

Pum Pum Cafe, a new Lavapiés coffeeshop and weekend brunch spot

Situated on C/ Tribulete, 6 is the new establishment [Pum Pum Cafe](#). It was brought to my attention by the charismatic Jordan, well known by the coffee-lover community for his tenure as a barista at the popular [Toma Cafe](#) in Malasaña. The tastefully exposed brick pattern of the wall is a remnant of the conversion process from the butcher shop that previously occupied the space. I'm always keen on discovering new cafes to perch with my laptop. One can easily foresee this business becoming another thriving watering hole in the barrio.



Pum Pum stands out amongst the competition for its breakfast/brunch offerings: a splendid eggs benedict and avocado tostada, an assortment of healthy juices, baked goods and organic products. **Their mission is to offer breakfast at all hours of the day as to not discriminate against those who wake up at 5pm after a rowdy night.** Aficionados of coffee will be as thrilled as I was to see that Pum Pum is equipped to prepare V60 and chemex filter coffees.



The owner Papo is from Argentina, his brother Dam operates the kitchen, barista Jordan hails from Australia and the cafe manager Ira is from Ukraine. Papo has an adorable and well behaved infant son who can be seen on site at the weekend. Their hours during the week are 9am-9pm and their weekend brunch hours are 10am-9pm. This location is strongly recommended to any lovers of coffee and breakfast.



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- **Adress:** Calle Tribulete 6
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La Virgen brewery – worth the trip out to Las Rozas

As you might imagine, dragging myself out of bed and going to work on a Saturday morning is not really my idea of a good time, especially when it involves getting on a bus and schlepping all the way to Las Rozas. Ok, so it's not really THAT far (about 20 minutes on the bus from Moncloa) but since I was making the effort to get out there, why not *aprovechar* and visit [Cervezas La Virgen](#) brewery and tap room afterwards?



I'm sure most of you have tried one of the delicious artisan beers made by La Virgen, or at least seen them around at events like MadrEat. At their brewery in Las Rozas they offer [tours](#) (on Wednesdays only), tastings and, most importantly, a tap room where you can sample all of their tasty beverages. After I was done with work on Saturday, I toddled off to meet

my friends there for some lunch and a few beers in the sunshine.



The brewery is located on an estate called Európolis, which perhaps isn't the most picturesque corner of Madrid, although there was a nice yard full of cherry pickers across the road, plus the shop next door was called Bebépolis (sadly just full of baby stuff, not another place to drink at).



We tried the Madrid 360 beer and a tasty IPA called Esperanza (they'd run out of the Veraniega) and both were excellent.



They also serve a variety of bar food, including burgers, hotdogs and plates to share such as potato wedges and *pinchos morunos*. Again, all very tasty.



It's a popular spot for a Saturday afternoon, so all of the long tables inside were heaving with punters eating, drinking and making merry. We managed to grab a table outside on the terrace, which was very pleasant in the sunshine and afforded us the excellent view of the aforementioned cherry pickers. The whole place really had the feel of an American brew pub about it.



La Virgen isn't exactly in the most convenient of spots, so the easiest way to get there is probably by car. However, if the car isn't an option or no one fancies being the designated driver, there are plenty of buses from Moncloa to Las Rozas, and it's a short(ish) walk to the brewery from there. The tap room is open every day from 12:30-16:30 and from 18:30-00:00, except for Sunday afternoons and Mondays. And for those of you who just can't get enough, they also do beer to take away!



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