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Recommended fancy Tapas Bars in Madrid

1. Sala de Despiece

- Address: Calle de Ponzano, 11, Chamberí, 28010 Madrid, Spain
- **Description:** Avant-garde tapas bar in a former butcher shop, famous for interactive, table-side preparation and creative presentations. The industrial-chic decor and playful menu make it a must for foodies.
- Recommended Food: Tuna tartare, beef tataki, "Rolex" (bacon, foie, egg yolk, truffle), Navarra tomato with fried basil.
- For Locals?: Yes, a favorite among locals and in-the-know visitors.
- Average Cost: €45–€60 per person (tasting menu from €45).
- Website: saladedespiece.com
- More Info: <u>Tripadvisor Sala de Despiece</u>

2. Mercado de San Miguel

- Address: Plaza de San Miguel, s/n, Centro, 28005 Madrid, Spain
- **Description:** Madrid's iconic gourmet food market in a beautiful iron-and-glass building. Dozens of stalls serve high-end tapas in a bustling atmosphere.
- Recommended Food: Lobster roll (Martín Tenazas), jamón ibérico, oysters, croquetas.
- For Locals?: Both locals and tourists, especially foodies.
- Average Cost: €25–€40 per person (varies by stall).
- Website: mercadodesanmiguel.es
- More Info: <u>Tripadvisor Mercado de San Miguel</u>

3. Juana La Loca

- Address: Plaza de Puerta de Moros, 4, La Latina, 28005 Madrid, Spain
- **Description:** Chic Basque-inspired tapas bar, renowned for its tortilla de patatas and gourmet pintxos in a stylish setting.
- Recommended Food: Tortilla de patatas, foie pintxo, grilled octopus.
- For Locals?: Yes, especially among locals and food lovers.
- Average Cost: €35–€50 per person.
- Website: juanalaloca.com
- More Info: <u>Tripadvisor Juana La Loca</u>

4. Inclán Brutal Bar

Address: Calle de Álvarez Gato, 4, Huertas, 28012 Madrid, Spain

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- Description: Modern, whimsical tapas bar with imagivnative presentations and creative cocktails. Lively, leafy terrace and playful décor.
- Recommended Food: Mediterranean paellas, creative tapas, signature cocktails.
- For Locals?: Yes, popular with locals and visitors.
- Average Cost: €35–€50 per person.
- Website: inclanbrutalbar.com
- More Info: Tripadvisor Inclán Brutal Bar

5. Rosi La Locav

- Address: Calle de Cádiz, 4, Sol, 28012 Madrid, Spain
- Description: Colorful, maximalist décor and a menu blending classic tapas with modern Spanish dishes.
 Lively ambiance and creative cocktails.
- Recommended Food: Paella, truffled egg, inventive cocktails.
- For Locals?: Attracts both locals and tourists.
- Average Cost: €30–€45 per person.
- Website: rosilaloca.com
- More Info: <u>Tripadvisor Rosi La Loca</u>

6. Casa Lucio

- Address: Calle de la Cava Baja, 35, La Latina, 28005 Madrid, Spain
- **Description:** Legendary institution, famous for "huevos rotos" and classic Castilian dishes, in a traditional, elegant setting.
- Recommended Food: Huevos rotos, callos a la madrileña, roast lamb.
- For Locals?: Yes, a favorite among locals and celebrities.
- Average Cost: €40–€60 per person.
- Website: <u>casalucio.es</u>
- More Info: <u>Tripadvisor Casa Lucio</u>

7. Casa Alberto

- Address: Calle de las Huertas, 18, Huertas, 28012 Madrid, Spain
- **Description:** Historic tavern (since 1827) with red walls and wood paneling, specializing in traditional tapas and housemade vermouth.
- Recommended Food: Oxtail stew, tortilla española, squid in ink.
- For Locals?: Yes, very popular with locals.
- Average Cost: €30–€45 per person.
- Website: <u>casaalberto.es</u>

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• More Info: <u>Tripadvisor - Casa Alberto</u>

8. Casa González

- Address: Calle del León, 12, Barrio de las Letras, 28014 Madrid, Spain
- **Description:** Gourmet grocer and tapas bar since 1931, serving regional meats, cheeses, and wines in a charming, vintage setting.
- Recommended Food: Jamón y queso, eggplant pate, Muscat + Gewurztraminer wine.
- For Locals?: Yes, beloved by locals.
- Average Cost: €25–€40 per person.
- Website: casagonzalezmadrid.com
- More Info: <u>Tripadvisor Casa González</u>

9. La Catapa

- Address: Calle Menorca, 14, Retiro, 28009 Madrid, Spain
- Description: Cozy bar with homemade traditional food, welcoming hosts, and a relaxed atmosphere.
- Recommended Food: Croquetas, artichokes, seasonal stews.
- For Locals?: Yes, a local favorite.
- Average Cost: €30–€45 per person.
- Website: No official website; see reviews on: <u>Tripadvisor La Catapa</u>

10. El Lacon

- Address: Calle de Manuel Fernández y González, 8, Barrio de las Letras, 28014 Madrid, Spain
- Description: 17th-century mansion setting, wide range of Spanish specialties, historic ambiance.
- Recommended Food: Callos con garbanzos, padron peppers, stewed pig ears.
- For Locals?: Yes, popular with locals.
- Average Cost: €25–€40 per person.
- Website: No official website; see reviews on: Tripadvisor El Lacon

11. Bodega de la Ardosa

- Address: Calle de Colón, 13, Malasaña, 28004 Madrid, Spain
- Description: Historic bar with wooden beams and vintage décor, serving classic tapas and local wines.
- Recommended Food: Croquetas, tortilla española, artichokes.
- For Locals?: Yes, a true local haunt.
- Average Cost: €20–€35 per person.
- Website: No official website; see reviews on: Tripadvisor Bodega de la Ardosa

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12. Taberna La Concha

- Address: Calle de la Cava Baja, 7, La Latina, 28005 Madrid, Spain
- **Description:** Cozy, charming, known for excellent vermouth cocktails and gluten-free menu. Traditional and modern tapas.
- Recommended Food: Vermouth cocktail, cured duck, gluten-free tapas.
- For Locals?: Yes, loved by locals.
- Average Cost: €25–€40 per person.
- Website: No official website; see reviews on: Tripadvisor Taberna La Concha

13. Barrutia y el Nueve

- Address: Calle de Sta. Teresa, 9, Justicia, 28004 Madrid, Spain
- Description: Neighborhood gem focused on traditional, homestyle dishes in a quaint setting.
- Recommended Food: Fried pork bites with mushroom purée, fresh pasta with cured ham.
- For Locals?: Yes, mostly local clientele.
- Average Cost: €30–€45 per person.
- Website: No official website; see reviews on: Tripadvisor Barrutia y el Nueve

14. Casa Dani (Mercado de la Paz)

- Address: Calle de Ayala, 28, Salamanca, 28001 Madrid, Spain
- Description: Inside Mercado de la Paz, famous for its tortilla española, bustling and authentic market vibe.
- Recommended Food: Tortilla española, callos, croquetas.
- For Locals?: Yes, especially popular for breakfast and lunch.
- Average Cost: €20–€35 per person.
- Website: No official website; see reviews on: <u>Tripadvisor Casa Dani</u>

15. El Botín Restaurant & Tapas Bar

- Address: Calle de Cuchilleros, 17, Centro, 28005 Madrid, Spain
- **Description:** The world's oldest restaurant (since 1725), famous for roast suckling pig and classic Spanish fare in a historic, elegant setting.
- Recommended Food: Suckling pig, roast lamb, Castilian soup.
- For Locals?: Yes, a must for locals and visitors.
- Average Cost: €45–€65 per person.
- Website: botin.es
- More Info: Tripadvisor El Botín

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16. Mercado de Chamberí

Address: Calle Alonso Cano, 10, 28010 Madrid, Spain

Description:

Mercado de Chamberí is a traditional market dating back to 1876 and renovated in 1943, located in the Chamberí neighborhood. It combines classic fresh food stalls—such as butchers, fishmongers, and greengrocers—with a lively tapas area featuring various restaurants and takeaway options. The market offers a vibrant, colorful atmosphere with high-quality local products and a diverse gastronomic offer including Spanish, Mexican, Italian, and Chinese cuisines. It is popular with locals and families, offering a casual and friendly environment with high tables for communal dining. The market also provides delivery services.

Specialties:

Tapas from diverse cuisines, cheese and charcuterie boards, gourmet conserves, fresh seafood, traditional Spanish dishes like croquetas, patatas bravas, and vermouth.

- Average Cost: €15–€30 per person.
- For Locals?: Yes, it is a favored spot for locals looking for quality and variety in a relaxed setting.
- Website: mercadodechamberi.es
- More Info: <u>Tripadvisor Mercado de Chamberí</u>
- Instagram: @mercadochamberi

17. Mercado de Vallehermoso

Address: Calle Vallehermoso, 36, 28015 Madrid, Spain

Description:

Mercado de Vallehermoso is a recently renovated market that blends traditional market stalls with a modern tapas and dining area. It is known for its bright, spacious design and a curated selection of gourmet food vendors. The market offers a variety of tapas bars and eateries serving high-quality, creative small plates alongside fresh produce and specialty products. It is a great place to experience authentic Spanish tapas culture in a contemporary setting.

• Specialties:

Innovative tapas, fresh seafood, Iberian ham, cheeses, and craft beers.

- Average Cost: €20–€35 per person.
- For Locals?: Yes, increasingly popular with locals and visitors seeking a quality tapas market experience.
- Website: mercadovallehermoso.es (official site)
- **More Info:** <u>Madrid Diferente Mercado de Vallehermoso</u> (includes Chamberí and Vallehermoso tapas routes)

18. La Chispería de Chamberí (Inside Mercado de Chamberí)

• Address: Calle Alonso Cano, 10, Mercado Municipal de Chamberí, 28010 Madrid, Spain

• Description:

La Chispería is a popular tapas bar located inside Mercado de Chamberí, known for its vibrant atmosphere and quality Spanish tapas with a modern twist. It offers a wide range of options including vegetarian, vegan,

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and gluten-free dishes, making it a versatile choice for groups. The bar is praised for its friendly service and lively ambiance, perfect for casual gatherings.

Specialties:

Tapas including croquetas, callos a la madrileña, and creative small plates.

- Average Cost: €20–€35 per person.
- For Locals?: Yes, a well-loved spot within the market.
- Website: <u>lachisperiadechamberi.com</u>
- More Info: <u>Tripadvisor La Chispería de Chamberí</u>

Tapas bar itinerary in Ponzano street

This itinerary offers a well-rounded exploration of Calle Ponzano's tapas scene, from historic taverns to innovative modern bars, ensuring a rich tasting experience in one of Madrid's liveliest gastronomic streets. Enjoy your tapas crawl!

1. Cervecería El Doble

- Address: Calle Ponzano 58, 28010 Madrid
- Highlights: Classic Madrid seafood tapas, especially canned delicacies, prawns, and perfectly poured double beers (doble). Known for its authentic, no-frills atmosphere and free tapas with drinks.
- Estimated Prices: Tapas €4–7, Beer (doble) ~€3.50–4.50
- Notes: Very popular with locals; can get busy on weekends. Great for starting or ending your crawl due to proximity to Alonso Cano metro.
- Website: El Doble on Eatbu
- Additional Info: Free tapas with drinks; expect a lively, traditional vibe.

2. Fide

- Address: Calle Ponzano 8, 28010 Madrid
- Highlights: Renowned for fresh seafood tapas such as prawns and anchovies, served in a lively, casual setting.
- Estimated Prices: Tapas €5-8
- Website: Fide Cervecería Marisquería
- Additional Info: A classic neighborhood bar with a focus on quality seafood tapas.

3. Bar Restaurante Ponzano

- Address: Calle Ponzano 12, 28010 Madrid
- **Highlights:** Traditional Spanish and European tapas including fried artichokes and grilled anchovies, with vegetarian and gluten-free options.

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Estimated Prices: Tapas €6–10

Opening Hours: Open until 12:30 AM, suitable for late-night tapas.

Phone: +34 914 48 68 80Website: Tripadvisor Listing

Additional Info: Travelers' Choice award winner, good for both dinner and drinks.

4. La Malcriada

Address: Calle Ponzano 38, 28010 Madrid

• **Highlights:** Trendy bar with an industrial-chic vibe, popular for *ensaladilla rusa*, spicy fried potatoes, and mushroom croquettes.

Estimated Prices: Tapas €5–8

Additional Info: Popular with young locals and students, lively atmosphere especially on weekends.

5. Taberna Averías

- Address: Calle Ponzano 21, 28010 Madrid
- Highlights: Wine-focused bar with over 400 wines by the glass and excellent tapas like cured meats, cheese plates, and smoked salmon.
- Estimated Prices: Tapas €6-12, Wine varies widely
- Additional Info: No draught beer served here; perfect for wine lovers looking for a cozy spot.

6. Sala de Despiece

- Address: Calle Ponzano 11, 28010 Madrid
- **Highlights:** Modern, industrial-style tapas bar with creative plates focusing on high-quality ingredients and presentation.
- Estimated Prices: Tapas €7–12
- Additional Info: A hotspot for foodies seeking innovative tapas in a unique setting.

7. Taberna de Alipio Ramos

- Address: Calle Ponzano 39, 28010 Madrid
- **Highlights:** Historic tavern (since 1916) known for vermouth, tortilla de patata, croquetas de rabo de toro, and the famous "Colesterol" plate (eggs, chistorra, peppers, potatoes).
- Estimated Prices: Tapas €5–9
- Additional Info: A traditional Madrid experience with a strong local following.

8. La Lianta

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- Address: Calle Ponzano 16, 28010 Madrid
- Highlights: Modern neighborhood bar blending traditional and contemporary tapas with a casual vibe.
- Estimated Prices: Tapas €5–8
- Additional Info: Good for casual stops with a wide variety of small plates.

9. Neotaberna Santerra

- Address: Calle Ponzano 28, 28010 Madrid
- **Highlights:** Contemporary tavern by chef Miguel Carretero, known for updated Madrid classics like croquetas de jamón and tuna loin bocata.
- Estimated Prices: Tapas €7–12
- Additional Info: A refined option for modernized traditional tapas in a stylish setting.

10. Taquería La Lupita

- Address: Corner of Calle Ponzano and Calle Maudes, 28003 Madrid
- Highlights: For a break from Spanish tapas, this spot offers casual Mexican fare including meaty tacos and large margaritas.
- Estimated Prices: Tacos €3–5 each, Margaritas €10+
- Additional Info: Great for mixing up your crawl with different flavors and cocktails.

Summary Tips:

- Getting There: Alonso Cano metro station is closest to the southern end of Calle Ponzano.
- **Prices:** Tapas generally range from €4 to €12 depending on the bar and dish quality. Drinks (beer, wine, cocktails) are €3–8.
- **Best Time:** Weekday evenings are lively but less crowded; weekends can be very busy with locals and visitors.
- Language: Menus are mostly in Spanish; staff are generally friendly and can assist with recommendations.
- Social Media: The hashtag #ponzaning is popular for sharing experiences from this street.