

Plántate Café, a specialty coffee & plant shop in Lavapiés!

Specialty coffee shops are in demand in Madrid, and thankfully so. I'm sorry old-school bars, but after trying high quality espresso, it's really hard to enjoy your *café con leche* anymore.

This feeling was particularly strong for Kevin, a Canadian who's been living in Spain for eight years and is the owner of the newly-opened Plántate Café. "Everybody who's into coffee will be able to tell you a story about their first good cup," says Kevin. "After that moment there's no turning back."



Kevin's first was in London at Brown's of Brockley, and it literally changed his life. While living in Lavapiés for

years, he longed for a good cup of coffee so badly that he'd bike up to Malasaña's [Toma Café](#) every morning. When the daily trek turned unsustainable, he decided to buy their coffee beans and start making cold brew at home. Then he got a V60 to make filter coffee.

Little did Kevin know, he was slowly becoming a coffee connoisseur. "Opening up a coffee shop was just a side project." But as is often the case with side projects, they become your full-time job. And that's just what happened.



Kevin opened Plántate Café in July. Before setting up shop, he and his two friendly baristas – Antonio (Spain) and Fernando (Brazil) – went to train with the top roasters at London's Square Mile so they could bring their skills back to Lavapiés.



The guys at Plántate Café are fully dedicated to spreading the specialty coffee culture done right, and proud of the relationships they have with their suppliers. They get their house espressos from three top roasters: Puchero, from Valladolid; Right Side, from Barcelona; and Square Mile, from the UK (whose decaf is said to be the best in the world).



Their drink menu features the musts: flat white, macchiato, cold brew, filter coffee, an assortment of teas, and more.



And if you're in the mood for a snack, you can order toast with avocado, a cup of yogurt with chia seeds or cake.



You can also buy plants such as cacti and orchids (hence the name, Plántate Café), plus magazines and coffee-making gear from leading brands like Hario (Japan).



Since opening they've received a lot of local love from the neighborhood, thanks to a balance of excellent coffee and treats at fair prices, a friendly staff and a great ambience.



So come on in and check it out!

Info

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