

MONUMENTAL VISIT OF SEVILLE (SANTA CRUZ + CATHEDRAL)

- 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.



SEVILLE CATHEDRAL

The Santa Iglesia Catedral, Seville's breathtaking cathedral, was built on top of the largest Almohad mosque in ninth century Seville, erected by King Abd-al-Rahman II, on the same site as the earlier Byzantine Basílica de San Vicente.

The old mosque's minaret has been conserved, now as the Cathedral's nearly 100 meter-tall bell tower, crowned with a weathervane called the Giraldo, from which it takes its name, Giralda. The Patio de los Naranjos was also preserved



– it used to be the courtyard where necessary ablutions were performed before entering the mosque.

Today it is the largest Gothic temple in the world and the third in all of Christianity, occupying 22.720 square meters.

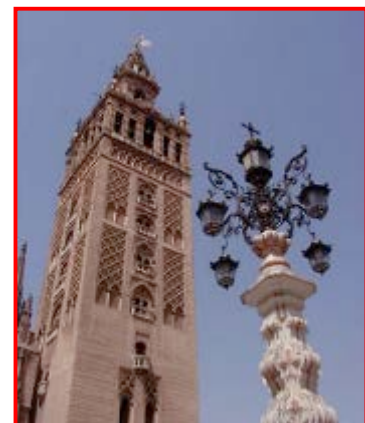


Its Flemish stained glass windows, dated from the eleventh to the nineteenth century, are magnificent. The mausoleum in the interior of the Cathedral houses the remains of the discoverer of the New World, Christopher Columbus, whose coffin is borne by four heralds that represent the kingdoms of Castile, León, Aragón, and Navarre.

The Cathedral of Seville was declared a national monument in 1928, and in 1987 UNESCO declared it a World Heritage Site.

GIRALDA

The popular Giralda of Seville is really the old minaret of the twelfth century Almohad mosque, transformed into the bell tower of the Cathedral. It is topped by a weathervane called the Giraldillo (the name Giraldillo, and by extension Giralda, comes from this weathervane, as it is seen to turn, or *girar* in Spanish, in the wind). The Giralda is the most famous sight in Seville and its most popular symbol, with a height of 94 meters.



Tuesday 10/09/2013 at 10:00
Thursday 12/09/2013 at 10:00

Meeting Point: Puerta de Jerez

PRICE / PERSON: 26 €
(minimum 10 persons)