### Madrid's Best Rooftop Bars -Round 4

With temperatures reaching well over 100 °F (38 °C), there are only two places you should be in Madrid right now: either in a swimming pool (in the city or the mountains) or on a rooftop bar. If you're stuck with the latter, not to worry—Madrid has plenty of rooftop bars for you to escape to. To help you find them, Naked Madrid came out with a 3-part series on Madrid's best rooftop bars last summer, and we've been meaning to come out with part 4 ever since. And it's finally here! All the rooftop bars in this article are located in the center of Madrid, yet each one offers something completely different. Hope you enjoy them all!

Oh and you should also know that **part 5** is already on its way.... so stay tuned!

### 1) The Hat (Sol/Plaza Mayor)



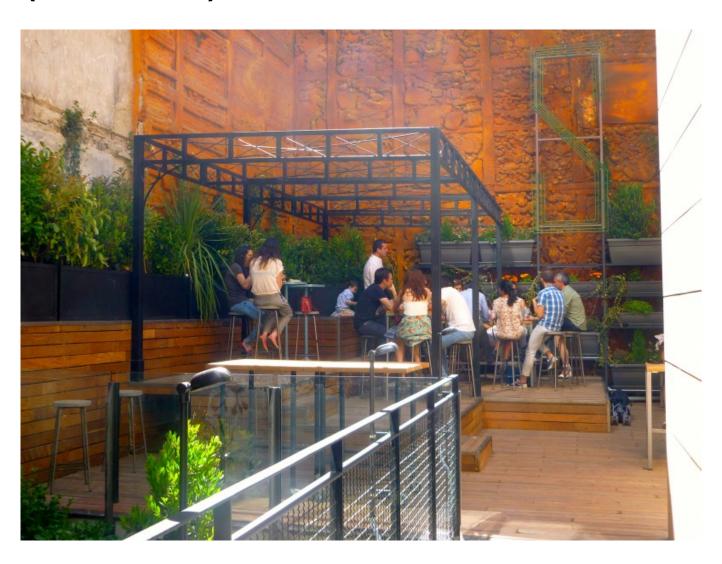
You've never seen a hostel like this before; the word 'hipster' does not even begin to describe it. High ceilings, art-scrawled walls and an international crowd are what you'll find here. The Hat's rooftop bar is open all year round, serving up cocktails and delicious tostas (my favorite is with goat cheese and caramelized onions, and comes with a shot of salmorejo and potato chips), quiche, and some pretty damn good tortilla de patata. Here's a full post on The Hat for more info.

#### Web

Address: Calle Imperial 9
Metro: La Latina, Sol, Opera

**Phone:** 917 72 85 72

# 2) <u>Mercado del San Ildefonso</u> (Malasaña)





We all know Madrid's market culture is off the hook. We've got Mercado de San Miguel in Sol for the tourist crowd; Mercado de San Antón (whose rooftop bar we also love and mentioned in Round 1) in Chueca for the cooler and more urban crowd; and Mercado de San Fernando in Lavapiés for the more authentic and cultural crowd, just to name a few. And now we have Mercado de San Ildefonso, which takes the cake for its architecture and impressive use of space. Once an average neighborhood market, San Ildefonso now boasts three stories of gourmet food stalls and two outdoor patios sandwiched between its adjacent buildings. Here's a full article on Mercado del San Ildefonso.

<u>Facebook</u> Web

Address: C/ Fuencarral, 57

Metro: Tribunal

## 3. <u>El Jardín Secreto</u> (on Calle Montera, Gran Via)



Jardín Secreto feels like a tiny rooftop garden in somebody's private home. You wouldn't expect that it's actually situated on top of an accessories store — Salvador Bachiller — and on Calle Montera, no less. Smack in the center of the city, in between metros Gran Vía and Sol, you can enter this normallooking store, pop up to the top floor and take in the *fresher* air with a drink and a bite to eat. It might not have any views, but it sure has a unique ambience and surprise factor that's worth experiencing. Here's a full article on Jardín Secreto for more info.

#### **Facebook**

Address: Calle Montera 37

Phone: 915 31 02 60

Metro: Gran Vía or Sol

### 4. <u>Innside Madrid Suecia</u> (near Alcalá/Plaza de Cibeles)





I haven't actually been here yet but many of my friends have raved about it. Judging by its location, the new rooftop bar at **Innside Madrid Suecia Hotel** looks a bit more upscale than the others on this list — probably best for a night out of

cocktails mixed with a killer view. It's owned by the Meliá Hotel chain, which also owns the famous "The Roof" in Plaza Santa Ana, previously mentioned in Round 3), and situated on a street behind Calle Alcalá and El Círculo de Bellas Artes (with yet another stunning rooftop, "Tartan Roof", mentioned in Round 1). For now, I've taken these photos off of the Hotel's web, yet I plan on replacing them as soon as I get the chance to treat myself to such an experience.

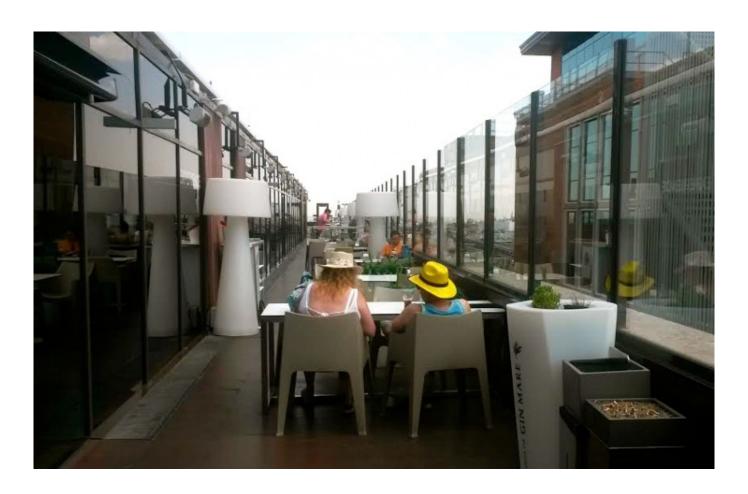
#### Web

Address: Calle del Marqués de Casa Riera 4

Metro: Banco de España and Sevilla

## 5) Gourmet Experience at El Corte Inglés (Callao)





Madrid's number one department store, **El Corte Inglés**, finally decided to give itself a much needed facelift and revamp the 9th floor of its location in Callao, turning it into 'Gourmet Experience'; and it truly is an experience. With an outdoor rooftop and dozens of food stalls, one of which is **StreetXO**, an affordable version of Madrid's famous young Michelinstarred chef, David Muñóz's DiversoXO, you'll also find stalls serving Mexican, Italian, Spanish and Japanese food, as well as cocktails, ice-cream and much more. **Here's full article on Gourmet Experience at Callao**.

#### Web

Address: Plaza Callao 2, inside El Corté Inglés, 9th floor

Metro: Callao

### We're already working on Round 5 of

Madrid's top rooftop bars. Any suggestions?

In case you haven't seen rounds
1-3, here you are:

- Madrid's Best Rooftop Bars, Round 1
- Madrid's Best Rooftop Bars, Round 2
- Madrid's Best Rooftop Bars, Round 3