

The 12th of October Parade

Paseo de la Castellana hosts the Spanish National Day parade, a day that symbolises the ephemeris of the country's cultural and linguistic expansion beyond the European continent.

The events will start with the arrival of the King and Queen to the Plaza de Cuzco. Then, there will be the military honours, the parachute jump and the solemn raising and tribute to the National Flag.

When the flag is flying, a tribute will be made to all those who lost their lives for their country. Once this tribute is completed, the air and land parade will begin. The starting point of the parade will be **Plaza de Cuzco**. From there, the National Security Forces will march to the final point in **Nuevos Ministerios**. Afterwards, the monarchs will bid their farewell and the flag will be lowered.

Route

Starting point: Plaza de Cuzco.

Royal Stand: Plaza de Lima.

Finishing point: The crossing of Paseo de la Castellana and Raimundo Fernández Villaverde and Joaquín Costa streets.

Special opening times (2019):

On October 12, the [Royal Palace](#)'s **Plaza de la Armería** and **Royal Armory** will be opened free of charge to all visitors from 5:30pm to 10pm. The last admission will be at 9 pm.

The [Campo del Moro Gardens](#) will open from 5:30pm to 8pm.

The **remaining Royal Sites** (Royal Monastery of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Casita del Principe de El Escorial, Royal Palace of El Pardo, Royal Palace of La Granja, Royal Palace of Riofrío, Royal Palace of La Almodaina, Monastery of San Jerónimo de Yuste and in the Royal Site of Aranjuez, the Royal Palace of Aranjuez and the Museum of Falúas) will also be open to the public, free of charge, from 10am to 6pm. The last admission will be at 9pm.

The **Monasteries of the [Descalzas Reales](#) and Encarnación** in Madrid will also offer free entry from 10:00am to 3pm with the last access at 2pm. The **Monastery of Las Huelgas de Burgos** and that of **Santa Clara in Tordesillas**, will open for free from 10:30am to 3pm, with the last admission at 2pm. In all cases, the visit will be guided and with a limited number of tickets.

