



Patty Lyons Madrid Knitting Tour *2025*

Tour Date:

13 – 20 February 2025

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Tour Overview

This exclusive **7 night knitting experience** is an amazing opportunity to explore and knit in charming and vibrant **Madrid** – a centre for arts and culture as well as culinary delights and a love of knitting! Enjoy 7 nights at the fabulous **Only You Boutique Hotel** with your experienced English and Spanish speaking guide. As well as the fabulous **Love Yarn Madrid Festival**, we have exclusive knitting class with **Patty Lyons**! Spend time in **local yarn stores** and explore the landmarks of Madrid with tours of **La Amudena Cathedral**, the **Royal Palace** and **Museo de Traje**. Take part in **Tapas cooking (and eating!) class** and explore the delights of the world famous **El Rastro Market**. Visit the iconic **Wooldreamers** in the heart of **Don Quixote country**, before enjoying majestic **Belmonte Castle**, the **famous windmills** and wonderful **vineyard tour and wine tasting**! Join a full day tour to the famous city of three cultures of **Toledo**. Finally, immerse yourself in culture and tradition with a Farewell dinner and a world class **Flamenco Show**!

Included in This Tour-

- Transfers on arrival and departure (**Adolfo Suárez Madrid–Barajas Airport**)
- Luxury transport with an experienced English-speaking driver
- Accredited English-speaking guide
- 7 Nights luxury accommodation at Only You Boutique Hotel
- Breakfast daily
- Welcome Brunch
- Welcome Drinks Reception
- 3 lunches
- 2 dinners
- Farewell Dinner
- Flamenco Show
- Exclusive Tapas class with drinks and dining
- Entrance to Love Yarn Madrid
- 1 workshop at Love Yarn Madrid chosen by you
- Shuttle Service to and from the Knitting Festival
- Wooldreamers Artisan Yarn Makers exclusive tour

- Don Quixote Adventure including the famous Windmills, Belmonte Castle and Museo Casa Dulcinea del Toboso
- Exclusive Mont Reaga Vineyard tour and wine tasting
- Yarn store visits
- Morning in Toledo
- Visit to El Rastro Market
- Entry into the following: La Almudena Cathedral, Royal Palace of Madrid, Museo de Traje, Museo Casa Dulcinea del Toboso, Belmonte Castle

Workshops/ Knitting Activities Included:

- Knitting workshops with Patty Lyons.
- Entrance to Love Yarn Madrid Festival and access to all social and market places
- 1 x Love Yarn Madrid Knitting Class (first come first served)
- Fun at local yarn stores!

(Wool and patterns are included in workshops with Patty Lyons, you just need to bring your own needles, sizes will be advised)

Not Included in this Tour

- Travel to and from Madrid
- Items of a personal nature such as wines, drinks, phone calls, etc.
- Meals not specified on the itinerary
- Tips & Gratuities

Itinerary

Important Note: Attractions, workshops and demonstrations may change according to availability and scheduling.

Day 1: Thursday, 13 February 2025

Transfer to your Madrid city centre hotel and meet with your fellow knitters and your tour guide for a **Welcome Brunch** at the hotel (please note, rooms are ready for check in from 4.00pm). Take some time to relax at the hotel or explore elegant boulevards and expansive, manicured parks such as the Buen Retiro before visiting yarn shop of **Miss Kits Madrid**, the organisers of Love Yarn Madrid festival! This evening enjoy a **Welcome Drinks Reception** and dinner.

Overnight Only You Boutique Hotel – welcome brunch and dinner included

Day 2: Friday, 14 February 2025

It's festival time! Our shuttle service will get you to the location of **Love Yarn Madrid** in good time before opening. Enjoy the many stalls, workshops and countless activities for fans of knitting, croche and macramé!

Our return shuttle will be there at the Day 1 close to bring you back to our hotel. As it is Valentine's Day, we will get together to celebrate knitting love with tapas and cocktails!

Overnight Only You Boutique Hotel – breakfast and dinner included

Day 3: Saturday, 15 February 2025

It's Day 2 of **Love Yarn Madrid**! Our shuttle service will get you to the festival location in good time before opening and once again you can enjoy the many stalls, workshops and activities.

Our return shuttle will be there at the Day 2 close to bring you back to our hotel.

The day is yours to explore, dine and relax at leisure and spend as much time as you like at Love Yarn Madrid.

Overnight Only You Boutique Hotel – breakfast included

Day 4: Sunday, 16 February 2025

Day 3 of **Love Yarn Madrid** commences and our usual shuttle service is available. Of course, you may be all yarned out at this stage so we have some optional activities for you.

Sundays in Madrid mean one thing: the **El Rastro market** so of course we have to visit! This sprawling open-air market is on every weekend so you can treasure hunt through more than 700 stalls. You can find centuries-old antiques, vintage furniture, war memorabilia, records, paella pans and every type of souvenir. El Rastro market is also a gathering place for madrileños. Locals come every Sunday to shop, stroll, and grab a bite at the generations-old tapas bars. Next to **Museo del Traje de Madrid**, or Costume Museum, takes us a journey through the evolution of clothing, from the 16th century to the present day. Jewellery and accessories, historical and contemporary clothing from the work of several designers. Lace, embroidery and thousands of ornate and decorative religious objects including prints, rosaries and medals are also on display.

Overnight Only You Boutique Hotel – breakfast included

Day 5: Monday, 17 February 2025

We start the day with an exclusive knitting class with **Patty Lyons**, a world famous knitting designer and teacher. What a special treat to get some knitting secrets from Patty! After class, relax with lunch at a nearby restaurant (included) followed by a visit to the **Royal Palace of Madrid**. Situated in beautiful gardens, the breathtaking building with 3418 rooms, is the official residence of His Majesty the King of Spain. Enjoy exploring the opulence, artwork and treasures of this centuries old wonder. Next we explore **La Almudena Cathedral**. Although only consecrated by Pope John Paul II in 1993, it was over 100 years in the making and the crypt is the last resting place of many historic noble families of Madrid. Finish the day with a special hands-on **Tapas Dinner at The Cooking Clubhouse!** The in-house professional Chef will guide you through some of Spain's most iconic tapas recipes. You will be welcomed with a glass of Cava and shown to your personalized cooking stations where you will work in pairs to make traditional Spanish tapas!

The Chef is also your host, making you and all the other guests feel at home, and of course to keep your wine glasses full! Once you have created your tapas, step into the private dining room where you will not only eat your own creations, but also delicious dishes made by Chef, paired with local wines.

Overnight Only You Boutique Hotel – breakfast, lunch and Tapas dinner included

Day 6: Tuesday, 18 February 2025

After breakfast, travel to Family Mill of **WoolDreamers**. Everything they do is focused on heritage, roots, artisanship, nature and humanity, encompassed in excellence and authenticity. Enjoy a comprehensive guided tour that gives you complete insight into the yarn making process and receive a little gift! Next travel to the glorious **Mont Reaga Winery** for a tour, lunch (included) and wine tasting. Visit **Museo-Casa Dulcinea Del Toboso**. This house belonged to one of the most illustrious families of El Toboso, the Martínez Zarco de Morales - said to be the home of Doña Ana Esteban, who inspired the character of Dulcinea in the Spanish epic novel, Don Quixote. Continue to **Castillo De Belmonte**, a medieval castle on the hill of San Cristobal. Like a fairy-tale, the castle is in the form of a six-pointed star with a turret at the top of each point. Visit Enjoy the spectacular views across the La Mancha plains.

Return to Madrid for a relaxing evening.

Overnight Only You Boutique Hotel – breakfast and lunch included

Day 7: Wednesday, 19 February 2025

Today we spend the day exploring **UNESCO World Heritage city of Toledo**, once the capital of Spain! Situated at a high vantage point overlooking Rio Tajo, is was known as the city of three cultures.' The Gothic cathedral, musuem and fortress are just some of the visitor hotspots, or you may prefer to amble through the winding medieval streets and stop off at one of the many restaurants, cafes or bars. Make sure to try the region's famous Manchego cheese!

Return to Madrid in time for fun at the award winning Corral de la Moreria Flamenco Show! Enjoy a Farewell dinner before experiencing the magic of music and dance with some of Spain's top performers.

Overnight Only You Boutique Hotel – breakfast and Farewell dinner included

Day 8: Thursday, 20 February 2025

As we transfer you to the airport, bid farewell to Madrid, but remember you are bringing great memories, new skills and new friends with you!

Prices

Euro €4,885.00 per person sharing in a Twin/ Double room

Euro €1,540.00 additional supplement if a single room is required

All pricing is in Euro - passengers may choose to be charged in Euro or their own local currency.

If you have friends or family that want to join you but do not knit, we offer a special non-knitter discount of Euro 200!

Pre Tour Arrangements (Optional)

1 x Pre-Nights at Only You Boutique Hotel (subject to availability)

Arrival transfer

Per person sharing in a Twin/ Double room - Euro 213.00

Supplement if single room is required – Euro 183.00

Booking Requirements & Cancellation Information

A deposit of 20% of the total tour price (including pre-nights if booked) is required to hold your booking. The balance of the tour is due 60 days before arrival and can be made in instalment payments on request.

Cancellation Penalties:

- Cancellation 125 days or more prior to itinerary start date – Full deposit is forfeit.
- Cancellation 124 days to 31 days prior to itinerary start date – 50% of total paid is forfeit
- Cancellation 30 days or less prior to itinerary start date – 100% of total paid is forfeit

For booking or any questions regarding the tour, please contact Milda in our Groups Department toll free on 1 800 913 1135 or email milda@knittingtours.com

Travel Insurance

We urge you to purchase cancellation insurance & supplemental medical coverage (which covers pre-existing conditions). This is a smart way to safeguard against life's surprises.

Also it is important to note that a certain amount of walking is encouraged on our tours. All tour members must be able to mount steps into the coach and walk unaided at a reasonable pace from coach to hotel and coach to visitor attractions/events on possibly uneven ground. Passengers must be able to handle their own luggage. Coach driver's and guides that are employed by The Irish Tourism Group cannot provide individualized help for walking, getting on and off motor coaches, ferries or other personal needs.

Additional Information

Baggage

When portage of baggage is included in a programme, it is based upon a maximum of 1 piece of standard airline baggage per person. Passengers bringing baggage in excess of this amount may incur a surcharge. For the sake of passenger comfort, it is recommended that passengers limit baggage to 1 suitcase per person plus 1 carry on.

Items Not Included

Our tours do not include items of a personal nature such as laundry, room service, telephone charges or other hotel extras. All passengers are responsible for settling any such costs incurred before checking out of each hotel.

Gratuities

Gratuities are not included to the coach driver and tour guide. These are at the participant's discretion.

Safety

It is the responsibility of each individual client to ensure that they do not behave in such a way as to cause offence or danger to themselves or others, or which risks damage to property. Each client shall be responsible for any injury or damage caused by their failure to behave in a safe and proper manner.

Places of interest in Madrid

(Optional, not included in tour price)

Parque del Retiro – one of the largest parks in Madrid which stretches for 125 hectares (4.5 km perimeter) and its' more than 15,000 trees form a true oasis in the heart of Madrid. Retiro Park was once the royal garden of the former Buen Retiro Palace, built by the kings of Spain in the 17th century as a place of spiritual retreat, walks, rest and vacations. Make sure to visit many of remarkable architectural and historical elements located in this park such as the Pond , the Velázquez Palace or the Crystal Palace.

Prado National Museum – this museum has one of the largest art collection in the world, including works by Velasquez, Goya and El Greco.

Santiago Bernabeu Stadium – interactive museum displaying the history of Real Madrid football club.

Uerta de Alcala - a Neo-classical gate in the Plaza de la Independencia, the gate of the former Walls of Philip IV. It stands near the city center and several meters away from the main entrance to the Parque del Buen Retiro.

Plaza de Cibeles - The old Communications Palace is a monumental building that since 2007 has been the headquarters of the Madrid City Council. Designed and built by Antonio Palacios and Joaquín Otamendi as the headquarters of the Spanish Postal and Telegraph Society. Following patterns of rationality and functionality, the building represents the union of tradition and modernity. Built of stone, iron and glass, the Cibeles Palace sits on land that had housed the old recreational gardens of El Buen Retiro.

San Antonio de los Alemanes – little church located in Gran Via Avenue famous for its' beautiful frescoed ceiling known us "The Sistine Chapel of Madrid". Built in the 17th century, this church initially served as a hospital for Portuguese citizens who came to Madrid while Portugal was under Spanish rule. After Portuguese independence, it was dedicated to German pilgrims and its name was changed to the current name, Iglesia de San Antonio de los Alemanes (Church of Saint Anthony of the Germans). Under the church, there is a curious crypt with several niches that house corpses of the Spanish royal family, some dating back to the Middle Ages.

Museo Geominero - Opened in its current location in May of 1926, the collection's roots extend nearly a century earlier, when engineers and geologists began amassing literal and figurative gems of the nation during a massive project to map Spain's geology, undertaken in 1849. Housed originally in the palace of the Duke of San Pedro, the current cavernous home of these specimens has become a cherished secret among Madrid's sometimes ravenous museum-goers.

Madrid's Walk of Fame (Martin de los Heros) – just like in Hollywood, Madrid has its' own walk of fame.