

SPAIN TOURS - GROUP PACKAGES: SEVILLE HISTORY TOUR



a journey through time in seville!

Group travel

Monumental and Roman Seville

day 1 Seville - Panoramic visit

Arrival at the airport, pass through immigration and then on to visit the Square of Spain, site of the Ibeamerican Exposition of 1929 and the Maria Luisa Park. On by foot, to tour the Jewish district of Santa Cruz, before we carry on along the river Guadalquivir. We'll see the Golden Tower, the bull-ring in front of the Triana district and finally reach the ancient Expo site of 1992, now a theme park. We finish the day at the Macarena church with a Fried Fish dinner. Then transfer to the hotel, accommodation, and free time.

day 2 Seville - Monuments visit

Breakfast and then off with a guide to visit the Cathedral, the third largest in Europe. The exterior is massive and the interior striking in both its size and rich decoration. As it was one of the last to be built in the Gothic style, it has a major influence from the Renaissance period. Next to the Cathedral, you can see the 98m high Giralda Tower, before moving on to the Santa Cruz Quarter, which was once the "new" Jewish quarter of Seville and is home to the Royal Alcazar Palace. Lunch in a typical tavern.

Visit the Fine Arts Museum to discover the history of Seville through its paintings, before a transfer to the Triana Quarter, to see the town's most popular district and traditional ceramic factory. We'll take a 'Tapa's trail' for dinner in some of the local typical restaurants.

Transfer to the hotel and free time.

day 3 Roman Seville (Seville - Santiponce - Carmona - Osuna)

Breakfast and departure from the hotel to the Roman places of interest near Seville.

SANTIPONCE is located 8 kilometres from Seville with its great Roman Ruins of Italica. Italica was founded in 206 BC by Publius Cornelius Scipio and was the birthplace of Roman Emperors Trajan and Hadrian. Still standing today is the colossal Amphitheatre, and typical homes from the period. Many of the statues, mosaics and other objects that were found here are on display at Seville's Archaeological Museum, and in the Palace of the Condesa de Lebrija.

An absolute 'must-see' is picturesque CARMONA, situated 33 km from Seville, with its impressive fortifications. Carmona was originally a Carthaginian, then later, a Roman settlement. Parts of the town from the Roman period still stand, as well as the Roman Nekropolis. The palace, Alcazar, is also Roman, though the major part of today's building was built by the Moors. Lunch is taken in a typical local restaurant.

OSUNA, 86 kms from Seville, is an old dukedom. The impressive monuments crowning the hill that overlooks this farming town, give you just a hint at its past. Osuna's College and University and the Convent of La Encarnación, are famous for their fine tile work and also the sweet pastries which the local nuns sell to visitors. Before returning to Seville, we'll then see the Pantheon of the Dukes of Osuna, well known for its artistic value.

On then for dinner and a genuine Flamenco show, in a local hacienda.
Return to the hotel and free time.

day 4 Departure

Buffet breakfast. Free time and transfer to the airport.

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