



*Embassy of the United States of America
Madrid, Spain*

Demonstration Notice – October 22, 2012

**“SURROUND CONGRESS” DEMONSTRATIONS – MADRID,
23 AND 27 OCTOBER, 2012**

Planned and spontaneous demonstrations take place in Spain, especially in Madrid and Barcelona, in response to economic or other events. If you encounter a large public gathering or demonstration, the U.S. Embassy suggests that you avoid the area. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

Two large demonstrations have been organized for Tuesday, October 23rd and Saturday, October 27th to protest the budget proposals for 2013. The demonstrations are being advertised as “Surround Congress”.

These demonstrations have not been authorized by Government Delegation.

Tuesday, October 23rd

Times: 17:30 – 18:00 : Protesters gather in Cuesta de Moyano, near Atocha
18:00 - : Protesters march from Cuesta de Moyano along route marked
on map below to end at Plaza de Neptuno.
21:00 - : Surround Congress until the politicians depart
Site of final concentration : Plaza de Neptuno and all streets leading into Plaza de la Comedias
Purpose : Protest budget proposals for 2013
Slogan : Surround Congress
Participants expected` :
Organizers : Coordinadora 25S

Saturday, October 27th

Time: 17:30 – 18:00 : Protesters gather at Plaza de España

18:00 - : Protesters march from Plaza de Espana, along Gran Via to Plaza de Callao and Plaza de Cibeles and then along Paseo del Prado to Plaza de Neptuno, marked as  on the map below.

Site of final concentration : Plaza de Neptuno and all streets leading into Plaza de la Cordoba 

Purpose : Protest budget proposals for 2013

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Participants expected` :`

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Vehicle and pedestrian traffic especially around, along, and leading into the route areas can be expected to be heavy as early as the morning on the day of the demonstrations. During the marches, main route roads will most likely be closed to vehicle traffic. Security barricades will be erected to maintain protesters as far away as possible from the Congress building. Expect disruptions during the entire day in these areas as the end time for the protest is unknown.

Although relevant security measures have been adopted by Spanish law enforcement agencies, the number of conflicts that may arise during the marches and subsequent demonstrations is unknown, although organizers have called for peaceful gatherings.

The U.S. Embassy encourages U.S. citizens to review "[A Safe Trip Abroad](#)," which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. All U.S. citizens in Spain are urged to enroll online at the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP). Enrolling gives U.S. Citizens access to updated information on travel and security within Spain and makes it easier for the Embassy to contact citizens in case of emergency. You can also download our free [Smart Traveler iPhone App](#) to have travel information at your fingertips.

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