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[www.turismo.sevilla.org](http://www.turismo.sevilla.org)  
[www.spain.info](http://www.spain.info)

#### Newspapers

El Pais  
El Mundo  
ABC  
La Vanguardia

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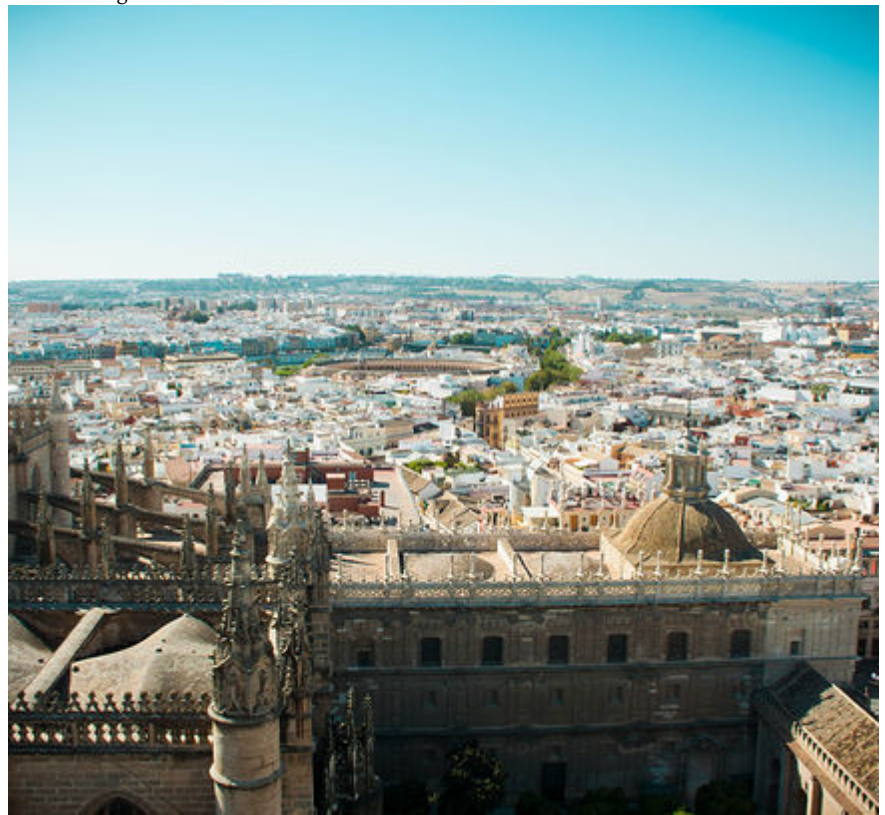
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# SEVILLE

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Seville is an experience—a mix of Moorish architecture, beautiful 17th-century palaces and clusters of streets and alleys with tapas bars. The Flamenco and the slow Guadalquivir river just add to the charm.

## THE CITY



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The Phoenicians arrived in this area first, establishing a number of trade colonies by the river. They taught the locals how to work with iron, and created a new way of processing gold. The Romans were next, and founded the town of Hispalis a few hundred years BC. Hispalis grew in to a beautiful and prosperous city, but never managed to emerge from the shadow of nearby Córdoba. The Visigoths transformed Hispalis in to a provincial seat and a centre of learning. In the 11th century, the Moors captured the city and re-named it Ishbiliya, but they too chose to make the grander city of Córdoba their capital. They even named it the Córdoba Caliphate.

After almost 400 years of civil war battles between Christians and Arabs, the Moors withdrew from their beloved Al-Andalus. Soon after, the inhabitants of Seville finally struck gold. When Christopher Columbus discovered a new continent in 1492, the exclusive trade rights were given not to Córdoba, but to Seville. The city quickly became the wealthiest and most cosmopolitan city in Europe, and retained that position for several hundred years.

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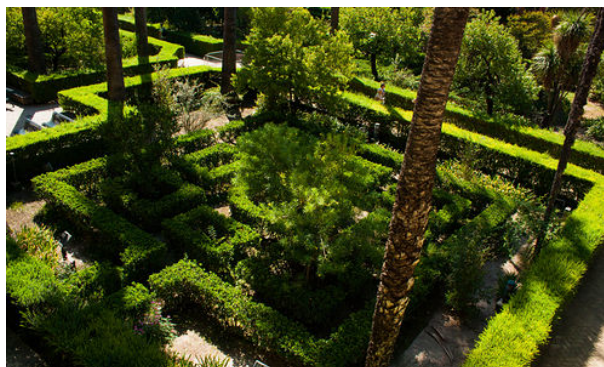


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## DO & SEE



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Today's Seville is not a world centre, but it is a lively place, definitely worth exploring. Some of the sights include the Moorish castle of Alcazar, the former upper-class neighbourhood of Santa Cruz, the promenades along the Guadalquivir river, the rougher Macarena neighbourhood with its Baroque churches, and the oldest bar in Spain, El Rinconcillo. The city's gigantic Parque de Maria Luisa is worth visiting, as are the bohemian chic bars in the Alameda de Hércules district.

### **Cathedral Santa María de la Sede**

This is the third-largest cathedral in Europe. It was originally built as a mosque in the 12th century and its 328 feet high minaret is now the Giralda clock tower. Christopher Columbus is buried inside the cathedral.

Address: Avenida de la Constitución  
Phone: +34 902099692  
Internet: [www.catedraldesevilla.es](http://www.catedraldesevilla.es)

### **Museo de Bellas Artes**

This museum, located in a former convent, has several masterpieces in its collections. Works by Goya, Murillo, Millian and Ribera share the space with modern art exhibitions.

Address: Plaza del Museo 9  
Phone: +34 954 22 07 90  
Internet: [www.juntadeandalucia.es/cultura/museos/MBASE/](http://www.juntadeandalucia.es/cultura/museos/MBASE/)

### **Alcázar of Seville**

It is easy to mistake this for a Moorish palace, but it was built for King Pedro the Cruel in the 1360's - by

Moorish builders. The upper levels are still used by the royal family.

Address: Plaza del Triunfo  
Internet: [www.patronato-alcazarsevilla.es](http://www.patronato-alcazarsevilla.es)

### Semana Santa

During Easter, Seville is transformed into a photographer's paradise. Processions with the Virgin Mary and Jesus, the Nazarenos asking for penance, and colourful, but not necessarily well-tuned, orchestras.

### Sevilla Bike Tour

This is a great way to get an overview of the city sights, while doing something healthy at the same time! There are no strenuous hills en route and as long as you don't suffer from any health problems, this is the way to go.

Address: Calle Arjona 8 Seville  
Phone: +34 954 562 625  
Internet: [www.sevillabiketour.com](http://www.sevillabiketour.com)

## EATING



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Life in Seville seems to revolve around meals. In other words, there is a huge selection of restaurants, though the selection is not as international as it is in Madrid or Barcelona. The best eateries are traditionally Andalusian, in both ambience and cuisine. The locals eat late and most restaurants start filling up after 22.00.

### Egaña Oriza

José Mari Egaña is Basque, but serves modern

Andalusian cooking. Try the lomos de lubina con salsa de erizos de mar (perch with sea urchin sauce) and solomillo con foie natural y salsa de ciruelas (fillet of beef with foie gras and plumb sauce).

Address: Calle San Fernando 41  
Phone: +34 95 422 72 54  
Internet: [www.restauranteoriza.com](http://www.restauranteoriza.com)

### La Albahaca

La Albahaca is located by a quaint square in the Santa Cruz part of Seville. The space is decorated with tiles and antique oil paintings, and is very reminiscent of times gone by. The food, however, is contemporary, almost haute cuisine, with some Basque influences.

Address: Plaza Santa Cruz 12  
Phone: +34 95 422 07 14  
Internet: [www.andalunet.com/la-albahaca](http://www.andalunet.com/la-albahaca)

### Taberna del Alabardero

This is the equivalent of Jamie Oliver's restaurant Fifteen in London. A place where wayward youths learn to become master chefs and professional waiters. The menu is Neoclassical with ingredients from feudal days. For example, the Cordoba soup is served with both quail eggs and jabugo ham.

Address: Calle Zaragoza 20  
Phone: +34 95 450 27 21  
Internet: [www.tabernadelalabardero.es](http://www.tabernadelalabardero.es)

### Enrique Becerra

Old family-owned Andalusian restaurant complete with a tiled bar. The kitchen creates refined versions of traditional home cooking, there is the pez espada al amontillado (swordfish with dark sherry) and exquisite side dishes such as espinaca con garbanzos (spinach with chick-peas).

Address: Calle Gamazo 2  
Phone: +34 95 421 30 49  
Internet: [www.enriquebecerra.com](http://www.enriquebecerra.com)

### Salavador Rojo

This upscale restaurant is completely devoid of

Andalusian features, except when it comes to the menu. Try the Cantabrian anchovy toast with grilled sweet paprika, or the vegetable soup with onion and ham crème.

Address: Avenida Manuel Siurot 33  
Phone: +34 95 422 97 25  
Internet: [www.salvadorrojo.com](http://www.salvadorrojo.com)

### Tapas Bars

The Andalusian region, where Seville is located, is the birthplace of tapas and there are plenty of great places in the city to enjoy them—both in terms of atmosphere and for the food itself. Visit Calle Mateo Gago and try several tapas bars.

La Fresquita is a hole-in-the-wall type place serving mini toasts with morcilla (blood sausage), and The Bodega Santa Cruz has a tasty tortilla. Bar Giralda in a former Moorish bathhouse is also worth a visit.

### CAFES



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The locals in Seville are particular about their coffee. For example, they only have the café con leche for breakfast, often with a croissant. Mid-day they tend to have either an espresso, a café solo or a cortado, espressos with a drop or two of milk.

### La Campana

This café is an institution in Seville. It's also a great place for people-watching, especially on Saturday afternoons when it seems like the whole city comes here after their shopping sprees to devour pastries like the almond-filled *lenguas de almendra*.

Address: Calle Sierpes 1  
Phone: +34 95 422 35 70  
Internet: [www.confiterialacampana.com](http://www.confiterialacampana.com)

### Chef Chaouen

It looks like a tourist trap, but is in fact a good Moroccan restaurant. Your senses will be convinced that you are in a teahouse somewhere in Tangier or Marrakesh. The menu has herbal teas, including a few that claim to do wonders for the drinker's libido, milkshakes, liqueurs and Arabian cookies and sweets.

Address: Calle Pelay Correa 83

### Emperador Trajano

This is considered one of Seville's trendiest cafés. Behind large windows and nestled in the sparse interior are the young fashion-conscious citizens of Seville. Have breakfast here and enjoy the rather amusing morning rush.

Address: Calle Trajano 10  
Phone: +34 95 490 5111

### Egoista Star Café

This place is looking to attract modern people with appreciation of the avant-garde interior design. The spacious facility invites everyone to enjoy their varied menu with unusual coffee, hot or cold tea, juice, hot chocolate and more.

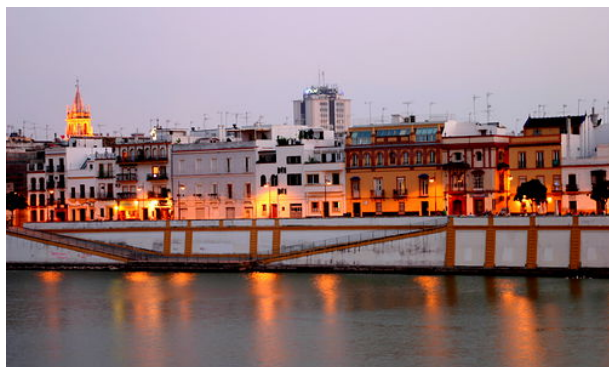
Address: C/ Santa Barbara nº4  
Internet: [www.egoistastarcafe.com](http://www.egoistastarcafe.com)

### Torre de los Perdigones

The tower, 45 meters high, gives a great view of the city. From the beginning this tower was part of an ammunition factory. In the 1950's the factory was closed down and in 2007 the Camera Obscura was built on the Tower of Perdigones.

Address: C/Resolana s/n  
Phone: +34 679 09 10 73  
Internet: [www.torredelosperdigones.com](http://www.torredelosperdigones.com)  
More Info: Closed for vacation 3 - 17 August

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Seville is synonymous with nightlife, especially during the summer when people go out so late that the expression "early morning life" might be more appropriate. The party areas around Plaza Salvador Alfalfa Square don't even get going until three or four in the morning.

The hippest area right now is Alameda de Hércules. This is where you will find bohemian chic bars such as El Habanilla, Bulebar and Platea, music clubs like Club, and the El Barón Rampante gay bar. Younger visitors might enjoy the Café del Mar, where nostalgic Ibiza tunes provide the soundtrack.

As a tourist, one should visit a couple of flamenco bars. A good one is La Arenal, at the corner of Pagé de Corro and Antillano Campos. The Flamenco performed here is said to be true to its roots, spontaneous, and full of real emotion.

Here are a few other bars:

### El Rinconcillo

Seville's oldest bar has been in business since 1670, and the bill is still written in chalk on the bar. They also serve good tapas.

Address: Calle Gerona 40  
Phone: +34 95 422 31 83  
Internet: [www.elrinconcillo.es](http://www.elrinconcillo.es)

### Bestiario

From the beginning this was a street pub, and after several transformations, it is today a funky bar and

club that continues to attract a crowd. The concept now is more lounge than pub.

Address: Calle Zaragoza 33  
Phone: +34 95 421 34 75  
Internet: [www.bestiario.net](http://www.bestiario.net)

### B3

A place with lively atmosphere, famous DJs like Armin Van Buren, Erick Morillo, David Guetta, Robbie Rivera and many more. It is easy to find B3, less than half an hour's drive away from the city.

Address: Avenida de España,111  
Phone: +34 617429582  
Internet: [www.discotecab3.com](http://www.discotecab3.com)

### El Tremendo

El Tremendo is a famous cervecería in Santa Catalina that specializes in one thing, and one thing only: cold beer! The glasses are larger and the beer colder, and this attracts the crowds for after work or to get the night started. Tables are set up along the corner of the street and you mingle with the rest of the people standing up as there are no chairs!

Address: Almirante Apodaca, 15  
More Info: District: Casco Antiguo - Neighbourhood: Encarnación-Regina

### Sala Boss

Sala Boss - "Boss room" is a classic in the Seville nightlife. Theme parties, international Dj's and concerts draw the crowds to this elegant night club.

Address: Fortaleza 13  
Phone: +34 95 499 01 04  
Internet: [www.salaboss.es](http://www.salaboss.es)

## SHOPPING



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Seville does not have the shopping of Barcelona or Madrid, but its diverse neighbourhoods still offer some interesting finds. Seville is for example a haven for shoe lovers. North of the La Giralda clock tower lies Seville's largest shopping area, centred on Calle Sierpes and Tetuan. In addition to the shoe shops (including Camper and Ziro's - who sell the Muxart brand), there are proper souvenir shops. Get your high quality shawls, hand fans and Sevilla hats from places like Juan Foronda, on Calle Virgen de los Reyes 3. They will also design a unique Flamenco dress for you.

The working-class neighbourhood of Triana, on the opposite side of the river, is well-known for its ceramics market and tile havens such as Cerámica Santa Ana on Calle San Jorge 31. Over on Calle Rodrigo de Triana is La Casa del Cofrade, a must for every visitor to Seville. They create the traditional Nazareno robes worn during the Semana Santa. For more shoes, visit Calzados Mary Paz, on Avenida Santa Cecilia 23.

The Alfalfa district is where the unholy alliance of antique stores and trendy galleries are found. There are also a handful of noteworthy fashion shops here, like Purificacion Garcia (on Calle Rioja 13), and Homeless (on Calle O'Donnell 16).

## SLEEPING



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Whether you are planning a vacation, a special weekend or a business meeting, rest assured, you will find a place that appeals to you.

### Alfonso XIII

This hotel was built for the 1929 Ibero-American exhibition and named after the king. Despite its faux Moorish architecture, the Alfonso XIII is Seville's—if not southern Spain's—most prestigious hotel, and the choice for those with money to spend.

Address: Calle San Fernando 2  
Phone: +34 95 491 7000  
Internet: [www.alfonsoxiii.com](http://www.alfonsoxiii.com)

### Silken Al-Andalus Palace

Superbly designed luxury hotel with a large relaxation area. On the premises is a restaurant with Italian cuisine and a tasty buffet. There is one bar by the swimming pool, and a piano bar with live music. Easy access to the airport and railway station.

Address: Avenida de la Palmera  
Phone: +34 954 230 600  
Internet: [www.hoteles-silken.com/hotel-al-andalus-palace-sevilla](http://www.hoteles-silken.com/hotel-al-andalus-palace-sevilla)

### Doña María

Old-fashioned, charming and filled with antiques. There is also a roof-top pool with views of the city.

Address: Calle Don Remondo 19  
Phone: +34 95 422 49 90 / +34 90 250 05 24  
Internet: [www.hdmaria.com](http://www.hdmaria.com)

### Hotel Don Paco

The hotel is located in the historical city center of Seville. The streets surrounding the hotel form part of the most historic and authentic areas of Seville. The swimming pool on the rooftop gives you a great city view. The hotel offers delicious meals of local and international dishes in the hotel's buffet restaurant. You can also plan a tour using the WiFi internet service.

Address: Plaza Padre Jerónimo de Córdoba 4-5, Casco Antiguo  
Phone: +34 954 506 999  
Internet: [www.hoteldonpaco.com](http://www.hoteldonpaco.com)

### Hotel Goya

The British real estate agents are right—it's all about location, location, location. This small family-owned hostel has the perfect location, right in the heart of the old Santa Cruz neighbourhood.

Address: Calle Mateos Gago 31  
Phone: +34 95 421 11 70  
Internet: [www.hotelgoyasevilla.com](http://www.hotelgoyasevilla.com)

### Zaida

Hotel Zaida is located in the center of Seville. The building is an 18th-century house with all the amenities. Within walking distance from the hotel you will find monuments, typical restaurants, shopping and nightclubs.

Address: San Roque 26, Casco Antiguo  
Phone: +34 954 213 612  
Internet: [www.hotelzaida.com](http://www.hotelzaida.com)

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<http://www.forex.se/sv/Om-FOREX/Bankbutiker/>

### Airport

Seville's airport is located ten kilometres (six miles) northeast of the city. Several bus companies serve for the city and major hotels. Tickets are €2.50 one-way for the twenty-minute journey. There is a taxi stand just outside the terminal. A fee of €1 per bag is added to the cost of the journey, usually €15.

Internet: [www.aena.es](http://www.aena.es)

### Public transport

Seville's local transport is managed by TUSSAM. The main bus routes are served 06.00-23.45, and there are also six night buses. A single-journey ticket costs €1 and a ten-trip carnet is €5. Travel cards ranging from one day to one month are also available.

Phone: +34 954 55 72 00 / 902 459 954

Internet: [www.tussam.es](http://www.tussam.es)

### Taxi

All taxis in Seville belong to the same company. They use different dispatchers, but the prices are the same. Here are a few of the numbers to call:

Radio Taxi Giralda

Phone: +34 95 467 55 55

Tele Taxi Sevilla

Phone: +34 95 462 22 22

Radio Taxi

Phone: +34 95 458 00 00

### Post

Spanish post offices are known as Correos. Stamps can be bought at post offices and at kiosks -the "Estancos".

### Pharmacy

Pharmacies have alternating opening hours during nights and weekends. Addresses are posted at pharmacies.

### Dentists

Clinica Sevilla is located at M. Aux Iliadora 25 and can be reached on telephone.

Phone: +34 954 915 590

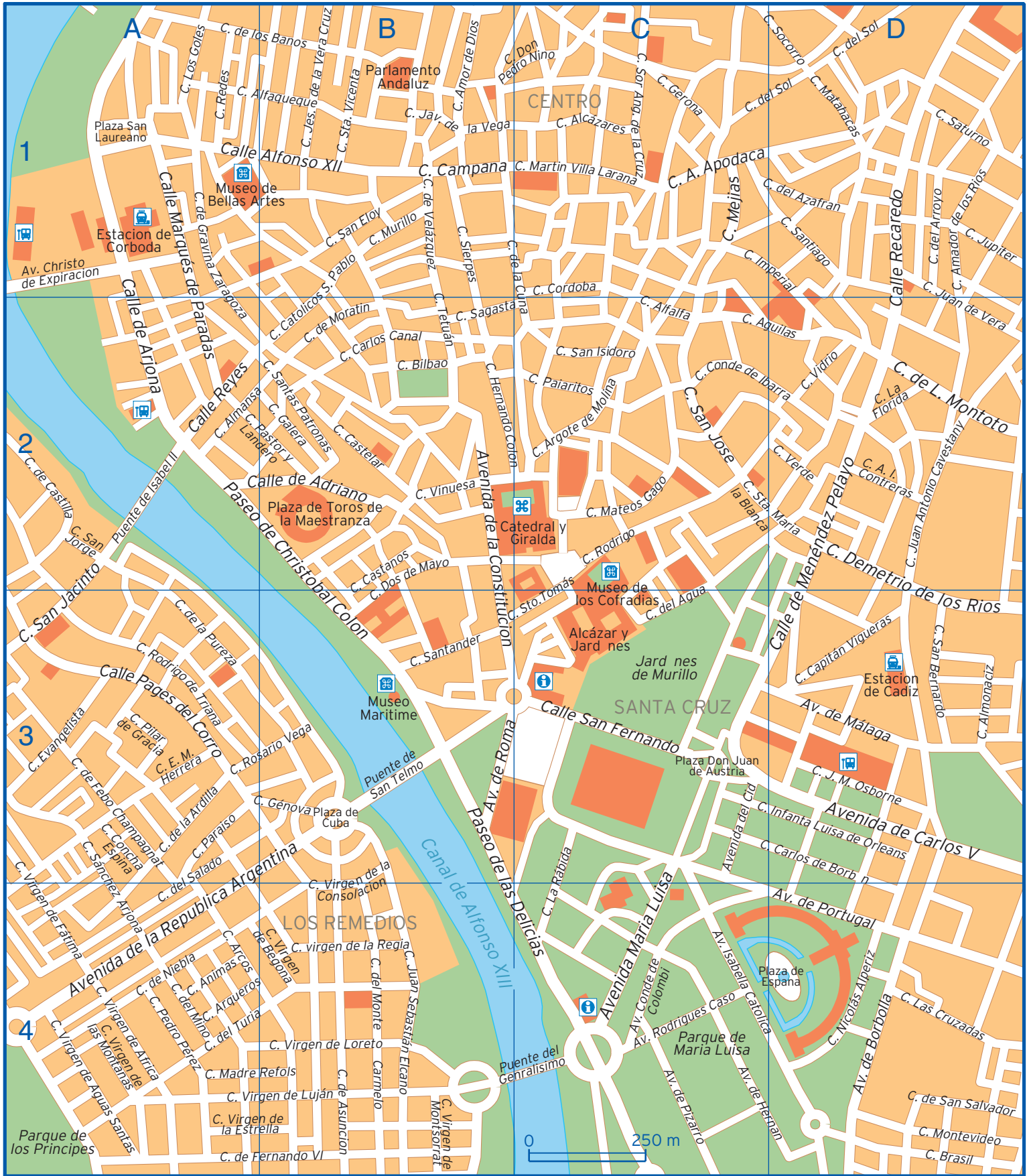
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