

SEVILLA

ACCESSIBILITY GUIDE



ABOUT SEVILLA

Seville is the fourth largest city in Spain and it is the capital of Andalucía. Its weather is very nice almost all year round, but if you are not used to high temperatures, you have to avoid the summer time if you wish to visit the city.

The old Quarters of the city are the largest of its type in all Europe and also one of the oldest. It abounds with interesting corners and intimate, quiet or lively squares, located in the shade or in the sun. The streets are winding, narrow, with plenty of palace houses, convents and churches, bars, taverns, orange trees, traditions and customs which still manage to surprise everyone.

That is why sometimes when going from one place to another, whether on foot or on wheels, it is only possible to travel in the street, due to the lack of pavements or to the width of them. The streets of Sevilla are narrow or extremely narrow. This means that pedestrians and vehicles are travelling along the same road and therefore, naturally, have learnt to respect each other and give way.

Seville is a very compact city with all the major attractions within walking distance from each other. Some pavements are quite worn and narrow, making it an issue for mobility. Sticking to the busier parts is the easier option; it's the small, quiet streets that are a bit problematic.





The Plaza de España in Seville is without a doubt one of the most beautiful plazas in Spain. The square is surrounded by a large 515 metre long canal that is crossed by 4 bridges, each one representing the 4 ancient kingdoms of Spain (Castile, León, Aragón and Navarra).

The complex has a balanced structure of a central building with long arms that end in two towers, named South Tower and North Tower. There is a series of 48 tiled alcoves or benches, each representing a Spanish province. The benches are ordered alphabetically and each one has the name, coat of arms, map and some historical facts. In spite of the state of some of the tiles, they are absolutely spectacular for their artistic value and representations of the history of Spain. It's a ceramic encyclopaedia!

LA PLAZA DE ESPAÑA

Plaza de España is completely flat and easy to navigate for wheelchair users. The floor of the square is very flat and easy to traverse in a wheelchair. The Plaza is located in the centre of Parque de María Luisa. The Parque is completely flat and wheelchair accessible. However, some of the paths have a thin layer of hard sand. This should not pose any issues for wheelchairs. If so, these parts can be avoided.

The Plaza is situated inside María Luisa Park, next to Avenida Isabella La Católica, a pedestrianized avenue with ice-cream sellers and bike rental stands. This is the best way to reach the park, entering near the Teatro Lope de Vega and Fabrica de Tabaco.





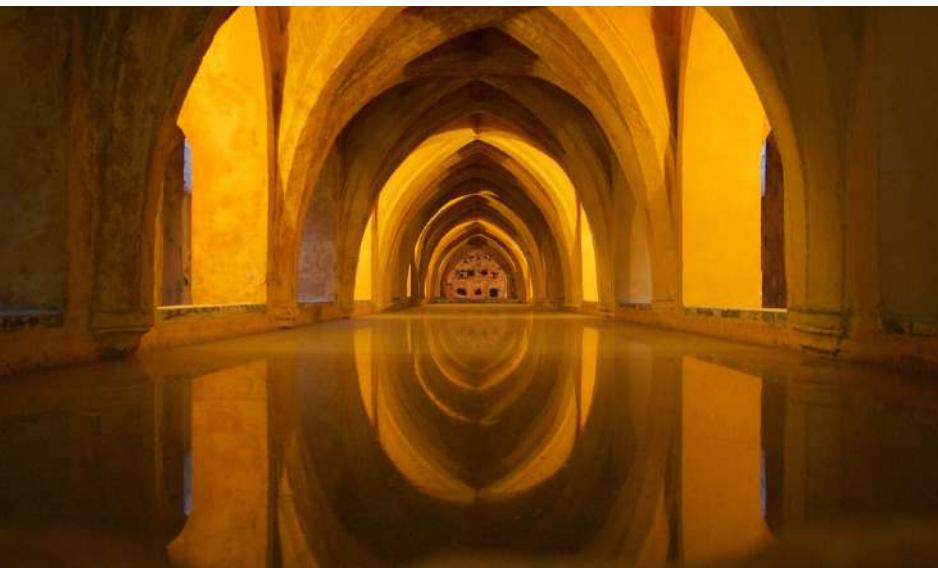
CATHEDRAL OF SEVILLA & LA GIRALDA TOWER

The Cathedral of Seville is the third largest Catholic temple in the world after the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome and St. Paul's in London. Initially, the Moors built a mosque at this location. The main part of the Giralda tower and the Patio de los Naranjos are the only remaining parts of the original mosque. The bell tower was the minaret and the courtyard was the ablutions patio where the faithful washed themselves as part of the Islamic rite.

Accessibility info:

The area surrounding the Cathedral is flat. You will experience some mild cobblestones in certain areas. The interior offers good wheelchair accessibility with flat and smooth surfaces and plenty of turning space. The Giralda tower does not have steps to reach its top. However, for safety reasons, it is not allowed to go up there in case you have reduced mobility.

There is an accessible entrance at 'Puerta del Principe' in Calle Genova. They also provide accessible toilets, free wheelchairs service for people with reduced mobility, brochures in Braille and free sign guides service for deaf or hard hearing visitors.



There are few places that have withstood the test of time as gracefully as the Royal Alcázar of Seville. Located near the renowned Jewish Quarter, this incredible fortress was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987.

Maybe you can recognise it because it appears in the famous TV series Games of Thrones being the kingdom of Dorne.

Highlights of the palace include the Patio de las Doncellas courtyard, with its beautiful tiled plinths and the Patio de las Muñecas courtyard with its fascinating collection of capitals.

The artistic heritage of the Alcázar was enriched by magnificent contributions in the renaissance periods, such as the spectacular tiled altar made in 1504 and the painted altarpiece in the Almirante room, dedicated to the Virgin of Sailors.

Accessibility:

- Free wheelchair service.
- There are elevating platforms and/or ramps to save the different slopes.
- Some rooms have steps to get in.
- Adapted toilet in common areas.
- Brochures in Braille.

REAL ALCAZAR DE SEVILLA



REAL FABRICA DE TABACOS



The Real Fábrica de Tabacos de Sevilla is the old tobacco factory in the city of Seville. This enormous neoclassical building was built between 1728 and 1771 by order of the royal family and offered room for more than 10,000 (predominantly female) employees. The most famous employee was Carmen, known from the opera of the same name by the French composer Georges Bizet. She was known for the fact that she could roll the cigars between her thighs.

The complex of the tobacco factory included a private prison, a nursery and a courthouse. In addition, it had as many as 116 mills for the tobacco and stables for 400 mules that helped grinding. Since 1949 the factory halls of the old tobacco factory are part of the University of Seville. The inside of the building has been adapted to its new function as a university, but inside you can still enjoy the authentic atmosphere.

Accessibility:

- Accessible entrance
- Adapted toilets

Archivo de Indias

The Archivo de Indias or Archive of the Indies is an institution responsible for the custody and conservation of all the documents related to the Spanish colonies.

It covers more than three centuries of history of a vast territory including the American continent as well as the Philippines. The archive building is located in the city centre, between the Cathedral and the Alcazar Palace. You can visit both the permanent collection and the temporary exhibits that are organized from time to time.

Accessibility:

- Accessible access (ramp)
- Adapted toilet in common areas.
- Lift with adequate dimensions for wheelchair users
- The height of the exhibitors is suitable for wheelchair users

ARCHIVO DE INDIAS & GUADALQIVIR RIVER

Boat trip along the river

With departures every half hour throughout the year, you can enjoy the beautiful views offered by the Guadalquivir River. During a 1-hour trip you will get to see Seville from a different perspective.

Accessibility:

The boat Luna del Guadalquivir is accessible including adapted toilet. The boat Surfing does not have an accessible toilet. You can access the pier from the road that goes down from the San Telmo Bridge to the Torre del Oro (Golden Tower).



ACCESSIBLE MUSEUMS

Museo de Bellas Artes

The Museo de Bellas Artes is one of the most important art museums in Spain, probably the second one after El Museo del Prado in Madrid. It exhibits the most famous paintings of the Seville School (15th to 17th centuries) featuring an impressive collection of works by Murillo, Valdés Leal, Zurbarán and El Greco among others.

In the 17th century, Spain underwent a spectacular flourishing in the arts, during the period known as the Siglo de Oro (Golden Century). And its best representation is the work of the Seville-born Diego de Silva y Velázquez. He is universally acknowledged as one of the greatest painters of all time.

The original building was a convent, but the building that you can visit today dates from 1602. The works started with the church's construction. It was finished in 1612, whereas the rest of the premises were concluded almost 50 years later.

Accessibility:

The entrance is accessed from the main entrance by a ramp. The museum has 2 floors which both are accessible using the elevator. To access the different rooms, there are access ramps and there is adequate space for the circulation and manoeuvring of wheelchairs. There are 2 adapted toilets located on the ground floor, one for men and one for women.



ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM & MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

Andalucian Museum of Contemporary Art

It is housed in a former monastery turned ceramic factory, which is tastefully integrated into the space of the museum, towering brick kilns and all. Now solely a contemporary art museum, it is praised as a breathtaking art monument in and of itself, located on its own completely accessible island.

In addition to being a marvellous space to wander, the collection emphasizes the history of contemporary art in Andalusia as well as it honours the artistic movements and relevant issues of artistic creation today and over time in Seville and throughout Europe.

Accessibility:

The museum is upstairs, but it is accessible by a rather large elevator. It shouldn't be a problem at all if you'd like to go up and see the exhibits. They have an accessible bathroom.

Archaeology museum

Among the Seville museums, the Museo Arqueológico is a very special one. Not only it contains invaluable pieces of art (some of them more than 2,000 years old!) but it is also one of a kind on its own. The building was the Renaissance Pavilion during the Ibero-American Exposition that took place in 1929, and its neomudejar style can only be seen in Seville. Throughout the years, it has grown considerably and it now covers the period from the Roman Empire to the Middle Age (15th century).

Accessibility:

It is only accessible with help and has adapted toilets

PALACE OF LEBRIJA

Palace of Lebrija – Casa Palacio de Lebrija

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 traveller as well as a dedicated collector as the house indicates in its displays of pieces from as far away as Mexico and the Far East. Thanks to her work many of the Roman mosaics discovered around Italica have been preserved. Today it is still the private home of the Counts of Lebrija.

Accessibility:

The visit includes only the ground floor of the palace, which is accessible and has adapted toilets.



Carriages Museum – Museo de carruajes

A small museum with carriages of various kinds. It is located next to the Mulas Muelle, one of the privileged areas of the city, 100 meters from the Torre del Oro and 10 minutes walking from the Cathedral, enjoying a magnificent view across the Guadalquivir River by the San Telmo Bridge.

Accessibility:

It is accessible and has adapted toilets.



ACCESSIBLE BARS & RESTAURANTS

You will find many bars and restaurants, which are accessible, although many of them will lack adapted toilets. Some tapas bars around the Cathedral do have disabled toilets. There are quite a lot of bars that have toilets up or down stairs, but there are many that don't. Also, if you ask, they often have ground floor toilets that are not signed as they are only used for staff and they will take you there.

San Fernando

Located in the magnificent colonnaded Andalucian-style courtyard of Hotel Alfonso XIII, Restaurante San Fernando provides lunch and dinner in the heart of Sevilla. It is wheelchair accessible.

Abades Triana

Abades Triana is located in Calle Betis, by the Guadalquivir River and right across from the Golden Tower (Torre del Oro) in the popular Triana District. It is wheelchair accessible and has adapted toilets.

La Hostería del Prado

At a privileged location, at the end of the San Fernando Street, next to the University (former tobacco factory) and Gardens of San Sebastian. Following a recent reform, the restaurant part of Hosteria del Prado has been transformed into a new restaurant, Ispal, which opened in May 2017. It has an access ramp, elevator dimensions suitable for wheelchairs and accessible toilets in common areas.

La Raza

The situation of Restaurante La Raza is unbeatable; in the park of Maria Luisa, surrounded by extensive vegetation and several outdoor terraces. In addition to the coffee bar, with a wide variety of tapas, they also have an a la carte restaurant. It is accessible, has a reception desk with two heights and accessible toilets in common areas.



ACCESSIBLE AND PUBLIC TOILETS

When going out and about it is useful to find where the nearest toilets and other facilities are.

There are quite a few shopping malls and department stores, which have disabled toilets. El Corte Inglés usually have very clean toilets. You can also find disabled toilets in the shopping mall Plaza de Armas / Centro Comerciales Plaza de Armas. Fast food restaurants like MacDonald's and Burger King also tend to have accessible toilets. So has Starbucks.

It is not easy to find public toilets in Sevilla, let alone accessible ones. There is one in the María Luisa Park, close to the Plaza de España.

Many museums and attractions normally have them too. You will find adapted toilets in:

- Cathedral de Sevilla y La Giralda – Cathedral of Seville and Giralda Tower
- Real Alcázar – Royal Palace
- Antigua Fabrica de Tabacos – Royal Tobacco Factory
- Museo Archueológico - Archaeology Museum
- Centro Andaluz de Arte Contemporáneo – Modern Art Museum
- Museo de bellas artes – Museum of Fine Arts
- Museo de carruajes – Carriages Museum
- Museo Casa Palacio de Lebrija – Palace of Lebrija
- Hospitales de los Venerables – Hospital De los Venerables
- Mercado de Triana – Plaza del Altozano
- Mercado de la Calle Feria
- Baños Arabos 'Aires de Sevilla' – Arab baths

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