

## Catedral & Giralda (*Cathedral and Giralda Tower*)

: Avda. Constitución (Santa Cruz)

: [www.catedralsevilla.org](http://www.catedralsevilla.org)

: 7 €

### **Sep - Jun:**

Mon - Sat 11:00 - 17:00

Sun 14:30 -18:00 (FREE)



The third largest cathedral in the world, behind only St. Peter's in Rome and St. Paul's in England. The Cathedral does hold the record as the largest gothic building

in the world, which you're sure to see when visiting. This is *the* most visited site in Seville. Construction began in 1401 on the grounds of the center mosque constructed during Arab occupation. The *Patio de Naranjos* and the main section of the Giralda are the only structures remaining from the mosque. The climb up the Giralda, approximately 70 meters, is made easier with the absence of stairs. Instead a series of ramps leads you to the top for a perfect view of the city. Inside are works of by Murillo, Goya, Pedro de Campaña and Luis de Vargas. Sculpture includes works by Martinez Montañés. The tomb of Columbus is said to be located here as well, a disputed claim which may soon be known as fact when the FBI finishes DNA analysis of the remains.

## Reales Alcazares (*Royal Palace*)

: Patio de Banderas s/n

: [patronato-alcazarsevilla.es](http://patronato-alcazarsevilla.es)

: 5 €

### **Apr - Sep:**

Tue - Sat: 9:30 - 19:00

Sun, Holidays: 9:30 - 17:00

## Plaza de Toros de la Real Maestranza (Bullring / Museum)

- 📍: Paseo Colon (Arenal)
- 🌐: [realmaestranza.com](http://realmaestranza.com)
- 💰: 4 €
- 🕒: Mon - Sun 9:30 - 19:00  
Bullfights: 9:30 - 15:00



The Plaza de Toros was constructed over several decades during the 18th century and is one of the most famous venues in all of Spain to take in a bullfight. The season typically begins with the *Feria de Abril*, during which there is a *corrida* every day, and runs through September. When buying tickets take your choice of *sol* (cheaper), *sombra* (expensive) and *sol y sombra* (middle range) seats. The museum includes statues of famous bullfighters, posters and other memorabilia as well as a gift shop.

## Casa de los Pilatos (Pilates House)

- 📍: Plaza Pilatos - C/ San Esteban (Puerta Carmona)
- 💰: 5 € lower floor, 8 € complete tour
- 🕒: Mon - Sun: 9:00 - 18:00  
Tue: 13:00 - 17:00 Free.

Currently owned by the Dukes of Medinaceli, the palace was built in the 16th century by a wealthy aristocrat after returning from a voyage to Jerusalem. The architectural styles of Baroque, Renaissance and Mudéjar blend together almost seamlessly. The complete tour includes the upstairs rooms with an impressive collection of Roman antiquities. And in keeping with the architectural styles, Baroque and Renaissance paintings. Tuesdays between 13:00 - 17:00 is free entrance for EU citizens, but they often waive anyone through.



## Italica

- 📍: Avda. de Extremadura, 2 (Santiponce)
- 🌐: [Town of Santiponce Italica Site](http://Town of Santiponce Italica Site)
- 💰: 1.50 € (FREE for E.U. citizens)
- 🕒: Tue - Sat: 9:00 - 17:30  
Sun, Holidays 10:00 - 16:00

Birthplace of Roman emperors Trajan and Adrian, Italica is a 15 minute bus ride from Seville in the pueblo of Santiponce. The amphitheater is the most important site of the ruins. You're also able to walk the old streets as you tour the ruins of houses, public buildings and various objects of art. Many of the pieces can now be found in the Museo Arqueológico or within the palaces and homes of the aristocracy in Seville. Columns supporting the Giralda were also taken from the ruins of Italica.

## Reales Atarazanas (Royal Shipyards)

- 📍: C/ Temprado (Arenal)
- 💰: FREE (except events and exhibits)
- 🕒: Tue - Sat 10:00 - 14:00, 16:00 - 18:00  
Sun 10:00 - 13:00

Located next door to the Hospital de La Caridad the Royal Shipyards used to house munitions and artillery for the Spanish Navy. Inside it's fairly empty except for a few exhibits and explanations in the back. Worth a stop when next door at the Hospital de la Caridad, and the rows and rows of arches make for some good pictures. Concerts and special exhibits are often held in in the building, and at times are free.



## Palacio de Lebrija (*Palace of Lebrija*)

- 🏠: C/ Cuna (Center - Shopping district)
- 💻: [palaciodelebrija.com](http://palaciodelebrija.com)
- €: 3,60€ lower floor, 6,60€ complete tour
- 🕒: Mon - Fri: 10:30 - 14:00, 17:00 - 19:00  
Sat: 10:00 - 13:00

Located in the shopping district on calle Cuna, the Palacio de Lebrija is a 16th century palace which



holds a very impressive collection of Roman mosaics from the nearby ruins of Italica. It is one of the few places in the world where you can actually walk on top of some of the mosaics, just as the

Romans did! The excellent condition of the house is due to the extensive renovation work of Doña Regla Manjón Mergelina, the Countess of Lebrija in the early 20th century. She was a world traveler as well as a dedicated collector as the house indicates in it's displays of pieces from as far away as Mexico and the far east. Other sections of the house such as portions of the ceiling and a mahogany banister come from nearby churches and palaces in Andalucia. Thanks to her work many of the Roman mosaics discovered around Italica have been preserved.

## Hospital de los Venerables (*Venerable Hospital*)

- 🏠: Plaza de los Venerables
- 💻: [focus.abengoa.es](http://focus.abengoa.es)
- €: 4,75€ (Sundays 16:00 - 20:00 FREE)
- 🕒: Mon - Sun: 10:00 - 14:00, 16:00 - 20:00

Located in the heart of Santa Cruz, construction of the building began during the early baroque period in Seville in 1676. Begun by architect Juan Domínguez, it was eventually completed in 1697 by Leonardo de Figueroa. The most impressive part is the church. entirely painted - walls and roof - with figures by Valdés Leal (and his son Lucas Valdés). Sculptures of St. Peter and St. Ferdinand by Pedro Roldán are at the foot of the nave beneath the choir, as well as altarpieces by Juan de Oviedo, and the pulpit of wood and marble by Francisco de Barahona. This is a nice Sunday afternoon visit when the entrance is free.

## Archivo de Indias (*Indian Archives*)

- 🏠: Avda. Constitución s/n
- 💻: [Ministerio de Cultura Official Page](http://Ministerio de Cultura Official Page)
- €: FREE
- 🕒: Mon - Fri: 8:00 - 15:00 (researchers)

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## Plaza de España (*Plaza of Spain*)

- 🏠: Parque Maria Luisa, Avda Isabela la Católica, s/n
- 📞: FREE

Located on the edge of Parque Maria Luisa, the Plaza de España was designed and constructed under the direction of Anibal Gonzalez, perhaps Seville's best known architect, for the 1929 Ibero-American Expo. Now used as government offices and still undergoing renovations, it is a pleasant visit during the day and at night to see the fountain illuminated. Wandering around the semi-circular grounds it is interesting to take in the paintings over ceramic tiles, representing an historical event in each province of Spain. And children will of course recognize the backdrop as being featured in one of the latest Star Wars movies.



## Palacio de Arzobispal (*Archbishop's Palace*)

- 📍: Plaza Santa Marta
- 🕒: Not open to the public

Located at the foot of the Giralda tower in the center of the historic district. The Archbishop's Palace is an 18th century *casa-palacio* which is home to the Sevillian clergy and Archbishop Carlos Amigo. While you can only get a glimpse of the patio from the main gate, if you were to venture further inside you would see important works by Murillo and other painters. If you hang around long enough you may even get to see Carlos Amigo as he leaves for an afternoon stroll. I always like to think he's heading for a beer and tapas at Las Columnas.

## Hospital de las 5 Llagas (*Hospital of the 5 Wounds - Parliament Building*)

- 📍: C/ Parlamento de Andalucía s/n (opposite the Macarena Church)
- 📄: [parlamento-and.es](http://parlamento-and.es)
- €: FREE
- 🕒: by appointment only

Located just outside the old city walls and opposite the Macarena Church, the Hospital de las 5 Llagas was in ruins some 15 years ago. Now completely renovated with a nice open garden in front, this Renaissance building constructed in the 16th century is now the home of the Andalusian



Parliament. For general entrance it is open to the public only two days per year, surrounding February 28th and the official holiday of Andalucía Day (Día de Andalucía). Otherwise appointments can be made for groups or individuals in advance by calling ahead for the details. More information for visits can also be found on [this page](#).

## Ayuntamiento (*Town Hall*)

- 📍: Plaza Nueva
- 📄: [sevilla.org](http://sevilla.org)
- €: FREE
- 🕒: Tue - Thu: 17:30 - 18:00

Located in the very center of Seville between Plaza Nueva and Plaza San Francisco, the Ayuntamiento, or Town Hall, separates the historic and shopping districts in Seville. The 19th century renovation was the work of architects Demetrio de los Ríos and Balbino Marrón. This later renovation can be seen from the side of Plaza Nueva and is an excellent example of neo-classical design. The side often featured in guide books



and photos is facing Plaza San Francisco and is a wonderful example of Renaissance architecture. This side of the building was the work of Diego de Riaño in the 16th century, who used an ornate style to depict the two mythic characters Hercules and Caesar, who as legend has it founded the city of Seville. The front steps of the Ayuntamiento (on the Plaza Nueva side) are also a popular meeting place for locals!

## El Postigo (*Postigo City Gate*)

- 📍: C/ Almirantazgo
- 📄: FREE

Located in the Arenal neighborhood and known simply as "El Postigo" to most sevillanos, the gate of the old city walls was once known as "El Positgo del Aceite". It was through this gate that shipments of oil from the river entered into the city. The original gate date back to the time of Ben Yusuf, but was later renovated in the 16th century by architect Benvenuto Tortello. The work of Pedro Roldán can be seen in the very small 18th century chapel just next to the arch featuring his baroque style altar piece.

