

GETTING TO THE MEETING VENUE

The meeting will take place at the **Hotel Hesperia Toledo**, on November 9-11, 2009. Toledo is readily accessible from Madrid. The following instructions assume that you will be arriving at **Barajas Airport** in Madrid. To travel to Toledo you will need to get from Barajas to Madrid's **Atocha train station**, from where you can take one of the fast trains that leave for **Toledo** at regular intervals.

1. DIRECTIONS FROM BARAJAS AIRPORT TO ATOCHA TRAIN STATION

a) Taxi

- There are no fixed rates.
- Approximate cost: 30-35 €, but it can go higher depending on traffic; traffic into the city is heavy on weekdays, but much lighter on weekends.
- Approximate time: about 25 min. in light traffic; it could be double that, or longer, on weekdays, depending on traffic conditions.
- You will find clearly marked taxi stands when you exit to the street level at the airport.

If you arrive on a weekend and do not mind the fare, a taxi is certainly the quickest and most comfortable way of reaching Atocha train station.

b) Metro (Underground)

Typically, this trip is 50-60 minutes and the quickest route is:

- Line 8 (pink), from Airport to "Nuevos Ministerios", connecting to
- Line 10 (dark blue), from "Nuevos Ministerios" to "Tribunal", connecting to
- Line 1 (light blue), from "Tribunal" to "Atocha Renfe".

This involves two transfers. Once on Line 1, make sure you do not get out at "Atocha" but at "Atocha Renfe". This last *metro* station is located right inside the *railroad* station so it is much easier to get to the train platforms to go to Toledo. A color-coded map of the metro lines appears on page 2 of this document, with the stations noted above highlighted in red squares. Tickets from the airport to Atocha Renfe cost 2 €. This is called a "billete sencillo + suplemento aeropuerto" (single ticket + airport supplement) and allows travel from the (outlying) airport into any station of Madrid's inner metro network. See specimen below.



Enables entry and exit in any journey between any MetroMadrid station within the Zone A tariff area, and the Airport T1-T2-T3 and Airport T-4 stations.

Tickets can be purchased at ticket booths or vending machines in any metro station. Note that terminals T1-T2-T3 are collocated and served by one metro station. The new T4 terminal is served by a different metro station. Both stations are on the same line to Madrid (Line 8).

Schematic map of the subway network

Metro Lines

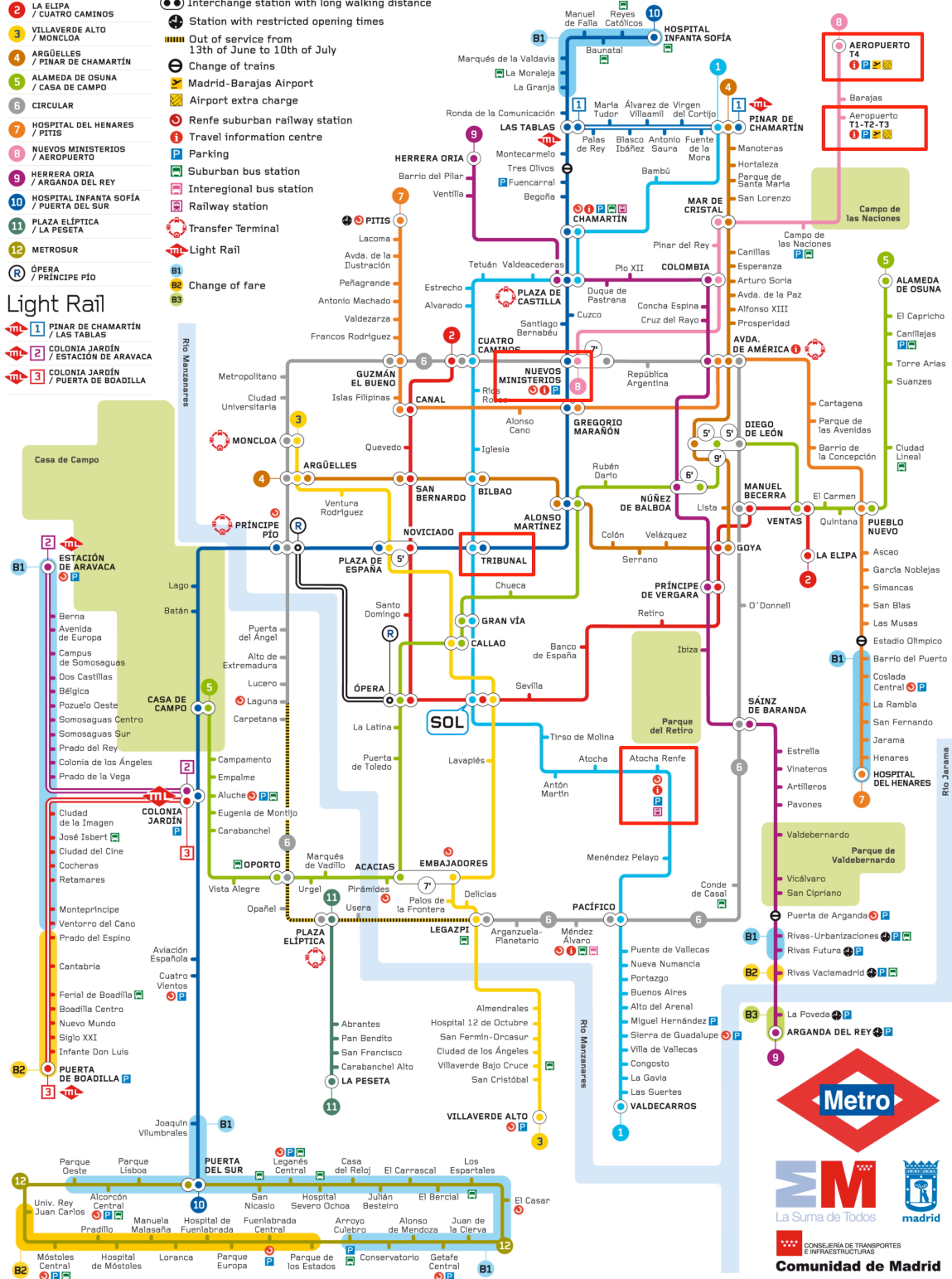
- 1 PINAR DE CHAMARTÍN / VALDECARROS
- 2 LA ELIPA / CUATRO CAMINOS
- 3 VILLAVEVERDE ALTO / MONCLOA
- 4 ARGÜELLES / PINAR DE CHAMARTÍN
- 5 ALAMEDA DE OSUNA / CASA DE CAMPO
- 6 CIRCULAR
- 7 HOSPITAL DEL HENARES / PITIS
- 8 NUEVOS MINISTERIOS / AEROPUERTO
- 9 HERRERA ORIA / ARGANDA DEL REY
- 10 HOSPITAL INFANTA SOFÍA / LA PESETA
- 11 PLAZA ELÍPTICA / LA PESETA
- 12 METROSUR
- R ÓPERA / PRÍNCIPE PÍO

Keys

- Metro Interchange station
- Interchange station with long walking distance
- Station with restricted opening times
- Out of service from 13th of June to 10th of July
- Change of trains
- Madrid-Barajas Airport
- Airport extra charge
- Renfe suburban railway station
- Travel information centre
- Parking
- Suburban bus station
- Interregional bus station
- Railway station
- Transfer Terminal
- Light Rail
- Change of fare
- Change of fare
- Change of fare

Light Rail

- 1 PINAR DE CHAMARTÍN / LAS TABLAS
- 2 COLONIA JARDÍN / ESTACIÓN DE ARAVACA
- 3 COLONIA JARDÍN / PUERTA DE BOADILLA



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2. ATOCHA TRAIN STATION TO TOLEDO

From the metro platform in Atocha Train Station you should head to the AVE/AVANT fast train platforms. Please note that this is different from “Cercanias” platforms. The latter are local commuter trains that make numerous stops. See schematic map on page 4 of this document. If you have some extra time, enjoy the greenhouse atrium close to the fast train platforms.

You can purchase your ticket in advance on the RENFE (Spanish National Rail Network) website. This may be prudent, since same-day availability on the fast AVANT trains cannot be assured). Please go to www.renfe.es. Then,

- On the bottom left of the page (“Seleccione idioma”) switch to English if desired.
- On the top right of the new page, click on “Buy tickets”. This launches a new browser window.
- In the new window, fill the box that appears on the left hand side, as follows:
Return (if you want to purchase a round-trip ticket), or Single, (one way, if you intend to return to Madrid by other means).

In the first blank space, enter the departure station: Madrid(*)

In the second blank space, enter the destination: Toledo

Single: select the date when you want to go from Madrid to Toledo

Return (if you have selected return ticket): select the date to return from Toledo to Madrid. Please note that tickets are not available more than 120 days in advance.

Select number of passengers.

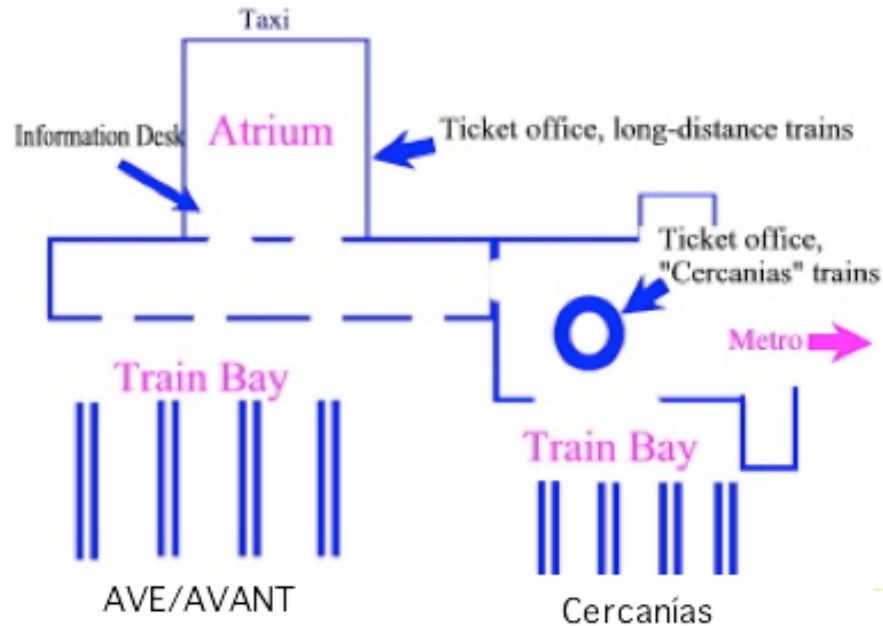
Click on “BUSCAR” (Search).

This will display all the trains available that day so you can make your choice. Everything is then straightforward: First select the outgoing train and the return train. There is a cyber-security test that prompts you to enter the numbers displayed at the bottom of the page. Then click continue and, on the next web page, you can enter your credit/debit card information and continue to purchase.

Trip duration: 30 min. Ticket price: 9.45 € (one way). There is a phone number for purchases as well, (00 34) 902 24 02 02. Enjoy the trip!

Note to Mac users: Safari does a very poor job of displaying the www.renfe.es site. Use Firefox instead. Even on Firefox, the box for entering travel information may appear *in Spanish* even if you have selected English. In this case, just remember: *ida* = “one way”; *ida y vuelta* = “round trip”; *vuelta* = “return”; *número de viajeros* = “number of travelers.” You can also attempt to switch to English again by clicking the button on the bottom left side of the page.

ATOCHA RENFE STATION, 1st FLOOR



3. TOLEDO STATION TO HOTEL HESPERIA TOLEDO

The conference hotel (Hesperia Toledo) is located 1.9 km from the Toledo train station. Directions to the hotel follow. A map is on p. 5. The easiest way to reach the hotel is by taxi, about 5 min. (Or you may prefer to walk if you're feeling energetic!)

Driving directions to Hesperia Toledo

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1.9 km – about 5 mins

A Estacion De Toledo
Paseo Rosa S/N
45006 Toledo, Spain
902 432 343

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| 1. Head east on N-400/Paseo de la Rosa | 0.1 km |
| 2. At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit and stay on N-400/Paseo de la Rosa
Continue to follow N-400
Go through 2 traffic circles | 1.2 km |
| 3. At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit | 90 m |
| 4. Slight right at Ronda del Granadal | 36 m |
| 5. Turn right at Calle del Río Llano | 0.1 km |
| 6. Slight right at Calle de Trinitarios | 0.2 km |
| 7. Turn right at Calle del Marqués de Mendigorría | 37 m |

B Hesperia Toledo
C/ Marqués De Mendigorría 8-10
45003 Toledo, Spain
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Toledo train station to Hotel Hesperia Toledo (map)

