

## Saint Vincent's Gate

King Charles III ordered Sabatini to build the San Vicente gate in 1775 at almost the same time as the Puerta de Alcalá. However, the original work was lost before our time because it was dismantled in 1892 to make way for traffic, and some of the ashlars in the monument were used for the construction of decorative lampposts in the Glorieta de Cibeles. Municipal architect López Salaberry was responsible for this project, and he also requested permission for the unused pillars to be valued and auctioned.

Proposals were put forward at various times for the reconstruction of the Puerta de San Vicente. Maria Cristina, the queen regent, repeatedly expressed a desire that the gate should once again grace the city. Later, in 1692, the city council passed a motion for a reproduction of the monument valued at a million pesetas (6,000 €) to be constructed. However, the first stone of the new Puerta de San Vicente was not laid until 1994, in the **Arganzuela district**.

The monument consists of a main arch and two smaller gates, the former adorned with two Doric columns on the outer side and two pilasters on the inner. For the replica, made from concrete clad in grey granite and limestone, the original moulds for the upper cornices were used. The reproduced elements include the embellishments created by José Luis Parés Parra.





## Interest data

### Address

Glorieta de San Vicente, s/n 28008

### Metro

Príncipe Pío (L6, L10, R)

### Cercanías (Local train)

Madrid-Príncipe Pío

### Tourist area

Austrias

### Bus

25, 33, 39, 41, 46, 62, 75, 138, C1, C2, N18, N19, N20

### Type

Edificios y monumentos

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