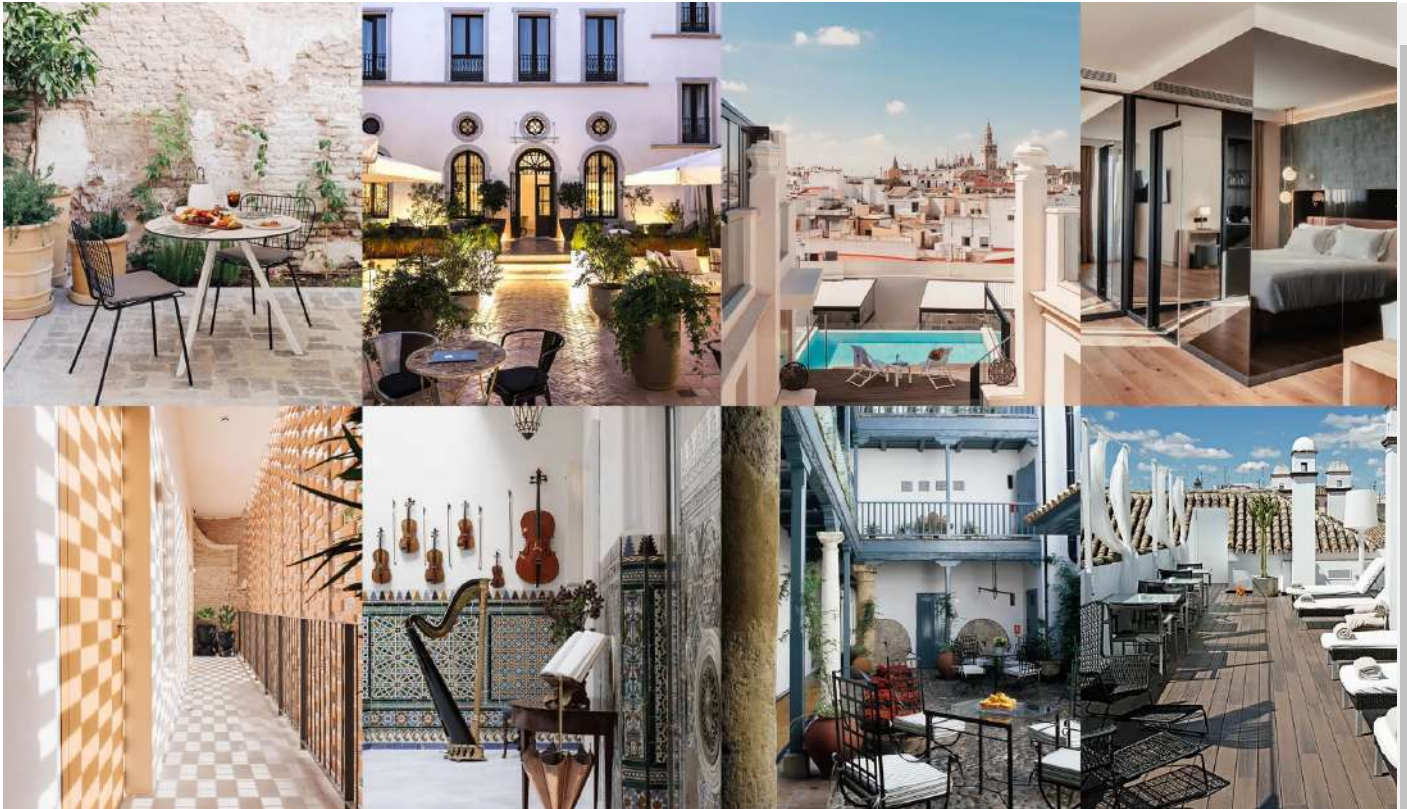


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# The best hotels in Seville

*From traditional townhouses to uber-cool new openings, these are the best hotels in Seville right now*

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Seville is ready for a true return to form. The city whose splendour has inspired countless works of music, art and poetry is in the beating heart of Andalucía, with its enchanting streets lined with orange trees and Moorish highlights. It's a flavour that infuses the city's architecture, which is also full of colonial influences due to the wealthy merchants that traded across the Spanish Empire. Saturated with various styles and cultures, many of the city's age-old properties have been carefully converted into cool places to stay, while remaining steeped in heritage. Whether you're in search of a rooftop pool to dip into or classic Moorish architecture, this is your ultimate guide to the best hotels in Seville.

## What are the best hotels in Seville with a view?

For a beautiful vista, we love Unuk in the Soho district, where guests can take in the city sights from the rooftop pool and terrace. The experience rooms on the third floor all come their own private terraces that overlook the city, as well as sun loungers and a jacuzzi. Nearby in the Santa Cruz District, some of the rooms at EME Catedral Mercer have beautiful views of Seville's cathedral – although the best vantage point is from the rooftop bar. For a grand stay, some of the rooms at Alfonso XIII have views from their private balconies.





## Nobu Seville



The new **Nobu Hotel Sevilla**, on the edge of the Plaza San Francisco, is blessed with one of the best locations in the city's historical heart. Practically all of the must-dos are a short stroll away, from the jaw-dropping cathedral and Real Alcázar palace to convivial tapas bars, leafy squares, and streetside cafés that provide excellent people-watching – this is an eminently elegant city. Housed in two buildings dating back to the early 20th century, the hotel's blend of Japanese minimalism and inspiration from local artisanal heritage feels like a refreshing departure from some of the city's more maximalist options. The 25 rooms and suites here have an uncluttered, calming mood, and those facing the square are filled with natural sunlight. The onsite restaurant offers reliably good Nobu classics, as well as a menu of smaller bites in the adjacent bar, but the real showstopper is the rooftop. Bijou in size but big in impact, it's worth heading up early to secure a spot for sundowners among the city's rooftops. You'll also find the hotel's plunge pool up here, not big enough for laps but perfect for cooling off from Seville's hot summer sun. *Nicola Chilton*

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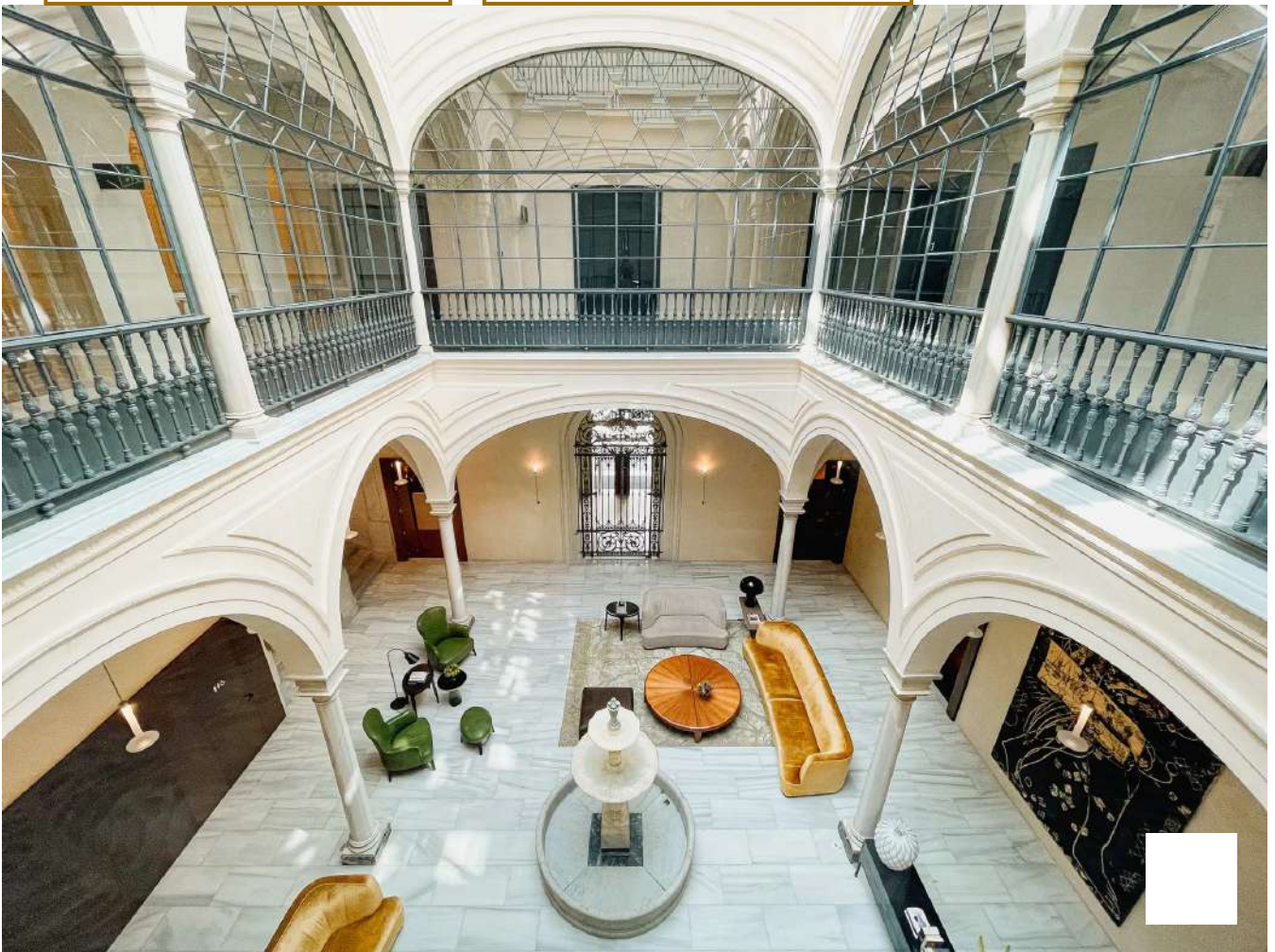
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## Alfonso XIII



For a taste of truly regal extravagance, look no further. Built specially for Seville's 1929 Expo, this majestic establishment was commissioned by the then king of Spain, who gave it his own name. Look out for the monarch's mahogany and bronze throne: this was originally used in the royal office of the premises, which is where the restaurant Ena now sits. Here, executive chef Brian Deegan had just launched a new menu including grilled Iberian pork with escalivada and scallops with cauliflower foam. The hotel's 148 rooms alternate **Andalusian**, Castilian and Moorish decorative styles; with grand stairways, sweeping corridors and ornamental patterns everywhere the eye can see.

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Mercer Hotel

## Mercer Sevilla

Spanish boutique hotel group Mercer – specialists in remodelling historic buildings into smart accommodation – converted this late 19th-century mansion in the El Arenal neighbourhood into a polished, elegant five-star hotel in 2016. Seville-based architecture firm Cruz y Ortiz restored the period building, maintaining characterful original features such as the marble spiral staircase.

With just 11 bedrooms, the atmosphere is palatial yet intimate and the cool colours of the spaces create a stylish look, tastefully complemented by modern furniture pieces. Also in Seville is its larger sister property, EME Catedral Mercer, whose rooftop bar is a popular drinks spot with knockout views of Seville's spectacular cathedral.

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**Palacio Villapanés**

Step through the massive wooden doors of this property and up the marble steps to the sound of water trickling from a fountain surrounded by gardenias, magnolias and palms. From its restaurant to its orange tree courtyard out back, captivating vistas await you at each step around this splendid Baroque palace named after the marquis of Villapanés, whose descendants lived in it until just 15 years ago. Originally, however, it was built by the marquis of Torreblanca de Aljarafe, whose immense coat of arms can be found on the grand staircase that ascends from the romantic central patio. It's a step into history, although contemporary designers from Philippe Starck to Patricia Urquiola have helped to create the spaces you see today.

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## Corral del Rey

Set in what was once a busy trading neighbourhood, this welcoming 16-room boutique is divided across buildings on either side of the narrow street with which it shares its name. Two of the rooms have private pool terraces for a glass of wine while taking a dip. Bars and cafés are found on the nearby Plaza de Alfalfa, and popping into the Casa Pilatos and the Iglesia del Salvador is a must. The olive oil served at breakfast is produced on the grounds of Corral del Rey's sister property, [Hacienda de San Rafael](#), a countryside ranch with six acres of gardens, about 45 minutes drive from Seville – a dreamy rural escape to disconnect after a few days in the city.

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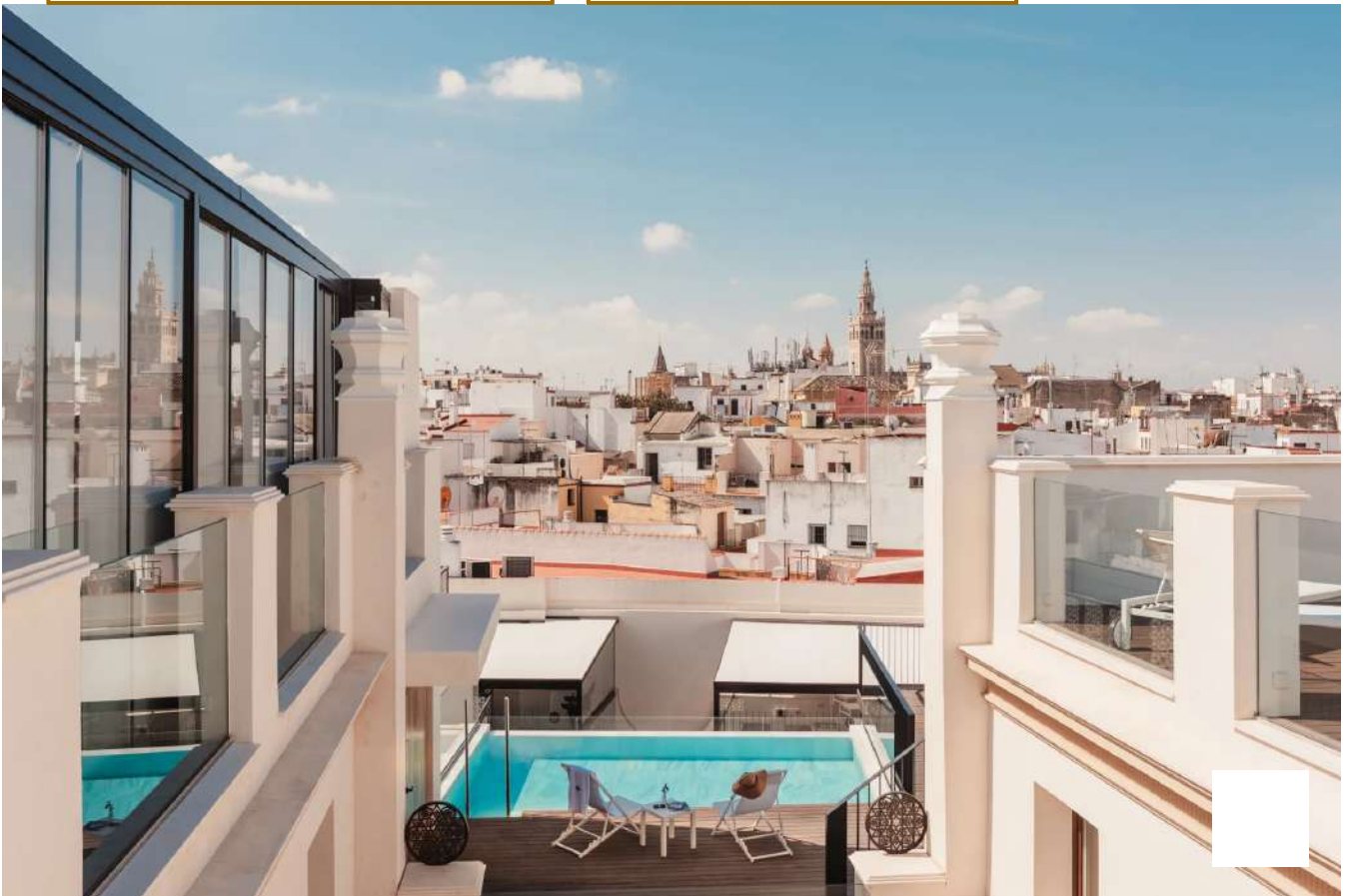
## Plácido y Grata



In a step away from the classic Seville look – colourful and opulent – the city’s latest arrival has gone for a pared-back, minimalist aesthetic that feels contemporary and cosmopolitan. Owner Marta Santana designed the new hotel with her **Barcelona**-based studio Your Living Space. The muted colour palette is soothing, while touches of terracotta found throughout are earthy and warm; decorative pieces range from **Swiss** icons Le Corbusier and Vitra to contemporary Scandinavian brands like Ferm Living and Skagerrak. The hotel welcomes locals at its trendy café (one of the few in the city serving speciality coffee), a relaxed drinks bar and – across the street – its restaurant which serves fresh, modern Spanish cuisine.

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## Unuk

This new Seville-born hotel brand opened its stylish townhouse in the ‘Soho’ district, a flourishing *barrio* for contemporary **art galleries**, independent clothing outlets and handicraft boutiques. An immediate favourite of the young, stylish crowd, it has quickly established itself as one of the best hotels in Seville. It’s urban luxury at this property, whose outdoor spaces on the roof extend across various levels, including seawater swimming pool. Unuk’s personalised



concierge service will help you get to know not just Seville but all of Andalucia. But before going further afield, be sure to visit the nearby Setas de Sevilla, an undulated overhead wooden structure made up of six parasols resembling giant mushrooms; climb to the top for a 360-view across the city.

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## Las Casas del Rey de Baeza

There's a famous song that says *Sevilla tiene un color especial* ('Seville has a special colour'). For this 41-room hotel, located in the Santa Catalina neighbourhood, that colour is a turquoise blue found in the painted wooden railings and columns that line the central courtyards, with cobbled stone floors and creepers climbing up the whitewashed walls. A communal building like this – a *corral de vecinos* – would historically have been residence to families of workers who served in Seville's many aristocratic palaces and stately homes. The hotel is named after the king of the taifa of Baeza, a mediaeval kingdom that existed for just two years in the 13th century Al Andalus.

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## Hotel Amadeus

Seville is more than just flamenco – classical music lovers will also find inspiration here. Sisters Zaida and Cristina run this charming hotel, once the home they grew up in, and a homage to their family’s love of classical music: find it hidden away in the Santa Cruz neighbourhood, home to Seville’s Alcazar and **cathedral**. The 42 rooms are named after classical greats from Puccini and Liszt

to Monteverdi and Maria Callas. Cellos and violins hang as decoration, which can be plucked from the walls for a fiddle, and you can't miss the grand piano and harp in the main patio. There are also rehearsal rooms where guests can brush up on their symphonies and stretch their vocal cords.

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Martin Garcia Perez

## Triana House

The sound of strumming guitars and mournful singing might drift in the air as you stroll the streets of Triana, historically home to blacksmiths, craftspeople, bullfighters and - most importantly - some of the world's best flamenco dancers and singers. Triana House, a cosy guesthouse with six rooms, is testament to the authentic, homely feel of the barrio. In tribute to one of its strongest craft traditions, the property features ceramic tiles made by local artisans. A small but exquisitely decorated property, Triana House expands from **May 2022**, opening a new seven-bedroom boutique hotel just next door, whose opulent aesthetics represent Andalusian grandeur, with Cordobán leatherwork and gold leaf details.



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## Las Casas de la Judería

A network of passageways, tunnels, gardens and patios connect this labyrinthine collection of 27 different traditional Sevillian houses located in the Jewish quarter. Discover century-old fountains, statues, pedestals and columns around every corner as you find your way to the rustic elegance of your room. The underground spa is a plunge into Ancient Rome, where the walls are lined with marble mosaics depicting classical deities and mythological creatures, offering baths, massages and other thermae-style treatments. Nearby, discover Seville’s Jewish heritage by visiting the churches of San Bartolomé and Santa María la Blanca, which were once synagogues.

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