



Tapas at Paripé

Cellar-inspired dining at Balcon Sydney

Balearic interiors at Iberica

# Spain, served authentically

Discover the certified restaurants bringing the true flavours of Spain to Sydney and Melbourne.

FROM THE VIBRANT BUZZ OF A MADRID PLAZA at sunset to the citrus-laden breeze of Valencia, Spain is a feast for the senses. While the gastronomic traditions of Spain are firmly entrenched on the other side of the world, our passion for Spanish flavours and spirit is growing exponentially. The European joy of stretching a meal into hours over shared dishes and stories resonates deeply with our food and restaurant culture.

In Australia, some of our best restaurants strive not to imitate but to reinterpret that Spanish spirit and bring an authentic experience to the table.

Launched internationally in 2020 the 'Restaurants from Spain' certification was introduced by the Spanish government agency responsible for promoting Spanish companies internationally (ICEX). It aims to distinguish venues committed to genuine Spanish cuisine in any country, guaranteeing an authentic Spanish food experience no matter where you are dining.

More than just a benchmark, the initiative has already certified more than 500 certified restaurants in 50 countries, helping guide diners seeking Spanish gastronomy at its best, from the menu and ingredients right through to the wine, the décor and the warmth of their Spanish welcome.

In Australia, a handful of exceptional restaurants in Sydney and Melbourne have so far gained this recognition. Each offers specialties from anchovies of the Cantabrian Sea and jamón finished with golden Picual olive oil to cheeses with Protected Designation of Origin and rice from Murcia. All offer a modern and authentic Spanish menu alongside a carefully curated collection of wines from Spain's unique wine regions and wine makers.



Look for the Restaurants from Spain seal for guaranteed gastronomic authenticity.

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Share plates and cocktails at Encasa



A glimpse inside MoVida Original

The restored heritage elegance of Bar Lucia

## SYDNEY

### Balcon by Tapavino

In Sydney's CBD, Balcon is a lively eatery from the Tapavino Group. Specialising in coal-fired cooking inspired by Galicia, it pairs rustic flavours with one of Australia's largest Spanish wine collections. A go-to for after-work drinks or celebratory dinners. [balcontapavino.com.au](http://balcontapavino.com.au)

### Bar Lucía

Housed in a restored heritage home in Kings Cross, Bar Lucía blends Madrid elegance with laid-back Spanish charm. Tapas and seasonal dishes shine alongside award-winning wines. Standouts include Idiazábal croquettes and mussels with chorizo and txakoli. [barlucia.com.au](http://barlucia.com.au)

### Encasa

Since 1982, Encasa has shared Spain's flavours and culture with Sydney, honouring traditional recipes and family-style dining. With generous portions, an almost all-Spanish wine list, and a vibrant pimentón-and-sunshine spirit, it captures the full colour of authentic Spanish hospitality. [encasa.com.au](http://encasa.com.au)

### Paripé

In Surry Hills, Paripé offers a relaxed yet creative approach to dining, led by entrepreneurs María Fernandez and Pablo Morales, who always dreamed of opening their own tapas bar. With signature cocktails and soulful plates, the hospitality feels incredibly personal. [paripe.com.au](http://paripe.com.au)

### Iberica

Steps from Bondi Beach, Iberica captures the sophistication of Ibiza and Mallorca. This family-run resto-bar blends Australian produce with Spanish staples, perfect for casual drinks or stylish dining. [ibericabondi.com](http://ibericabondi.com)

## Alegrias

The inner west will soon welcome Alegrias back to Rozelle, along with its famous flamenco nights and Spanish flavours. Its return promises rare wines, award-winning food and the same iconic and spirited mix of dining, fun and entertainment. [alegrias.com.au](http://alegrias.com.au)

## MELBOURNE

### MoVida Group

Frank Camorra's MoVida venues (Original, Aqui, Next Door) have defined Spanish dining in Australia for more than two decades. Each celebrates top-quality produce, Spanish ingredients, and lively spirit, with distinct personalities across the restaurants. [movida.com.au](http://movida.com.au)

### El Rincón

A warm and unpretentious tapas bar that feels like home, El Rincón in Queen Victoria Market is renowned for its seasonal menus, honouring recipes passed down through generations, with Spanish ingredients sourced at origin. [elrincon.com.au](http://elrincon.com.au)

### Tinto Tapas & Wine Bar

Bold and convivial, Tinto Tapas & Wine Bar in Hawthorn channels the energy of a Spanish barra. With Mediterranean-style Gin and Tonics, jamón Ibérico, and rustic dishes, it's best enjoyed with friends, chasing every last joyful bite. [tintomelbourne.com.au](http://tintomelbourne.com.au)



Spanish classics at El Rincón

## SCAN THE QR CODE

See the full list of Certified Restaurants, and find a Restaurant from Spain near you.



Snacks at Tinto Tapas & Wine Bar