

TC in Madrid – Pupils’ Reviews

Madrid 2019 by Emily Roberts

From Thursday 2nd of May to Sunday 5th of May, the majority of pupils from Year 7 and 8 at TC, including myself, went on a school trip to Madrid, Spain. We left early Thursday morning and arrived in sunny Madrid by plane on Thursday afternoon. Over the few days we were there, we did many fun activities such as shopping at the Plaza Mayor, visiting the Prado art Museum and a tour of the Bernabeu stadium. We also went to different places to eat each night and I tried some Spanish food that I hadn’t tried before such as Paella. Other places we visited included the Estación de Atocha – an old train station in Madrid and Parque del Retiro – a famous park.

I loved Madrid and thought it was such a fun, educational experience and a beautiful city that I would love to return to someday. By listening to native Spanish speakers in public, I learnt a few new words and phrases and I also understood what some people were saying. In my experience, I think Spanish people are very polite and nice people who also encourage non- Spanish people to speak more Spanish. Overall I really enjoyed the trip and it was a very fun as well as educational experience that I would love to do again.

Madrid 2019, by Riya Sunsoa Year 8

On May 2nd, a class of Year 7, 8 and 9 went to Madrid for 3 nights. All I can say is what an experience! Everything we did was amazing and some of the places we visited were a once in a lifetime experience e.g. we visited the Real Madrid stadium and got to see behind the scenes of where everything happens. Whether it would be walking until our legs fall off or our loud coach journeys, everything was full of thrill and laughter. When we all met at school to go on the coach, our tired 6am faces suddenly changed to “OMG WE’RE GOING TO MADRID!” everyone was excited and the thought of doing something we had been waiting for the whole year for was unbelievable. Considering it was the first time going on the plane with my friends, I have to say it will always be a lifetime memory of mine, from the shaking and squealing to the laughing and smiling it could not have been better. My favourite thing of the plane journey had to of been the countdown at the end and the sigh of relief when we landed. If this trip has taught me anything, it would be to try new things no matter how scared you are either going on the big rides and rollercoasters or trying paella or even speaking Spanish to the local people, it was all worth it. The most memorable thing for me had to of been going to the warner theme park and going on all the rides!

Madrid 2019, Sian Clair, Year 8

On May 2nd, many of the Year 7, 8 and 9s left to go to Madrid. It was fantastic! We visited the Plaza Mayor, an incredible art museum called the Prado, the Atocha train station and the amazing Parque Warner Studio theme park. We all had a great time and I would love to go back in the future. I learnt how to order food and buy souvenirs from shops. I tried some new foods such as Spanish omelette, calamari and potato croquets. I think Spanish people are extremely generous when they can see you are trying to learn their language. My favourite rides were the Coaster Express and the Batman Arkham Asylum. We all had so much fun going to the restaurants, theme park, exploring the city and we are all grateful for the many opportunities.

Madrid 2019, by Darcy Reynolds Year 7

Our TC trip to Madrid was absolutely amazing! I made so many memories and formed close bonds. I loved it so much that I want to go back. The food in Madrid is definitely different to England and tasted good. Our hotel was really nice too.

The people in Madrid were friendly and they helped us when we were trying out our Spanish.

A highlight for me was my first ever roller coaster experience, at Parque Warner in Madrid. Now I had never been on a roller coaster before... ever! But I decided that I would like to go on a BIG rollercoaster and Mrs Brazier and Mr Oni took me on the huge, fast Superman rollercoaster! I was a little unsure when we were in the queue but the teachers reassured me. A front row seat, 3 vertical drops and 3 loopy-loops later and I was hooked! What an experience! I absolutely loved it. I would really like to thank Mrs Brazier, Miss Blanchette, Mr Oni and Mr Seston for all of their hard work on the trip.

Madrid 2019, by Maia Robinson

In May 2019 the Modern Languages Department led a Spanish Language Tour to the wonderful city of Madrid. As well as being lots of fun, it was very educational

and inspired me to want to carry on working hard to learn Spanish. There were lots of opportunities to speak in Spanish and the teachers encouraged us to do so. The Spanish people were very friendly and helped us to be understood.

The teachers worked so hard throughout the trip so that we could have fun, and we certainly did have lots! The only down side to the trip was that we couldn't stay longer. This trip to Madrid is going to be a hard one to beat! I would love to go back, but on the other hand I can't wait to see what other trips are lined up for next year!