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Seville, Spain

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Few European cities combine history, beauty and walkability as seductively as Seville in southern Spain, balmy even in winter and perfumed by the blossoms of some 40,000 orange trees. It's been home to Romans, Moors and finally the Spanish, who in 1503 made the city Spain's principal port, vastly enriching it. The capital of Andalusia, Seville ticks many boxes for travelers seeking quintessential Spain — [flamenco](#), gazpacho, [bullfights](#), equestrian culture and colorful ceramic tiles. Monumental sites like the [Cathedral](#), [Royal Alcázar palace](#), and the [Archive of the Indies](#) collectively merit their own [UNESCO designation](#). New additions include an expansion of the city's contemporary art center [CAAC](#); a replica of the [Nao Victoria](#), the ship that departed Seville in 1519 and the first to circumnavigate the globe; and a crop of new hotels, including the just-opened boutique [Cristine Bedfor](#) and the Four Seasons, planned for 2027.