

Discovery Event 1 Malasaña

The neighbourhood of Malasaña is synonymous in Madrid with nightlife and music bars.

Although it is not one of the main international tourist destinations it is popular among Spanish people coming in from the provinces or from the outlying suburbs and regions of Madrid itself.

Malasaña is a residential area which mixes the old and the new, many young European professionals live here, neighbours with an ageing native population. It is literally an area of Grandparents and language teachers! In the recent past the district was known for artisan businesses, bespoke plumbers, carpenters, lamp makers, basket weavers, sandal makers proliferated and this is still captured in street names like Calle Madera. During the transition from the Franco Regime to democracy Malasaña became the centre of the expression of alternative culture with live music and dance venues and theatres and comedy clubs springing up, many of which still exist today. Musical cultures like punk and rock and new wave imported from the UK and US found their Spanish expression in music and in fashion. In our Discovery we connect this modern alternative street culture to the iconic historical event connected to the neighbourhood, namely the uprising on the 2nd of May 1808. Participants on our Discovery learn how the neighbourhood previously known as Maravillas changed name by hearing the story of the death of the young seamstress Manuela Malasaña by the hands of the occupying French army.

Discovery Event 2 Quintana

Quintana is a busy and popular residential area and our Discovery offers a slice of Spanish life, looking at the business and habits of life in an area not frequented by tourists.

We Discover local services and how the demographic has changed and the architecture and gastronomy evolve with the times.

We learn about the habits of the locals, how they learn, relax and spend their money!

Discovery Event 3 Carabanchel

Carabanchel is a Discovery of hidden histories.

The area is now known as home to many migrant families from South American countries along with neighbours living in homes mostly built for 'workers' during the time of the Franco regime.

Before the Civil War, Carabanchel was an independent town made up of a series of inter connected estates, each one boasting a fine palace. There are few remains of these palaces, where royalty and aristocracy had their

summer residences. Our digital discovery of Carabanchel charts these changes from the Roman through the Medieval to the Golden age and onto the vibrancy of the present. Our digital Discovery offers filters where you can find ghosts of the past literally haunting the present.