

# San Fernando Royal Academy of Fine Arts

The establishment of a Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Spain was first proposed by painter Antonio Meléndez, who suggested the idea in 1726 to king Philip V for the creation of an Academy of Arts for design, painting, sculpture and architecture.

Today, the Museum at the San Fernando Royal Academy of Fine Arts houses over 1,400 paintings, 600 sculptures and 15,000 drawings, as well as an excellent collection of decorative arts objects including tapestries, silverware, ceramics, porcelain, clocks, furniture and medals.

The Academy's permanent collection contains masterpieces of Spanish, Italian and Flemish art. The museum has 13 paintings by **Francisco de Goya**, who was a member from 1780, amongst which there are two self-portraits, the *Corrida de Toros* (Bullfight), the portraits of *Moratín*, *Juan de Villanueva*, the actress *La Tirana* and the Carnival scene known as the *Entierro de la Sardina* (Burial of the Sardine).

The Academy is home to the Museum, the Archive-Library, the Castings Workshop, and the National Hand Engraving Collection, which encompasses a series of plates engraved by the most eminent Spanish artists, including the copper plate etchings made by Francisco de Goya, masterpieces in the universal history of engraving.





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## Interest data

### Address

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<http://www.realacademiabellasartessanfernando.com>

### Bus

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### Price

General: €8

Reduced: €4

### Opening times

Permanent collection:

Tue-Sun 10am-3pm (including public holidays).

Mondays and throughout August: closed

Temporary exhibitions: check official website

Note: Opening times may change during holiday periods (Call 91 524 08 64).

Closed: Mondays; 1 and 6 January; 1 and 30 May; 9 November; 24, 25 and 31 December.

### Tourist area

Sol / Gran Vía

### Fax

(+34) 91 524 10 34

### Metro

Sevilla (L2), Sol (L1, L2, L3)

### Cercanías (Local train)

Madrid-Sol

### Type

Instalaciones culturales, Centros culturales, salas exposiciones, fundaciones

Official tourism website

