#### Madrid Gay Pride 2015 -Madrid Orgullo 2015

Madrid has one of the greatest and most popular gay pride parties in the world. This doesn't come as a big surprise if you take into account that Spain is the world's most gay-friendly country and also one that loves to party... outside. This year's Orgullo festivities will run for four days, from July 1-4, and include a number of activities. Our favorite is always the "high heels" race on Thursday, July 2nd, where brave men put on crazy high heels and race down Calle Pelayo.

The heart of the event will take place in Plaza de Chueca, where you'll find plenty of concerts and people drinking outside. The **main parade** will take place on Saturday, July 4th at 6:30pm — party buses will ride along Paseo de Recoletos and La Castellana until they reach Plaza de Colon. The whole area will be crowded with thousands and thousands of people.

Other main squares to check out are Plaza de Callao, la Luna and del Rey, which will all be jam-packed with parties and activities.

# You can find out about all the event details on the English webpage here

## Holi Run, the world's most colorful race, literally!

The world-famous <u>Holi Run</u>, a 5k urban race where everyone throws multi-colored powder all over each other, is holding its 4th edition in Madrid on Sunday, Apr. 12th. To participate, <u>sign up here</u>. It will cost **17€/person**.

#### Location & Time:

The run will start at 11am on **Avda. de las Fuerzas Armadas** (metro Campo de las Naciones), behind *la ciudad deportiva del Real Madrid* in Valdebebas.

### Banango Race, urban scavenger hunt in Madrid (for adults!)

Banango Race is an urban scavenger hunt type race that's coming to Madrid for the first time on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Teams of 2 to 6 people will compete to find clues and complete 10-15 crazy challenges around Madrid (for real prizes). It's a very unique and fun way to get to know the city.

To participate, <u>sign up on their web</u> before Wednesday at 12am! If you are a group of over 5, it costs 15€/person. So get your best group of friends together and compete against other teams in this epic urban game around Madrid with 100-120 people, more than 80% of which are expats.

1st prize - 280€
2nd prize - 100€
3rd prize - a stroll on Madrid's only Beer Bike!
Everyone - a fun time and a drink at the bar at the end More info:

Teams meet at 12:30-1:00 to check in at Tablao Villa Rosa, Plaza de Santa Ana, 15. The race starts at 1:30 and is estimated to last between 2-3 hours, depending on each team. The last checkpoint will be at a cool secret venue where everyone will have a drink on the house and prizes will be handed out. It will end at 4:30-5:00pm.