

Madrid Now in Full Bloom. Hurry! – Parque Quinta de los Molinos

What do peach, cherry, apple, plum and almond trees have in common? They blossom. These pinks and whites were designed to remind us that spring is just around the bend. And almond trees are open right now, right here in Madrid. They are in full bloom for only two to three weeks so tick tock!



Most of us have heard of *Sakura*, which means season of the cherry blossoms in Japan. Unbeknownst to many, it is not only cities like Kyoto that have these springtime favorites. **The almond tree, in particular, is abundant in Parque Quinta de los Molinos.** Just in front of Suanzes metro station (línea 5 or green line) is the entrance to what is almost like another world. Amidst the backdrop of vivid and rambunctious Madrid, is a subtle and tranquil oasis.



There are no stores or cafes in the park, but your friendly *alimentación* or food stores are available on Calle Alcalá, right around the exit of the metro. Before entering the park premises, grab a sandwich, a *refresco*, and maybe some nuts to share with the birds, and you are set for a lovely picnic under the almond trees.



It is said that the park was originally the property of a rich count, but later was donated as public space. The approximately 25-hectare park has hundreds of almond trees, and also olive groves, pines, and eucalyptus. You can literally see and smell spring here!

It was no surprise that tourists and locals had their cameras on-hand while ooh-ing and ahh-ing at the sights overhead. It's a great idea if you want to escape the hustle and bustle of the city center for a bit.



So go ahead. Plan to take a stroll. Bring your loved ones. Bring your pets. Leave your worries behind. Make your way to Parque Quinta *pronto*.

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Parque Quinta de los Molinos

- **Address:** Calle de Alcalá, 527, 28027 Madrid
- **How to get there:** Metro: Suanzes (L5)
- **Schedule:** 6.30 to 22.00

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You may also like:

[Ruta de flores: where to spot almond and cherry blossom in central Madrid](#)

#PeoplesVoices Photo Exhibit at Telefónica off Gran Vía

A really cool photography exhibit is going on at the **Telefónica flagship store**, right off Gran Vía on calle Fuencarral, until September 18th. It captures voices from the **UN's largest survey ever** – 8 million participants from 194 countries – speaking for a better world. Here's more info from [CheapinMadrid.com](#).

You'll find the exhibit on the first floor of the

Fundación Telefónica building, which is a great free exhibit space if you haven't been before. You can also follow the hashtags: [\[#PeoplesVoices\]](#) [\[#VocesDeLaGente\]](#)

Hours: *Mon-Sat from 10 – 21h / Sundays and holidays from 12 – 20h*

Promo video:

Ajo Fernandez Photography Exhibit in Malasaña

Check out [Ajo Fernández' photography exhibit](#) while having dinner at [Nanai Restaurante](#) (in Malasaña) during the whole month of March. Let yourself be enchanted by these amazing pictures of incredible landscapes.

When:

Mondays – 07:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Tuesdays to Fridays – 06:00 p.m. – 02:00 a.m.

Saturdays and holidays – 02:00 p.m. – 02:00 a.m.

Sundays – 05:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

New York & Madrid, Brought Together in FREE 80's Photography Exhibit!

What do the New York City of Andy Warhol and the Madrid of Pedro Almodóvar have in common? Come to [Mondo Galeria](#) in Chueca to find out! Now until February 7th, the gallery is exhibiting the works of iconic photographer Javier Porto, whose art captured the pop and street cultures of 1980s NYC and Madrid. Many people have talked about a culture change or *movida* during this time but what was it exactly? Who did it represent? This exhibit, titled *Semblanzas de Ida y Vuelta*, provides insight into this fascinating phenomenon.

(Tues. – Sat. 11am-8:30pm)