

# The Complutense University Heritage within Madrid Tourist Destination

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1. University heritage as a tourism resource. Key aspects.



Urban scale. The city where the university is located as a tourist destination.



**Configuration of the urban** sector with university heritage and its particular location in the city.



3. Heritage reading and readability.



**Current tourism dimension.** 



The projection of the different dimensions of university heritage.



- Size of the city.
- Strength as a tourist destination.
- Number and diversity of existing tourism resources.
- Competition/complementarity of university heritage with the rest of the city's resources in terms of tourism projection.
- Urban configuration of the university sector: existence or not of a university district (university city, campus, historic buildings scattered throughout the historic center) and associated protection categories.
- Location of the main heritage resources and existence or not of tourist-cultural icons.
- Position with respect to the main axes / tourist areas of the city.
- Reading and readability
  - External (tourists and excursionists)
  - Internal (students, professors, academic authorities...)
- Offer and demand of visits (museums, guided tours, cultural offer, educational tourism, integration in thematic routes, existence of integrated tourist-cultural products).
- Dimensions of university heritage and tourism-cultural activation initiatives: intangible heritage, bibliographic, botanical, urban, museums and collections.



2. The Complutense university heritage as a tourism resource.



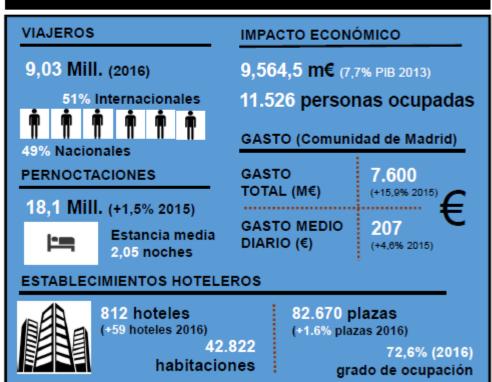
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## **Tourism-heritage resources**

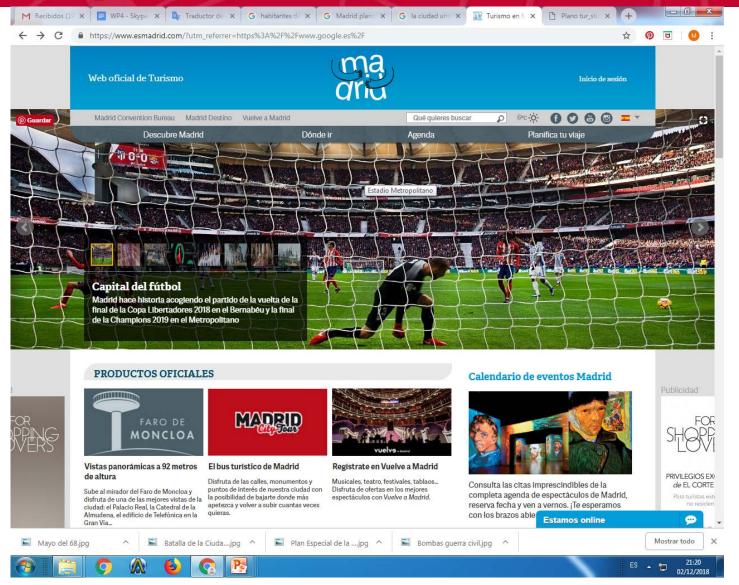
- 74 museums and collections
- More than 241 protected buildings (BIC) (architectural ensembles, monuments, historic gardens...)

## Madrid: 3.166.000 inhabitants





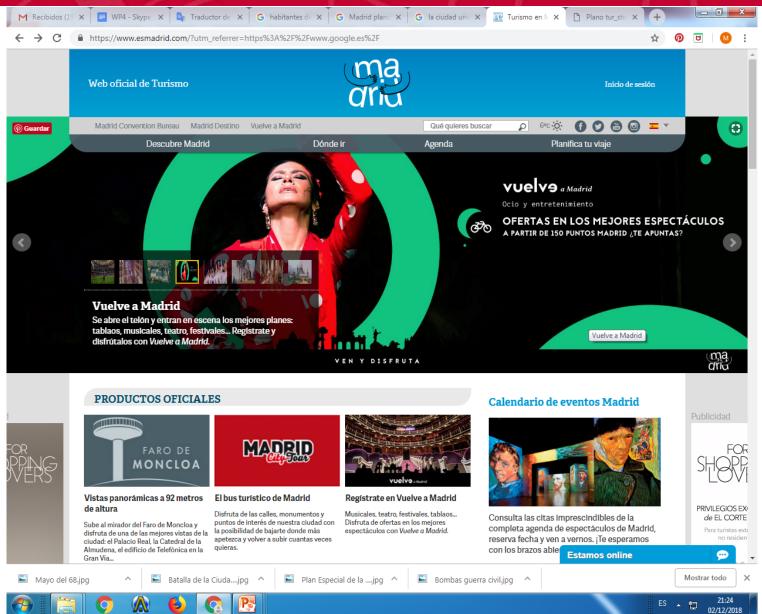


















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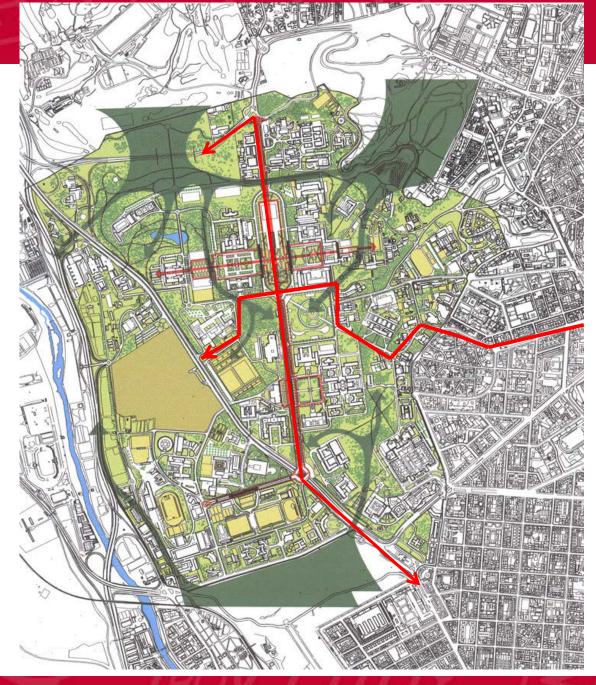








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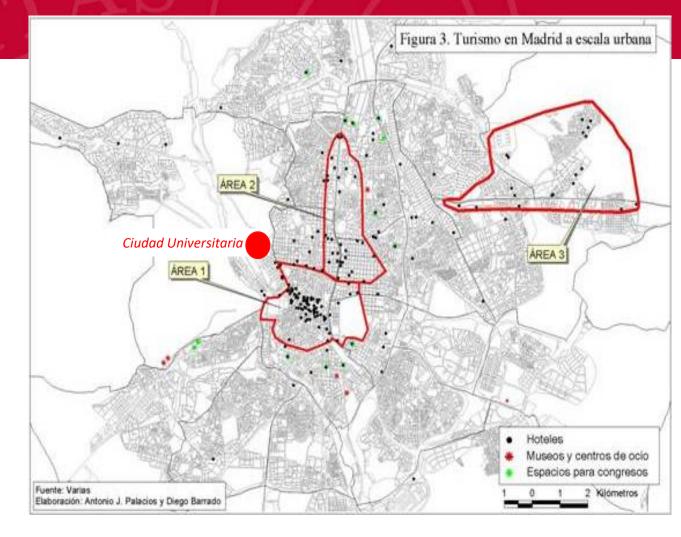






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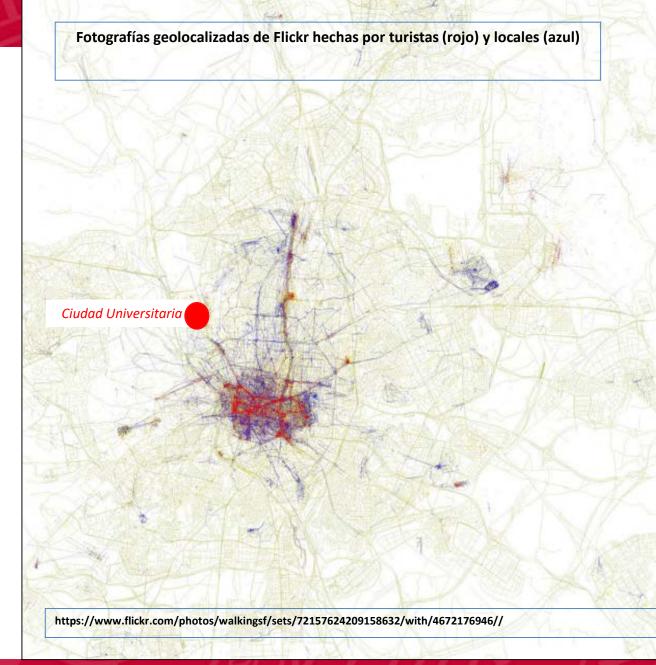


Source: Barrado (2010)



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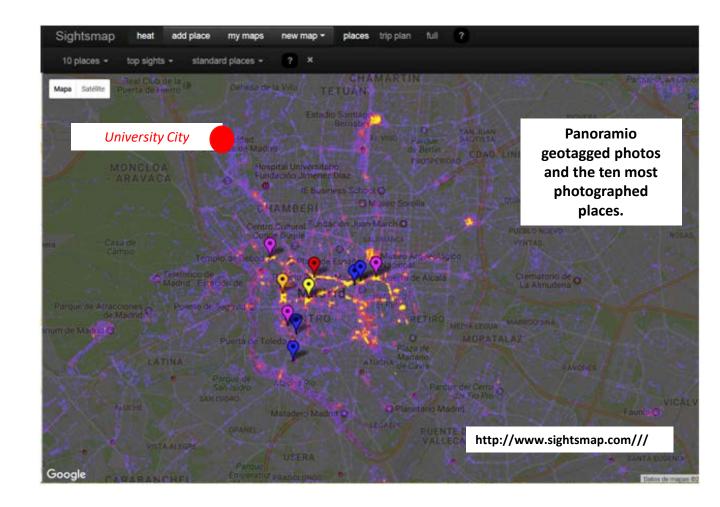
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#### Internal level

 The university community is hardly aware of using/working/studying at a heritage site.

#### **External level**

- **Residents in Madrid.** Difficult reading of the historic heritage of the 20th century.
- Tourists and excursionists. Ciudad Universitaria does not appear in the tourist guides yet. Although





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#### **RUTA GENERAL POR LA CIUDAD UNIVERSITARIA DE MADRID**

La visita, guiada y GRATUITA, parte del vestíbulo de la facultad de Medicina donde están expuestas dos grandes maquetas del campus, y continúa la visita a los otros dos edificios de la plaza de Medicina, las facultades de Odontología y Farmacia, prestando atención a una de las piezas escultóricas más representativas de este espacio, los Portadores de la Antorcha. Pasando por el Jardín Botánico y el Centro de Interpretación de la Ciudad Universitaria, la ruta nos lleva a la plaza de ciencias, con las facultades originarias de ciencias Químicas y Físicas, y las desarrolladas después. Un gran Paraninfo que nunca llegó a construirse es el motivo de que exista una Avenida del Paraninfo. En la plaza de humanidades se verán las facultades de Filosofía y Letras y de Derecho, así como otra de las esculturas más conocidas, Diana cazadora. Antes de concluir, el paseo se detendrá en la facultad de Ciencias de la Información, uno de los mejores exponentes en el campus de la arquitectura de los años 1970.

Horario durante el curso académico 2018/19 (salvo días festivos y no lectivos):

Cultural tourism →
Ciudad universitaria
guided tours

Mañana		
Individual	Viernes	10:00 h.*
Grupo	Viernes Miércoles, preferentemente	
Tarde (hasta el 30 de junio)		
Individual Grupo	Jueves	16:00 h.

\*Entre el 1 de noviembre y el 15 de mayo, se retrasa a las 11:00 h.

4. Current tourism dimension.

The projection of the different dimensions of university heritage. **Cultural tourism**→ visits to museums and collections

Educational tourism or edu-tourism, foreign language tourism

883 visiting students 151 USA students withing "Universidades Reunidas" programme

1.867 incoming erasmus students

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# Urban immovable heritage (Ciudad Universitaria and its most emblematic buildings)

Structured offer

Signalling

Promotion

Communication

## Movable heritage (Museums and collections)

Visit adaptation

Structured offer (scholar visits and school trips, associations, main public)

Communication

Great museographic-museological project in progress (El Museo de la Salud / Health Museum)

## The Royal Botanical Garden UCM

Enforcement of its cultural offer - concerts

## **UCM** as a Historical Memory site

Interpretation – recovery of spaces - museography

- The Civil War
- May 68 university
- Intellectuals and academics from Generación del 14 (novecentismo)



# Thank you very much

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