

## Practical Information



### About Alcalá de Henares

Straddling the Henares River, Alcalá de Henares is located 30 kilometres to the northeast of the centre of Madrid. The city has its origins in the Roman town of Complutum. It expanded during the Middle Ages and flourished in the 16th century thanks to the foundation of the University. The concept of the city, its planning and provisions, belong to the project designed by the University's founder, Cardinal Cisneros. Alcalá has become a vibrant city and its University and Historic Precinct has been inscribed in UNESCO World Heritage List.

### About the University of Alcalá

Founded in the early 16th Century, Alcalá was the world's first planned University City. It was the original model for the ideal urban community that Spanish culture brought to the Americas and served as model for universities in Europe and elsewhere. Today, with **29000 students** and **3000 staff**, including over 2100 academic staff and researchers, **9 Faculties and Schools** and **10 research institutes**, Alcalá is a globally connected comprehensive and research-oriented mid-size university with deep humanistic roots.

Located in the city of Alcalá de Henares, around 30 kilometers from Madrid, and even closer to its main international airport, the University remains a **world benchmark for the teaching of Spanish language and culture**. The harmonious combination of university life in a small city with the offer of a vibrant European

capital such as Madrid only adds to **Alcalá's worldwide-recognized capacity for attracting international students to its classrooms.**

### **Accommodation**

**Residencia San Ildefonso:** Located inside of the historical University Rectorate (1498), it can provide you a nice experience living in a building with several centuries of history ([web](#), e-mail: sanildefonso@crusa.es; phone number +34 91 878 81 46).

**Residencia Lope de Vega:** This is a new University of Alcalá facility, located near de Rectorate premises ([web](#), email: info@residencialopedevega.com; phone number: +34 91 144 16 57).

**Hotel el Bedel:** This hotel is located located in a privileged place in the old town of Alcalá de Henares, behind Plaza Cervantes and with amazing views to the Rectorate of the University ([web](#))

### **How to get from the Adolfo Suarez Madrid Barajas Airport to the city**

**Train:** From T4 you can access the Suburban Rail Network (*Tren de Cercanías* in Spanish). You can take line C-1 or line C10 to Atocha railway station, where you can change to line C2, C7 or C8 towards Alcalá de Henares (Alcalá - Guadalajara) train station. (1 hour 20 minutes depending on the connection) (Important note: lease be careful to stop in Alcalá de Henares stop as the stop styled as Alcalá Universidad shall drive you to our external campus)

**Subway:** You may take Madrid Subway Line 8 in the subway stations located at Terminal T1-T2 or T4 (there is a free bus connection connecting terminals, if you needed). At the subway station of Nuevo Ministerios, you can change to the Suburban rail network lines C2, C7 or C8 towards Alcalá de Henares (Alcalá - Guadalajara) train station.

**Bus:** There are two main possibilities to reach Alcalá de Henares by bus:

1. Suburban Bus Line 824 Airport - Torrejón de Ardoz - Alcalá de Henares - Escuela Politécnica. Ask driver to tell you when you arrive in Alcalá de Henares ciudad (downtown). It departs from T2 and has a stop in T1.
2. Airport Express Bus, which connects the Airport (Terminals T1, T2, T3 and T4, as well as Arrivals) with Atocha Railway Station, where you can connect with the Suburban Rail network

**Taxi:** From any taxi stop of any terminal in the airport. The approximate price is around 55 € and the trip will take around 20 minutes

**Public transportation in the city:**

Alcalá de Henares train station is located at around ten minutes' walk to the meeting venue. There is at its gate a Taxi stop.

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