

# Madrid2012

The final RAM in the Mayan  
calendar





## AMURA ALCOBENDAS HOTEL

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The Hotel is located in Alcobendas, within short distance of the city of Madrid, with direct communication with the city center by subway, commuter, bus or motorway (A-1).

It has a heated swimming pool on the top floor with excellent views over the town, jacuzzi, sauna and fitness center free of charge. High Speed Internet, WiFi, and shuttle (weekdays except holidays) to the airport, area businesses, Plaza de Castilla and IFEMA are also free. Credentials will be mandatory to attend the activities inside the hotel. Remember, as this is a national meeting, all activities will be carried out in Spanish, but many attendants can speak fluent English.

Following the success of the **day passes** for last year RAM, they are available again for any person not lodged at the hotel who wants to attend any activities there.

Please, feel free to contact [ram2012madrid@gmail.com](mailto:ram2012madrid@gmail.com) for any questions.

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### WEDNESDAY, Dec. 5

**18:30 to 23:30** - Visit to the "[Palacio de Hielo](#)" where we will enjoy a fantastic **ice rink** for skating and then organize a small **bowling tournament** among those already at the RAM. The mall has plenty of restaurants and bars for those who want to have dinner or drinks there, as an alternative to the hotel dinner.

*Skating Price: 7 € including skate rental 20:45 to 23:00, paid at the premises.*

*Bowling Price: 2.90 € per game, 1.20 € for shoe rental and € 1.20 for sock rental, payable at the premises.*

*Meeting point: Hotel Hall at 18:00.*

*Transportation: Public transport and private vehicles. Subway "Canillas", line 4.*

**21:30 to 22:30** - **Dinner buffet** at the hotel for guests staying there for the night.

### THURSDAY, Dec. 6

**8:00 to 11:00** - **Breakfast buffet** at the hotel for those who have stayed overnight.

**14:00 to 16:00** - **Two hours off for lunch.**

**18:00 to 19:30** - **Official opening of the RAM** by the organizers, Board of Mensa Spain and local authorities.

*Lounge: Noray & Avante.*

**19:30 to 21:00** - Amusing **Gymkhana** for ice breaking.

*Responsible: Fernando Doral.*

*Meeting point: Hotel Hall at 19:30.*

*All Hotel.*





**19:30 - until only one lives - Killer game** begins, this edition promises to be thrilling.

*Responsible: Pepe Beltran.*

*Capacity: 25 people (15 additional in a waiting list).*

*Registration required.*

**21:30 to 22:30 - Dinner buffet** at the hotel.

**22:30 to 23:30 - Short Film Festival.**

*Responsible: Samuel Rodriguez.*

*Lounge: Puntal.*

**22:30 to 23:30 - Course and talk about folding parachutes** and other elements of base jumping.

*Responsible: Fernando Arnanz (Fahss).*

*Lounge: Marítimo (in case attendees will not fit in that Lounge it will be in the Hotel's Hall)*

**23:45 - Film screening: "The Whisperer in Darkness".**

*Responsible: Pepe Beltran.*

*Lounge: Puntal.*

**01:45 - RPG " Call of Cthulhu".**

*Responsible: Pepe Beltran.*

*Capacity: 6 people.*

*Lounge: Marítimo*

*Registration required.*





## FRIDAY, Dec. 7

**8:00 to 11:00 - Breakfast buffet** at the hotel.

**10:30 to 14:30 - Group # 1: Visit to the permanent exhibition of the Madrid Deep Space Communication Complex (NASA) located at Robledo de Chavela.**

*Responsible: Montse Ibáñez (mOlécula).*

*Price: 10 € per person.*

*Capacity: 50 people.*

*Meeting point: Hotel Hall at 10:10.*

*Transportation: Coach.*

*Registration required.*

**10:30 to 17:30 - Group # 2: Visit to the permanent exhibition of the Madrid Deep Space Communication Complex (NASA) located at Robledo de Chavela and subsequent visit to facilities normally closed to visitors.**

*Responsible: Montse Ibáñez (mOlécula).*

*Price: 25 € per person.*

*Capacity: 15 people (Mensa members only).*

*Meeting point: Hotel Hall at 10:10.*

*Transportation: Coach.*

*Registration required and national ID or passport number.*

IMPORTANT: These are distinct activities. The group # 1 will visit the exhibition that MDSCC has at Robledo de Chavela and after that will return to the hotel by coach. The group #2 will visit the exhibition, then have lunch at Robledo de Chavela (this meal is not included in the price) and return afterwards to visit MDSCC facilities not normally open to visitors.





**9:00 to 18:00** - It's raining men-sans: **tandem parachute jump at Ocaña**, do not miss the opportunity to skydive from 4000 meters!

*Responsible: Fernando Arnanz (Fahss).*

*Price: 185 € per person.*

*Capacity: 25 people (minimum 5).*

*Meeting point: Hotel Hall at 8:45.*

*Transportation: Private vehicles.*

*Registration required.*

**12:30 to 16:00 – Sushi Workshop and tasting** at a restaurant (Silk & Soya) near the hotel: It includes a welcome drink, sushi workshop, materials to do at home and, finally, tasting with a drink.

*Responsible: Ivan Ortega*

*Price: 35 € per person.*

*Capacity: 60 people (minimum 30).*

*Meeting point: Hotel Hall at 12:10.*

*Transportation: Walk.*

*Registration required.*

**14:00 to 16:00 - Two hours off for lunch.**

**16:00 to 17:00 - Panel discussion/brainstorming about Mensa Spain**, activities, influence, ways to attract new members, new ideas, what we want to see in Mensa and what we don't.

*Responsible: Elena Sanz.*

*Hall: Marítimo.*

**16:00 to 17:05 - Lecture: "Create a successful business with intelligence."**

*By Pedro Diezma*

*Lounge: Puntal.*





**17:05 to 18:10 - Lecture: "Geopolitics and political and armed conflicts."**

*By Fernando Celaya.*

*Lounge: Puntal.*

**17:30 to 21:30 – Boardgames tournament.** Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

*Responsible: Sandra Miguel and Daniel Impuesto.*

*Lounge: Noray, Avante & Marítimo.*

*Registration at the hotel.*

**18:00 to 19:00 - Body Combat session.**

*Responsible: Tereixa Blanco.*

*Lounge: Noray.*

**18:10 to 19:15 - Lecture: "MP3 Conspiracy".**

*By Francisco Escobedo.*

*Lounge: Puntal.*

**18:30 - Visit to the "Digital Planetarium" in Cosmocaixa.**

*Capacity: 50 people.*

*Meeting point: Hotel Hall at 18:00.*

*Transportation: Walk.*

*Registration required.*

**19:15 to 20:20 - Lecture: "Dec 21th, 2012, The End of the World? Prophecies, Mayan calendar and solar storms. Towards the new consciousness."**

*By José Manuel Bezos.*

*Lounge: Puntal.*

**20:20 to 21:25 - Lecture: "Liquid Democracy and Direct Democracy, the Icelandic example".**

*By Tiberio Graco.*

*Lounge: Puntal.*





**21:30 to 22:30 - Dinner buffet** at the hotel.

**22:30 - 00:00 - Hilarious Cultural Quiz.**

*Responsible: Pepe Beltran.*

*Capacity: 40 people in teams of 4.*

*Lounge: Puntal.*

*Registration required.*

**22:30 - 00:00 - Poker Tournament**, with valuable prizes! Organized by GIEPoker.

*Capacity: 45 people (minimum 9).*

*Participants must be over 18 years old.*

*Price: 5 € (aimed at materials and awards).*

*Lounge: Noray & Avante.*

*Registration required.*

**23:30 - Costume Contest** different themes, from geeks to film buffs, to personalities or scientific formulas, and **karaoke** (Puntal lounge at 00:00) organized by FreakGIE. All hotel.

**00:00 - Competitive reading of "The Eye of Argon".**

*Responsible: Pepe Beltran.*

*Capacity: 40 people.*

*Hall: Maritime.*

*Registration required.*

**00:00 - Werewolf multisetting tournament.**

*Responsible: Sandra Miguel (Duneiel).*

*Lounge: Noray & Avante.*







## **SATURDAY Dec. 8**

**8:00 to 11:00 - Breakfast buffet** at the hotel.

**11:30 to 14:00 - Football and basketball games** at Alcobendas municipal facilities.

*Over 14 years. No experience required, just want to have fun.*

*Responsible: Carlos Cejudo & Daniel Impuesto.*

*Basketball capacity: 15 people.*

*Meeting point: Hotel Hall at 10:45.*

*Transportation: private vehicle.*

*Both games require registration.*

**10:30 to 14:00 - Conference on education and detection of gifted children** provided by various schools and associations for gifted children.

*Responsible: Sandra Miguel (Duneiel).*

*Lounge: Puntal.*

**12:00 to 15:00 - Madrid hidden.** Visit curious places at Madrid historic center.

*Responsible: Luis Vallespín.*

*Meeting point: Hotel Hall at 11:40.*

*Transportation: Public transport.*

**14:00 to 16:00 - Two hours off for lunch.**





**15:00 to 16:30 - Typical Madrid's meal.** At the Opera subway station we will divide into groups depending on how many we are. Some will want to go to the best "tapas" bars of Madrid; others may go for a typical "Cocido madrileño" at one of the best places to have it, restaurant "La Bola".

*Responsible: Luis Vallespín, Edurne Garde and Daniel Impuesto.*

*Capacity: 65 people (for the Cocido).*

*Price: 20 €for the Cocido (Only "Cocido" included, other dishes, beverages, desserts and coffee are not included). Tapas will be paid on the spot.*

*Meeting point: Opera Subway station, exit Plaza de Isabel II, at 14:40.*

*Registration required.*

**16:30 to 18:00 - Debate between schools, associations, Mensa Spain and other educational positions for gifted children.**

*Responsible: Sandra Miguel (Duneiel).*

*Lounge: Puntal.*

**17:30 to 21:30 – Boardgames tournament.** Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

*Responsible: Sandra Miguel and Daniel Impuesto.*

*Lounge: Noray, Avante & Marítimo.*

*Registration at the hotel.*

**18:30 to 19:30 - Lecture: "Jack the Ripper" (minimum age: 18 y.o.).**

*By Pepe Beltran.*

*Lounge: Puntal.*

**18:30 - Visit to the session "Dinosaurs Alive" in 3D Science Cosmocaixa.**

*Responsible: Sandra Miguel (Duneiel).*

*Capacity: 50 people.*

*Meeting point: Hotel Hall at 18:00.*

*Transportation: Walk.*

*Registration required.*





**19:30 to 20:30 - Lecture: "How to use scientific and agile methods to create more successful startups".**

*By Juan Ramón González.*

*Lounge: Puntal.*

**20:30 to 21:30 – Magic Workshop.**

*Responsible: Arturo Jimenez.*

*Capacity: 10 people.*

*Price 6 € (for material that attendees will retain).*

*Hall: Marítimo.*

*Registration required.*

**20:30 to 21:30 - Lecture: "Chronology of the Big Bang and the Universe expansion."**

*By Adrian Baños.*

*Lounge: Puntal.*

**21:30 to 22:30 - Dinner buffet at the hotel.**

**22:30 to 23:00 - Magic show.**

*By Arturo Jimenez.*

*Lounge: Puntal.*

**23:00 to 23:30 - Awards Ceremony.**

*Lounge: Puntal.*

**23:30 – Cocktail demonstration & atypical Chess Tournament.**

*Responsible: Álvaro Corral (Zenchy).*

*Lounge: Puntal.*





## **SUNDAY, Dec. 9**

**8:00 to 11:00 - Breakfast buffet** at the hotel.

**10:00 to 11:00 - Free test session.**

*Lounge: Puntal.*

*Registration required.*

**11:30 to 14:00 - Visit to the museums of Madrid** (Biblioteca Nacional, Museo del Prado, Reina Sofia and Anthropology).

*Prado Museum: Luis Vallespín and Javier García Algarra. Price: 7 €.*

*Anthropological Museum: Mila E. Freire. Capacity: 25 people.*

*Reina Sofia Museum: Free visit.*

*National Museum Library: Free visit.*

*Transportation: Public transport and own vehicle.*

*Meeting point: Hotel Hall at 11:00.*

*Registration required.*

**12:00 - Farewell and RAM ending.**





**14:30 - Farewell lunch at restaurant "El Prado",** located at the Paseo del Prado.

*Responsible: Daniel Impuesto.*

*Capacity: 65 people.*

*Price: 25 €. (Includes starter, entrée, drink ( soda, water, wine or beer). Cava. Bread. Dessert or coffee). Vegetarian menu options to be announced soon.*

*Transportation: Public transport and own vehicle.*

*Meeting point: restaurant "El Prado", Paseo del Prado 16, 28014 Madrid. Subway: Banco de España (line 2) or Atocha (line 1).*

*Registration required.*

## **Menu**

### STARTERS:

*Madrid "Cocido" soup.*

*Iberian Appetizers.*

*Shellfish soup.*

*Greek Salad with Fetta cheese, ham, chicken and olives.*

*Waldorff salad with apple and pineapple.*

### ENTREES:

*Bilbaina Gilthead fish.*

*Galician Beef Sirloin grilled with garnish.*

*Range chicken with lemon.*

*Hake with seafood in green sauce.*

### DESSERT:

*Assorted Cakes.*

*Pudding.*

*Ice cream.*

*Coffee.*





## REMEMBER:

You have **free access to Cosmocaixa** museum just showing your membership card or your RAM 2012 accreditation for the duration of the RAM.

There are several **board games** available to you at Avante & Noray lounges.

If you arrive on Wednesday or go on Monday from the airport make use of the **hotel shuttle**. Contact the RAM organization (at least two weeks in advance), tell us your flight arrival or departure time and we will send the shuttle to get you. Shuttle service is also available from Plaza de Castilla, close to Chamartín train station.

We will never be enough, if you look forward to **volunteering** in an activity (tournaments, Cosmocaixa visits, unscheduled visits, helping foreign visitors, whatever comes to mind) please let us know, we can all make a spectacular RAM with your help.

If you are not staying at the hotel but want to take part in activities inside the hotel, there is no problem, but do not forget to buy your **day pass** & we will have it ready for you. And if you want to dine at the hotel you can buy your dinner in the Mensa server.





### SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE HOTEL:

On the roof there are a great **swimming pool** and **jacuzzi** for you to get some time to soak, please comply with the pool rules, remember that we share among all hotel guests! Sauna and gym are also free for hotel guests.

The hotel also offers **wireless Internet** available to all customers.

#### *Bar prices:*

*Alcohol cocktails: 5€ to 14 €*

*Beer glass: 2,95 €*

*Beer Bottle: 4 €*

*Soft drinks: 3.25 €*

*Coffee: 1.95 €*

*\*Prices may change.*

*\*\*You have 2x1 during RAM in all beverages just showing your accreditation.*

### AROUND THE HOTEL SERVICES:

Just opposite the hotel is the shopping center **La Vega** which has a supermarket (Alcampo) and many shops where you can make your shopping, drink at almost any time or just take a walk.

Across the A-1 national road, just a 5 minute walk away there is another popular shopping center, **Diversa**, which has several restaurants and a 3D cinema 3D (Heron City).

There are several restaurants in the area with a variety of offers.







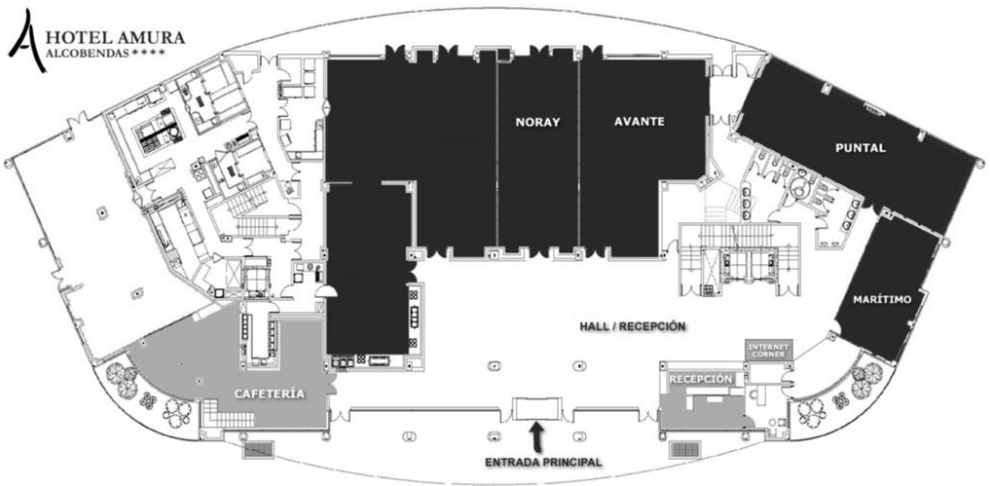
## MAIN FLOOR AND LOCATION OF HOTEL LOUNGES:

Lounges Meloco & Regata: Breakfast & dinner.

Lounge Puntal: Lectures & Free test session.

Lounges Avante & Noray: Games, Body Combat, Poker.

Lounge Marítimo: Workshops & others.



Collaborators:

