

## MONUMENTAL VISIT OF SEVILLE (SANTA CRUZ + ALCAZAR)

- Duration: 2,5 hours approx.

### SANTA CRUZ QUARTER

Visitors come to the popular Barrio de Santa Cruz in Seville to experience the quarter's characteristic narrow streets, its stately manors, its flower-studded courtyards, the murmur of its fountains, the scent of orange blossom, and the enchantment and legends that surround it. It is well worth your time to take this tour calmly, to lose yourself in its streets and plazas, and feel delighted and surprised by any corner, shadow, aroma...

In the Plaza de Santa Cruz, originally home to the church that gives the quarter its name, a plaque reminds us that here lie the remains of the famous painter Bartolomé Esteban Murillo and other Seville notables.

A beautiful forged Cross presides over the center of the plaza, surrounded by a well-tended garden.



### REALES ALCÁZARES



The Alcázar (Reales Alcázares) of Seville is the oldest royal palace in continuous use as a royal residence in the world. Even today, it is still the official residence of the king and queen of Spain when they come to visit Seville. The original fort was built around 884 AD to defend against the Norman invasion of Seville.

After the reconquest of Seville by King Ferdinand III the Saint in 1248, various palaces were constructed of which only the walls and a few ruins remain.

The Gothic Palace was built during the reign of King Alphonse X the Wise, and under the rule of King Don Pedro I of Castile, for some "the Cruel" and for others "the Just", the Mudéjar palace was built, the most representative structure of the Christian period. During the sixteenth century new reforms were carried out, and the beautiful gardens were improved with plantings of orange and palm trees and with fountains and pavilions.



The Alcázar has been witness to great historical events of all kinds, given its character as a royal residence. Inside its walls, the trips of the first discoverers were planned, as for instance the first Journey around the World of Magallanes. Here, Charles V celebrated his marriage to Isabella of Portugal, and much more recently it hosted the wedding of Princess Elena and Don Jaime de Marichalar, Duke and Duchess of Lugo.

**Monday 9/09/2013 at 10:00**  
**Wednesday 11/09/2013 at 10:00**

**Meeting Point: Puerta de Jerez**

**PRICE / PERSON: 27 €**  
**(minimum 11 persons)**