

Corral del Rey

Seville, Spain

Essentials Seville

TAPAS BARS **Cervecería La Giralda** Established in 1934. Forms part of the ruins of a 10th century Arab bathhouse. Tapas are elaborate and often fish based. Always a great atmosphere at the bar; tapas 2€ to 3€; Calle Mateos Gago 2. **El Rinconcillo** This is the oldest & one of the most famous bars in Seville, with a history that dates from 1670. This is a perfect place to try small portions of salt-cod with tomato (bacalao con tomate); Calle Gerona 40; 0034 954 223 183; selection tapas with wine 8€ to 10€. **Bodega Morales** Belly up to a barrel and order the cod "sushi" (thinly sliced on toast). Calle García de Vinuesa 11; 0034 954 221 242; tapas 4€ to 7€. **Bodeguita Casablanca** Don't miss the "old clothes" dish- leftovers made with chickpeas and pork-and veal ragout; Calle Adolfo Rodríguez Jurado 12; 0034 954 224 114; tapas 4, 80 € to 6, 60€. **Las Golondrinas** A small spot with a good selection of vegetarian options; Calle Antillano Campos 26; 0034 954 331 626; tapas 4, 00 € to 6, 60€. **Casa Moreno** Old-school grocer with a bar in the back. Calle Gamazo 7; 0034 954 228 315; tapas 3, 30 € to 5, 60 €. **Bodeguita Antonio Romero** Located across from the Plaza de Toros, Romero has an electric atmosphere on bull fight days. Since 1821, toreros and bullfight aficionados have been gathering there after the corrida to enjoy the house speciality: tapas with herring and quail eggs; Calle Antonia Diaz, 19; 0034 954 223 939; tapas 3€ to 10€. **Coloniales** In the shadow of an age-old Picus, a refreshingly cool haven in the summer, with a great winter terrace. Can savour some of the best meat tapas in Seville. The selection, changed daily, features appetizers of beef, pork and chicken, all from animals reared on the farm owned by the Taberna; tapas 2€ to 5€.

RESTAURANTS **Modesto** At the end of the Santa Cruz district, bordering the Murillo gardens, Modesto's pretty terrace is the place to sit to experience a fine selection of fresh seafood. Try one of their signature dishes "Gambas Al Ajillo" (prawns cooked with garlic); Calle Cano y Cueto 5; 0034 954 416 811; Starters 8 € to 20€. **Salvador Rojo** Placed in full center of Seville, opposite the emblematic Hotel Alfonso XIII, Salvador Rojo is one of Andalucía's most inventive young chefs. Formal without being fussy; Calle San Fernando 23; 0034 954 229 725; Starters 12 € to 22€. **San Fernando 27** Located near the wall of the Alcázar gardens, opposite the former Royal Tobacco Factory, is an elegant restaurant with an innovative cuisine that has a reputation for its modern take on traditional Andalusian recipes. Try the gazpacho formula that is revisited as a thick strawberry salmorejo; Calle San Fernando 27; 0034 954 22 09 66, Starters 10€ to 20€. **La Albahaca** Ideally located near the Murillo Gardens, the French inspired cuisine is delicious, with an inventive range of game dishes blending sweet & savoury flavours; Plaza Santa Cruz 12; 0034 954 220 714; A la carte 35€. **La Madraza** Hearty dishes like pork rillettes and foie gras; Calle Peris Mencheta 21; 0034 954 908 188; Starters 8€ to 10€. **Sol y Sombra** This bullfighters' hangout is known for its "ortiguillas fritas" (fried sea nettles); Calle Castilla 151; 0034 954 333 935; Starters 12€ to 18€. **Bodega Góngora** Tiny restaurant specializing in seafood; Calle Albareda 5; 0034 954 221 119; Starters 6€ to 11€

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NIGHTLIFE **Casa de la Memoria** Offers a world class flamenco performance including singing, dancing and guitar playing by some of the best young talent, such as Pastora Galván, amongst others awarded “Best National Flamenco Dancer”; Performances every day (ask reception for times and booking); tickets costs €15 per person; Calle Ximénez de Enciso 28. **La Carbonería** A classic stop for culture-loving night owls, this traditional bar serves as a venue for events ranging from shows, concerts, exhibitions to signings of refined books on the local lifestyle. In winter, the crackling fire in the fireplace and the piano for the use of the patrons make for wonderfully relaxed evenings enlivened by spontaneous flamenco performance every now and again. In the summer, the patio is a delightful place to while away the hours under the palm trees, with a few tapas from the bar; Calle Levías 18; 0034 954 214 460. **El Garlochi** A strange, mystical bar decked out in icons and reliquaries that vary according to the religious season. Try the "Sangre de Cristo" recipe; Calle Boteros, 26. **La Anselma** is to Seville what Steve Rubell was to New York during the Studio 54 era: a larger than life figure whose enthusiasm and ideas have won over the most famous people in town, with the difference that Anselma holds traditions in high regards. At her place, everyone laughs, sings and dances without obligation or objection from others. An essential stop on the after-dark itinerary of any true local. You'll be hard pressed to find a more authentic club anywhere in Andalucía; Pages del Corro, 49, Triana.

SHOPPING **El Caballo** is part of Seville's bull fighting history: this is where the picadors buy their dazzling suits and polainas, calzonas, zahones, botos camperos. Find everything equestrian: horse blankets, silver bits, riding boots and a huge selection of books on horses and related sports; Calle Antonia Díaz 7; 0034 954 218 1127. **Hoss Intropia** Dresses with bold prints and chunky beaded jewellery; Calle O' Donnell 16; 0034 954 502 675. **Cuqui Castellanos** Here you'll find the latest elegant designs by the big names in Spanish, French & Italian shoes; Rosario, 8; 0034 954 560 996. **Pol Nuñez** The traditional flamenco company's shop and atelier; Calle Antonia Díaz 31; 0034 954 218 022. **Victorio & Lucchino** Haute couture inspired by Andalucian folklore. Scoop necks, flounces, asymmetrical lines, strong colors- there's nothing ordinary in the two annual collections by Victorio & Lucchino; Plaza Nueva, 9. Agua de Sevilla Plaza Nueva 9. **Maquedanos Sombreros** The house of Maquedano has been covering the heads of Seville natives and savvy foreigners with Andalucian sombreros, caneros sevillanos and señoritas made on the premises since 1896 and available in all colors; Calle Sierpes, 40; 0034 954 564 771. **Artesanía Textil** Mantones, mantillas and abanicos (shawls, mantillas and fans)- black for Holy Week and white for the Feria and weddings. Tradition reigns at Artesanía Textil and there is no question of changing one detail of its formula, which has been a success for over fifty years; Calle Sierpes, 70; 0034 954 562 840. **Cuadros Venecia** Matador lithographs and antique maps of the old city; Calle Cuna 51; 0034 954 229 994. **Ana Abascal y Patricia Medina antiques** Ana Abascal and her daughter offer a refined version of daily life with ordinary objects from every era. Their items are selected for elegance, personality and originality. Unusual and never banal, the place is now a must in Seville; Calle Placentines, 41; 0034 954 422 7617. **Populart (ceramics)** This place is like a surprising museum, where you will find a profusion of oil cans, azulejo water jugs and 17th and 18th century Andalucian ceramics and earthenware; Pasaje de Vila, 4, Santa Cruz; 0034 954 229 444. **Manuel Pinanes Antigüedades** Wonderfully located by the cathedral, this antique shop should not be missed. Indulging his passion for Orientalism, Manuel Pinanes tracks down superb works by artists such as Gonzalo Bilbao Martínez, best known for his paintings of Seville's cigarreras or cigar makers; Calle Alemanes, 13; 0034 954 218 260. **Antique** Sells ethnic textiles and lovely antique jewellery; Calle Candilejo.

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HISTORICAL & MUST-SEE SIGHTS **Real Alcázar** A series of royal palaces blending Moorish, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque styles. Do not miss the palace gardens and the beautiful Patio de Banderas; Plaza del Triunfo; 0034 954 502 323. Tue-Sat 9:30-19:00; Sun 9:30-17:00. Adults: 7€. **Archivo de Indias** Since 1785, the archives have served as the repository for all documents related to the discovery of the New World; Avenida de la Constitución. **Barrio Santa Cruz** Once the Jewish quarter, a maze of narrow streets, wrought iron gates and flower-bedecked patios. **Casa de Pilatos** A magnificent 16th century private palace containing a huge collection of azulejos, Roman artefacts and antique furniture; Plaza de Pilatos; 0034 954 225 298. Mon-Sun 9:00-19:00. 5 € (Ground Floor) + 3€ (First Floor). **Cathedral** Built on the site of the city's 12th century mosque, which was destroyed in the 15th century. All that remains of the mosque are the Patio de Naranjos and its minaret, the Giralda, which was converted into a bell tower. The cathedral was built in the 15th and 16th centuries and is one of the largest churches in the world; Avenida de la Constitución, 0034 954 214 971. Mon-Sat 11:00-17:00; Sun 14:00-18:00. Adults: 7, 50€. **Iglesia del Salvador** A shining example of Baroque art in Seville; Plaza del Salvador. **Parque de María Luisa** The former royal gardens redone by the French architect Forestier for the 1929 Iberian-American. Don't miss the Plaza de España and the Museo Arqueológico. **Plaza de Toros de la Real Maestranza** Bullfighters consider this the most prestigious ring in the world. Bull fighting season begins in Easter (contact reception to book tickets); Paseo de Cristobal Colon. **Cartuja monastery** Hosts the Museum of Contemporary Andalusian Art; Isla de la Cartuja; 0034 955 037 096; Tue-Sat 10:00-20:00; Sun 10:00-15:00. 3€. **Torre del Oro** Built in the 13th century during the Almohad period. This fortified tower was a surveillance post for maritime traffic on the river; Paseo de Cristobal Colon; 0034 954 222 419. Tue-Fri 10:00-14:00; Sat-Sun 11:00-14:00. 1€. **Palacio de Lebrija** This Renaissance Mudéjar style palace became a refuge for antiques when the Countess de Lebrija bought it in 1914. You can visit the ground floor rooms, devoted to archeology- full of Greek, Roman and Persian statues and Etruscan terracottas- or you can go upstairs and examine the handsome collection of 15th and 17th century religious statues and ceramics; Calle Cuna, 8; Open 10am to 1:30pm and 4:30pm to 7:30pm. Closed Sat afternoon and Sunday 4€ ground floor rooms and 6€ entire museum.

Private guided tours We have developed a number of bespoke tours (please refer to the programmes) and have also established a strong network of international speaking guides covering all major towns and cities in Andalusia (Including Granada and Cordoba); ½ day private guided tours €200 (Please contact reception to make a booking or for further information).

HEALTH & WELLNESS **Aire de Sevilla Morrish Baths** A maze of corridors and pools built around an Andalusian patio. Promising "relaxation of the body and peace of mind", Aire de Sevilla offers invigorating massages, fango therapy and aromatherapy, as well as traditional ablutions, much appreciated in the sweltering Andalusian summer; Calle Aire, 15; 0034 955 010 025; steam bath 15 € - 18 €; massage 24- 38 €; Mon- Sun 10:00am - 12 midnight. **Casas Rey de la Baeza (Spa Bodyna)** Has an area for massages and spa treatments, fitness room, sauna, an open air swimming pool and terrace-solarium from which to enjoy the Andalusian sun while enjoying tapas or freshly prepared fruit juices from the Senzone Pool Bar.

Private Massages Can be arranged at our retreat in the countryside (35 minutes south of Seville) or in Seville by appointment only; Rates from €80 per hour (Please contact reception to make an appointment).