

Population

704.000

Currency

1 Euro = 100 cents

Opening hours

Stores are usually open Monday-Saturday 09.00-13.30, and 16.30-20.00. The large department stores usually stay open a few hours later, especially during the summer months.

Internet

www.turismo.sevilla.org

www.spain.info

Newspapers

El Pais

El Mundo

ABC

La Vanguardia

Emergency numbers

112

Tourist information

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SEVILLE

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Seville is an experience—a mix of Moorish architecture, beautiful 17th-century palaces and clusters of streets and alleys with tapas bars. The Flamenco and the slow Guadalquivir river just add to the charm.



THE CITY

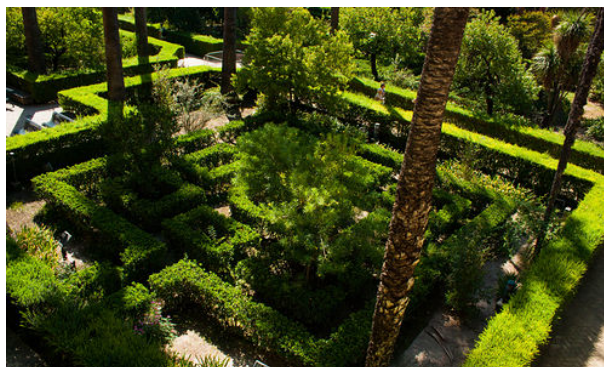


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The Phoenicians arrived in this area first, establishing a number of trade colonies by the river. They taught the locals how to work with iron, and created a new way of processing gold. The Romans were next, and founded the town of Hispalis a few hundred years BC. Hispalis grew in to a beautiful and prosperous city, but never managed to emerge from the shadow of nearby Córdoba. The Visigoths transformed Hispalis in to a provincial seat and a centre of learning. In the 11th century, the Moors captured the city and re-named it Ishbiliya, but they too chose to make the grander city of Córdoba their capital. They even named it the Córdoba Caliphate.

After almost 400 years of civil war battles between Christians and Arabs, the Moors withdrew from their beloved Al-Andalus. Soon after, the inhabitants of Seville finally struck gold. When Christopher Columbus discovered a new continent in 1492, the exclusive trade rights were given not to Córdoba, but to Seville. The city quickly became the wealthiest and most cosmopolitan city in Europe, and retained that position for several hundred years.

DO & SEE




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Today's Seville is not a world centre, but it is a lively place, definitely worth exploring. Some of the sights include the Moorish castle of Alcazar, the former upper-class neighbourhood of Santa Cruz, the promenades along the Guadalquivir river, the rougher Macarena neighbourhood with its Baroque churches, and the oldest bar in Spain, El Rinconcillo. The city's gigantic Parque de María Luisa is worth visiting, as are the bohemian chic bars in the Alameda de Hércules district.

Cathedral Santa María de la Sede

This is the third-largest cathedral in Europe. It was originally built as a mosque in the 12th century and its 328 feet high minaret is now the Giralda clock tower. Christopher Columbus is buried inside the cathedral.

Address: Avenida  de la Constitución
Phone: +34 902099692
Internet: www.catedraldesevilla.es

Museo de Bellas Artes

This museum, located in a former convent, has several masterpieces in its collections. Works by Goya, Murillo, Millian and Ribera share the space with modern art exhibitions.

Address: Plaza del Museo 9
Phone: +34 954 22 07 90
Internet: www.juntadeandalucia.es/cultura/museos/MBASE/

Alcázar of Seville

It is easy to mistake this for a Moorish palace, but it was



built for King Pedro the Cruel in the 1360's - by Moorish builders. The upper levels are still used by the royal family.

Address: Plaza del Triunfo
Internet: www.patronato-alcazarsevilla.es

Semana Santa

During Easter, Seville is transformed into a photographer's paradise. Processions with the Virgin Mary and Jesus, the Nazarenos asking for penance, and colourful, but not necessarily well-tuned, orchestras.

Sevilla Bike Tour

This is a great way to get an overview of the city sights, while doing something healthy at the same time! There are no strenuous hills en route and as long as you don't suffer from any health problems, this is the way to go.

Address: Calle Arjona 8 Seville
Phone: +34 954 562 625
Internet: www.sevillabiketour.com

EATING



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Life in Seville seems to revolve around meals. In other words, there is a huge selection of restaurants, though the selection is not as international as it is in Madrid or Barcelona. The best eateries are traditionally Andalusian, in both ambience and cuisine. The locals eat late and most restaurants start filling up after 22.00.

Egaña Oriza

José Mari Egaña is Basque, but serves modern Andalusian

cooking. Try the lomos de lubina con salsa de erizos de mar (perch with sea urchin sauce) and solomillo con foie natural y salsa de ciruelas (fillet of beef with foie gras and plumb sauce).

Address: Calle San Fernando 41
Phone: +34 95 422 72 54
Internet: www.restauranteoriza.com

La Albahaca

La Albahaca is located by a quaint square in the Santa Cruz part of Seville. The space is decorated with tiles and antique oil paintings, and is very reminiscent of times gone by. The food, however, is contemporary, almost haute cuisine, with some Basque influences.

Address: Plaza Santa Cruz 12
Phone: +34 95 422 07 14
Internet: www.andalunet.com/la-albahaca

Taberna del Alabardero

This is the equivalent of Jamie Oliver's restaurant Fifteen in London. A place where wayward youths learn to become master chefs and professional waiters. The menu is Neoclassical with ingredients from feudal days. For example, the Cordoba soup is served with both quail eggs and jabugo ham.

Address: Calle Zaragoza 20
Phone: +34 95 450 27 21
Internet: www.tabernadelalabardero.es

Enrique Becerra

Old family-owned Andalusian restaurant complete with a tiled bar. The kitchen creates refined versions of traditional home cooking, there is the pez espada al amontillado (swordfish with dark sherry) and exquisite side dishes such as espinaca con garbanzos (spinach with chick-peas).

Address: Calle Gamazo 2
Phone: +34 95 421 30 49
Internet: www.enriquebecerra.com



Salvador Rojo

This upscale restaurant is completely devoid of Andalusian features, except when it comes to the menu. Try the Cantabrian anchovy toast with grilled sweet paprika, or the vegetable soup with onion and ham cr me.

Address: Avenida Manuel Siurot 33
Phone: +34 95 422 97 25
Internet: www.salvadorrojo.com

Tapas Bars

The Andalusian region, where Seville is located, is the birthplace of tapas and there are plenty of great places in the city to enjoy them—both in terms of atmosphere and for the food itself. Visit Calle Mateo Gago and try several tapas bars.

La Fresquita is a hole-in-the-wall type place serving mini toasts with morcilla (blood sausage), and The Bodega Santa Cruz has a tasty tortilla. Bar Giralda in a former Moorish bathhouse is also worth a visit.

CAFES



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The locals in Seville are particular about their coffee. For example, they only have the caf  con leche for breakfast, often with a croissant. Mid-day they tend to have either an espresso, a caf  solo or a cortado, espressos with a drop or two of milk.

La Campana

This caf  is an institution in Seville. It's also a great place for people-watching, especially on Saturday afternoons

when it seems like the whole city comes here after their shopping sprees to devour pastries like the almond-filled lenguas de almendra.

Address: Calle Sierpes 1
Phone: +34 95 422 35 70
Internet: www.confiterialacampana.com

Chef Chaouen

It looks like a tourist trap, but is in fact a good Moroccan restaurant. Your senses will be convinced that you are in a teahouse somewhere in Tangier or Marrakesh. The menu has herbal teas, including a few that claim to do wonders for the drinker's libido, milkshakes, liqueurs and Arabian cookies and sweets.

Address: Calle Pelay Correa 83

Emperador Trajano

This is considered one of Seville's trendiest caf s. Behind large windows and nestled in the sparse interior are the young fashion-conscious citizens of Seville. Have breakfast here and enjoy the rather amusing morning rush.

Address: Calle Trajano 10
Phone: +34 95 490 5111

Egoista Star Caf 

This place is looking to attract modern people with appreciation of the avant-garde interior design. The spacious facility invites everyone to enjoy their varied menu with unusual coffee, hot or cold tea, juice, hot chocolate and more.

Address: C/ Santa Barbara n 4
Internet: www.egoistastarcafe.com

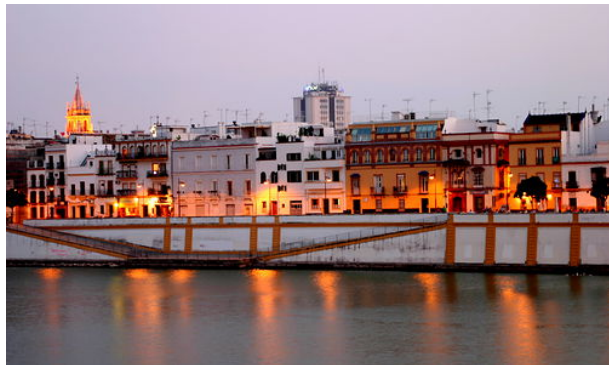
Torre de los Perdigones

The tower, 45 meters high, gives a great view of the city. From the beginning this tower was part of an ammunition factory. In the 1950's the factory was closed down and in 2007 the Camera Obscura was built on the Tower of Perdigones.



Address: C/Resolana s/n
Phone: +34 679 09 10 73
Internet: www.torredelosperdigones.com
More Info: Closed for vacation 3 - 17 August

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Seville is synonymous with nightlife, especially during the summer when people go out so late that the expression "early morning life" might be more appropriate. The party areas around Plaza Salvador Alfalfa Square don't even get going until three or four in the morning.

The hippest area right now is Alameda de Hércules. This is where you will find bohemian chic bars such as El Habanilla, Bulebar and Platea, music clubs like Club, and the El Barón Rampante gay bar. Younger visitors might enjoy the Café del Mar, where nostalgic Ibiza tunes provide the soundtrack.

As a tourist, one should visit a couple of flamenco bars. A good one is La Arenal, at the corner of Pagé de Corro and Antillano Campos. The Flamenco performed here is said to be true to its roots, spontaneous, and full of real emotion.

Here are a few other bars:

El Rinconcillo

Seville's oldest bar has been in business since 1670, and the bill is still written in chalk on the bar. They also serve good tapas.

Address: Calle Gerona 40

Phone: +34 95 422 31 83
Internet: www.elrinconcillo.es

Bestiario

From the beginning this was a street pub, and after several transformations, it is today a funky bar and club that continues to attract a crowd. The concept now is more lounge than pub.

Address: Calle Zaragoza 33
Phone: +34 95 421 34 75
Internet: www.bestiario.net

B3

A place with lively atmosphere, famous DJs like Armin Van Buren, Erick Morillo, David Guetta, Robbie Rivera and many more. It is easy to find B3, less than half an hour's drive away from the city.

Address: Avenida de España,111
Phone: +34 617429582
Internet: www.discotecab3.com

El Tremendo

El Tremendo is a famous cervecería in Santa Catalina that specializes in one thing, and one thing only: cold beer! The glasses are larger and the beer colder, and this attracts the crowds for after work or to get the night started. Tables are set up along the corner of the street and you mingle with the rest of the people standing up as there are no chairs!

Address: Almirante Apodaca, 15
More Info: District: Casco Antiguo - Neighbourhood: Encarnación-Regina

Sala Boss

Sala Boss - "Boss room" is a classic in the Seville nightlife. Theme parties, international Dj's and concerts draw the crowds to this elegant night club.

Address: Fortaleza 13
Phone: +34 95 499 01 04
Internet: www.salaboss.es



SHOPPING



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Seville does not have the shopping of Barcelona or Madrid, but its diverse neighbourhoods still offer some interesting finds. Seville is for example a haven for shoe lovers. North of the La Giralda clock tower lies Seville's largest shopping area, centred on Calle Sierpes and Tetuan. In addition to the shoe shops (including Camper and Ziro's - who sell the Muxart brand), there are proper souvenir shops. Get your high quality shawls, hand fans and Sevilla hats from places like Juan Foronda, on Calle Virgen de los Reyes 3. They will also design a unique Flamenco dress for you.

The working-class neighbourhood of Triana, on the opposite side of the river, is well-known for its ceramics market and tile havens such as Cerámica Santa Ana on Calle San Jorge 31. Over on Calle Rodrigo de Triana is La Casa del Cofrade, a must for every visitor to Seville. They create the traditional Nazareno robes worn during the Semana Santa. For more shoes, visit Calzados Mary Paz, on Avenida Santa Cecilia 23.

The Alfalfa district is where the unholy alliance of antique stores and trendy galleries are found. There are also a handful of noteworthy fashion shops here, like Purificacion Garcia (on Calle Rioja 13), and Homeless (on Calle O'Donnell 16).

SLEEPING



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Whether you are planning a vacation, a special weekend or a business meeting, rest assured, you will find a place that appeals to you.

Alfonso XIII

This hotel was built for the 1929 Ibero-American exhibition and named after the king. Despite its faux Moorish architecture, the Alfonso XIII is Seville's—if not southern Spain's—most prestigious hotel, and the choice for those with money to spend.

Address: Calle San Fernando 2
Phone: +34 95 491 7000
Internet: www.alfonsoxiii.com

Silken Al-Andalus Palace

Superbly designed luxury hotel with a large relaxation area. On the premises is a restaurant with Italian cuisine and a tasty buffet. There is one bar by the swimming pool, and a piano bar with live music. Easy access to the airport and railway station.

Address: Avenida de la Palmera
Phone: +34 954 230 600
Internet: www.hoteles-silken.com/hotel-al-andalus-palace-sevilla

Doña María

Old-fashioned, charming and filled with antiques. There is also a roof-top pool with views of the city.

Address: Calle Don Remondo 19
Phone: +34 95 422 49 90 / +34 90 250 05 24



Internet: www.hdmaria.com

Hotel Don Paco

The hotel is located in the historical city center of Seville. The streets surrounding the hotel form part of the most historic and authentic areas of Seville. The swimming pool on the rooftop gives you a great city view. The hotel offers delicious meals of local and international dishes in the hotel's buffet restaurant. You can also plan a tour using the WiFi internet service.

Address: Plaza Padre Jerónimo de Córdoba 4-5, Casco Antiguo
Phone: +34 954 506 999
Internet: www.hoteldonpaco.com

Hotel Goya

The British real estate agents are right—it's all about location, location, location. This small family-owned hostel has the perfect location, right in the heart of the old Santa Cruz neighbourhood.

Address: Calle Mateos Gago 31
Phone: +34 95 421 11 70
Internet: www.hotelgoyasevilla.com

Zaida

Hotel Zaida is located in the center of Seville. The building is an 18th-century house with all the amenities. Within walking distance from the hotel you will find monuments, typical restaurants, shopping and nightclubs.

Address: San Roque 26, Casco Antiguo
Phone: +34 954 213 612
Internet: www.hotelzaida.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Airport

Seville's airport is located ten kilometres (six miles) northeast of the city. Several bus companies serve for the city and major hotels. Tickets are €2.50 one-way for the twenty-minute journey. There is a taxi stand just outside the terminal. A fee of €1 per bag is added to the cost of the journey, usually €15.

Internet: www.aena.es

Public transport

Seville's local transport is managed by TUSSAM. The main bus routes are served 06.00-23.45, and there are also six night buses. A single-journey ticket costs €1 and a ten-trip carnet is €5. Travel cards ranging from one day to one month are also available.

Phone: +34 954 55 72 00 / 902 459 954
Internet: www.tussam.es

Taxi

All taxis in Seville belong to the same company. They use different dispatchers, but the prices are the same. Here are a few of the numbers to call:

Radio Taxi Giralda
Phone: +34 95 467 55 55

Tele Taxi Sevilla



Phone: +34 95 462 22 22

Radio Taxi

Phone: +34 95 458 00 00

Post

Spanish post offices are known as Correos. Stamps can be bought at post offices and at kiosks -the "Estancos".

Pharmacy

Pharmacies have alternating opening hours during nights and weekends. Addresses are posted at pharmacies.

Dentists

Clinica Sevilla is located at M. Aux Iliadora 25 and can be reached on telephone.

Phone: +34 954 915 590

Telephone

Country code: +34

Area code: 095

Electricity

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