

A different attraction in Madrid: Chamberí ghost station.

Hundreds of tourists visit Madrid every day for its museums and monuments. But beyond these typical places, walking along its streets, you can discover a ghost subway station in the neighborhood of Chamberí.



Metro Line 1 was opened in Madrid in 1919. Chamberí station was one of the original ones of this line. In 1961, due to an increase in the number of travelers, an extension of platforms was carried out in order to use new models of higher capacity trains. The curve shape of Chamberí Station and the proximity to other stations made it impossible for this underground station to be expanded. For this reason in 1966 it was closed down.

After many years being closed the station was restored with original features and open to the public in 2008. Today it is, beside the Engine Shed Pacific, one of the seats of Platform Zero, the interpretation center of Madrid Metro.

We can see part of the original furniture that could be found at a station at the time: box office ticket sales, the notice board or the traveller entrance control. There is something very typical in all Metro stations: the use of white tile ceramic ornaments combined with another color on walls and vaults. Even advertising posters were made on this material.

This is a very interesting visit, different from other tourist attractions in Madrid.

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