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▲ PLAZA DE ESPAÑA

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INTRODUCTION

Seville always has something special for each visitor: a passageway, a smile, a sunset...

Come to the capital of Andalusia, the city of a thousand postcard pictures, and discover a mix of cultures with over 3,000 years of history.

Its streets display a fascinating monumental heritage and it has districts full of traditional culture, such as **Triana** and **La Macarena**. Visit the streets of **Seville's Jewish quarter**, discover the secrets of **the Santa Cruz district** or the stories about the life and death of the painter **Murillo**. There are surprising little corners everywhere.

Museums, art centres and theme parks... just some of the endless leisure possibilities awaiting you in Seville. The cultural life in the city is endless. Top national and international groups play at the **La Cartuja auditorium and stadium**. There is also no shortage of theatre and cinema. Choose what suits you and soak up the atmosphere. Enjoy the great **hospitality** and **open character of the people of Seville**.

Get the taste of the city in the bars in its historic centre where you can try a great variety of **delicious tapas**. The heartbeat of Seville is in its streets. Take in its lively atmosphere in one of the pavement cafés with views and iconic monuments such as the **cathedral** and the **Giralda tower**.



▲ THE GIRALDA TOWER

SEVILLE

Another good excuse to visit Seville is its **traditional festivities**. Discover the passion of **Easter Week** and the **April Fair** to experience at first hand the devotion and traditions of Seville's people.

After the urban bustle, get some fresh air in its natural surroundings. Marshes, dunes and game reserves typify the **Doñana National Park**, a gem of nature declared a World Heritage Site and a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO.

The **Sierra Norte Nature Reserve** is another treasure worthy of a few good days of hiking.

You can also take the chance to buy some of the **craft products** on view in shop windows, shopping centres and street markets: ceramics, fans, antiques, etc.

The unique beauty and light of the Andalusian capital intoxicate everyone who visits it. **Seville is colour, life and magic.**

▼ DOÑANA NATIONAL PARK
HUELVA



DISCOVER SEVILLE NEIGHBOURHOOD BY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Seville is distinguished by its fascinating neighbourhoods. These include **Santa Cruz**, right in the heart of the city, with its narrow streets, palaces and courtyards full of flowers; **Triana**, on the other side of the Guadalquivir River, with its seafaring flavour and flamenco art; and **La Macarena**, popular and full of history.



▲ REAL ALCÁZAR FORTRESS

THE HISTORIC CITY CENTRE

The historic centre of Seville has special charm. Its streets offer you a unique monumental heritage and a contagious joyous atmosphere. Visit the **cathedral** (World Heritage with the Real Alcázar and the Archivo de Indias) and admire its imposing structure of Mudejar, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and Neoclassical design. The remains of Christopher Columbus lie in the cathedral. Next, go up the **Giralda**, the cathedral's bell tower, which for centu-

ries was the highest in the world, and look over the city from on high.

Nearby is the **Real Alcázar Fortress**, home to monarchs and dignitaries. A stroll around its gardens, with their orange and palm trees and fountains, is an unforgettable experience. For further information and ticket sales visit the websites:

❶ www.alcazarsevilla.org

❷ www.catedraldesevilla.es/visita-cultural/



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▲ PLAZA DE ESPAÑA

Another place not to be missed is **Plaza de España**, a set of buildings in **María Luisa Park**. This unique setting has been chosen as a location for such famous films as *Lawrence of Arabia* and *Star Wars: Episode II. Attack of the Clones*. It was designed as the main building for the 1929 Latin American Exhibition. It has a semi-elliptical form, symbolising Spain embracing its former American colonies, and looks towards the Guadalquivir River as the route to take to reach America.

The **Archive of the Indies**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, preserves thousands of documents and maps from the colonial era. Visit the **town hall** to see a great example of Plateresque architecture in Andalusia.

Next, take a look at **Salvador Church** and **Plaza del Salvador**, the latter being one of the best places in Seville to enjoy **tapas**. You can have a cold beer and some typical Seville dishes at its terraces and taverns, while enjoying the special light and colour of the place.

Its many palaces will allow you to breathe in their history and legends and make your tour of Seville an unforgettable experience. They include the **Archbishop's Palace**, housing one of the city's most important art galleries, with works by Murillo and Zurbarán, among others. It is advisable to plan the visit in advance, since it only opens two Saturdays a month and has a limited number of visitors.

Las Dueñas Palace, an imposing manor house, was the home of aristocrats and the birthplace of the poet Antonio Machado. Its beautiful courtyard, its collection of art works and the list of its illustrious residents will amaze you. Another place not to be missed is **San Telmo Palace**, where you can admire one of the most beautiful doorways of Seville's Baroque.

There is also no lack of historical churches. Enjoy the serenity of the interior of **Santa María Magdalena Church**. Nearby is the charming **San Andrés Church**, in Gothic-Mudejar style and located in the square of the same name.

Calle Sierpes is a must on your tour of the centre. This bustling pedestrianised street is very popular with people in Seville and is an ideal spot to enjoy a great selection of shops, bars and restaurants. This busy street will bring you



▲ ARCHBISHOP'S PALACE

to Plaza de La Campana, a square that is a meeting point and the city's shopping epicentre.

Set aside a good bit of time to stroll down the tree-lined **Alameda de Hércules** boulevard, Seville's alternative space par excellence, with its spectacular mixture of historical spots, cultural offerings and nightlife. It has a great choice of bars and venues with live and electronic music.

▼ SAN TELMO PALACE



SANTA CRUZ DISTRICT

In the heart of the city, this neighbourhood is characterized by its narrow streets, palatial houses, the cheerful colours of its buildings and a special charm. You will fall in love with its house courtyards, full of flowers and colour.

Wander around the maze of narrow streets in what was originally Seville's Jewish quarter. The neighbourhood is made up of narrow passages that were designed to create currents of cool air. Here you will find the gorgeous **Banderas square**, formed by a group of houses adjoining the walls of the Alcázar fortress. You can stroll through the neighbourhood's squares and such emblematic places as the **Callejón del Agua** passage, which runs parallel to the Real Alcázar Palace. Its shaded, intimate patios are full of plants that provide cool air in the hottest months of summer.

Nearby are the famous **Murillo Gardens**, with their immense centuries-old ficus trees, and **Casa de Pilatos** (Pilate's House), a palace considered one of the finest aristocratic buildings in Andalusia.

Miguel de Mañara Palace is another monumental building, which, from 1623, served as the residence of aristocrats. **Santa María la Blanca Church**, built over an old 13th century synagogue, maintains its original structure, although it was rebuilt twice, first in the 13th century and later, in the 17th century, when it became one of the best examples of Baroque church architecture in Seville.



▲ SANTA CRUZ DISTRICT

End your tour in the **Jewish Quarter**, one of the oldest in Spain. The best way to discover Seville's Sephardic past is to stroll along the streets, like Mateos Gago where two floor-level information panels tell you about the remains of the old 1391 walls.

This street is also full of lively bars and taverns with unique views of the Giralda tower.

DISCOVER SEVILLE NEIGHBOURHOOD BY NEIGHBOURHOOD



LA MACARENA DISTRICT

Located to the north of the historical centre, **La Macarena** is one of the Seville's most traditional neighbourhoods. It is almost a town within the city with its own monuments, legends and traditions.



▲ ARCH AND BASILICA OF LA MACARENA

Here you will find such marvels as the **arch** and **basilica of La Macarena**, seat of the Brotherhood of La Esperanza Macarena, one of the oldest in Seville. There are also the **walls** and the **Córdoba gateway**, which formed part of the enclosure that defended the city.

Calle San Luis, the street that is the real heart of the district, is dotted with very welcoming bars, shops and restaurants where you can enjoy Seville's cuisine. It also boasts architectural gems like **Santa Marina Church**, one of the oldest in the city, in Gothic-Mudéjar style, and **San Marcos Church**, one of the best preserved parish churches from the 14th century, despite having suffered fires and earthquakes. You should also



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▲ SAN MARCOS CHURCH

see **San Luis de los Franceses Church**, with its sumptuous dome. It is one of the best examples of Baroque architecture.

It is well worth visiting the **former Cinco Llagas hospital**, now seat of the Andalusia Regional Parliament, to see its Renaissance façade and the gardens. If you want to visit inside you must book in advance.

THE TRIANA DISTRICT

With its seafaring character and a great feel of the traditional Seville, Triana is the birthplace of bullfighters and artists. Located on the other side of the Guadalquivir River, it has its own identity, reflected in crafts and flamenco art.

Enter this neighbourhood by crossing the famous **Isabel II Bridge**, the oldest in Seville. You can then walk to **Calle San Jacinto**, a great street for shopping and enjoying a drink at one of its lively terraces.

Calle Betis, one of Triana's most emblematic streets, runs parallel to the river and is a distillation of all of the district's special flavour. Here, at the end of July, the *Velá* of Santa Ana is celebrated, a popular festival that fills the neighbourhood with lanterns and cultural activities in honour of its patron saint. The festival is thought to have originated in the old pilgrimage that took place in **Santa Ana Church**, built in the 13th century.

In Triana you will also find architectural marvels like the **Callejón de la Inquisición (Alley of the Inquisition)**, where remnants of the ancient San Jorge castle are preserved. In the **Basilica of El Patrocinio** you can admire the image of El Cachorro, an emblematic figure in Seville's Easter Week.



▲ ISABEL II BRIDGE

Take a look around the **Triana Ceramics Centre**, a museum that preserves and promotes the city's traditions in ceramics. There you can see interesting historical ceramics and ovens. On and around the **streets of Antillano Campos and Alfarería** you can buy pretty souvenirs in the shops-potteries where the potters work.

THE ARTS

Seville has been home to a great diversity of civilisations and artistic styles. Experience it all in the city's museums, theatres and cultural centres.



▲ MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

MUSEUMS

In a delightful little square in the historical centre of Seville stands the **Museum of Fine Arts**, formerly the Convent of La Merced Calzada, which welcomes you to discover the greatest treasures of Spanish Baroque painting. The museum occupies a convent space which en-

trances us with the extraordinary tiled panels covering the richly decorated walls, vaults and ceilings and with works of art by three of the greatest artists of what is known as Spain's Golden Age, the 16th and 17th centuries: **Zurbarán**, **Valdés Leal** and, above all, **Murillo**.

Located in María Luisa Park is the **Museum of Popular Art and Traditions**. The main building is the Pabellón Mudéjar, built in 1929, and it features one of the most comprehensive collections of popular Andalusian ceramics in Europe. Standing opposite to it, in Plaza de América, the **Seville Archaeological Museum** has a stunning collection of remains from ancient civilizations. Discover remains from the Roman era found in the Itálica archaeological site and the rest of Andalusia, and the Carambolo treasure: 21 pieces of Tartessian origin carved in gold.

In Seville's Plaza de la Encarnación square you'll find the **"Seville Mushrooms"** (or **Metropol Parasol**) by the German architect Jürgen Mayer. The largest wooden structure in the world, its four tiers house the **Antiquarium** (the most important site from Roman times in Seville), the Encarnación market, a raised square providing a venue for different



events and the structure of six parasols where you can enjoy a 260-degree view of the city. At the top, you can enter the "Feeling Sevilla" immersive room and, at sunset, watch the light and sound show "Aurora" while you gaze at the amazing view of the city.

❶ For further information go to:
www.museosdeandalucia.es
www.setasdesevilla.com

▼ METROPOL PARASOL





▲ FLAMENCO BIENNIAL

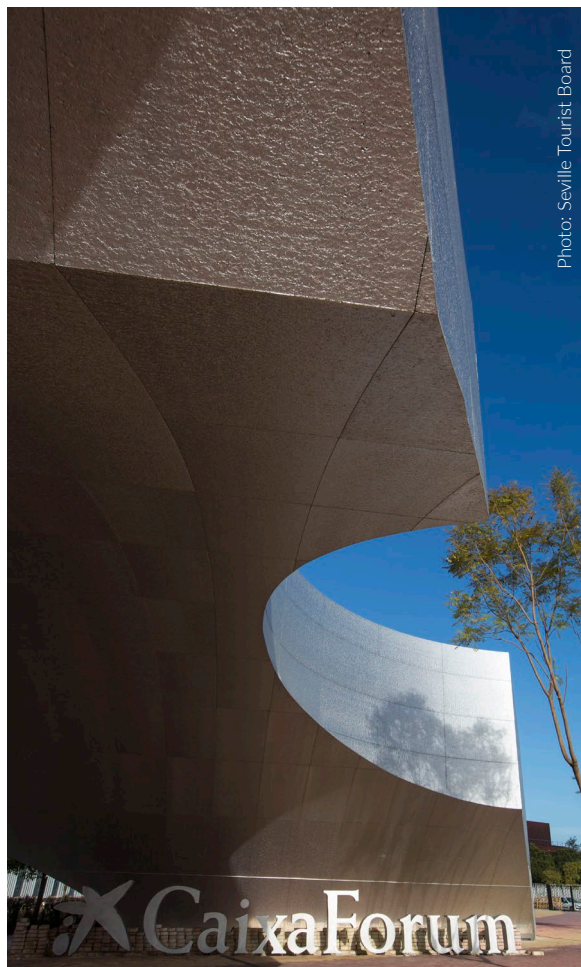


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▲ CAIXA FORUM

ART CENTRES

The **Santa Clara Cultural Space** has a special place in Seville's cultural life. In addition to being located in the beautiful convent of Santa Clara, it houses an important artistic-cultural collection.

Are you fascinated by architecture? Take a look around the **CaixaForum** art centre, an icon of modern design, which has a wide cultural, artistic and educational offering for all audiences.

At the La Cartuja monastery, explore the **Andalusian Contemporary Art Centre**, which offers an overview of the artistic trends in Spain with a collection spanning from the second half of the 20th century to present day. And discover La Cartuja, which also boasts outstanding archaeological heritage.

① *For further information go to:*
www.caac.es



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▲ GOLDEN TOWER

MONUMENTS

Seville has several monuments you can visit, such as the **Pilatos** and **Condesa de Lebrija Palaces**; the **Basilica of El Gran Poder**; the **Golden Tower**, and its Naval Museum; the **Real Maestranza** bullring; the **Chapel of Los Marineros**; the **hospitals of Los Venerables** and **La Caridad**; and the **Fabiola House/Bellver-Mejías Museum**.

❶ *For more information go to*
www.visitasevilla.es/monumentos

THEATRES AND CULTURAL SPACES

The performing arts also have their place in Seville's lively cultural agenda, with venues of all kinds. You could start at **La Maestranza Theatre**, a lyrical and musical coliseum that occupies a key place in the operatic life of southern Europe.

Next you can visit **Lope de Vega Theatre** which has a varied programme of performing arts, flamenco and jazz, and hosts Spain's most prestigious **Ancient Music Festival** in March each year.

For the more adventurous, there is the **Pathé Theatre**, right in the centre of Seville. This is a cultural activism space with a varied offer of shows alongside conferences, cultural days and exhibitions.

Another leading venue is the **La Fundición Theatre**, with a programme open to all the public.

LA CARTUJA MONASTERY



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► GAZPACHO



TRADITIONAL CUISINE

Seville is one of the best places in Spain for that treasure of Spanish cuisine: **tapas**. And a fantastic way to get to know the atmosphere and the hospitality of Seville's people is to visit its bars. There are dozens of them in the old quarter and the popular districts of Triana and La Macarena.

Some very typical ones are: **chacinas** (Iberian ham, Iberian cured pork sausage); **papas aliñás** (potatoes in vinaigrette); and **fried fish**. If you visit Seville in the hottest months, don't forget to ask for **gazpacho** (cold soup, made mainly with tomatoes), which is very refreshing.

But there is something even more popular: **montaditos** (small toasted sandwiches with delicious fillings).

Pretty much all the bars in Seville have some on their menu. The hard thing is to choose: sirloin, prawns, or the typical **serranito**, filled with loin fillet, fried green pepper and ham.

Feast yourself in the wineries and taverns where you can taste the authentic flavours of Seville, washed down with wines from the barrel. The most famous of these wines are the *fino* and *manzanilla* sherries, ideal as an aperitif. The historic centre is brimming with traditional establishments. Miguel de Cervantes, the author of *Don Quixote*, is said to have frequented their tables.

MODERN CUISINE

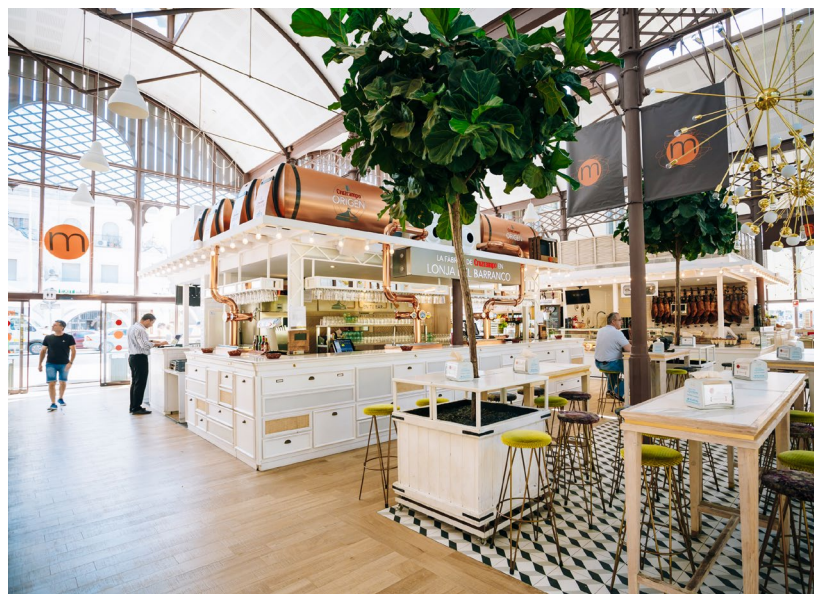
Haute cuisine also has its place in Seville. Be adventurous and try inno-



vative dishes with local touches, carefully presented with surprising flavours, in the cutting edge restaurants. The award-winning Abantal and Cañabota restaurants are a good example.

Eating in the markets is very fashionable among the locals. **Triana Market**, next to the bridge that connects the neighbourhood with the city centre, offers from the freshest oysters to exquisite sushi. There is also the **Barranco food and fish market**, near the La Maestranza Bullring. It is the most modern of all, with bars offering traditional cuisine and avant-garde delicacies.

Cross Triana Bridge and wander around the stalls of **Arenal Market**. There you can find everything from traditional food based on organic



▲ BARRANCO FOOD AND FISH MARKET

Andalusian produce to creative vegan options. Another option is to go on a wine-tasting course.

📍 *For more information go to*
www.lonjadelbarranco.com

SEVILLE IN THE FOUR SEASONS

It doesn't matter when you choose to visit Seville. The city has so much to offer that any season is good for **tapas**, live flamenco, a boat trip on the Guadalquivir River or the enchantment of Easter Week.



▲ SANTA CRUZ DISTRICT

SUMMER

Summer months in Seville are synonymous with sun and heat, but you can enjoy **night time strolls** through its historic streets and drink a beer or some **gazpacho** to cool down at one of its many terraces. At night, Seville's **Real Alcázar Palace** generally offers live music under the stars. If you're a film lover, enjoy the summer programme of **open air cinema in María Luisa Park**.

When the sun is at its hottest you can get away to the **beaches of Huelva and Cádiz**, just over an hour away by car, and take a dip in the Atlantic Ocean or Mediterranean Sea.

AUTUMN

October is the month of the **Seville Performing Arts Festival**. Music, drama and dance take to the stage and transform the city into a culture festival.

The magic of flamenco awaits you in a unique event held every two years in Seville: The **Flamenco Biennial**. This is the most important international event for this supremely Spanish art form, which has been declared Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO.

It usually takes place in September and October, in several venues spread throughout the city. You will find out what the **duende** (magic) of flamenco really means in such special places as the courtyards of the Real Alcázar Palace, the stage of La Maestranza Theatre, or the beautiful church of San Luis de los Franceses.

WINTER

Are you sporty? Sign up for the sport of the moment among Seville's locals: **canoeing**. People are out on the Guadalquivir River at all hours. There are some **guided tours by kayak**, also in English, allowing you to get a view from the water of monuments like the Torre del Oro Tower, La Maestranza Bullring and La Cartuja Monastery.

At Christmas, don't miss the Feria de Belén and its nativity scenes, near the Cathedral, or the magic atmosphere of the light show at Plaza de San Francisco. Visit one of the Christmas markets and buy hand-made pieces and all types of presents.

In February, dare to join the **Seville marathon**, the flattest in Europe, and run past the most iconic locations in the city.

SPRING

This time of the year in Seville is synonymous with splendour, passion and mystery. Enjoy the intense experience of Seville's **Easter Week**. Gaze at the richly adorned religious images that are carried through the streets to the rhythm of solemn music. Flamenco songs called **saetas** are sung by the crowds a cappella as the images go past. One of the most anticipated moments is the **Madrugá**, on the night between Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, when some of the most famous processions take to the streets.

The other great annual event is the **April Fair**. It is the fair to end all



▲ FERIA DE ABRIL
SEVILLA

fairs, beginning on the night of the **alumbrao** (light up), when the fair-ground's 250,000 light bulbs are lit. There is dancing and singing and people eat fried fish in the marquees. Feast your eyes on the colourful Flamenco dresses and try some delicious hand-carved cured Iberian ham. You could also learn the steps of the traditional Flamenco **sevillanas** dance, accompanied by the song style of the same name, which provides the unmistakable soundtrack of the April Fair. The Fair ends with a great fireworks display alongside the Guadalquivir River.

Both Easter Week and the April Fair have been declared Fiestas of International Tourist Interest.



SEVILLE FOR CHILDREN

The little ones can also have their say here. Take the chance to go to the theatre, visit a museum, take a walk along the Guadalquivir River, go on a nature excursion or visit a theme park with your family.

The attractions at **Isla Mágica**, for example, are one of the main things children want to enjoy in Seville. There are attractions for all sizes and abilities, but the most amazing of all is the 32 metre high roller coaster.

The **Seville Aquarium** is another great place to go with the children. It has tanks up to 9 metres deep and a huge variety of aquatic fauna, such as sharks and many other species of fish, as well as turtles and various types of reptile.

And from the sea to the sky. Visit the **Science Museum**, with exhibitions and activities related to the world of science and a planetarium not to be missed.

At the Exploraterra Space, you can relive the sea explorations and the first circumnavigation of Earth.

❶ For further information go to

www.islamagica.es

www.acuariosevilla.es

www.casadelaencia.csic.es

www.espacioexploraterra.org

THE HIDDEN CITY

If you still have time and want to see other interesting, different and less well-known places in the city, here are some options.

PARKS AND GARDENS

A visit to **La Buhaira Gardens** will transport you to the city's times of Moorish splendour. There you stroll among olive trees, palm trees, vines and fruit trees, and see the ruins of the old palace. Today it is a civic centre which in the summer hosts a season of theatre and opera.

You can also rest on a tiled bench under the shade of the orange trees in the charming **Plaza de Doña Elvira** square, in the Santa Cruz neighbourhood. Have a drink at one of its lively terraces and relax as you look at the fountain in the centre.

SECRET MUSEUMS

Seville's cultural heritage is vast, as made evident in its many museums. Some are very little known, but very interesting, such as the **San Jorge Castle Museum**. Standing facing the **Monument to Tolerance**, by the sculptor Eduardo Chillida, this centre documents the religious, social and cultural oppression exercised by the **Tribunal of the Inquisition**.

Visit the **Pavilion of Navigation**, on the island of La Cartuja. Located on the banks of the Guadalquivir River, near



▲ NAVIGATION PAVILION

▼ TORRE SEVILLA TOWER

the city's historic centre, it explains the human, scientific and technical aspects of the great seafaring journeys and ocean explorations, and their connection to Seville.

Another place worth visiting is the **Marqueses de la Algaba Palace/Mudejar Centre**, where you learn about the style mix that gave rise to this art.

THE ROOFTOPS OF SEVILLE

Seville has vantage points with enchanting views. Look out from the heights of **Torre Sevilla**, Seville's first skyscraper, and, standing at 180 metres, the tallest in Andalusia. Or visit **Torre Schindler** tower, the viewing tower at the Pavilion of Navigation, which stands by the Guadalquivir River and offers incredible panoramic views.



SEVILLE

Torre de los Perdigones tower, an old foundry, is one of Seville's few industrial monuments. Inside there is a viewpoint and one of the world's few camera obscuras, allowing you to observe live images of Seville in a unique way.

The **cathedral's rooftops** offer unique panoramic views of Seville from different heights. To walk on its roofs you have to go through its passageways and climb its spiral staircases. You can book a guided tour on the internet or purchase tickets directly at the ticket office.

TERRACES WITH VIEWS OF THE GIRALDA TOWER

Feast your eyes and your senses on one of the terraces with the best views of Seville. In the city's historic centre and the Triana district there are several establishments with attic terraces, offering the delicious Andalusian cuisine, shows and live music, with the sky of Seville as a backdrop. Enjoy the atmosphere, the unforgettable panoramic views of the city and wonderful sunsets over the Guadalquivir River.

▼ TERRACE WITH VIEWS OF THE GIRALDA TOWER





ENJOY SEVILLE'S NIGHTLIFE

If you enjoy nightlife, Seville has everything for a good night out. Rock and electronic music bars, sophisticated terraces, jazz clubs, etc. Each area has its own atmosphere. Discover them all and fall under the spell of Seville at night.



BARS AND TERRACES

The people of Seville's favourite partying area is the historic centre. This area has many hotel terraces serving cocktails in a sophisticated atmosphere. Visit **Plaza del Salvador** square and try some of its many nightspots.

If you have more alternative tastes you must take in the atmosphere of the **Alameda de Hércules** square. This is a

fantastic place for a drink outdoors, as most of the bars have terraces in the square. If you also like live music, you can enjoy great evenings of concerts for all tastes.

El Arenal is another neighbourhood that has a lively nightlife, with cocktail lounges and nightclubs for people who love to party. You can enjoy views of

the beautiful district surrounding the Bullring from one of its exclusive rooftop terraces. **Calle Arfe** is a street with a great many places to dance and have a good time with friends.

If you cross the river, you'll come to Triana. **Calle Betis** is the street that takes pride of place in this district, with pavement cafés by the Guadalquivir

River opposite monuments such as the Torre del Oro tower and wonderful views. Soak up its character at flamenco shows featuring the best artists.

Stroll along the **Muelle de New York** riverside walkway, which, especially in summer, is a great place to lay in a hammock while drinking a delicious fruit cocktail.

▼ HOTEL DOÑA MARÍA'S TERRACE



TOURS AND WALKS AROUND THE CITY

A good way to explore Seville is to take a tour of its most emblematic areas.

The **Roman route** will show you the imprint left by this ancient civilization on the Santa Cruz and La Alfalfa district. Don't miss the **Hercules and Caesar columns**, which belonged to a temple dedicated to Mars, the god of war. Take a look at the **Caños de Carmona**. These are the remains of a Roman aqueduct that once had 400 arches and that, for centuries, was the main provider of drinking water to the city. From this majestic engineering work, which stretched several kilometres, only three small stretches can now be seen running along a street called Luis Montoto.

You can also discover the settings of writings by Miguel de Cervantes and places that inspired other writers such as Gustavo Adolfo Bécquer and the Generation of '27 poets.

Thousands of stories and mysteries await you in Seville. Go on **routes of legends** such as that of Bella Susona and see the wall tile with a painted skull on Muerte (Death) street.

Or perhaps you'd like to know why there is a crocodile in Seville Cathedral's orange tree courtyard. The best way is to find out for yourself.



▲ CHURCH OF SANTA MARÍA LA BLANCA
SEVILLE

TOURS AND WALKS AROUND THE CITY

You can also immerse yourself in Seville's Moorish tradition, as it was a Muslim city called *Isbiliya* for more than five centuries. The **Islamic heritage route** takes you to mosques, palaces and Moorish baths... Design your own tour and relive that period.

More route options? **Seafaring Seville**, where you discover that 16th-century Seville was one of the most important cities in Europe; the **Seville of the 1929 Ibero-American Expo** or **In the footsteps of Murillo**.

WHAT CAN YOU VISIT NEAR SEVILLE?

If you have time, take the opportunity to explore several destinations near Seville, such as **Carmona**, a historical, monumental city, with a great agricultural tradition and excellent cuisine.

Halfway between Seville and the province of Córdoba you will find **Écija**, a beautiful city located in the countryside of Seville Province, on the banks of the Genil River. This town is worthy of its prestige as a breeding place for Spanish horses. Of course, it offers routes on horseback, in a carriage and even horse riding classes.

Let yourself be dazzled by the beauty of **Osuna**. With thousands of years of history, it stands out for its olive groves, its great historical, artistic and cultural heritage and its rich landscape. Calle San Pedro, an artistic avenue lined with very imposing palaces and stately houses, is one of the most beautiful streets in Europe.



CARMONA



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▲ ITÁLICA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE
SANTIPONCE

Seville also boasts amazing natural spaces and mountain trails for you to trek along.

Marchena is a city famous for its historic architecture, particularly San Juan Bautista Church and the Arco de la Rosa gateway. It also has interesting Easter Week celebrations and is one of the cradles of Andalusian flamenco.

If you want to explore the province's Roman past, visit the Itálica archaeological site in **Santiponce**. Walk around the amphitheatre and the Adriano neighbourhood, with its beautiful mosaics and sculptures.

Follow a country pilgrimage route in the **Guadamar green corridor**, in

Aznalcázar. An excursion here in a carriola (a little house on wheels) is an experience you will never forget.

You can also go bird watching in the **Dehesa de Abajo** nature reserve or go through the rice fields of **Isla Mínima** and **Isla Mayor**. This is the largest rice production area in Europe, and has a unique landscape.

If you are interested in geology, take a look at the **natural monument of Cerro del Hierro**, a karst terrain ideal for climbing.

HOW TO GET THERE

AVE

The high-speed train (AVE) runs twenty times a day between Seville and Madrid. It also connects with other cities in Andalusia and with the rest of the Spanish national rail network, including other high-speed lines. Santa Justa station is very close to the historic quarter.

AIRPORT

It is 10 kilometres to the north of the city centre and offers numerous connections to European cities such as London, Paris and Rome.

ROAD

Seville has very good motorway connections with Madrid (the A-4) and with other cities in Andalusia and the rest of Spain.

▼ SANTA JUSTA STATION



HOW TO GET AROUND IN SEVILLE

UNDERGROUND

The Seville metro has a line connecting the metropolitan area (Aljarafe) with the centre (Puerta Jerez).

① *For further information go to:*
www.metro-sevilla.es

BUS

This is a good way to get around as long you avoid rush hours. One way tickets can be purchased on the bus. The tourist card allows you to make as many trips as you like during its validity period (one or three days).

① *For further information go to:*
www.tussam.es

COMMUTER TRAIN

You can reach nearby places on the medium-distance trains. There are two commuter trains connecting with the towns near to Seville.

BIKE

The capital of Andalusia is perfect for cycling, as it has a sunny climate, short distances and a flat terrain. What's more, it has an extensive network of bike lanes protected from the traffic. There is a rental service (SEVLci) with short-term passes.



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OTHER

The city has a service of electric motor-cycles for hire, with a rate per minute and no time limits or mandatory parking spaces. This is a way of getting around fast, without polluting and avoiding traffic jams.

① *For further information go to:*
www.rideyego.com
www.movilidad.acciona.com

Tourist buses offer a convenient way to see the city. Taxis are easily recognisable: white with a yellow diagonal strip on the side.



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