



## TRAVELLING TO TOLEDO

Toledo is located 44 miles / 71 kilometres south of Madrid and is the capital of the Castilla-La Mancha region. The following links contain useful information (climate, meals, traditions, history ...) and some images of the city:

<u>Toledo - World Guides</u> <u>Views of Toledo</u> <u>Toledo: a world heritage city</u>

The nearest airport to Todelo is Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas International Airport (MAD). It is located 9 miles / 15 km from the centre of Madrid. This airport has four passenger terminals, but most international flights arrive to Terminal 1.

There are several ways to travel from Madrid to Toledo:

- By Car
- By High Speed Train (AVE)
- By Bus

## By Car

Several rental car companies can be found in Madrid-Barajas Airport. Most of them operate between 7:00 and midnight, though some airport offices stay open for longer.

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It takes about one hour to arrive from Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas airport to Toledo by car (without heavy traffic).

Six roads lead directly to and from Madrid. They are numbered in Roman numerals N-I to N-VI and are connected by the M-30 or M-40 rings. The N-401 is a main road that links Toledo with Madrid and can be entered from any of the rings. The entrance is between the exits to N-III and N-V. Due to the works in the M-30 south area, taking the ring M-40, then the ring M45 and finally the N-401 tends to be a faster option.





Detailed instructions to go from the airport to your Hotel can be obtained using <a href="http://www.viamichelin.com">http://www.viamichelin.com</a>

A few driving tips: Citizens of EU member countries require a national driving licence to drive cars in Spain. Citizens from non-EU member countries need an International Driving Permit, together with their national driving licence. It is compulsory for the driver and all passengers to wear seat belts. In Spain, cars drive on the right-hand side of the road. At junctions and roundabouts, you must give way to traffic coming from the right. The national speed limits are 75 miles per hour / 120 km per hour on motorways (autopistas) and 62 miles per hour / 100 km per hour is the maximum limit on other fast routes (autovías) with several lanes. Other major routes are typically 56 miles per hour / 90 km per hour and slower speed limits of 30 miles per hour / 50 km per hour are found in urban areas.

## By High Speed Train (AVE)

There are usually 10 high speed trains that travel between Madrid-Atocha railway station and Toledo. The first train leaves Madrid at 06:50 and the last train departs at 21:50. Atocha is a large station with several sections. The high speed trains to Toledo depart from the 'AVE' section, on the top of the tropical garden. The simplest way to reach Atocha railway station from Barajas Airport and your Hotel from Toledo's railway station is by taxi.

There is a RENFE office in the airport (arrival area of Terminal 1) where you can obtain further information about trains. For more information about Renfe train system <a href="http://www.renfe.es/">http://www.renfe.es/</a>

**Step 1:** Go from "Aeropuerto Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas" to "Estación Madrid-Atocha":

Option 1: By taxi.

- Transportation: Taxi / Price: 30 euros (fixed price) / Estimated time: 25 minutes
- Time depend on traffic and time of the day.

Option 2: By Metro.

- Transportation: Metro / Price: 4.5 euros / Estimated time: 43 minutes
- Steps: In the airport, take METRO line 8 up to "Nuevos Ministerios" Station. Follow the signs and take the Cercanias train to "Atocha" station. Take the first train that goes to Atocha, and then change in Atocha to the 'AVE' train to Toledo.





More information about access to "Aeropuerto Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas":

http://www.aena.es/ About Madrid's Metro in http://www.metromadrid.es

Step 2: Go from "Estación Madrid-Atocha, AVE" to "Estación de Tren de Toledo"

- Transportation: Train / Price: 12.70 euros (single), 20.30 euros (return) / Estimated time: 33 minutes.
- Schedule: See table below (direct train between both train stations).

Monday to Friday schedules:

Madrid-Toledo		Toledo-Madrid	
Departure	Arrival	Departure	Arrival
06.50	07.23	06.25	06.58
07.50	08.23	06.50	07.23
08.50	09.23	07.25	07.58
09.20	09.53	07.55	08.28
10.20	10.51	09.25	09.58
11.20	11.53	15.25	15.58
12.20	12.53	17.25	17.58
13.50	14.23	18.25	18.58
14.50	15.23	20.25	20.58
16.50	17.23	21.30	22.03
18.50	19.23		
19.50	20.23		
21.50	22.23		

Weekend schedules change

More information in <a href="http://www.renfe.es/ave/index">http://www.renfe.es/ave/index</a> toledo.htm

Step 3: Go from "Estación de Tren de Toledo" to Hotel.

From the railway station take a taxi to the hotel.





## By Bus

ALSA buses connect Toledo with Madrid and run every 30 minutes. Buses start at 06:00, running until 23:00, and later on Sunday and public holidays. They depart from Plaza Elíptica Station at Madrid and arrive at Toledo's bus station. The simplest way to reach Plaza Elíptica Station from Barajas Airport and your Hotel from Toledo's Bus Station is by taxi.

**Step 1:** Go from "Aeropuerto Madrid-Barajas" (Madrid Barajas Airport) to "Estación Sur de Autobuses Méndez Álvaro" (Bus Station of Méndez Álvaro):

Option 1: By taxi.

- Transportation: Taxi / Price: 30 euros (fixed price) / Estimated time: 25 minutes
- Time depend on traffic and time of the day.

Option 2: By Metro.

- Transportation: Metro / Price: over 2 euros / Estimated time: 55 minutes.
- Steps: In the airport, take METRO line 8 up to "Nuevos Ministerios" Station. Take line 6 from "Nuevos Ministerios" up to "Plaza Elíptica". Exiting the METRO station you find signals directing you into the bus station.

More information about Access to "Aeropuerto Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas": <a href="http://www.aena.es/">http://www.aena.es/</a> about Madrid's Metro in <a href="http://www.metromadrid.es">http://www.metromadrid.es</a> about ALSA in <a href="http://www.alsa.es/">http://www.alsa.es/</a>

**Step 2:** Go from "Estación Sur de Autobuses Méndez Álvaro" to "Estación de Autobuses de Toledo" (Toledo's Bus Station)

- Transportation: Bus / Price: 5.43 euros / Estimated time: Between 1 and 1.30 hours.
- Company: "ALSA". Tickets not available in the website, they are purchased inside the Plaza Elíptica.
- Horary: From 6.00 to 23.00, buses every 30 minutes (Direct bus between both bus stations)



Step 3: Go from "Estación de Autobuses de Toledo" to Hotel.

From the bus station take a taxi to the hotel (Radio Taxi telephone: 925 255 050). There are also buses from bus station to Toledo's downtown ("Plaza de Zocodover"), typically every 10 or 15 minutes. The price is lower than 2 euros, and they take 5 minutes to arrive to "Plaza de Zocodover".