATRO LOPE DE VEGA

The *Lion King* is one of the world's most successful musicals and is the largest production ever staged in Spain: it has already been seen by over 80 million people around the world. The surprising staging of this Spanish adaptation makes this show one of the city's top attractions. Only in Madrid!



## SARA BARAS. VOCES

23 FEBRUARY-30 APRIL

TEATRO NUEVO APOLO

After triumphing on the most prestigious stages across the five continents, the latest show by Sara Baras arrives in Madrid. In it she pays tribute to flamenco's greatest figures: Paco de Lucía, Antonio Gades, Camarón de la Isla, Enrique Morente, Carmen Amaya and Moraíto, all of whom strongly influenced her.



## LA VILLANA

27 JANUARY-12 FEBRUARY

TEATRO DE LA ZARZUELA

Because zarzuela never goes out of style, this year we can enjoy a new in-house production of *La Villana* at Teatro de la Zarzuela, with Natalia Menéndez as stage manager. It was first performed at this same venue in 1927, featuring a libretto based on Lope de Vega's play *Peribáñez and the Commander of Ocaña*. Its 20 minutes of dialogue and the complex score by Amadeo Vives made the production an 'almost opera' which is sure to dazzle us once more, just as it did 90 years ago.

## FURIOSA ESCANDINAVIA

9 MARCH-16 APRIL

TEATRO ESPAÑOL

*Furiosa Escandinavia* is the response to a journey without any escape. A script by Antonio Rojano inspired by a reading of Marcel Proust's *In Search of Lost Time*, which delves into topics like memory, love and loss. A new production by Teatro Español.



## USHUAIA

16 MARCH-16 APRIL

TEATRO ESPAÑOL

In Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city, Mateo lives shut away in the heart of the forest. There the mysterious man guards the relics of an impossible love story. José Coronado stars in this new production by Teatro Español, written by Alberto Conejero and directed by Julián Fuentes Reta.



## MAMMA MIA!

FROM 7 MARCH

TEATRO COLISEUM

A mother, a daughter, three potential fathers and a wedding to remember. And all of it set to the most famous songs by the legendary band Abba. Madrid welcomes back one of Broadway's most internationally successful musicals. Once again the cast will feature Nina in the starring role.

## LOS SUEÑOS

7 APRIL-7 MAY

TEATRO DE LA COMEDIA

Gerardo Vera directs the Compañía Nacional de Teatro Clásico (CNTC) in this adaptation of Francisco de Quevedo's work *Sueños* (Dreams and Discourses). With a cast led by Juan Echanove and Lucía Quintana, there's no time like the present to enjoy the biting perceptions of one of the great Spanish Golden Age writers, who shows us the moral decay of Spain during the period and the decline of an entire empire.

## EN LA ORILLA

19 APRIL-21 MAY

TEATRO VALLE-INCLÁN

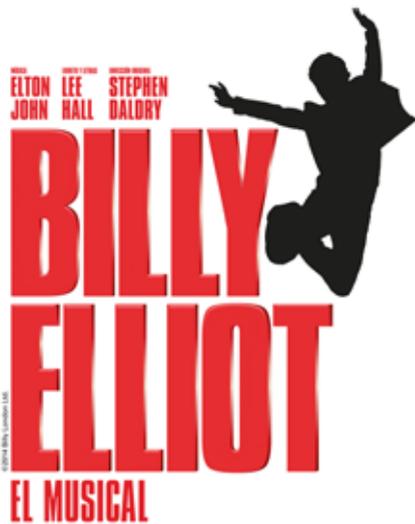
Centro Dramático Nacional brings *En la orilla* to the stage. The novel is considered to be one of Rafael Chirbes' best. It's not easy to present this story, even for its author: it deals neither with corruption nor crime nor suicide nor sex, exactly, because as the author would say, literature deals with life in all its complexity.

# MARTHA GRAHAM DANCE COMPANY

8-11 JUNE

TEATRO REAL

Founded by Martha Graham in 1926, the USA's oldest dance company celebrated its 90th anniversary without a dent to its status as an extremely important point of reference for several generations of dancers. The programme to be presented at Teatro Real, entitled *Lo esencial*, features three of the company's most famous choreographic numbers, including *Cave of the Heart*, with set design by Isamu Noguchi; *Deep Song*, a solo show created to decry the Spanish Civil War; and the piece created by Nacho Duato for the company back in 2013.



## BILLY ELLIOT

FROM 5 OCTOBER

NUEVO TEATRO ALCALÁ

Grand premiere in Spain of the musical based on Stephen Daldry's film, featuring a soundtrack penned by Elton John. An enthralling show full of emotion about a boy from a city in Northern England who, in the middle of a miners' strike, dreams of being a dancer. Only in Madrid!

## TO THE STAGE, ONE AND ALL

For children and adults, for lovers of all things classic and the wildly modern, for dance connoisseurs and for those setting foot in a theatre for the first time, Madrid has a festival with stage performances for all kinds of audiences. The season opens with two special events for children: the **International Magic Festival** (9 February to 12 March at Teatro Circo Price) and **Teatralia** (various venues throughout March). Between the months of October and June, the **Autumn to Spring Festival** brings today's top European companies to Teatros del Canal, the main venue for both the **Madrid en Danza Festival**, which will draw the biggest names on today's scene in November, and for **Talent** (16 to 28 May), which promotes and supports emerging creators and performances that take risks. Risk-taking is something that **Surge Madrid**, held in May across the city's alternative venues, and **Frinje**, in July at Matadero Madrid, definitely know a whole lot about.



# MUSIC

## INVERFEST

12-29 JANUARY

TEATRO CIRCO PRICE

Who said winter isn't festival season? The best Spanish indie music and some of the most prominent ambassadors of genres like flamenco and folk join forces to welcome the New Year. Habitación Roja, Xael López, Carmen Linares, Carlos Núñez, The Pinker Tones and pianist James Rhodes, among others, comprise the line-up of a festival that will help us get over the January blues.



James Rhodes

## LOVE THE 90'S!

13 MAY

WIZINK CENTER

The dance music of the 1990s left its mark on an era that this festival aims to bring back by gathering together, on a single stage, Jenny from Ace of Base, Technotronic, 2 Unlimited, Snap!, OBK, Ice MC, Corona, New Limit, Whigfield, Sensity World, Tina Cousins, Rebeca and Chimo Bayo. This event, which is part of the programme connected to WorldPride, will also attempt to break the Guinness record for the most people to dance to Whigfield's *Saturday Night*. Who's up for it?

## TOMAVISTAS

19-21 MAY

ENRIQUE TIERNO GALVÁN PARK

Once this point in the calendar rolls around, we head into the high season for open-air performances. This weekend of concerts right in the heart of spring gathers together various groups and solo artists in a festival that promises a variety of styles and musical experiences. Indie bands and recent discoveries comprise a line-up set to feature León Benavente, Delorean, Lori Meyers, Los Punsetes and Temples.

## DOWNLOAD FESTIVAL

22-24 JUNE

CAJA MÁGICA

Linkin Park, System of a Down and Prophets of Rage are the respective main acts set to bring the house down during this 3-day-long rock and metal festival. This first edition features an impressive line-up: Opeth, Nofx, Every Time I Die, Zakk Sabbath, Deafheaven, Sòlstafir, Myrath, God Damm, Five Finger Death Punch, Apocalyptica (Plays Metallica By Four Cellos), Suicidal Tendencies, In Flames, The Cult, Motionless in White, Ministry, Touché Amoré and Hacktivist.

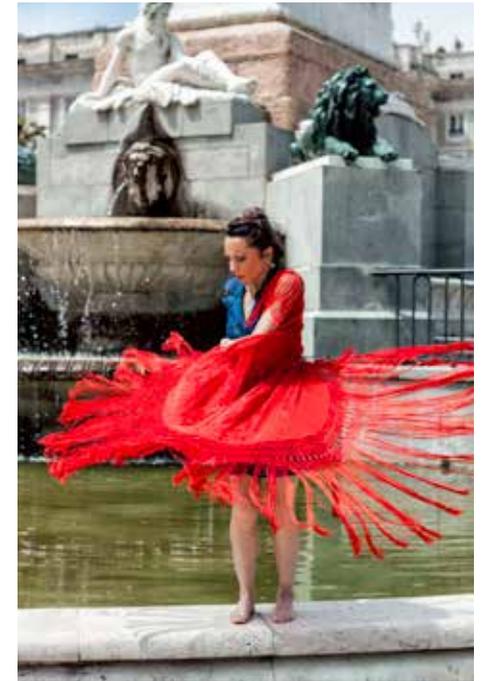


## MULAFEST

24-26 JUNE

FERIA DE MADRID

DJs and live shows that are perfect for dancing to, but also for watching, listening to and just feeling. Mulafest is electropop and ambient house, street hip hop and much more. A key event that draws lovers of alternative talent, which is why it's a festival of urban culture and trends.



## FLAMENCO MADRID

MAY-JUNE

FERNÁN GÓMEZ.  
CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA VILLA

Madrid boasts an array of *tablaos*, or flamenco clubs, where flamenco can be heard and danced every day, so it's not surprising that the city enjoys several festivals devoted to the genre over the course of the year. This one turns the spotlight not only to the dancing, singing and guitar performances of well-known artists and up-and-coming talent, but also to flamenco as a cultural phenomenon. You won't want to miss its exhibitions, workshops and other activities aimed at disseminating an art that's more vibrant than ever.

## MAD COOL

6-8 JULY

CAJA MÁGICA

A venue for hosting major events, the impressive Caja Mágica designed by Dominique Perrault welcomes the second edition of this festival which was a hit last year. With a line-up led by Foo Fighters, Green Day and Kings of Leon, the festival will feature over 60 artists from Spain and abroad, whose performances will take place on five different stages. Other artists set to perform include Wilco, Foster the People, Ryan Adams, Belle & Sebastian and Spoon, among many others.



## LA CASA ENCENDIDA ROOFTOP TERRACE

2 JULY-28 AUGUST

LA CASA ENCENDIDA

The rooftop at La Casa Encendida is gearing up to enjoy the fresh evening and night summer air with a packed programme, from concerts and DJ sessions to an interesting summer cinema. Once again it promises cutting-edge music with a particular focus on electronica, as well as cult films that you won't be able to watch anywhere else.



## LA PLAZA EN VERANO

JULY-AUGUST

MATADERO MADRID

Summer weekend nights at Matadero Madrid will be all about music, dance, performances, art and interactive events, featuring a programme of free activities that advocate the transformative power of partying and transnational genres. An absolute must!



## DCODE

SEPTEMBER

UNIVERSIDAD COMPLUTENSE DE MADRID CAMPUS

Join us as we bid summer farewell with an event that comes late but certainly not least. Every year Dcode features top homegrown and international bands and solo artists. Just look at the names that have graced the last six editions: The Hives, Kasabian, The Killers, Franz Ferdinand, Beck, Suede, Mark Ronson, the list goes on. It also makes sure there's something for children. Previous years have seen bands like Petit Pop from Asturias get the little ones in the mood for music.



## JAZZMADRID

NOVEMBER

FERNÁN GÓMEZ. CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA VILLA / CONDE DUQUE

With the participation of live music clubs, every year Madrid's International Jazz Festival floods the city with close to a hundred performances by masters of the genre's different varieties, styles and tones.



## 200 YEARS OF OPERA

You don't turn two hundred every day. From the time that Ferdinand VII commissioned the remodelling of Plaza de Oriente and the creation of this wonderful theatre in 1817, our very own coliseum has weathered several different eras and borne witness to key historical events like the revolution of 1868 and the Spanish Civil War. Since the final restoration was completed in 1997, turning it into one of Europe's top opera houses, it has hosted grand premieres including *El viaje a Simorgh* by José M<sup>a</sup> Sánchez Verdú, *Faust-Bal* by Leonardo Balada, *The Perfect American* by Philip Glass and *Brokeback Mountain* by Charles Wuorinen. This season, which brings recitals by Cecilia Bartoli, María Bayo and Joyce DiDonato, will close with the return to Teatro Real of one of Madrid's most eminent artists, the great Plácido Domingo, who will perform a concert version of the opera *Macbeth*.

# DEPORTES

## EDP ROCK 'N' ROLL MADRID MARATHON & 1/2

23 APRIL

PLAZA DE CIBELES-EL RETIRO PARK

Forty years of non-stop running. Spain's leading urban running event is celebrating an anniversary, which is one more reason to hit the street and tackle the standard 42.195 kilometres run by both national and international athletes each year. Those who balk at taking on the long-distance race should know that they can also participate in the half-marathon or even the 10km race. It's an out-and-out celebration of sport, livened up by concerts and the applause and cheers of the public. Over 33,000 runners took part in last year's race.



## WOMEN'S RUN

MAY

CALLE PRINCESA-PASEO DE CAMOENS

The largest celebration of sport for women in Madrid serves to raise funds for the fight against breast cancer. The circuit is roughly 6.3 kilometres long and passes by iconic places like Puerta del Sol, Gran Vía and the Royal Palace.



## MUTUA MADRID OPEN

5-14 MAY

CAJA MÁGICA

Classified as a Masters 1000 event in the men's ATP circuit and a Premier Mandatory event in the women's WTA circuit, this Madrid tournament draws the world's finest tennis players to its clay court. An event like no other! Novak Djokovic and Simona Halep claimed victory last time round. Who knows what will happen this year?



## MADRID INTERNATIONAL SHOW JUMPING COMPETITION

19-21 MAY

CLUB DE CAMPO VILLA DE MADRID

Every year the world's top-ranked jockeys take part in this Madrid-based competition, which for the fifth year running will figure in the official programme of the Longines Global Champions Tour, the most prestigious show jumping event around.

## VILLA DE MADRID SPANISH INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

15-18 JUNE

MARQUÉS DE SAMARANCH MUNICIPAL SPORTS CENTRE

Carolina Marín, who won a gold medal at the last Olympic Games, has put badminton on the map in Spain. This is a great chance to enjoy the skill of some of Europe's finest players.



## MEETING MADRID

14 JULY

MORATALAZ MUNICIPAL SPORTS CENTRE

Madrid welcomes the world's top athletes in style. Meeting Madrid, part of the IAAF World Challenge, is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some first-class athletics, see the stars in action and witness some exciting competitions.

## CHALLENGE MADRID

24 SEPTEMBER

BUITRAGO DE LOZOYA-PUERTA DEL SOL

Participants in this demanding long-distance triathlon will have to cover a total of 226 kilometres. The swimming component will take place at the Riosequillo reservoir in Buitrago de Lozoya. From there the athletes will be transferred by bus to Terminal 1 of Adolfo Suárez-Madrid Barajas Airport, where the bicycle phase will commence. They will travel through Madrid's mountains before crossing Casa de Campo Park and arriving at Madrid Río Park. The marathon will begin there, with the athletes completing a circuit of five laps around the park before ascending Cuesta de la Vega, heading down Calle Mayor and reaching Madrid's famous Kilometre 0.

## FINAL LEG OF LA VUELTA CICLISTA A ESPAÑA

10 SEPTEMBER

PLAZA DE CIBELES

Donning the coveted red cycling jersey, Colombia's Nairo Quintana was the last one to climb to the top of the podium that's set up every year in Plaza de Cibeles after the cyclists have competed in the final stage of La Vuelta Ciclista a España, which passes through iconic places including Paseo del Prado and Gran Vía.

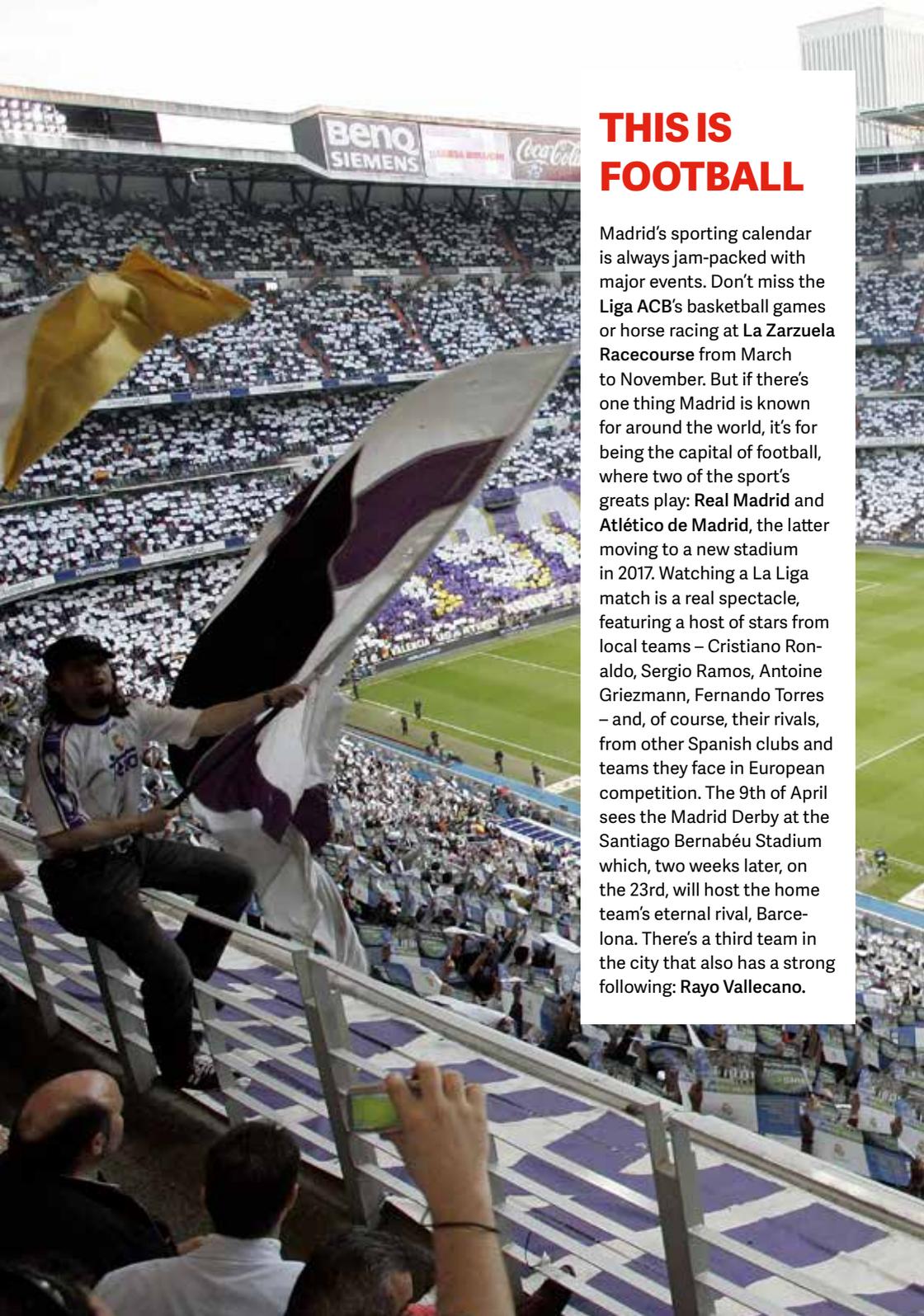


## SAN SILVESTRE VALLECANA

31 DECEMBER

SANTIAGO BERNABÉU-PORTAZGO

Every year a sea of runners hits the street to take part in this prestigious 10km competition. There are two races: a fun run and one for professionals that attracts some of the world's top athletes. The race begins in Avenida de Concha Espina and passes through places as iconic as Puerta de Alcalá gate and Plaza de Cibeles. The finish line? It's at Vallecas Stadium.



## THIS IS FOOTBALL

Madrid's sporting calendar is always jam-packed with major events. Don't miss the Liga ACB's basketball games or horse racing at La Zarzuela Racecourse from March to November. But if there's one thing Madrid is known for around the world, it's for being the capital of football, where two of the sport's greats play: Real Madrid and Atlético de Madrid, the latter moving to a new stadium in 2017. Watching a La Liga match is a real spectacle, featuring a host of stars from local teams – Cristiano Ronaldo, Sergio Ramos, Antoine Griezmann, Fernando Torres – and, of course, their rivals, from other Spanish clubs and teams they face in European competition. The 9th of April sees the Madrid Derby at the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium which, two weeks later, on the 23rd, will host the home team's eternal rival, Barcelona. There's a third team in the city that also has a strong following: Rayo Vallecano.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## GASTROFESTIVAL

21 JANUARY-5 FEBRUARY

VARIOUS VENUES

What does a rock concert taste like? What about the page of a book? What are the kitchens at the Royal Palace like? Questions and answers abound every year at this leading event that enables us to enjoy gastronomy and its connections with a range of artistic disciplines. Special menus, culinary tours and cookery courses share the spotlight with other bold propositions in this festival's programme.



## CHINESE NEW YEAR

28-29 JANUARY

USERA DISTRICT



Music, traditional dance, calligraphy demonstrations, local cuisines, tai chi courses and even a karaoke session. The Usera district, where the bulk of Madrid's Chinese community lives, goes all out to celebrate the arrival of the New Year. 2017 is the Year of the Rooster. The most eagerly anticipated moment will be the parade, featuring dragons dancing and flying across the sky. An entertaining and unique way to discover an ancient culture.

## SAN ISIDRO FIESTAS

15 MAY

VARIOUS STAGES

For a week, concerts, dance, performances and other activities shape a multidisciplinary and diverse programme honouring Madrid's patron saint. There are two main venues: Las Vistillas Gardens, featuring live music daily, and San Isidro Park, where tradition dictates you must drink water from the fountain devoted to the saint. Don't forget to try the *rosquillas*: ask for *tontas* (plain) or *listas* (sugar-coated).

## MADRID BOOK FAIR

26 MAY-11 JUNE

EL RETIRO PARK

Every year Madrid's leading literature fair attracts a good number of stands to the city's most central and famous park. For two weeks publishers and writers gather together in one place, making direct contact with a public eager for new offerings. This event is a true open-air celebration of culture.

## VERANOS DE LA VILLA

JULY-AUGUST

VARIOUS VENUES

Every year in July and August, Madrid hosts this cultural festival which fills the city's 21 districts with leading musical performances, plus dance, theatre and other activities designed to bring culture to all audiences and ages, with free or affordably priced shows. A must event on Madrid's summer calendar.



## WORLD PRIDE MADRID

23 JUNE-2 JULY

VARIOUS VENUES

Whoever you love, Madrid loves you. This is the welcome message that will be heard by everyone who comes out to enjoy the WorldPride festivities, the largest global event for the LGBTI community, which the capital has the pleasure to host this year. The programme will kick off with the Opening Ceremony (23 June) and will end with the Closing Ceremony (2 July). In between an endless range of activities await. Highlights include the International Conference on Human Rights, the always-lively We Party and an International Festival of Culture. A Pride Park will also be set up. But without a doubt the main event will be the Pride Parade on 1 July, a huge global demonstration of Pride that will see over two million people take to Madrid's streets.



## AUGUST FIESTAS

7-15 AUGUST

LA LATINA AND LAVAPIÉS NEIGHBOURHOODS

*Chulapos* and *chulapas* (men and women in traditional Madrid dress) and lovers of slow dancing and street organ music take note: first we have the San Cayetano festivities (7th), followed by those of San Lorenzo (10th), and finally the Virgen de la Paloma festivities (15th). We couldn't get more traditional if we tried - an extensive programme of concerts and open-air dances accompanies Madrid's most typical gastronomy.

# VOGUE FASHION'S NIGHT OUT

SEPTEMBER

SALAMANCA, LAS SALESAS AND FUENCARRAL NEIGHBOURHOODS

Madrid dolls itself up, its streets buzzing with glamour, cheer and enjoyment as more than 200 boutiques, hotels and restaurants offer special treats in the form of irresistible offers, shows, gifts, live music and plenty of surprises for those who come out to enjoy this big shopping party.



# CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER

You're in Madrid and it's Christmas. Welcome to one of the easiest cities in which to get swept up in the magic that always surrounds this festive season. There are lights created by top designers and fir trees on every corner, as well as traditional markets like the one in Plaza Mayor. Two absolute musts: the International Christmas Fair of Cultures and, of course, eating the twelve grapes in front of the Puerta del Sol clock tower as it chimes out the last twelve seconds of the year.

# TAPAPIÉS

OCTOBER

LAVAPIÉS NEIGHBOURHOOD

Tapas fusing global cuisine and street-side concerts are the two key ingredients that give life to this multicultural event, which quite fittingly takes place in Madrid's most multicultural neighbourhood. A different way to travel around the world.



# MARKETS AND STREET MARKETS

There's one for everyone, something to suit all tastes. Although each one has its own unique personality, they all have something in common: direct contact between the seller and the customer and a great atmosphere. One example is El Rastro flea market, the oldest of them all (Sundays and public holidays in the morning). Second-hand clothes as well as decorative items and accessories await those who visit Mercado de Motores ("Engine Market"), held on the second weekend of the month at Madrid's

Railway Museum. Mercado de Diseño ("Design Market"; third weekend of the month at Matadero Madrid) is the best platform to promote the visibility and marketing of Spanish design. On the last weekend of the month, the same venue hosts Madrid Productores, a gastronomic space where you can buy seasonal ingredients and learn healthy eating habits. If you want to eat well, another option is to pay a visit to MadrEat in the AZCA Complex during the third week of the month (Friday to Sunday). And in June, while the leading outdoor interior design fair DecorAcción is going on, the Literary Quarter (Barrio de las Letras) fills with street markets where you can pick up antiques and vintage items.

