ART & CULTURE – MADRID – November 2019

1. **Fundación Telefónica.**
   Calle (St) Fuencarral, 3.
   Metro: Gran Vía.
   http://www.fundaciontelefonica.com

   **Temporary Exhibition:**
   - **From Madrid to the Moon:** Everyone knows that the Apollo 11 mission was a success, but few know the role that Spain and, specifically, Telefónica played in this achievement. We’ll explain all about it in our new mini exhibition.

2. **Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum.**
   Paseo (Boulevard) del Prado, 8.
   Metro: Banco de España – Atocha - Sol.
   http://www.museothyssen.org/en/thyssen/home

   **Temporary Exhibitions:**
   - **The Impressionists and Photography:** Following the appearance of the earliest Daguerreotypes in the late 1830s and above all, after the subsequent discovery of photographic printing on paper, the relationship between photography and painting became an extremely close one. The camera’s artificial eye in the work of photographers such as Le Gray, Cuvelier, Nadar and Disderi, to mention just a few, stimulated Manet, Degas and the young Impressionists to develop a new way of looking at the world.

   - **More than humans:** This fall, the Museo Nacional Thyssen-Bornemisza and Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary (TBA21) present an exhibition with works by Dominique Gonzalez-Foerster and Tomás Saraceno, which invite visitors to explore questions surrounding technologies, artificial intelligence, the collective minds of animals, and the power and attraction of the unknown. This is the third collaboration between the two institutions, on this occasion curated by Stefanie Hessler.

3. **Prado Museum.** A must.
   Paseo (Boulevard) del Prado, s/n.
   Metro: Banco de España – Atocha - Sol.
   http://www.museodelprado.es/en

   **Temporary Exhibition**
   - **A tale of two women painters: Sofonisba Anguissola and Lavinia Fontana**
     The exhibition will reveal the artistic personality of two of the most outstanding women artists in western art. Through a total of 60 works and for the first time, the Museo del Prado will jointly present the most important paintings by Sofonisba Anguissola (ca.1535-1625) and Lavinia Fontana (1552-1614). The two artists achieved recognition and fame among their contemporaries for and despite their status as female painters.
4. **Sorolla Museum.**  
   Calle (St) General Martínez Campos, 37.  
   Metro: Iglesia – Rubén Darío  
   Sorolla’s House. Best permanent exhibition of the light Spanish painter.

5. **Reina Sofía Museum.**  
   Calle (St) Santa Isabel, 52.  
   Metro Atocha.  
   Guernica. Pablo Picasso.

6. **Open public art Museum.**  
   Metro: Rubén Darío  
   An unconventional museum, this 70´s space at the junction of the Paseo (Boulevard) Castellana with Calle (St) Juan Bravo was the brainchild of engineers José Antonio Fernández Ordóñez and Julio Martínez Calzón. All the major names in late 20th century Spanish sculpture are represented – including Pablo Serrano, Chillida, Miró. An extension of this is a bit farther away in the Colon Square with the Woman and mirror of Fernando Botero. Colon statue.

7. **Garment Museum.**  
   Calle (St) Juan de Herrera, 2.  
   Metro: Ciudad Universitaria  
   [http://www.museodeltraje.com](http://www.museodeltraje.com)  
   A Centre for the investigation of the Spanish ethnographic garment heritage.

8. **Royal Tapestry Museum.**  
   Calle (St) Fuenterrabía, 2.  
   Metro: Atocha  
   [http://www.realfabricadetapices.com](http://www.realfabricadetapices.com)  
   Founding by Philip V in 1721, the Real Fábrica de Tapices, has been characterized by its know-how of its trades and the creation of works of art able to stand the test of time. Today it continues to produce works that are as refined as were three hundred years ago.

9. **Caixa Forum Madrid.**  
   Paseo (Boulevard) Prado 36.  
   Metro: Atocha  
   *Temporary Exhibiton*  
   - **Luxury. From the Assyrians to Alexander the Great.** A fascinating exhibition of more than 200 objects from the ancient Assyrian, Babylonian, Phoenician and Persian Empires British
Museum, powers that shared with Alexander the Great the aim of extending their power beyond their own limits. Along with conquests, looting, and the trading of raw materials, precious stones and manufactured goods, the consumption of luxury led to pieces that still surprise experts and the general public today.

10. **Mapfre Foundation**
   Metro: Colón
   [https://www.fundacionmapfre.org](https://www.fundacionmapfre.org)

   **Boldini and Late 19th Century Spanish Painting. The Spirit of an Age:** The exhibition we are presenting, displays the work of the painter **Giovanni Boldini** (Ferrara, 1842 - Paris, 1931) for the first time in Spain. Boldini was one of the most important and prolific of the Italian artists living in Paris during the second half of the 19th century; alongside his body of work we have brought together pieces from some of the Spanish painters also residing in the French capital during the same period. A dialog is established between their paintings and those of this native of Ferrara.

11. **Royal Palace of Madrid + Campo del Moro Park.**
   Metro: Opera
   [http://www.patrimonionacional.es](http://www.patrimonionacional.es)

   Home to the Kings of Spain from Charles III to Alfonso XIII, Madrid's Royal Palace takes us on a journey through the history of Spain. Though it is no longer the royal family's home, it continues to be their official residence.
   Don't miss the Changing the guard (held on Wednesdays and Saturdays, weather permitting) and the magnificent Solemn changing the Guard, which takes place on the first Wednesday of each month, weather permitting (except January, August and September).

12. **Casa Museo Lope de Vega.**
   Calle (St) Cervantes, 11.
   Metro: Atocha

   Dedicated to Félix Lope de Vega it’s a 17th century building where the writer lived between 1610-1635.

13. **Mining Museum.**
    Calle (St) Ríos Rosas, 23.
    Metro: Ríos Rosas

    Mining museum inside the Madrid’ Engineering Mining School. Open all mornings with major pieces of original big size mineral stones.

14. **Chamberí Metro station.**

    Plaza (Square) Chamberi metro station, and old and unused now station as it was in the 1966 when was closed (and opened from 1919). Only Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
15. **Madrid city Tour.**
   It’s operates every day of the year. You can choose between 2 routes. Information points: Plaza (Square) España, 7 and Calle (St) Felipe IV near Prado Museum. You can buy your tickets at the bus. From 21 €.

16. **Santiago Bernabeú Museum**
   Castellana (Boulevard) and Concha Espina (St)
   Metro: Santiago Bernabéu
   Real Madrid museum with their trophies and history

17. **National Archaeological Museum.**
   Calle (St) Serrano, 13
   Metro: Serrano – Velázquez
   The National Archaeological Museum (MAN), which houses one of the world’s most important antique collections, has just reopened after a comprehensive remodeling process that lasted for six years. Comprising implements and works of art from Mediterranean cultures, its exhibits span from prehistory to the 19th century. You can find The Lady of Elche.

18. **Museum of the Americas**
   Avenida (Avenue) de los Reyes Católicos, 6
   Metro: Moncloa – Islas Filipinas
   (Near your hotel)
   [http://www.mecd.gob.es/museodeamerica](http://www.mecd.gob.es/museodeamerica)
   The museum was built in April 1941; it was born from an idea that had been in development for a long time with different names: Overseas Museum-Library, Archaeological Museum of Indies, etc. In 1943, the plan for the existing museum was commissioned to the architects Luis Moya and Luis Martínez Feduchi, starting that same year and ending in 1954.

19. **Faro de Moncloa**
   Avenida (Avenue) de la Memoria, 2
   (Near your hotel)
   Metro: Moncloa
   As the expression goes, From Madrid to heaven, because once you've been to Madrid the only place that can top it is paradise itself. Enjoy the city from up high, taking in the wonderful views the Faro de Moncloa affords.

20. **Temple of Debod.**
   Calle (St) Ferraz, 1
   Metro: Plaza Españã – Ventura Rodríguez
   (Near your hotel)
   This is an Egyptian temple dating back to the 2nd century BC, transported to Madrid’s Cuartel de la Montaña Park. The temple was donated to Spain by the Egyptian government.
to save it from floods following the construction of the great Aswan Dam. The inside of the monument is currently closed to visitors, although you can still walk along the walkway during the temple opening hours.

You cannot miss the sunset, the best in Madrid.

**FOOD & DRINKS – MADRID**

Traditional markets are trendy. If you have not been any of these new meeting points yet, do not miss one of the best plans. [http://www.turismomadrid.es/en](http://www.turismomadrid.es/en)

- **San Miguel Market**: Located in the old city of Madrid, next to Plaza Mayor, San Miguel Market describes itself as "the temple of fresh produce where the protagonist is not the chef, but the food". The building where it is located has been declared a national Monument of Cultural Interest.
  Plaza (Square) San Miguel.
  Metro: Sol

- **San Antón Market**, in the district of Chueca. The San Antón market, which used to be a central market selling staple food, has turned into a gourmet market selling delicatessen and a meeting point.
  Calle (St) Augusto Figueroa, 24.
  Metro: Chueca

- **San Ildefonso Market**. This recently opened food market was created in the cosmopolitan tradition of the street markets of London and New York.
  Calle (St) Fuencarral, 57.
  Metro: Tribunal – Gran Vía

- **Platea Madrid**, the jewel of Europe. This cutting edge complex opened in 2014 in the premises formerly occupied by a movie theater, it is the largest gastronomic leisure space in Europe. It offers not only avant-garde cuisine, but also a great variety of shows to entertain the visiting public (music, films, performing arts, magic, cabaret or micro-theatre) and hands-on activities such as workshops or tastings on the stage.
  Calle (St) Goya, 5-7.
  Metro: Colón – Serrano

- **San Fernando Market**, at the heart of Lavapiés. Located in the multicultural Lavapiés district, resurfaces aiming at offering modernity and quality. Next to its traditional food stalls, you will find cafés and restaurants, such as a Japanese multi-space where you can eat real Japanese cuisine.
  Plaza (Square) Embajadores, 41.
  Metro: Embajadores
After touring the city, relax in an outdoor café, or terraza, and enjoy a drink or a meal, listening to your favorite music. This is the essence of Madrid in summer, and its many outdoor bars offer something to satisfy all tastes. Very good views.

- **CentroCentro Palacio de Cibeles**: The stunning Palacio de Cibeles is not only the headquarters of Madrid City Council; it is also home to CentroCentro. A recent addition to the renowned Paseo del Arte. On the sixth floor is Terraza Cibeles, a great rooftop bar where you can relax with a pre-dinner drink or mid-afternoon snack as you take in the wonderful views of the Plaza de Cibeles and the Madrid skyline.
  
  Plaza (Square) Cibeles  
  Metro: Banco de España

- **Azotea del Círculo**: Located on the rooftop of the Fine Arts Circle, one of the most important private cultural centres in Europe, the Azotea del Círculo is a unique gastro-cultural project in a privileged setting thanks to its location, the beauty of the building and its views. Indeed, it is known as one of the best lookout points in Madrid.
  
  The rooftop is home to the restaurant, where an updated version of dishes and tapas from traditional Spanish cuisine can be savoured, prepared by the chef, Javier Muñoz-Calero, and his team.
  
  To access the rooftop, the Fine Arts Circle has a lift with glass doors, on the top floor, providing direct access to this privileged space from the hall. Tickets can be obtained in the reception of the building.

- **Riu Plaza Hotel**: This luxury, four-star hotel, located in the emblematic Edificio España between Gran Vía and Calle Princesa, is part of the RIU Hotels & Resorts hotel chain and has 27 floors and 585 rooms, which offer incredible views over the city from its rooftop terrace.
  
  All of the rooms are equipped with a mini-fridge, air conditioning and heating, an electronic safe and a complimentary welcome kit, among many other amenities.
  
  The hotel offers a restaurant, a lobby bar and two magnificent Sky Bars: De Madrid al Cielo, located on the 26th floor and set in the Madrid Scene, and the 360º Roof Top Bar, located on the top floor of the hotel, from where you can enjoy some breathtaking 360º panoramic views of the city, and you can also stroll over a glass walkway that literally enables you to walk on Madrid’s sky.