

# GUIDE TO VISITING SEVILLA

## PLACES TO GO

### 1. Real Alcázar

The Alcázar is a must visit when in Sevilla. It has a mixture of Arabic and Christian architecture that come together into an amazing palace. It also houses some amazing gardens. Game of Thrones actually did some filming here as well so make sure to check it out if you are a fan!



### 2. Catedral de Sevilla

You won't miss the Cathedral when you come to Sevilla because it is so huge. It's actually the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest church in the world and the largest cathedral in Spain! Christopher Columbus and his son are buried inside alongside other important Spaniards. The Cathedral also boasts some great artwork. Make sure to climb to the top of the Giralda Bell Tower to get a great aerial view of Sevilla.



### 3. Plaza de España

The Plaza de España was built in 1928 for the Ibero-American Exposition and is right inside the Maria Luisa park. While it is now office buildings inside, it is still a gorgeous piece of architecture and should be seen. At night they light up the fountain in different colors and it is quite a scenic place to take pictures.



#### 4. Barrio Santa Cruz

This part of town is a great place to go if you enjoy wandering the streets and exploring new cities. It is filled with tiny streets with tons of shops with great shopping and also has some great restaurants. This charming area will surely make you fall in love with Sevilla.

#### 5. Torre del Oro

This place holds so much history for Sevilla. It is right on the banks of the Guadalquivir River and it used to be where the gold from the Americas would come to Spain. If you are into naval history, inside the tower is a naval history museum and the top of tower also has a great view. If you are visiting on a Monday, it is free to visit.



#### 6. Metropol Parasol

This structure may not seem like it fits in with the antique charm of the rest of Sevilla, but it is still a really cool place to visit and I recommend at least seeing it. It is often called Las Setas by the locals and is actually the largest wooden structure in the world. You can also go up to the top and it looks even cooler from the top! Your admission to the top includes a free drink, but don't let the signs fool you that the only place to get it is at the bar at the top which only lets you get a discount of the drink, not a free drink. Ask a worker where the free drinks are, and they will point out a bar that is at the base Metropol Parasol.

# THINGS TO DO

## 1. Go Shopping at the Triana Market

The Triana Market has some great food stalls and gives you a taste of life in Spain. Make sure to get there before it closes in early afternoon. Great place to get a picnic lunch to take to the park or to get a midmorning snack to tide you over until a late lunch!

## 2. Get a Drink at Sunset at a Rooftop Bar

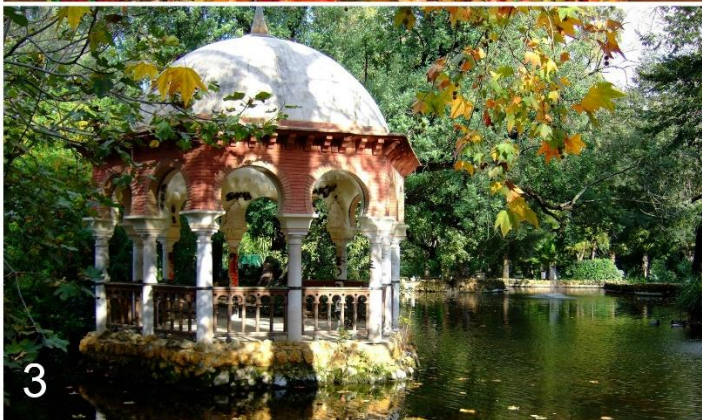
Try out some local Sangria or Tinto de Verano at a rooftop bar near the center. At sunset you will get a breathtaking view of the city skyline while getting to drink a delicious refreshment. I have heard good things about John Fulton Studio Bar that used to be home to the famous American matador.

## 3. Have Lunch in the Maria Luisa Park

The Maria Luisa Park is a great place to take a lovely stroll and explore the grounds. There are tons of beautiful plants and fountains all around the park. Take a lunch and enjoy it next to a peaceful fountain under orange trees.

## 4. See a Flamenco Show

Get a taste of the traditional dancing of Sevilla and spend a night at a Flamenco show. I saw a show at the Museum of Flamenco and it was a great show!



# FOOD TO EAT



Tapas

## Tapas :

Tapas are not necessarily one specific type of food but more of a lifestyle here in Sevilla. They are basically appetizers that you get and share at the table that usually replaces a large meal for dinner. Get a few different selections of tapas and try a whole bunch of traditional Spanish cuisine.



Paella



Andalusian Breakfast

## Paella:

Paella is one of my favorite Spanish dishes and a must

try while in Spain. Paella can be made in many different types from seafood, to vegetable, to pork so get whatever sounds the best and try it out for lunch.

## Andalusian Breakfast:

The Andalusians eat do not eat nearly as much as us Americans are used to for breakfast and so it is normally the smallest meal of the day. Typically, it has tostada which is toast that is topped with olive oil, tomato, ham, or many different toppings. Try it out with some of the famous jamón ibérico, the famous type of ham from Spain. Alongside the tostada is coffee. Here it is called café and it very different from the coffee in the states. It is typically smaller because it is just espresso and not watered down. I recommend getting a café con leche if you are looking for something similar to coffee in the States.

## **Churros con Chocolate:**

Churros con Chocolate is the perfect midday snack to get you from lunch to the late dinner. The chocolate is thicker than American hot chocolate and isn't meant to be drunk but to dip the churros in. The churros here aren't covered in cinnamon sugar like they are in America and instead come with a packet of sugar to sprinkle on top. Oftentimes, you can get the churros to go and they are great to eat while walking through the city or alongside the river.



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## **Tortilla Española:**

This potato and egg omelet is one of my favorite foods here. Depending on the place you get it at, it may have more than potato and egg in it but traditionally it is just potato and egg. You may also see it called tortilla de patatas at some places. While this seems like it would be the perfect breakfast food, it is not eaten for breakfast here but instead at lunch or as a tapa at dinner.

## **Garbanzos y Espinancas:**

This is my favorite food that I have had here in Sevilla. As a vegetarian, it can be sometimes a little more difficult to find vegetarian options in restaurants, but they do usually have this dish. I highly recommend it, even if you are not vegetarian because it is so delicious and also has roots in Moorish and Jewish history in Sevilla.

## SPANISH PHRASES TO KNOW

<b>Hola</b> (OH-lah) .....	Hello
<b>Adios</b> (ah-dee-OHS) .....	Goodbye
<b>Por favor</b> (POUR-fah-VOUR) .....	Please
<b>Gracias</b> (GRAH-see-ahs) .....	Thank you
<b>De nada</b> (DAY- NAH-dah) .....	You're Welcome
<b>¿Habla inglés?</b> (AH-blah een-GLEHS) .....	Do you speak English?
<b>No hablo español</b> (noh AH-bloh es-PAH-nyohl).....	I don't speak Spanish
<b>Si</b> (see) .....	Yes
<b>No</b> (noh) .....	No
<b>¿Cuánto cuesta?</b> (KWAHN-toh KWESS-tah).....	How much?
<b>La cuenta, por favor</b> (lah KWEN-tah POUR-fah-VOR).....	The check, please
<b>Agua del grifo</b> (ah-GWAH dehl GREE-foh).....	Tap water