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#### The best of the best

Your guide for all things Sevilla, Spain. The ideal location for the classic Spanish experience. Expect beautiful archietecture, delicious dishes and drinking till dawn.

#### Sevilla

Intro

# The Spanish paradise for firsttime travelers.



#### The crown jewel of Spain

From the Arabic word for "lowland," Sevilla is known for its' rich history, beautiful Moorish architecture and vibrant culture. Whether it is the plates of paella, the tinto de verano by the river, or the Moorish tiles that draw you in, I truly believe it is the Spaniards themselves that will make you stay.

Sevilla became home for me after the most blissful month of my life. We explored every inch of this beautoful city. The historic Cathedral and the Plaza that I dream about going on morning runs in. My perfect breakfast from Jester's that was something out of heaven. The people that left a lasting place on my heart.

This is the charm of Sevilla. Let's get you there!

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Overview

## After a month studying abroad here, I like to think of myself as a local, I'm not.

# At the south end of the country, Sevilla is its' own oasis.

Traveling in and out of Sevilla is simple. For us, we had been backpacking Europe for over three weeks, ending in Barcelona. So, one six hour train ride led us right to the Sevilla Santa Justa Station. But, the Sevilla Airport is just as easy. Most flights will take you from the US to Madrid or Barcelona and then connect to Sevilla. But, this makes it an ideal location for further travel. Take day trips to Granada, Valencia, Malaga, or even the coast of Portugal. My suggestion is to make Sevilla home base and take 2 weeks to discover the magic of the city itself while taking advantage of its' close proximity to other amazing destinations.

### Things to Do

#### Historic Landmarks

One of the things that makes Sevilla such a sought after destination is its' rich history. Built from both Roman and Muslim descendants, Sevilla is one of the most culturally and architecturally unique cities in Spain. So, it goes without saying that there are sights to be seen.

Plaza de España: Built in 1928 for the American Exposition, the plaza lies within the Maria Luisa park. I suggest grabbing a cafe con leche and wandering the park and plaza in the morning to miss the heat. Morning runs here are one of my most missed moments.

Las Setas: What we Americans refer to as, the mushrooms, watching the sunset from the top of this beautiful structure is a must.



#### **Guided Tours**

Real Alcazar and the Cathedral ->



I've never been much of a guided tour person myself, but these places are an exception. The Catedral de Sevilla was opened to the public is 1519. Ever since then, this church has been the location of countless services and traditions. Buy a \$5 ticket to walk to the top of the tower just like the men on horseback did to ring the hourly bell, yes, 24 times a day.

Real Alcazar: Tour that I went on was offered by our university and included both the Cathedral and the Alcazar. Prepare for hours of information and incredible origin stories. The Alcazar was originally made as a set of fortresses designed from Muslim's. Now the home for the royal family of Spain when traveling the Sevilla, this iconic spot was even the home of its' own scene in Game of Thrones.

## Things to Do

#### Shopping

Shopping is one of the most fun things to do, and this is coming from a chronic online shopper. But, the shopping here is beyond fun. From classic gifts of ceramics and tiles, to beautiful and ginormous Zara's, it really has something for everyone. Calle Sierpes is the main shopping street in town. This street has all your major names; Mango, Oysho, Zara (of course...), the whole nine. But, it is all the surrounding streets that really took my heart. Small coffee shops, moms and daughters making fans and sewing together outfits for their babies, it truly is something to see.

When you need a little break, here is a list of my favorite coffee shops: Placido y Grata, Alfonsito, Virgen Coffee, Selva, Syko, Chök, Jester, and Cappuccino.





#### Nightlife

Now, THIS is what you come for. Fútbol lovers, beer connoisseurs, and late night parties, no matter day of the week it might be. Anywhere you go is a guaranteed good time, but here are some of the must hits.

Bars: Montana, Manhattan, Bar Julio, Bar Roko Rock, Àtico Rooftop Bar, Bar Billiard Green for game watchers alike, Pura Vida Terraza for \$4 glasses of wine and the best view of the cathedral, and every hole-inthe-wall in between.

Night Clubs: Rosso (far away but worth the trip, bring your best dresses) and Casino Terraza for the young crowd looking for strong drinks and a never-ending dance floor (seriously you won't leave until 5 am).

#### Restaurants

## What we are

# all truly here for....

THE FOOD! As a foodie at heart, living in Spain for a month was my own version of paradise. There could be a guide soley dedicated to all things food but, I'll try and keep it brief. From midday snacks before a siesta, to late night pitchers of sangria, here is your comprehensive list of all the best spots.





No nightly stroll back from dinner was complete without gelato, specifically Mito. I know it isn't Italy, but this is the best gelato i've ever had. Scattered around the city, pistachio and stratiatella are my picks.



White tablecloths and table side paella will meet you here at any local spot around Centro. It was lzzy's first ever plate of paella and it is safe to say, it passed the test.



This was our first stop when we got in to Sevilla and it did not disappoint. The beet salad and cacio e pepe are still engraved in my tastebuds.



My go-to spot, the one rent free in my mind, Jester's. Vietnamese iced coffees, acai bowls and banana bread were daily occurences for us. As an american coffee lover, this was a piece of home. **Restaurante Alimentari** 



I'm not sure why the italian food here is so top notch, but we couldn't get enough. Clean plate clubs around here.



Hands down, no doubts, the BEST spot in Sevilla. From the drinks to the short rib paella and weekly changing rice, I would do anything to go back. If you go anywhere, go here.



One of the most electic and fun environements for a dinner out. Their tapas combine Spanish culture with asian and Italian cuisine and that was enough to sell me.



The oldest tapas bar in Sevilla. This establishment does all the classics and it is a must try. Expect bocadillos, sardines, jamón galore, and loads of sangria.

#### Activities



# Bored? Never heard of her.

The one thing you will never be in Sevilla is bored. This town is packed with things to do, boredom is just not one of them. Walking for hours? Check. Exploring neighborhoods? Check. Finding the best tinto de verano? Done. I could go on and on forever. But, the one thing to understand is hwo the city divides itself. Each part of Sevilla has its' own unique feel and special aspects. From historic landmarks, to casual coffee strolls in the park, here is your breakdown of it all.

#### Activities



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Pictures will never do it justice. It is simply something you need to experience yourself.

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