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THE SUNNY SPANISH CITY THAT'S KNOWN FOR FLAMENCO DANCING HAS TASTY TAPAS, STRIKING LANDMARKS, AND ELEGANT BOUTIQUE HOTELS



There are many reasons to visit Andalusia, but none are more compelling than its vibrant riverside capital. Originally founded by the Romans and later conquered by the Moors, Seville is rich in cultural traditions. “As one of the most significant Atlantic ports on the Iberian Peninsula dating back to ancient times, its monumental heritage creates an amazing combination of history, beauty, and food for travelers to enjoy,” says [Alvaro Carmona](#), a [ToursByLocals](#) guide based in Seville.

Elegant and endlessly attractive, the city displays almost constant reminders of its time under Moorish rule with striking landmarks such as the Royal Alcázar of Seville (one of the [most beautiful places to visit in Spain](#)) and La Giralda as standouts. Seville is the birthplace of flamenco with many famous venues for visitors to take a lesson or catch a show. It’s also the storied backdrop for over 100 operas — among them “Carmen,” “The Barber of Seville,” and “Don Juan de Mañara” — and has some world-class museums. The tapestry of influences, abundance of regional products, and immense local talent translate to a culinary scene that rivals the many epicurean power players throughout the country. Plus, the Mediterranean climate means sunshine, blue skies, and warm weather throughout the year — so it’s always a good time for sightseeing and enjoying a glass of wine or sherry at an alfresco café.

Whether you’re looking to tour UNESCO sites or sample tasty tapas (probably both, right?), use this guide full of recommendations from local insiders to plan the perfect trip to Seville. [ToursByLocals](#) magazine is a periodical publication, which can either be printed or published electronically.



BEST HOTELS

Hotel Palacio de Villapanes
Originally built by Admiral López-Pintado
in 1729 and later the residence of the
Marquis of Villapanés and his descendants,
Hotel Palacio de Villapanes still reflects its
roots as a Baroque mansion. The tiled
central courtyard with a fountain, leafy
plants, and arched columns commands
focus. Not to be outdone, noble suites show
off immense carved wooden doors, high
ceilings, and Philippe Starck-designed tubs.

