



## HI, I'M NICK

I'm here to help you make better informed decisions about planning your next adventure!

I was born in the Windy City of Chicago and I've been traveling the world since 2012. In my spare time, I enjoy photography and making inspirational travel films on YouTube for budget-minded travelers like me.

Follow along on my journey to see what I'm up to next on social media and my website, <u>navigatornick.com</u>.

I'll show you how to value travel!

Value traveling is getting the most bang for your travel buck.

-NAVIGATOR NICK







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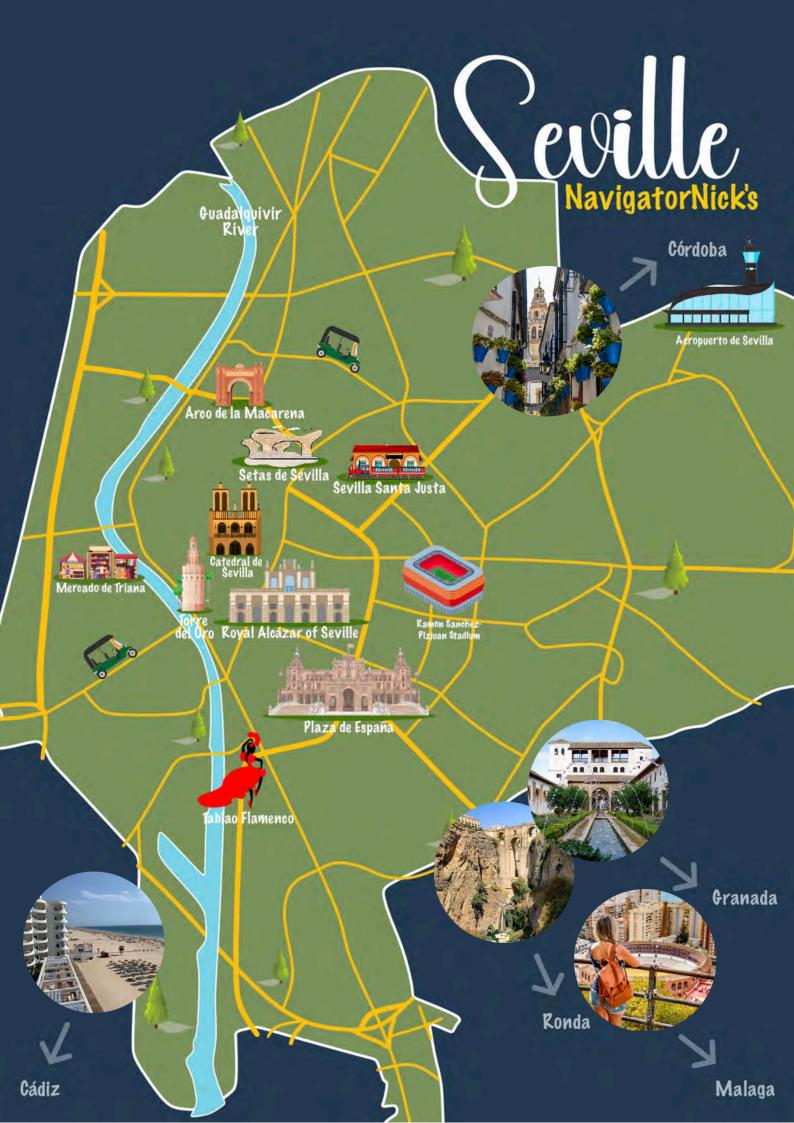
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# The best time of year to travel?

Seville, Spain, has a mediterranean climate with hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters. Summers can be intense, with temperatures often exceeding 40°C (104°F) in July and August. Spring and fall are pleasantly warm, making them ideal tmies to visit. Winters are mild, with tempuratures rarely dropping below 5°C (41°F), though occasional rain showers occur. The city enjoys plenty of sunshine year-round, making it one of the sunniest destinations in Europe.



Mild Season

### November - April

Best time to beat the crowd & budget travelers

HIGH

**LOW** 

**73** 

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Sunny/Hot

### May - August

The busy summer season

HIGH

LOW

104

**57** 



Wet Season

### September - October

Best time for value travelers

HIGH

LOW

91

**59** 

# SEVILLE WHAT TO EXPECT

Language: España / Spanish

**Currency:** Euro (EUR)

Credit Cards & ATMs: Many Seville shops, restaurants, and hotels accept credit cards, but not all. Definitely carry a little bit of cash on you.

Cell Service: If you don't have an international cell phone plan, pick up an AIRALO eSIM - Get USD \$3.00 off with code "NICK4202" when you sign up or at checkout. <a href="https://ref.airalo.com/yRgL">https://ref.airalo.com/yRgL</a>

**Plugs:** The plugs in Spain are type F, the standard voltage is 230 V, and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. I recommend buying a <u>universal adapter</u> and using a <u>voltage</u> <u>converter</u> for hairdryers and beard trimmers.

Food and Drinks: Seville is famous for its vibrant tapas culture, featuring dishes like Jason iberico, espinacas, and pesctito Frito (friend fish), often enjoyed with a glass of local sherry or refreshing Tinto de Verano. The city's rich culinary scene is deeply rooted in Andalusian flavors.

The Arts: Flamenco: Originating in Andalusia, flamenco is a passionate and expressive art form that combines music, dance, and singing. You must see a live performance during your stay.











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#### **CULTURE, CUSTOMS & SAFETY**

Andalusian culture is a vibrant and diverse blend of influences from various civilizations, including the Moors, Romans, and Christians. Here are some key aspects of Andalusian culture and customs:

- 1. **Hospitality and Warmth**: Andalusians are known for their welcoming and friendly nature. Hospitality plays an important role in their culture, and visitors are often greeted with warmth and generosity.
- 2. **Flamenco**: <u>Flamenco</u> is deeply rooted in Andalusian culture and is considered one of its most iconic art forms. It is not just a dance but a way of expressing emotions through music, dance, and singing. Flamenco festivals and performances can be found throughout the region, showcasing the passion and rhythm of this traditional art.
- 3. **Gastronomy**: Andalusian cuisine is diverse and delicious. The region is famous for dishes such as gazpacho (a cold tomato-based soup), paella, tapas, and various seafood delicacies. Each province in Andalusia has its own culinary specialties and traditional recipes, influenced by both Mediterranean and Moorish flavors.
- 4. **Festivals and Celebrations**: Andalusians love to celebrate, and the region is known for its colorful and lively festivals. The Feria de Abril in Seville and the Carnival of Cádiz are two of the most famous celebrations, where locals and visitors come together to enjoy music, dancing, parades, and traditional costumes.
- 5. **Moorish Architecture**: The legacy of Moorish rule is evident in the stunning architecture found throughout Andalusia. The <u>Alhambra in Granada</u>, the Mezquita in Córdoba, and the Alcazar in Seville are prime examples of Moorish architectural masterpieces that attract visitors from around the world.
- 6. **Siesta**: Andalusians observe the traditional siesta, a midday break or nap, to escape the heat of the day. During this time, shops and businesses may close for a few hours, allowing people to rest and recharge before continuing with their daily activities.
- 7. **Religious Celebrations**: Andalusia has a strong religious heritage, with both Catholic and Islamic influences. Semana Santa (Holy Week) processions are significant events in many towns and cities, where religious statues are paraded through the streets, accompanied by music and traditional rituals.
- 8. **Traditional Dress**: In some rural areas, you may still encounter locals dressed in traditional Andalusian attire. Women may wear colorful flamenco dresses, known as "trajes de gitana," with elaborate frills and accessories, while men may wear traditional outfits such as the Cordobés hat.

These cultural customs and traditions contribute to the unique charm of Andalusia. Exploring the region allows you to immerse yourself in its rich history, vibrant arts, culinary delights, and warm hospitality, providing a truly authentic experience of Andalusian culture.

#### **SAFETY**

Sevilla, like any other travel destination, has its own safety considerations. Overall, Andalusia is a relatively safe region to visit, but it's always important to exercise caution and be aware of your surroundings. Here are some safety tips for traveling to Andalusia:

#### SAFETY & HOW TO AVOID PICKPOCKETS

Andalusia is generally a safe region. However, it is known to be a spot for pickpockets, so be aware and stay alert.

Read: How to Avoid Pickpockets in Barcelona

This is not meant to scare you. But, keep this information in the back of your mind as you wander the city.

#### WHY DOES SEVILLA HAVE A PICKPOCKETING PROBLEM?

With the amount of people living in Andalusia and the high tourism numbers that it brings each year, it also brings opportunity for thieves. Pickpocketing is a full-time job for some people, and they make a lot of money from unsuspecting tourists. The most common areas for pickpocketing are Las Ramblas, Sant Station and the metro. This is because there are a ton of people and it's like catching fish in a barrel.

Under **Spanish law**, if you steal something worth less than  $\le 400$  (£357) it's a falta (misdemeanour), not a delito (crime). If you are caught, you will be fined, probably around  $\le 50$ , but however many times you reoffend, it remains a misdemeanour and as an offence, it is not cumulative.

#### **HOW TO AVOID PICKPOCKETS IN ANDALUSIA**

- 1. Keep your bags in front of you
- 2. Put your wallet and phone in your front pockets
- 3. Try to fit in like a local by dressing like a local
- 4. Don't party too hard and open yourself up to confrontation and theft
- 5. Keep your cash hidden (The best anti-theft bags)

#### WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE A PICKPOCKET VICTIM?

Report the theft as soon as you can to the police – pickpockets happen all the time, in fact, hundreds of times a day. Police are well aware of this issue. Reporting the theft also lets you claim it on insurance if your belongings cannot be found. However, this will take away some valuable sight-seeing time out of your day.

Cancel your credit cards and phone immediately. Ask to borrow a phone to call your credit card company.

#### RESEARCH AND BOOK FLIGHTS

It's important to check flight prices as soon as you decide you want to go to Andalusia. The sooner the better for a chance to snag the best price. Aeropuerto de Sevilla (SVQ) in Seville or Málaga-Costa del Sol Airport in Malaga are going to be your best option for booking an international flight. Use KAYAK.com to search, compare and track flights.

Read More: How to use Google Flights to find the Best Prices

The best part is, you can track prices as they fluctuate to learn patterns and price drops. Track multiple flight options with just a click of a few buttons.

A question I get often is, "when should I book?". There's not a science to booking the right flight, at the right time. However, there are patterns to be aware of.

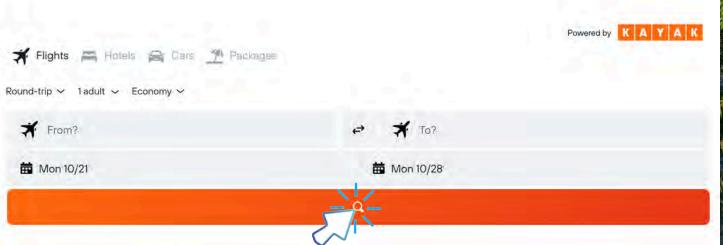
For example, flights in June-August will usually be higher, this is peak travel season. USA Holidays will also be higher.

Shoulder season is the best time to book (November through February & May through August (although REALLY hot!). Your best bet is to book International travel around 6 to 8 months out for the best price.



# SEARCH FLIGHTS TO ANDALUSIA!





# THANK YOU FOR VIEWING THE SEVILLE GUIDE



WATCH THE ANDALUSIA TRAVEL FILM

#### **Q** SEVILLE

A vacation in Seville, Spain promises a captivating experience filled with history, culture, and vibrant energy. When you think of Spain, you're probably thinking of Seville. Here's a glimpse of what you can expect on a Seville vacation:

Seville is known for its rich historical heritage, visible in its stunning architecture. The <u>Seville</u> <u>Cathedral</u>, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world, is a must-visit. <u>The Real Alcazar</u>, a royal palace with beautiful gardens, showcases Moorish and Mudéjar architectural styles.

**Flamenco**, a passionate and expressive form of dance and music. You can experience <u>authentic flamenco performances</u> in various venues throughout the city, immersing yourself in the soulstirring rhythms and captivating performances.

Seville's neighborhoods have their own unique charm. The **Santa Cruz neighborhood**, with its narrow streets, colorful houses, and hidden squares, is a delight to explore. **Triana**, located across the Guadalquivir River, is known for its lively atmosphere, traditional ceramics, and vibrant flamenco scene.

Seville is a food lover's paradise, renowned for its delicious tapas. Indulge in a culinary adventure by hopping from one tapas bar to another on this <u>tapas crawl</u>, sampling a variety of small plates accompanied by refreshing local drinks like sangria or manzanilla sherry. Don't miss trying traditional dishes like gazpacho, salmorejo, and pescaíto frito (fried fish).

The iconic and most famous festival is the **Feria de Abril**, a week-long celebration of flamenco, music, and Andalusian traditions. **Semana Santa** (Holy Week) features processions of religious floats through the streets, accompanied by solemn music.

Whether you're exploring historic landmarks, immersing yourself in flamenco, savoring delicious cuisine, or simply soaking in the vibrant ambiance of the city, a Seville vacation promises an unforgettable experience that will leave you enchanted by the spirit of Andalusia.







#### SEVILLE TRANSPORTATION

The easiest option to get to the city center of Seville from the airport is to hire a private driver so the second you step out of baggage claim, you have somebody waiting for you. <u>Hire a private driver here</u>.

If you like the idea of dragging your bags and hopping onto public transportation, there are a few options.

The Airport Bus (EA Line - Especial Aeropuerto) is budget friendly and reliable. It takes 35 minutes to the city center and costs around €4 one way. It runs every 15-20 minutes from 5:20 AM to 1:15 AM. Book here.

A taxi is convenient but it will cost you around €25 one way. The nice thing is, the trip will only take 15 - 20 minutes. Taxi ranks are right outside the airport terminal.

**Ride-share** options like Bolt/Uber are a little cheaper but pick-up locations are usually in the parking area, not directly at the terminal.

If you're arriving in Seville via train at Sevilla-Santa Justa Train Station, you have a few options to get to the city center.

**Walking**: It's a leisurely 30-minute walk to the center of town if you don't have a lot of luggage.

**Taxi**: There are always plenty of taxis at the train station and the ride will cost around €15.

City Bus: A city bus (called the "Especial Aeropuerto" Bus) runs between the train station and takes you into the city (Sevilla Plaza de Armas) for €4/ticket

Once you're in the city center, the best way to get around Seville is to walk. Expect to bring a great pair of walking shoes. Leave your dress shoes and high heels at home and opt for wedges instead.

I do not recommend renting a car to get around the city. Parking is very limited and expensive so, it's almost pointless to rent a car in Seville.

If you do not want to walk, public transportation is the second best option. The inner city buses and tram systems are reliable and affordable.



Another option is traveling through the historic city center on a horse-drawn carriage, the most charming transport in Seville. You can purchase tickets <u>HERE</u>.

In addition to buses or carriage rides, you can find taxis throughout the city.
However, make sure to ask the price of the fare before you agree to get in the car.

Bolt/Uber is also operating in Seville but the fare is around the same price as a taxi.

In addition, you can buy a hop on hop off ticket to explore the city. Check out this option to see if it's right for you <u>HERE</u>.



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#### **RENTING A CAR**

If you enjoy the freedom of being on your own time and avoiding being stuck with a tour group, I highly suggest renting a car for you Andalusia adventure!

<u>DiscoverCars.com</u> offers no hidden costs, 24/7 support and 100% free cancellation.

You can compare major car brands like Hertz, Budget, AVIS, Enterprise, EuropeCar, Alamo, SIXT and many others.

Having your own ride in Spain will let you explore the entire country on your own time!

Pick up your car directly from the Seville Airport or Seville Train Station.

The most popular rental car in Spain is the Ford Fiesta, but travelers tend to also choose the Fiat 500 and the Ford Focus a lot.

**Estimated Pricing - USD** 



- Convertibles from \$18 per day. Station wagons from \$41 per day
- Large cars from \$28 per day Medium cars from \$11 per day. Vans from \$19 per day Premium cars - from \$75 per day • Small cars - from \$7 per day • SUVs - from \$10 per day

If you plan to rent a car in Spain, it's recommended that you get an International Driving Permit in advance of your trip. These are issued through agencies like AAA (US), CAA (Canada), the UK post office, and AAA Australia. Cost varies by country from about \$5 to \$25, and IDPs are valid for one year. Spanish law requires foreign drivers to carry an IDP in addition to a driver's license.









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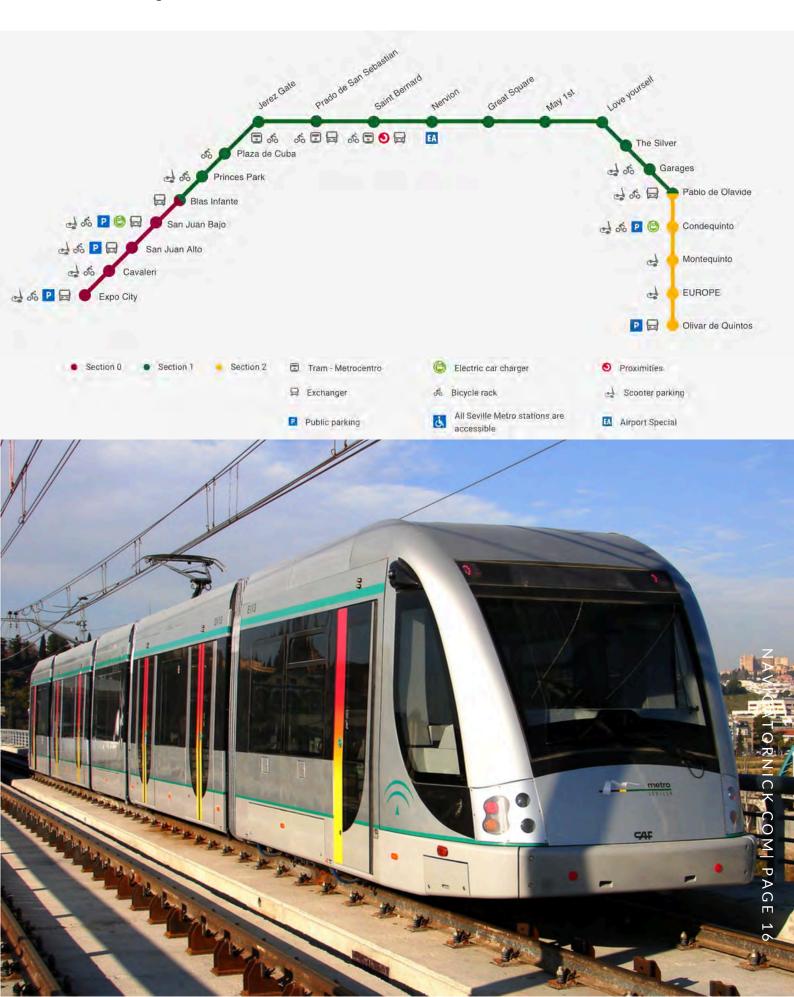
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## Seville

#### **METRO MAP**



## SETTING A BUDGET TO VALUE TRAVEL

What is value traveling? Value traveling is getting the most bang for your travel buck. In other words, it's about maximizing your travel expenses and valuing your experiences.

First, establish a budget, even if it's a loose one.

Exploring Seville doesn't need to be costly; it just requires a little planning to save some money. The primary expenses on your journey will typically include accommodations, activities, and airfare.

#### **Accommodations**

For instance, certain areas of Seville tend to be more budget-friendly than others.

Let's explore the concept of value travel when it comes to selecting your accommodations in Seville.



Check out this amazing apartment with a private rooftop plunge pool for under \$200 per night in the heart of Seville. One of the handful of places in Seville that has a rooftop pool. Learn more about Tu casa en Herrera el viejo



**Note:** Don't sacrifice on clean sheets and location, but you can save money if you sacrifice on amenities.

#### **Activities**

What's a great trip to Seville without a <u>tapas</u> <u>tour</u> or watching a <u>Flamenco Show</u>?! You don't need to pre-plan every day but book a few things in advance like the two mentioned above. I highly recommend GetYourGuide for a no-hassle, free refund booking service. Here's why I love GetYourGuide!

- 100% refund policy, if plans change
- Skip the line tickets for main attractions
- Mobile vouchers no need to print

#### **Airfare**

Save big on airfare by searching and comparing prices on <u>KAYAK.com</u> and going to Seville in the shoulder seasons, July through August (very hot!) and November through February (off-peak but still lovely). The weather will be pleasant and less crowds, a perfect opportunity for an excellent getaway!

Once you've estimated your trip's flight, accommodation and activity cost, start considering the cost of transportation.

#### **Rental Cars**

Use <u>DiscoverCars.com</u> to search, save and compare -up to 70% off, of your favorite rental companies like Enterprise, Hertz, AVIS, & Budget if you decide to do a Spain road trip!

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#### **HOW TO SAVE MONEY IN SEVILLE**

Try Shoulder Season. Flights are often cheaper in the shoulder- or offseason, which is November through February. It also may be cheaper to fly into Madrid or Malaga and take the train to Seville instead. Search & compare flights with Kayak.com and jump on a great deal!

Avoid holidays or festivals like Semana Santa (Easter), and other large events, unless that's the reason you're going! However, just be aware festivals and events can inflate accommodation rates, overwhelm popular sights, and make it difficult—and costly—to get around.

Compare midweek to weekend prices. Accommodations in Seville tend to be more affordable on the weekdays.



Venture One card is a fantastic travel rewards credit card with NO fee and you get 20,000 bonus points. But, If you're really serious about getting into travel reward points, consider using the Capital One Venture card that awards 75,000 bonus points.

**Walk.** Explore Seville by walking and save on taxi and transportation costs.

Hungry? Go for tapas! Many places offer free tapas with a drink—check out bars in Alameda de Hércules or Triana.

- Order menu del día (menu of the day) at local restaurants for a full meal (starter, main, dessert, and drink) for €10-15.
- Drink "tinto de verano" instead of sangria—it's cheaper and what locals actually drink!
- Visit local markets like Mercado de Feria or Triana Market for fresh, budget-friendly food.



Bring a water bottle. The tap water in Seville is fine to drink but buy a reusable filtered water bottle before your trip to save money (restaurants will charge you for bottled water) and reduce your plastic use. LifeStraw is my go-to brand as their bottles have built-in filters to ensure your water is always clean and safe.

**Traveler Tip:** Restaurant tipping- If you see "service included", it means that the tip has already been included. It is only a 10% tip so you can add more for great service.

#### **TAPAS, TAPAS, TAPAS!**

Food is at the heart of the Andalusia soul.

Almadraba Bluefin Tuna: Andalusia is known for its traditional tuna fishing method called almadraba. This sustainable fishing technique produces high-quality bluefin tuna, a delicacy highly regarded in the region. Grilled, seared, or served raw as sashimi, almadraba bluefin tuna is a true delight for seafood enthusiasts.

**Gazpacho:** This chilled tomato-based soup is a refreshing Andalusian specialty, perfect for hot summer days. Made with ripe tomatoes, cucumbers, bell peppers, garlic, olive oil, and vinegar, gazpacho is blended to a smooth consistency and served cold, often garnished with diced vegetables or croutons.

Iberian Ham: Considered one of Spain's culinary treasures, Iberian ham (jamón ibérico) is a must-try in Andalusia. This cured ham comes from free-range Iberian pigs, known for their acorn diet, resulting in a rich and distinctive flavor. Sliced thin and served on its own or as part of a tapas dish, the taste of jamón ibérico is a delight for meat lovers.

Tapas: Andalusia is famous for its tapas culture, where small plates of various appetizers are enjoyed alongside drinks. From traditional favorites like patatas bravas (fried potatoes with spicy sauce) and jamón ibérico (cured ham) to regional specialties like salmorejo (thick tomato soup) and boquerones en vinagre (marinated anchovies), tapas allow you to sample a variety of flavors in one sitting.







## **TOP 9**

THINGS TO DO IN SEVILLE

VISIT THE MAJESTIC REAL ALCÁZAR. LEARN MORE HERE

2

WALK AROUND PLAZA DE ESPAÑA

3

MARVEL AT THE SEVILLE CATHEDRAL & LA GIRALDA. <u>BOOK</u> HERE

4

EXPERIENCE A FLAMENCO SHOW IN TRIANA. BOOK HERE

5

WANDER THE CHARMING STREETS OF BARRIO SANTA CRUZ

6

CLIMB METROPOL PARASOL ("LAS SETAS") FOR SUNSET

7

VISIT THE TORRE DEL ORO & STROLL ALONG THE GUADALQUIVIR RIVER

8

WATCH A FOOTBALL MATCH AT ESTADIO RAMÓN SÁNCHEZ-PIZJUÁN

9

PAELLA COOKING CLASS BOOK HERE



## BOOKING YOUR ACCOMODATION

Once your <u>flight</u> is booked, you should book your accommodations next.

Determine how long you will be visiting Seville. I would recommend at least 2 nights at the very minimum. Most, I included, use Seville as a jumping off point to see the rest of Andalusia, like Cordoba, Ronda, Cadiz, Granada, Malaga, etc. Check the itineraries in back for some ideas!

I would make sure your accommodation is within walking distance to your favorite sights using some of the maps in this guide.

I have some neighborhood and apartment recommendations on the following pages of where to look for a lovely stay. Take your time to pick the one that meets your needs by reading about the different neighborhoods.



Conclude your final accommodation decision on location, price, style, features and amenities. *in that order*.

Before booking your accommodation, make sure you know the cancellation policy. And if you think you need it, purchase trip cancellation insurance. My favorite travel credit cards include trip protection, such as the <u>Capital One Venture</u> card or the <u>Chase Sapphire</u> Preferred card.



Another reason to book using your <u>Capital</u> <u>One Venture</u> or <u>Chase Sapphire Preferred</u> card is collecting miles and points for future traveling. **That's right, more benefits for you!** Every time I travel, I'm already checking my new mileage chart for my next destination.

So, use those travel reward credit cards to get a jump start on your future travels and you may even get a round trip to Spain for free next time by just using your sign-up bonus miles like I did!

**TravelerTip:** Seville and Andalusia is popular and the great hotels, apartments and Airbnbs book up fast. Make sure to reserve your room at least four to sixth months or more, in advance.

Generally, hotel rooms don't give discounts but from time to time, I post 10% booking.com coupon codes on my facebook page, <u>HERE</u>.

#### **Read Reviews**

Reading reviews online of other travelers is a great idea before booking.

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# WHERE TO STAY SEVILLE



#### **BUDGET ACCOMMODATION**

From \$25/night

#### **BOOK HERE**

SET IN THE OLD TOWN DISTRICT OF SEVILLE, SWEET SEVILLA HOSTEL IS LOCATED IN THE HEART OF OLD TOWN.S, 0.7 MILES FROM ALCAZAR PALACE AND A 7-MINUTE WALK FROM LA GIRALDA AND SEVILLE CATHEDRAL. A SHARED KITCHEN AND A SHARED LOUNGE, ALONG WITH FREE WIF!!



#### **VALUE ACCOMMODATION**

From \$175/night

#### **BOOK HERE**

JUST A 18-MINUTE WALK FROM LA GIRALDA AND SEVILLE CATHEDRAL AND 0.6 MILES FROM MAESTRANZA BULLRING, APARTAMENTOS TERRA TRIANA FEATURES ACCOMMODATIONS IN SEVILLE, WITH A TERRACE.



#### **BEST ACCOMMODATION**

From \$220/night

#### **BOOK HERE**

HOTEL CETINA SEVILLA FEATURES A GARDEN, SHARED LOUNGE, A TERRACE AND BAR IN SEVILLE. THIS 4-STAR HOTEL OFFERS A CONCIERGE SERVICE AND A TOUR DESK. THE PROPERTY PROVIDES A 24-HOUR FRONT DESK, AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION, ROOM SERVICE AND FREE WIFI THROUGHOUT THE PROPERTY.



#### **LUXURY ACCOMMODATION**

From \$275+/night

#### **BOOK HERE**

CENTRIKO ALEMANES IS AN APARTMENT FEATURING ROOMS WITH FREE WIFI AND AIR CONDITIONING IN THE CENTER OF SEVILLE. THE PROPERTY IS CLOSE TO LA GIRALDA AND SEVILLE CATHEDRAL, BARRIO DE SANTA CRUZ, AND PLAZA DE ESPAÑA. GUESTS CAN ACCESS THE APARTMENT VIA PRIVATE ENTRANCE.

#### **O SEVILLE NEIGHBORHOODS**

Seville is made up of several distinct neighborhoods, each with its own charm and atmosphere:

Santa Cruz/Casco Antiguo - The historic heart of Seville, known for its narrow, winding streets, whitewashed buildings, and lively tapas bars. It's home to major attractions like Seville Cathedral, the Giralda, and the Alcázar.

**El Porvenir** - A wealthy, peaceful neighborhood near María Luisa Park. Home to historic mansions, modern apartments, and exclusive restaurants. A great area for walking, cycling, and enjoying a quieter side of Seville. It's best for luxury travelers, nature lovers, and long-term stays.

Triana - Located across the Guadalquivir River, this neighborhood has a strong <u>flamenco</u> and ceramic-making heritage. It's known for its vibrant nightlife, traditional tapas bars, and scenic river views.

**El Arenal** – A former port district, now famous for bullfighting culture, the Maestranza bullring, and upscale dining. It's a great spot for enjoying riverside walks and historic landmarks.

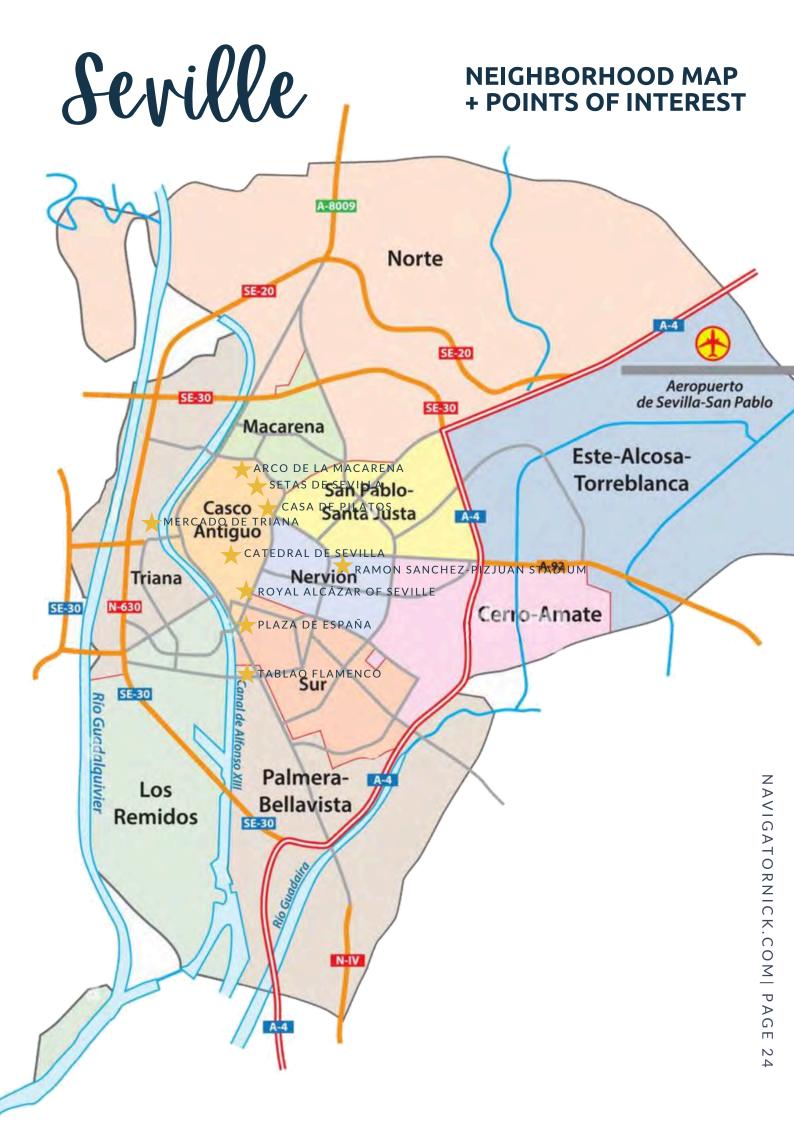
Alameda de Hércules - One of the city's trendiest areas, popular for its bohemian vibe, hipster cafés, bars, and live music scene. It's a hotspot for nightlife and alternative culture.

**Macarena** – A more local and authentic area, featuring old city walls, traditional markets, and the Basilica de la Macarena. It offers a mix of historical sites and residential charm.

**Los Remedios** – A quieter, more residential district known for hosting the famous Feria de Abril (April Fair). It has wide streets, shopping areas, and a more modern feel.

**Nervión** – The business and commercial hub of Seville, home to shopping centers, Sevilla FC's stadium (Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán), and a more contemporary city atmosphere.

Each neighborhood has its own personality, making Seville a diverse and exciting city to explore.



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# BEST THINGS TO DO SELVILLE



#### **CATHEDRAL, GIRALDA & ALCÁZAR**

From \$62 per person

#### **BOOK HERE**

VISIT SEVILLE'S MOST IMPORTANT MONUMENTS ON A FAST-ACCESS TOUR. HEAR ABOUT THE HISTORY BEHIND THE ROYAL PALACE, CATHEDRAL, AND GIRALDA TOWER.



#### PAELLA COOKING CLASS: SEVILLE

From \$70 per person

#### **BOOK HERE**

LEARN HOW TO COOK A TRADITIONAL SPANISH SEAFOOD PAELLA. VISIT A MARKET WITH THE CHEF TO BUY INGREDIENTS, AND TAKE A WALK THROUGH THE OLD TOWN. SAMPLE SOME TASTY TAPAS, MAKE SANGRIA, AND WATCH AS THE CHEF & YOU PREPARE A PAELLA FOR YOU TO ENJOY.



#### **CORDOBA & MOSQUE DAY TRIP**

From \$106 per person

#### **BOOK HERE**

DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF CÓRDOBA ON A FULL-DAY TOUR FROM SEVILLE. SEE THE MOSQUE-CATHEDRAL OF CÓRDOBA, TRAVEL THROUGH THE STUNNING ANDALUSIAN COUNTRYSIDE, AND VISIT CARMONA.



#### FLAMENCO SHOW: SEVILLE

From \$110+ per person

#### **BOOK HERE**

ENJOY AN AUTHENTIC FLAMENCO SHOW AT EL PALACIO ANDALUZ IN SEVILLE. UPGRADE YOUR EXPERIENCE BY CHOOSING AN OPTION THAT INCLUDES A DRINK WITH THE SHOW OR A DELICIOUS TAPAS DINNER.

#### **SANTA CRUZ**

Santa Cruz is the heart of historic Seville, offering a perfect mix of culture, history, and Andalusian charm. It's known for its narrow, winding streets, hidden courtyards, and historic charm. It was once the city's Jewish quarter during medieval times, and its labyrinthine layout was designed to provide shade from the Andalusian heat.

#### **Key Attractions in Santa Cruz:**

- <u>Seville Cathedral & La Giralda</u> The largest Gothic cathedral in the world, home to Christopher Columbus' tomb and offering panoramic city views from its bell tower.
- <u>Real Alcázar of Seville</u> A stunning Moorish and Mudejar-style palace with intricate tilework, lush gardens, and centuries of royal history.
- Plaza de Santa Cruz A peaceful square with an iron cross monument, surrounded by charming buildings and orange trees.
- Calle Mateos Gago A lively street lined with tapas bars, flamenco venues, and stunning views of La Giralda.

Santa Cruz is one of the most touristy areas in Seville, but it retains an old-world charm with hidden patios, flower-filled balconies, and whitewashed houses. It's a fantastic place to wander aimlessly, enjoy tapas at a traditional taberna, and take in the city's rich history. Despite its popularity, you can still find quiet, tucked-away corners where time seems to stand still.

Stay in Santa Cruz if you are visiting only for a short time or you want to be in the heart of the action.







## BEST FLAMENCO SHOW



#### TRIANA: AUTHENTIC FLAMENCO & TAPAS

Your evening begins at a beloved local tapas bar where you'll enjoy a selection of Spanish cured meats paired with a beer, wine, or a beloved local aperitif drink: sweet vermouth. Here, your local expert will give you tips on how to better appreciate the show you're about to see. Next, it's showtime! Head to one of the few remaining authentic flamenco venues in the historic center of Seville for a passionate live performance you won't soon forget. Last but not least, you'll sit down at one of Seville's best modern tapas bars serving creative fusion cuisine. You'll discuss the performance over a dinner of shared plates and plenty of fantastic wine.





#### WALKING TOUR INCLUDED



for Toin remarkable experience as take you on a journey through the vibrant streets of Triana in Seville, where delectable tapas and enchanting melodies Flamenco music await.

#### TRIANA'S TAPAS & WINE



#### **Q MACARENA**

Macarena is one of Seville's most traditional and authentic neighborhoods, located in the northern part of the old city. Known for its rich history, deep religious traditions, and lively local atmosphere, Macarena offers a glimpse into Seville's past while remaining a vibrant, everyday neighborhood for locals. It's less touristy than Santa Cruz but still packed with cultural gems and historic sites.

#### **Top Attractions in Macarena**

#### 1. Basilica de la Macarena

- One of Seville's most important churches, home to La Esperanza Macarena, the most beloved Virgin of Semana Santa (Holy Week processions).
- The interior is lavish, with gold altars and intricate baroque details.
- Next door, the Macarena Museum showcases religious artifacts and Semana Santa history.

#### 2. Murallas de la Macarena (Macarena City Walls)

- One of the last standing sections of Seville's Moorish walls, built in the 12th century during the Almohad rule.
- These ancient fortifications once protected the city and still serve as a historic landmark.

#### 3. Palacio de las Dueñas

- A stunning 15th-century palace featuring Moorish, Gothic, and Renaissance architecture.
- Former home of the Duchess of Alba, it boasts beautiful courtyards, gardens, and historic artworks.

#### 4. Calle Feria & Mercado de Feria

- Calle Feria is a bustling street full of local shops, bars, and the famous Mercado de Feria—one of Seville's oldest markets.
- The market is a great place to taste fresh seafood, Iberian ham, and traditional Andalusian dishes.

#### 5. Alameda de Hércules (Near Macarena)

- A large, historic square that has become Seville's bohemian and nightlife hotspot.
- Lined with trendy bars, alternative cafés, and music venues, it's a great place for evening drinks and people-watching.

Macarena is a perfect mix of history, religious tradition, and local life. It's less crowded and touristy, making it ideal for travelers who want to experience the real Seville. From stunning churches and medieval walls to bustling markets and charming tapas bars, Macarena offers a unique and authentic side of the city.





The <u>Setas de Sevilla</u> is located in the heart of Sevilla, at Plaza de la Encarnación. It's the city's largest shaded pedestrian square with green spaces, rest areas, and children's zones. It hosts musical, cultural, sports, and leisure events, making it a meeting place for citizens and tourists of all ages.

This ticket gives you access to a full experience on top of the Setas de Sevilla : <u>Buy Tickets</u>





Triana is one of Seville's most authentic and vibrant neighborhoods, known for its flamenco heritage, ceramic craftsmanship, and local charm. Located across the Guadalquivir River, Triana has a distinct identity from the rest of the city, with a history deeply rooted in gypsy culture, sailors, and artisans.

#### What Makes Triana Special?

- Flamenco Birthplace Many of Spain's most famous flamenco dancers, singers, and guitarists come from Triana. The neighborhood has several tablaos (flamenco venues) where you can experience raw, passionate performances.
- **Ceramic & Tile Workshops** Triana has been the heart of ceramic and azulejo (tile) production for centuries. You'll find beautiful pottery shops and the Triana Ceramics Center, where you can learn about the craft.
- Authentic Local Feel Unlike Santa Cruz, which is more touristy, Triana has a more local and traditional Andalusian atmosphere. You'll find fewer crowds and more family-run bars and restaurants.

#### **Top Attractions in Triana**

- Puente de Triana (Triana Bridge) A historic 19th-century bridge connecting Triana to the city center, offering stunning views of the river and Seville's skyline.
- Calle Betis A lively riverside street lined with tapas bars and nightlife spots, perfect for dining with a view.
- Castillo de San Jorge The ruins of a medieval fortress that once housed the Spanish Inquisition, now a small museum.
- Mercado de Triana (Triana Market) A fantastic local food market where you can taste fresh seafood, Iberian ham, and traditional Andalusian dishes.

Triana is the soul of Seville, offering a mix of rich history, vibrant nightlife, and authentic Andalusian culture. Whether you're watching a <u>flamenco show</u>, enjoying tapas by the river, or wandering through its artisan streets, this neighborhood gives you a true taste of local life in Seville.

# Cooking Class in Seville!

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#### Sangria!

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#### Paella!

Enjoy your Paella with your small group class

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Loads of laughs, smiles & fun with your partner!

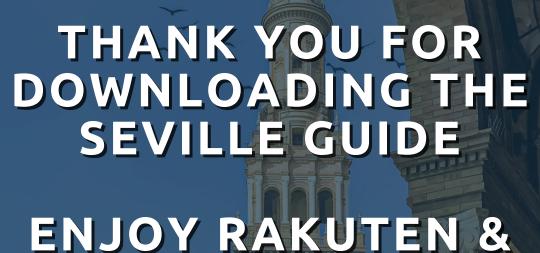
#### Package Includes

- All ingredients + meals to eat
- ✓ Use of an apron
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#### **Q EL ARENAL**

El Arenal is one of Seville's most historic and elegant neighborhoods, located along the Guadalquivir River, just west of the Santa Cruz district. Once the city's main port and a hub for explorers, traders, and shipbuilders, today it blends rich history, cultural landmarks, and refined dining with a vibrant local atmosphere.

#### What Makes El Arenal Special?

- Bullfighting Culture Home to Plaza de Toros de la Maestranza, one of Spain's most iconic and oldest bullrings, where bullfighting remains a major tradition.
- Historic Maritime Significance In the 16th century, El Arenal was Seville's main port, playing a crucial role in Spain's Age of Exploration when ships returned loaded with riches from the Americas.
- Upscale Dining & Tapas Scene –
  Known for its high-quality restaurants
  and tapas bars, serving some of
  Seville's best seafood and Andalusian
  cuisine.
- Riverside Walks & Views The riverfront promenade is perfect for a scenic walk, offering stunning views of Triana and Seville's historic skyline.

El Arenal is a blend of history, elegance, and Andalusian tradition, offering a glimpse into Seville's maritime past, bullfighting culture, and upscale dining scene. Whether you're exploring its historic landmarks, strolling by the river, or enjoying some of the city's best tapas, this neighborhood is a must-visit for a well-rounded Seville experience.











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#### **PRIVATE TOUR OPTIONS:**

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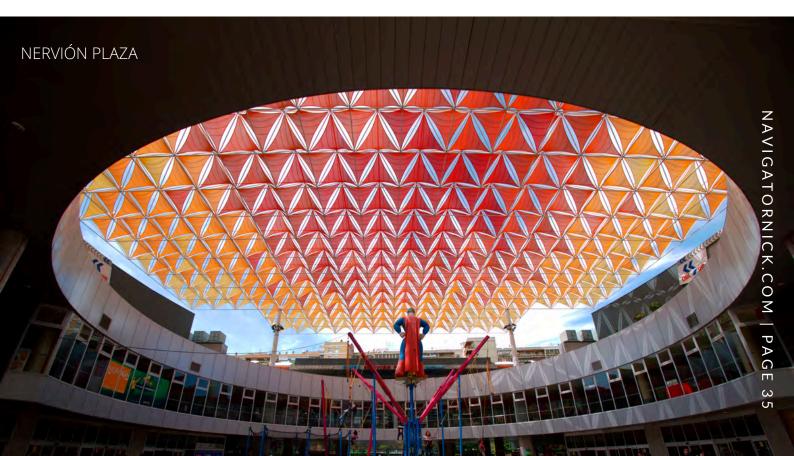
#### **NERVIÓN**

Nervión is one of Seville's most modern and business-oriented neighborhoods, known for its shopping centers, office buildings, and lively sports culture. Located east of the historic center, Nervión offers a stark contrast to the old-world charm of neighborhoods like Santa Cruz and Triana, making it a great place to experience Seville's contemporary side.

#### Top Attractions in Nervión

- **Estadio Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán** The home stadium of Sevilla FC, one of Spain's top football clubs. You can attend a match or take a stadium tour to learn about the club's history.
- **Nervión Plaza** A massive shopping mall with international brands, a food court, and a multiplex cinema, making it a popular hangout spot.
- El Corte Inglés Spain's famous department store, offering everything from fashion and electronics to gourmet Spanish products.
- **Parroquia de la Concepción Inmaculada** A beautiful neo-Gothic church that provides a peaceful retreat in this busy neighborhood.

Nervión offers a different side of Seville, blending modern urban life with football passion, excellent shopping, and a relaxed local vibe. Whether you're visiting for a Sevilla FC match, a shopping spree, or a taste of local life away from the tourist crowds, Nervión is a dynamic and well-connected neighborhood worth exploring.





We invite you to join our

## TAPAS FOOD CRAWL

Immerse yourself in the world of Andalusian tapas with a tour of the most authentic and emblematic tapas bars in Seville. Eat and live like the locals do as you travel around various tapas bars for a unique gastronomical experience.





# STADIO RAMÓN SÁNCHEZ-PIZJUÁN

Thelegendary home of Sevilla FC, one of Spain's most successful football clubs. Located in the Nervión district, just a short distance from Seville's historic center, this stadium has been a fortress for the team and a must-visit destination for football fans.

- Opened: 1958
- Capacity: 42,714 spectators
- Famous Matches: Hosted games during the 1982 FIFA World Cup, including a classic semi-final between France and Germany. It also hosted the 1986 European Cup Final.
- Nicknamed: "La Bombonera de Nervión", known for its electric atmosphere.
- Unbeaten Record: Sevilla FC famously held an unbeaten home record in European competitions for over 60 years.

#### **Matchday Experience**

Watching a match at Sánchez-Pizjuán is an unforgettable experience. Sevilla FC fans, known as "Sevillistas", are among the most passionate in Spain, creating an intense and lively atmosphere.

Expect chants, flares, and a sea of red and white scarves as the team takes the field. The club anthem, "Himno del Centenario," is one of the most iconic in European football and sends chills through the stadium before kickoff.

For those visiting on non-match days, the Sevilla FC Stadium Tour offers an inside look at the club's history and facilities. Visitors can:

- Walk through the players' tunnel, leading onto the pitch.
- Visit the trophy room, showcasing Sevilla's numerous UEFA Europa League titles.
- Explore the press room, changing rooms, and VIP areas.

#### Learn More

# O POPULAR CITIES IN ANDALUSIA

Andalusia is home to several popular cities that attract visitors from around the world. Here are some of the most notable cities in Andalusia:

- 1. Seville: As the capital of Andalusia, Seville is a vibrant and lively city famous for its rich history, stunning architecture, and flamenco music and dance. Must-visit attractions in Seville include the iconic Seville Cathedral. Alcazar of Seville, Plaza de España, and the historic neighborhood of Santa Cruz.
- 2. Granada: Known for its majestic Alhambra palace complex, Granada offers a unique blend of Islamic and Spanish influences. The Alhambra, with its intricate architecture and beautiful gardens, is a UNESCO World Heritage site and a major highlight of any visit to Andalusia.
- 3. Cordoba: Cordoba is renowned for its UNESCO-listed Mezquita (Great Mosque), a fascinating example of Moorish architecture. The city's historic center, with its narrow streets, patios, and charming squares, is a delightful place to explore.
- **4. Malaga:** Located on the Costa del Sol, Malaga is a bustling coastal city with a rich cultural heritage. It is the birthplace of the famous artist Pablo Picasso, and visitors can explore the Picasso Museum as well as enjoy the city's beautiful beaches and vibrant nightlife.
- **5. Ronda:** Situated on a dramatic gorge, Ronda is known for its breathtaking views and impressive bridge, Puente Nuevo. The city also boasts historic bullfighting traditions and charming old town streets.

These cities offer a mix of historical sites, cultural attractions, delicious cuisine, and a taste of the Andalusian way of life. Each has its own unique charm and contributes to the diversity of experiences in Andalusia.

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# BEST THINGS TO DO ANDALUSIA



### **CAMINITO DEL REY: MALAGA**

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### PAELLA COOKING CLASS: SEVILLE

From \$70 per person

# **BOOK HERE**

LEARN HOW TO COOK A TRADITIONAL SPANISH SEAFOOD PAELLA. VISIT A MARKET WITH THE CHEF TO BUY INGREDIENTS, AND TAKE A WALK THROUGH THE OLD TOWN. SAMPLE SOME TASTY TAPAS, MAKE SANGRIA, AND WATCH AS THE CHEF & YOU PREPARE A PAELLA FOR YOU TO ENJOY.



#### **SMALL GROUP ALHAMBRA & PALACES**

From \$185 per person

# **BOOK HERE**

DISCOVER THE BREATHTAKING ALHAMBRA AND THE NASRID PALACES. VISIT THE ALCAZABA, THE GENERALIFE, AND THE MOSQUE BATHS AS WELL.



#### FLAMENCO SHOW: SEVILLE

From \$110+ per person

# **BOOK HERE**

ENJOY AN AUTHENTIC FLAMENCO SHOW AT EL PALACIO ANDALUZ IN SEVILLE. UPGRADE YOUR EXPERIENCE BY CHOOSING AN OPTION THAT INCLUDES A DRINK WITH THE SHOW OR A DELICIOUS TAPAS DINNER.

# GETTING OUTSIDE OF SEVILLE

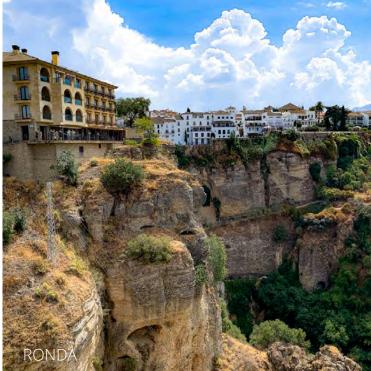
While you could spend a lifetime eating tapas and enjoying flamenco until the end of your holiday, here are some perfect day trip ideas if you are using Seville as a home base. Whether you're interested in ancient ruins, charming Andalusian towns, or stunning coastal escapes, there's a perfect day trip for every navigator.

Just a 45-minute train ride from Seville, **Córdoba** is home to one of Spain's most breathtaking landmarks, the Mezquita-Catedral. This architectural wonder blends Moorish and Christian influences, with its stunning arches and grand interiors. Strolling through the Jewish Quarter (Judería) reveals charming whitewashed alleys, flower-filled patios, and historic synagogues. Don't miss a walk across the Roman Bridge, which offers a spectacular view of the old town, making Córdoba one of the most rewarding day trips from Seville.

Perched dramatically over El Tajo Gorge, Ronda is famous for the Puente Nuevo, a stone bridge that spans a breathtaking 120-meter-deep chasm. The town is also home to Plaza de Toros, one of Spain's oldest bullrings, offering insight into the country's bullfighting tradition. Visitors can explore Moorish palaces, hidden courtyards, and lush gardens, all while taking in sweeping countryside views. Ronda's dramatic landscape and historic charm make it a must-see destination for those exploring Andalusia.

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# FORMERLY - THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS PATH!

Experience the dramatic scenery of a formerly near-impossible path during a safe hike through Los Gaitanes and El Chorro gorges on a guided tour of Caminito del Rey from Seville.

Depart Seville and travel by comfortable car to the amazing canyon of the Desfiladero de los Gaitanes, carved into the landscape of Andalusia by the Guadalhorce River. Go for a nature walk and discover the surrounding area on 5 kilometers of pathways that run along the edge of the cliffs.

Marvel at the rock formations from the Caminito del Rey (King's Pathway), originally built so that workers at the hydroelectric power plants of Chorro Falls and Gaitanejo Falls could cross the gorge with their materials.

The views here are stunning from start to finish!





# A Day Trip to Granda & The Alhambra Palace!

Perched high above the city of **Granada**, with the snow-capped Sierra Nevada as its backdrop, the <u>Alhambra</u> stands as one of the greatest architectural marvels of the medieval world. More than just a palace, it is a living testament to the artistry, science, and power of Al-Andalus, the Islamic civilization that once flourished in Spain.

Wandering through the Nasrid Palaces, visitors step into a world of delicate arabesques, endless geometric patterns, and ethereal light filtering through ornate latticed windows. Cool fountains bubble in the Courtyard of the Lions, a masterpiece of hydraulic engineering that once symbolized paradise on Earth. Outside, the Generalife Gardens offer a serene escape, where cascading water channels and vibrant flowerbeds echo the Moorish love for nature and tranquility.

The <u>Alhambra</u> was not just a palace—it was the heart of a kingdom. Built by the Nasrid dynasty in the 13th and 14th centuries, it was designed to dazzle, impress, and intimidate. Yet, in 1492, as the last

Muslim ruler of Spain, Boabdil, surrendered the keys to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, the Alhambra's golden age ended. Christian rulers added Renaissance touches, yet the core of the palace remains an untouched dream of Islamic Spain.

Today, the Alhambra is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most visited landmarks in Europe. By day, its red-tinted walls glow under the Andalusian sun; by night, it looms like a vision from another time. A visit here is not just a journey into Spain's past—it is a glimpse into a lost world of extraordinary beauty, ambition, and cultural fusion.

While it requires an early start from Seville, the journey is well worth it—just be sure to <u>book Alhambra tickets in</u> advance, as they often sell out.



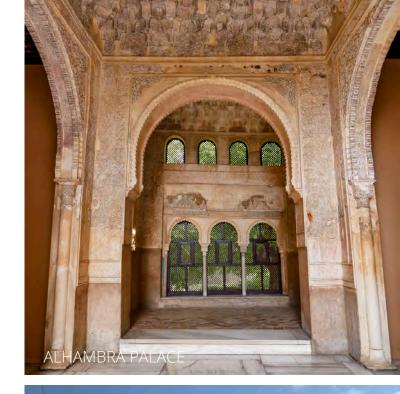
With a history dating back over 3,000 years, **Cádiz** is considered one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in Europe. Its charming historic center, filled with lively plazas and baroque churches, is a delight to explore.

Visitors can climb the Torre Tavira for a panoramic view of the city or relax at La Caleta Beach, one of Spain's most scenic urban beaches. Known for its fresh seafood and vibrant local atmosphere, Cádiz is a perfect mix of history, relaxation, and coastal charm.

Basking under the golden light of southern Spain, Málaga is a city where ancient history and modern vibrancy collide. Set along the shimmering waters of the Mediterranean Sea, this Andalusian port city has been shaped by Phoenicians, Romans, Moors, and Spanish kings, each leaving behind layers of culture, architecture, and tradition.

At its heart, the Alcazaba, a 1,000-year-old Moorish fortress, rises over the city like a guardian of the past, its stone walls whispering tales of sultans and soldiers. Just below, the ruins of a Roman theater remind visitors of Málaga's role in the empire that once ruled the Mediterranean. Yet, step into the twisting streets of the historic center, and the air is filled not with echoes of the past, but with the aromas of sizzling sardines and the melodies of street musicians.

Málaga is more than its history—it is the birthplace of Pablo Picasso, the city where art and creativity flow as freely as its local sweet wines. Beyond the art galleries, the city's beaches stretch wide and inviting, where the Mediterranean laps at golden sands, and fishermen's boats dot the horizon.







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# RONDA & SETENIL DE LAS BODEGAS

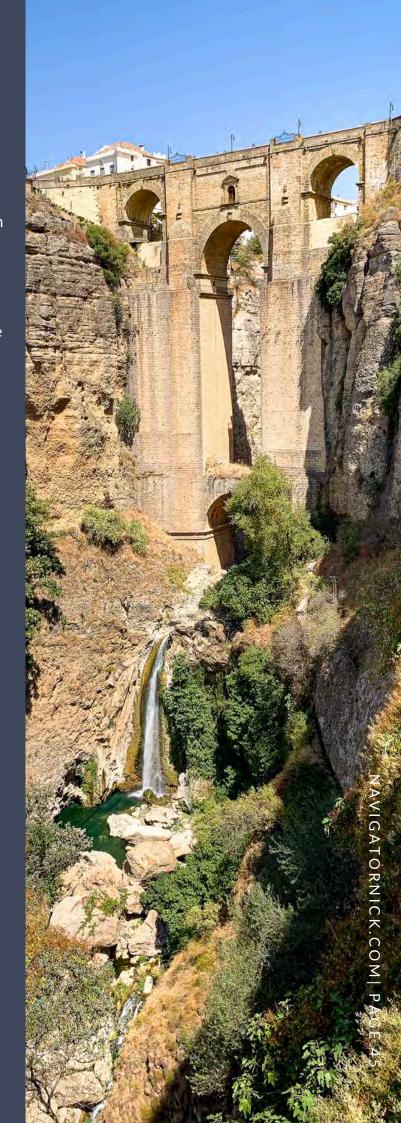
Ronda is one of Andalusia's most breathtaking white-washed towns, famous for its dramatic cliffs, historic bullring, and stunning bridges. Just 1.5 to 2 hours from Seville, it's a perfect day trip destination for those looking to escape the city and experience Spain's scenic countryside.

- 1. Puente Nuevo (New Bridge) Ronda's most famous sight, this stunning 18th-century bridge spans the El Tajo Gorge, offering breathtaking views.
- 2. Mirador de Aldehuela & Balcón del Coño The best viewpoints for jaw-dropping photos of the canyon and bridge.
- 3. Plaza de Toros de Ronda Visit Spain's oldest bullring, where modern bullfighting began. Explore the museumto learn about its history.
- 4. Enjoy lunch with a view at Restaurante Albacara or Abades Ronda, which overlook the gorge.

🟷 Must-Do: Walk down to the El Tajo Gorge!

Setenil de las Bodegas is one of Spain's most unique and picturesque villages, famous for its whitewashed houses built directly into the cliffs. Located just 20 minutes from Ronda, it's a perfect side trip on a day trip from Seville to Ronda. The town's charm lies in its dramatic rock formations, narrow streets, and laid-back atmosphere, making it a hidden gem in Andalusia.

- 1. Walk Along Calle Cuevas del Sol & Calle Cuevas de la Sombra.
- 2. Climb to the Castillo de Setenil (Medieval Castle)
- 3. Visit the Church of Nuestra Señora de la Encarnación
- 4. Try Local Food & Wine





# 1. AQUARIUM

The Seville Aquarium was designed around Magellan's 16th-century voyage that was the first ever circumnavigation of the globe. See marine life from the Guadalquivir River, the Atlantic Ocean, the Amazon River and the Pacific Ocean. Single Ticket: \$18



# 2. ISLA MÁGICA

A thrilling theme park with pirate adventures, roller coasters, and a water park for cooling off in summer. <u>Single Ticket: \$26</u>



# 3. HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE

A fairytale-like experience riding through Seville's most beautiful streets and landmarks. Group of 4: \$83



# 4. RIVER BOAT CRUISE

A short boat ride along the Guadalquivir River is a fun and relaxing way for kids to see the city and enjoy the boat! <u>Single Ticket: \$26</u>



# 5. MARÍA LUISA PARK

A huge green space perfect for bike rides, picnics, and spotting ducks, peacocks, and fountains. **FREE** 

# 6. PLAZA DE ESPAÑA

Kids can run around, explore bridges, ride a rowboat on the canal, or spot colorful tiled benches representing Spain's provinces. **FREE** 

# **GATHER DOCUMENTATION**

At least six months before your departure, make sure your ID, passport and other necessary documents are in order.

**Driver's license**: Most of the time, you can leave this at home. However, if you are renting a car, you will need to show it to your agency. Also, if you lose your passport, this is a good second form of identification.

Passport: Applying for or renewing a passport typically takes six to eight weeks, but now eligible US citizens can renew online. However, you can pay an additional \$60 expedited service fee to get it renewed in two to three weeks, if desired. If you plan to travel outside the U.S., you need a passport. Make sure your passport will not expire for at least six months after your trip is scheduled to end. Some countries also require passports to have one to two blank pages for entry.

Visas: If you're traveling to another country, you may need to apply for a tourist visa. This could require paying a small fee, or sending your passport to a foreign embassy or consulate in the U.S. Application fees typically run from \$50 to \$200. Visit the U.S. Bureau of Consular Affairs to learn more.

TSA PreCheck and Global Entry: Travel Credit Reward Cards like the <u>Chase</u>
Sapphire Preferred or <u>Capital One card</u>, give you up to a \$120 credit towards these programs.

Confused about the two programs? Here's the difference: **TSA Precheck** (\$85) puts you in a faster security line at U.S. airports.

Global Entry (\$120) includes TSA Precheck and adds expedited customs screening upon your return from international trips. These programs can help you zip through airport security lines.

Before you apply, give yourself a few weeks to fill out the online application and visit an enrollment center for fingerprinting and an ID check.

You must already have a valid U.S. passport to apply for Global Entry, and you must participate in an interview at a designated enrollment center. Once approved, your status lasts five years. Most interviews last about five minutes, it's very easy!



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# **PACKING**

Each adventure requires a different packing list. If you pack last minute, you can skip this section.

**Traveler Tip:** If you're a film nerd like me, don't forget your <u>DJI mini drone</u> or <u>GoPro</u> at home! Follow this link to my Amazon store to grab the latest <u>GoPro Hero 12</u> Black.



If you want to pack like a pro, I highly suggest to start thinking about it an advance. This is for a few different reasons. The most important being that you don't want to forget anything, obviously.

Speaking of packing... you won't be able to miss this luggage set at the airport.



#### Packing Cubes vs. Rolling: Which is best?

A packing cube set, like <u>these on Amazon</u>, can help you save almost as much space as folding. Plus, keep you significantly more organized. And this is why I love packing cubes. It makes my life so much easier on the road.

Traveler Tip: If you stick a travel size fabric softener spray bottle in a plastic ziplock bag in one of your shoes, you can use it at your destination to get out any wrinkles and keep your clothes smelling fresh.

#### The Secret Packing Cube Hack

Here is what I do. I roll my clothes and pack them in my packing cubes organize by clothing garment. So the basics like pants, shirts, bedtime outfits, etc. Fill in your shoes with items like socks and place them around the packing cubes, where the gaps are. Lastly, not everything needs a packing cube. You may want to lay thick sweaters or jackets flat.

This way, you get the best of both worlds. The cubes keep your garments organized and rolling technique allows you to fit more inside the cube. VIOLA!



# **LOST LUGGAGE...**

Who ya gonna call? Ghostbusters?!

The airlines doesn't care about your lost bag, trust me! That's why I always, always, always keep an <u>Apple Airtag</u> in mine.

Don't have an iPhone, no problem, use these instead.





# THE ULTIMATE TRAVEL PACKING LIST

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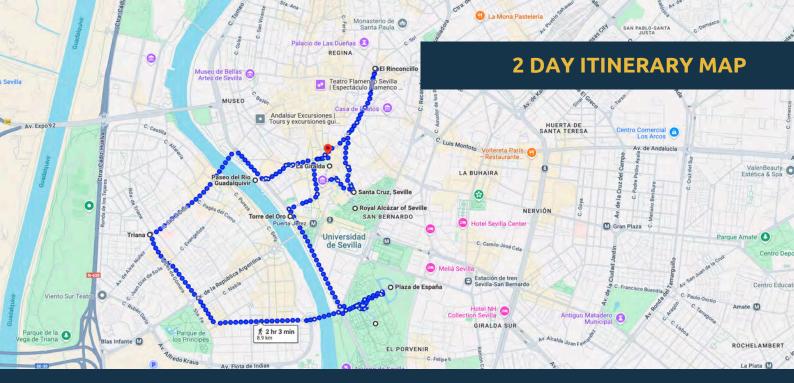
ENJOY A TASTE OF ANDALUSIA IN 2 DAYS

# **2 DAYS IN SEVILLE**

In 48 hours in Seville, immerse yourself in its Moorish palaces, grand cathedrals, lively neighborhoods, and flamenco rhythms, while savoring authentic tapas and Andalusian charm.

Day 1 - Explore the Alcázar, Seville Cathedral, and the Santa Cruz neighborhood.

**Day 2** - Explore **Plaza de España**, **María Luisa Park**, **Triana**, and a <u>flamenco</u> show, indulging in tapas and local wines along the way.



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Day 1 - Begin your Seville adventure in the historic heart of the city, exploring the breathtaking Alcázar of Seville, a Moorish palace filled with intricate tilework, lush gardens, and royal history. Just steps away, visit the Seville Cathedral, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world, and climb La Giralda for panoramic city views. Wander through the charming Santa Cruz neighborhood, with its narrow, flowerfilled streets and hidden courtyards. In the afternoon, relax at a local tapas bar, savoring dishes like jamón ibérico and salmorejo, before strolling along the Guadalquivir River. As night falls, immerse yourself in the city's passion with a flamenco performance in Triana, the birthplace of the fiery dance.

Day 2 - Start your day at Plaza de España, a stunning semicircular square adorned with colorful tiles and grand bridges, before taking a leisurely walk through the María Luisa Park, Seville's green oasis. Dive into the city's artistic side at the Metropol Parasol (Las Setas), a modern architectural wonder offering spectacular views. Head to Triana Market for a taste of local life, exploring fresh produce and artisan goods. Spend your afternoon visiting the Torre del Oro or taking a river cruise, enjoying Seville from the water. End your trip with a traditional Andalusian dinner, sipping on local sherry wine and reflecting on the magic of this timeless city.







ENJOY ALL THE FAMOUS ATTRACTIONS OF SEVELLE

# **4 DAYS IN SEVILLE**

In four days in Seville, explore its historic palaces, grand cathedrals, vibrant neighborhoods, and modern landmarks, enjoy flamenco, tapas, and river views, and take a day trip to Córdoba or Ronda for an unforgettable Andalusian experience.

**Day 1**: Discover Seville's rich history by exploring the <u>Alcázar</u>, and **Santa Cruz**, then enjoy a <u>flamenco show and tapas in Triana</u> by night.

Day 2: Wander through the Plaza de España and María Luisa Park, visit Metropol Parasol for panoramic views, and end the day with dinner at a rooftop terrace.

**Day 3**: Immerse yourself in the ceramic-filled streets of Triana, visit the **Torre del Oro**, take a river cruise, and enjoy Seville's local markets and lively nightlife.

**Day 4**: Take a day trip to **Córdoba** or **Ronda**, or explore Seville's hidden gems like **Casa de Pilatos** and **El Porvenir**, before ending with a wine and tapas tour.



A FULL WEEK IN ANDALUSIA!

# 7 DAYS IN SOUTHERN SPAIN

In seven days in Southern Spain, explore Seville's historic charm, Córdoba's Mezquita, Granada's Alhambra, Málaga's coastal beauty, Ronda's dramatic cliffs, Cádiz's seaside atmosphere, and the white villages of Andalusia, while indulging in tapas, flamenco, and stunning landscapes.

- **Day 1**: Arrive in Seville, explore the **Alcázar**, Seville Cathedral, and Santa Cruz, and end the day with **flamenco and tapas** in Triana.
- Day 2: Visit Plaza de España, María Luisa Park, and Metropol Parasol, take a river cruise, and enjoy dinner with rooftop views.
- **Day 3:** Travel to **Córdoba**, wander through the stunning **Mezquita**, explore the Jewish Quarter, and relax in a traditional Andalusian patio.
- **Day 4**: Head to **Granada**, visit the breathtaking <u>Alhambra Palace</u>, stroll through the **Albayzín**, and enjoy a sunset view from Mirador de San Nicolás.
- **Day 5**: Explore Málaga's historic center, **Picasso Museum**, and beaches, then soak in the lively atmosphere of its harbor and tapas scene.
- **Day 6**: Take a day trip to **Ronda**, marvel at the **Puente Nuevo bridge** and dramatic cliffs, and visit a local winery or bullring.
- **Day 7**: Spend the final day in **Cádiz** or the **White Villages**, enjoying stunning coastal views, fresh seafood, and a relaxing Mediterranean vibe, before heading home.

# **Q IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

When traveling in Seville, it's always good to have essential phone numbers on hand for emergencies, transportation, and tourist services. Here are the most important contacts you may need:

### Emergency Services (Spain-Wide)

- General Emergency (Police, Ambulance, Fire Department):

112 (Free, 24/7, multilingual)

Local Police (Policía Local): 2 092

National Police (Policía Nacional): 2 091

Civil Guard (Guardia Civil): 22 062

#### Medical Assistance

Public Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance): 28 061

Hospital Universitario Virgen del Rocío: ☎ 955 012 000

Hospital Universitario Virgen Macarena: \$\mathbf{T}\$ 955 008 000

24/7 Pharmacy Locator: ## +34 902 505 061 (or search "farmacia de guardia" online)

#### **Tourist Assistance & Lost Items**

Tourist Police (SATE – Foreign Tourist Assistance Service): 22 +34 954 420 271

Lost & Found Office (Seville City Council): ☎ +34 955 471 256

# **Report Services**

Seville Airport (San Pablo - SVQ): # +34 913 211 000

Taxi Service (Tele Taxi Sevilla): 🏗 +34 954 622 222

Train Station (Sevilla Santa Justa – RENFE): 22 +34 912 320 320

Metro de Sevilla (Subway): **2** +34 955 038 665

# Embassies & Consulates

If you need to contact your embassy or consulate, check your country's official website for local numbers in Spain.

U.S. Consulate in Seville: \$\mathbb{T}\$ +34 954 218 243

British Consulate in Seville: \$\mathbb{T}\$ +34 955 502 163

Having these numbers saved on your phone can help you navigate Seville safely and efficiently. If you need further assistance, Seville's tourist offices are also a great resource for visitors!

# **Q** COMMON SEVILLE WORDS AND PHRASES

When visiting Seville, knowing a few key Spanish phrases—especially those unique to Andalusia—can enhance your experience and help you connect with locals. Sevillanos speak Andalusian Spanish, which is known for dropping the final "s" in words and shortening pronunciations.

#### **Basic Greetings & Politeness**

- Hola Hello
- Buenos días Good morning
- Buenas tardes Good afternoon
- Buenas noches Good evening/night
- Adiós Goodbye
- Hasta luego See you later (\*often pronounced as "Ta luego" in Seville!\*)
- Por favor Please
- Gracias Thank you
- De nada You're welcome
- Perdón / Disculpe Excuse me / Sorry
- No hablo mucho español I don't speak much Spanish
- ¿Habla inglés? Do you speak English?

# **Getting Around**

- -¿Dónde está...? Where is...?
- ¿Cómo llego a...? How do I get to...?
- El centro The city center
- La catedral The cathedral
- La estación de tren/autobús The train/bus station
- El aeropuerto The airport
- ¿Cuánto cuesta? How much does it cost?
- La cuenta, por favor The check, please (for restaurants)
- Un billete de ida y vuelta A round-trip ticket

#### **Ordering Food & Drinks**

Una tapa, por favor - One tapa, please

Una caña - A small beer (locals rarely order "cerveza"—they ask for a caña!)

Un tinto de verano - Red wine mixed with soda (\*a popular local drink, often preferred over sangria!\*)

Una copa de vino blanco/tinto - A glass of white/red wine

Jamón ibérico - Cured Iberian ham (a must-try in Seville!)

Gazpacho / Salmorejo - Cold tomato soups typical of Andalusia

Pescaito frito - Fried fish, a Seville specialty

¡Está riquísimo! - It's delicious!

¿Me puede recomendar algo típico? – Can you recommend something typical?

#### **Local Seville Slang & Expressions**

Mi arma – A local way to say "my dear" or "my soul" (often pronounced like "mi arma" instead of "mi alma")

Qué arte tienes - "You have so much charm/style!" (a classic Andalusian compliment)

¡Vamo' allá! - "Let's go!" (Sevillanos often drop the final "s" in words)

Ojú - An expression of surprise, like "Wow!" or "Oh my!"

Echar una siesta – To take a nap (a daily tradition in Spain!)

Ir de tapeo – To go out for tapas, hopping from bar to bar

¡Ole! - A classic Andalusian cheer, often heard during flamenco performances







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