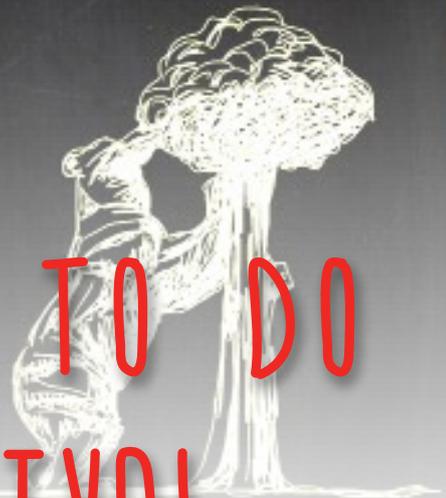




LIFE MADRID

To Do's

- Find a room in the best neighbourhood
- Get all documents: NIE/TIE etc...
- Unlock my phone! (+ SIM Card)
- Transportation "abono"
- Bank account
- Go to **Citylife** office



IMPORTANT STEPS TO DO UPON YOUR ARRIVAL

Once you've landed at Madrid Barajas Airport, there are several options to get to the city. You could either go by taxi (flat fee of 30€ regardless of your destination), airport bus or metro. Get more details on basic Madrid information in our free [Madrid Essentials](#) guide. To make your arrival and your first days as smooth as possible, check out these helpful hints and tips that will get you ready to get the most out of your time abroad!





GET YOUR FREE 'MADRID SURVIVAL KIT' & ALL THE HELP YOU NEED TO SETTLE IN

For those who have never been in Madrid before, the city can be a bit overwhelming at first sight. This is why we tell everybody that you can think of the Citylife Madrid office as your home base! In our office there is a nice lounge area with *free WIFI* and the team is there to give you all the support you may need! Feel home at our office and take a breath to relax. All support is completely free of charge:



GET YOUR FREE SURVIVAL KIT Come **pick up your free Madrid Survival Kit and ask us any kind of questions.** Our team consists of ex-international students who are experts when it comes to Madrid. Understand how to protect your belongings from theft, know important contacts in case of any emergency, receive useful hints & tips e.g. where to buy cheap things for your new room and much more. We will be glad to support you wherever we can so that you are all set to start exploring this beautiful city!



FIND A ROOM & RECEIVE GENERAL ADVICE ON DO'S AND DON'T'S Finding a room in Madrid can be a bit of a challenge. We help you **understand the "must knows"** when it comes to housing, e.g. things to have in mind when signing a contract and paying the "fianza", best neighbourhoods to live in, explication of the "gastos", exterior vs. interior, contract check, noise level and more. We will also support you with your housing search in our office.



GET A SPANISH SIM CARD Understanding the exact costs and the fine print when it comes to choosing the best SIM card deal is a bit complicated. There are lots of different charges with prepaid cards that usually are not very easy to understand and information is often misleading. We will explain what you need to bear in mind and watch out for. **Currently the best prepaid SIM card deals are with Lycamobile, e.g. get 400mins and 1GB of internet for only 10€!** Besides saving a lot of money, you won't need to sign any papers and you add money to your phone at your own discretion. We have Lycamobile SIM cards in stock and will help you to activate them so that you are connected on your first day upon arrival in Madrid. To read more on the Lycamobile deal, [please click here](#).



PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CARD & ABONO (MONTHLY TICKET) Almost all students in Madrid use the public transportation system on a daily basis. The cheapest and most convenient way is to get your monthly transportation pass, which gives you full access to all Madrid public transportation. If you didn't order your transportation card online before departure, **simply stop by our office and obtain your card instantly!** Please bring a passport sized photo as well as an ID/passport with you. This will save you time, money and hassle as the waiting time to receive your transportation card during the peak period of student arrival can be up to 3 weeks. We will also explain you how the public transportation system works in detail.





Detailed information on all topics mentioned in this guide can be retrieved from the [Madrid Essentials](#) guide. Once in our office, you can also use our *free office WIFI* to e.g. to search for a nice room or to contact your family & friends to let them know that you have safely arrived in Madrid.



GETTING LEGAL There is always lots of confusion among international students when it comes to legal paperwork like the **Empadronamiento** and the **NIE/TIE**. We will give you information and guidance to support you in a potential application process for these legal papers.



OPENING A SPANISH BANK ACCOUNT Optimizing your spending during your time in Madrid is a bit of an art as you are potentially dealing with a different form of currency, varying exchange rates and different fees associated with the use of ATM's and credit cards abroad. **CEU San Pablo University works with the Banco Santander and helps all students to open a bank account** on campus once they have arrived in our university. We have two offices: one at the Moncloa Campus (Business Studies, Law, Communication and Media Studies and Humanities) and another at the Montepíncipe Campus (Architecture, Engineering, Pharmacy, Medicine Studies).



THE SPANISH MEDICAL SYSTEM Spain has an excellent healthcare system with a wide network of care centers and hospitals. We will help you **understand the basics and give you recommendations on where to go in case you get sick**. Understand the Spanish healthcare system from pharmacies and the so called “Centros de Salud” to public hospitals vs. private hospitals. We also provide you with a list of English speaking doctors and specialists as well as an overview of helpful emergency contact numbers.



STOP BY YOUR INTERNATIONAL OFFICE AND COMPLETE YOUR ENROLMENT

Next important step within your first days in Madrid is to stop by your international office to finish the sign in process for your classes, to request your student ID and to check on potential remaining tuition fees. Don't forget to ask for details about a potential language course offered by your university and the exact dates of the official welcome day / welcome week. Attending the official orientation day(s) of your university is always an important part of starting at a new university, so you should plan on attending in case you will be here in Madrid.



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LIVE AND ENJOY MADRID & SPAIN WHILE SAVING MONEY AND MEETING PEOPLE



Explore Madrid and Spain while making new friends

Madrid is a vibrant city that boasts tons of fun things to do day and night. Every week we publish an [activities agenda](#) for you, that will allow you to choose from all kinds of social and cultural activities. A lot of these activities will be free of charge (e.g. Walking Tours, Salsa Classes, International Get-Togethers & Language Exchanges). These activities and events are a very good way of meeting new people and making new friends from all around the world. For those of you who wish to travel a lot while here, we will be hosting many [exciting trips](#) planned during the weekends of the semester that will take you on adventures you'll never forget. Meet new people, try new things and truly experience Spain!

Save money from the very start

Saving money has never been easier! We understand that as young international travelers you are living on a budget: Whether you're looking for discounts on flights, hotels and restaurants, a discounted gym membership or you simply want to save money on basic daily necessities, with the [Disfruta Madrid Más discount card](#) (DMM) you will gain access to some of the greatest deals the city has to offer! If you are interested in the discount card, stop by our office and we will explain Madrid's most popular discount card among international young people in more detail.



Download our free 'Live & Enjoy Madrid' guide now

This guide will be your must have companion and friend during your stay. It will help you experience this amazing city & Spain to the fullest! Read about Madrid's hidden treasures, fun leisure and nightlife activities, useful tips on saving money, Spain's hotspots that you shouldn't miss and much more!



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