

The Crypt at Almudena Cathedral, Madrid

Located directly under the Cathedral and with the same dimensions, it is

**THE MOST SPECTACULAR
CRYPT-CHAPEL IN SPAIN.**



Constructed in a luminous neo-Romanesque style, the visitor feels as though he has entered a grand and graceful Romanesque church.

The Crypt at Almudena has more than 400 columns, each with a unique capital. There are 50 monolithic columns in the crossing alone, whose capitals bear images of the Virgin Mary, biblical figures, nature scenes, and even Madrid's symbol of the Bear and the Madroño tree.

The crypt has 20 chapels with artwork from such distinguished Spanish sculptors as Mariano Benlliure, giving a harmony and balance to the whole crypt.

The exterior **façade** of the crypt gives the sense of a medieval Romanesque church.

One of the treasures of the Crypt is the image of Our Lady of the Flor de Lis. Research suggests that it was commissioned by King Alfonso VI in AD 1083, making it one of the oldest images in all Madrid.



“El Cristo del Buen Camino” is a beautifully artistic processional cross from the 18th Century that is much venerated today.



The stained glass windows that illuminate the chapels are the work of Jules Pierre Maumejean, and represent some of the most beautiful work of this kind in Madrid.

We hope you will walk among the columns of the Almudena Crypt and enjoy the perfection of colors emanating from the stained glass windows. You will be surprised by the beauty and silence that you behold.



The entrance to the Crypt can be found at Calle Mayor 92. Telephone 91 548 0930