



Seville

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Why Go?

Some cities have looks, other cities have personality. The *sevillanos* – lucky devils – get both, courtesy of their flamboyant, charismatic, ever-evolving Andalusian metropolis founded, according to myth, 3000 years ago by the Greek god Hercules. Drenched for most of the year in spirit-enriching sunlight, this is a city of feelings as much as sights, with different seasons prompting vastly contrasting moods: solemn for Semana Santa, flirtatious for the spring fiesta and soporific for the gasping heat of summer.

Like all great cities, Seville has historical layers. Roman ruins testify the settlement's earliest face, memories of the Moorish era flicker like medieval engravings in the Santa Cruz quarter, while the riverside Arenal reeks of lost colonial glory. Yet, one of the most remarkable things about modern Seville is its ability to adapt and etch fresh new brushstrokes onto an ancient canvas.

When to Go

Mar–May The best time to visit Seville is when its two major festivals – Semana Santa and the Feria de Abril – run back to back. This is when the city wears its personality on its sleeve and is alive with colour, warm weather, orange blossom and that famous *pasión* (passion).

Jul & Aug Megahot and busy; the city is primed for tourism with all sights open and operating.

Sep & Oct The extreme heat of summer has diminished and most of the crowds have gone home.



Seville Highlights

- 1 Picking up expensive interior design and gardening tips at the exquisite **Alcázar** (p56)
- 2 Savouring an early-evening glass of something alcoholic in the **Alameda de Hércules** (p68)
- 3 Re-evaluating Seville's glorious Golden Age art in the

Hospital de los Venerables Sacerdotes (p61)

- 4 Attending an aficionados' concert at the **Museo del Baile Flamenco** (p64)
- 5 Enjoying some of Andalucía's best modern tapas in **La Brunilda** (p73)
- 6 Strolling the panoramic

walkway of the **Metropol Parasol** (p65)

- 7 Looking down on the Gothic Seville cathedral from the top of the **Giralda** (p50)
- 8 Inhaling orange blossom while cycling a Sevicí bike around **Parque de María Luisa** (p66)