## Pancomido: A French bakery where your bread will most certainly be eaten all up

When I used to live right near the <u>Museo Sorolla</u> and took the Number 16 bus every morning to work, I had to be out the door in time for my first coffee run before the bus would take me over the Castellana to Chamartín. Like clockwork, I would be out of my apartment around 7:55 so that I could be one of the first in line at 8 AM sharp when the doors of the **Pancomido Café** would open. I would walk in, order my coffee with skim milk and sweetener in a to-go cup, and as I had the amount it cost memorized, have the change ready to give out at a moment's notice so I could merrily sip my coffee as I fell asleep on the bus to the *colegio*.

Sometimes, on Saturday mornings, I would drink that coffee more slowly (and albeit in a much more madrileño manner than a New York one) while one of my friends would order a **croissant with raspberry jam and butter**, but I stuck with my coffee. But the robin egg blue (or better Tiffany blue) inside and out with the menu items offered on a blackboard allured me.



One of the biggest disappointments of having to move after the holidays was not being able to stop there on my daily commute.

After my move, I decided to have a breakfast adventure to celebrate being able to actually order something other than coffee.

Besides coffee with skim milk (and having skim milk is a vital component of my coffee consumption), **Pancomido** has a whole variety of breads and pastries.



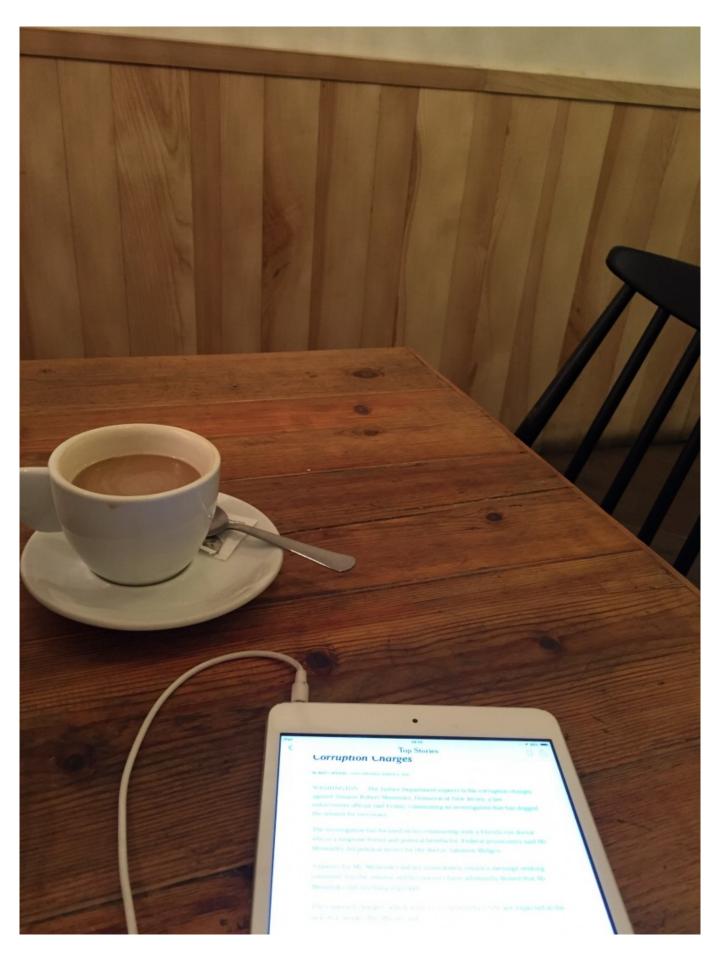
As you can tell…



The **French-style pastries** look absolutely exquisite (even though I can't have any), and you can take my friend's glowing recommendation for croissants as proof.

If you happen to be in the vicinity for lunch, there are also a number of salads and sandwiches as well as soups that look like an excellent little  $men\acute{u}$ .

The **Zurbano** location has plenty of seating space in the back which I have taken full advantage of reading *The New York Times* on my iPad on one of those weekend mornings after a long, hard workout at the gym.



If you're on the other side of the Castellana in **Barrio de Salamanca**, there's another **Pancomido** very close to IE Business

School and the US Embassy.

Your bread will most certainly be eaten up, as the name pan comido implies, and your little breakfasts wil have an extra spring in your step.

## Pancomido Café (Chamberí)

Where: Calle Zurbano, 50 Tel.:+34 913 08 25 06

Metro: Gregorio Marañón (Lines 7 and 10), Rubén Darío (Line

5), or Iglesia (Line 1)

## Pancomido Café (Salamanca)

Where: Calle del General Oráa, 22

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