

BOOKSTORE CRAWL IN ROMA NORTE AND CONDESA

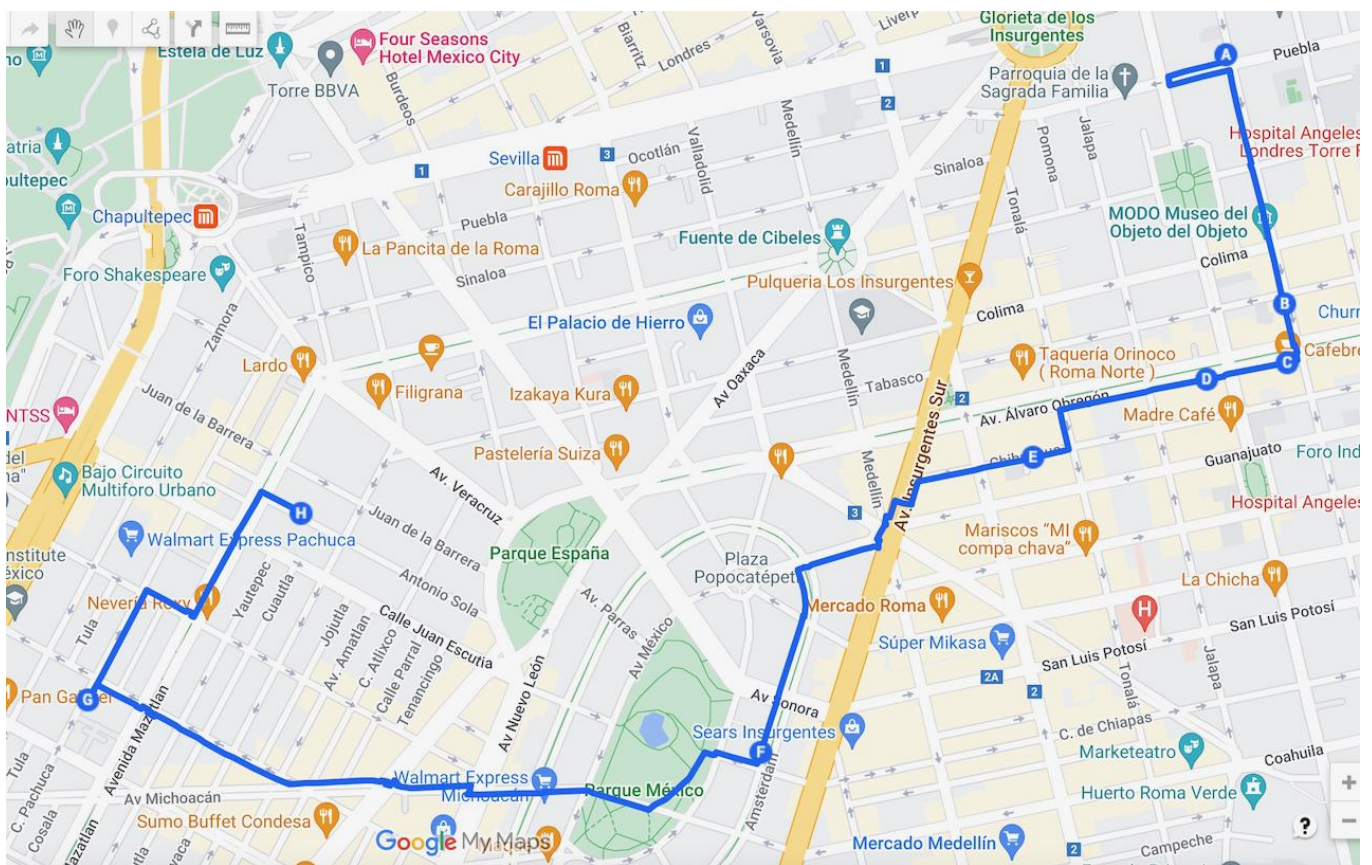
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This walking itinerary highlights a number of unique bookstores and is arranged to begin in Roma Norte and end in Condesa along a roughly 2.5- 3.0 mile route. One could also choose to break this up into two smaller itineraries, focusing on just one neighborhood.

There are plenty of restaurants, bars and cafes along this route to stop for sustenance. [Mercado Roma](#) or [Mercado Michoacan](#) (Condesa) are two good options for street food, and you can find locations for [Churreria El Moro](#) in just about every neighborhood.

There are also a number of bookstores in other neighborhoods at the end of this list, which is by no means exhaustive!

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ROMA NORTE

Librería Casa Bosques (A): is an art and design bookstore that foregrounds small, independent publishers obtained through alternative distribution channels such as art book fairs, trips abroad, and directly from their authors. Founded by designers Rafael Prieto and Jorge de la Garza, Casa Bosques is part of their larger design practice. Oh, and they sell small batch chocolates, too! **Hours: Daily 11-3, 4-7 (CLOSED FROM 3-4)**

Address: Córdoba 25, Roma Nte., Cuauhtémoc, 06700 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

La Aventura de Leer (B): Used bookstore with titles in Spanish and English. This place is teeming with piles of books on every subject. **Hours: M - F 10:30 - 8, S 11-6**

Address: Córdoba 93, Roma Nte., Cuauhtémoc, 06700 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

Cafebreria El Pendulo: Roma (C): One of seven branches of this bookstore/cafe/bar/event space in Mexico City, the Roma location is three stories and specializes in literature, art and humanities. There is a restaurant and seating throughout the bookstore to encourage you to browse and stay. Open late on the weekends! **Hours: M - Th: 8AM -11PM, F-S 8AM - 1AM, Su 9AM-10PM**

Address: Av. Álvaro Obregón 86, Roma Nte., Cuauhtémoc, 06700 Ciudad de México

Librería Ático (D): Another large, used bookstore along Av. Álvaro Obregon, you could spend a long time wandering the stacks of Librería Ático. Most titles are in Spanish, but there is a small English and foreign language section in the back. **Hours: Daily 11-7**

Address: Av. Álvaro Obregón 118-B, Roma Nte., Cuauhtémoc, 06700 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Casa Leonora Carrington (E): Not currently open to the public, but you can walk by her home at **Chihuahua 194, Roma Nte., Cuauhtémoc, 06700 Ciudad de México, CDMX**

CONDESA

Under the Volcano Books: English Bookstore: This nearly-hidden bookshop is on the 2nd floor of the American Legion in Condesa. It specializes in English language books, and if you go Tuesday - Saturday, you can check out the lovely bar on the ground floor, too. **Hours: Open every day, hours vary.**

Address: C. Celaya 25, Hipódromo, Cuauhtémoc, 06100 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

La increíble librería (F): The designer and editor, Selva Hernández, and the illustrator, Alejandro Magallanes, have such a deep passion for books that they designed this book and design shop share their vision. There are now two locations in Condesa, each selling publications by independent publishers such as Almadía and Ediciones Acapulco, as well as products designed by La increíble. Each also has a cafe. **Hours: Daily 10-8**

Address(es):

- **Amsterdam 264, Hipódromo Condesa, Cuauhtémoc, 06100 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico**
- **Juan de la Barrera 112, Colonia Condesa, Cuauhtémoc, 06140 Ciudad de México, CDMX**

Casa Tomada (G): An independent cultural center that seeks to form a community for the exchange of ideas in an alternative register to the cultural circuit of the city, Casa Tomada features a bookstore and their event space regularly hosts readings and workshops. **Hours: M-S 12-7**

Address: Pachuca 146-A. Col. Condesa. Cuauhtémoc. CP. 06140

Antonia La Oficina del Libro (H): Imagine a charming house tucked away in Condesa full of books of all kinds on shelves interspersed with art and other fantastic objects. Of course, there is comfortable seating and a few friendly cats roaming about inside and out on the patio. Now imagine this place also serves chilequiles and hosts musical events in the evening. That is Antonia, a project of designer, Selva Hernández, and it is not to be missed. **Hours - M-Sa 10-8, Sun 11-5**

Antonio Sola 67A, Colonia Condesa, Cuauhtémoc, 06140 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

NOTABLE BOOKSTORES IN OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS

Centro Historico:

Calle Donceles: Located near the city center, Calle Donceles (Between Ignacio Allende and República de Argentina) is teeming with antiquarian bookstores. Some of the most famous are: Librería de Viejo, Bibliofila, and Librería Regia.

Chapultepec:

Librería Porrúa (Bosque de Chapultepec). Porrúa is a bookstore chain, but its location in Chapultepec park is notable for its beautiful open air seating along a lake and a cafe. Perfect for reading all afternoon. **Hours T-Su: 11-6 (closed Mondays)**

Av. Grutas S/N, Bahía grutas, Bosque de Chapultepec I Secc, Miguel Hidalgo, 11580 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Cuauhtémoc:

Exit Art: Founded by the Spanish art curator and critic, Rosa Olivares, EXIT boasts the best collection of contemporary art books since 2014. It is small but substantial in its specialty materials. Here there are editions from all over the world as well as photographs especially taken by international artists to be sold here. The bookstore organizes talks, presentations, and meetings about books and art. **Hours: M-F 10-8, Sa. 11-3, Closed Sundays.**

Address: Río Pánuco #215, Col. Cuauhtémoc, Deleg. Cuauhtémoc.

Roma Sur:

Siranda Librería Anticuaria: Purveyor of antiquarian books and ephemera.

Av. Baja California 158, Roma Sur, Cuauhtémoc, 06760 Ciudad de México, CDMX

