

Alcalá de Henares



What to see:

In Miguel de Cervantes' hometown, you'll find one of the oldest university campuses in Spain – Universidad de Alcalá – which was founded in the 15th century. The city still boasts some of the magnificent buildings from that time.

History aside, I'd say that Alcalá de Henares is most known for its generous and free tapas. So after you visit the University and walk through the town to see its monuments and *plazas*, you should rest at one of the bars close to Plaza Miguel de Cervantes and enjoy a cold beer that is sure to come with a nicely-sized tapa. The most famous tapas bar in Alcalá is El Índalo, but there are many others. This cute town is

perfect for a relaxing day trip!

Here's a great post: [7 reasons Alcalá is worth more than a day trip from Madrid](#)

How to get there:

▪ By Train (Cercanías)

Depart from: Atocha train station

Schedule:

Departure ([Madrid-Alcala de Henares horarios y precios \(RENFE\)](#))

Return ([Alcala de Henares – Madrid horarios y precios \(RENFE\)](#))

Duration: approx. 35 min

Price: 2,50€ (round trip approx. 5€).

▪ By bus

Depart from: Avenida de america: Buses 223, 225, 227

Schedule:

Departure ([Madrid-Alcala de Henares horarios y precios \(ALSA\)](#))

Return ([Alcala de Henares – Madrid horarios y precios \(ALSA\)](#))

Duration: approx. 40 min

Price: 3,60€ (round trip 7,20€)

Where to find it on a map:

