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# RESORT REPORT

Shining the spotlight on the best destinations

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# MERCER SEVILLA

Seville, Spain

## Where is it?

Located in the 19th Century Casa Palacio Castelar in Spain's stunning southern city of Seville.

# What's the appeal?

The hotel only just opened in November, and sits in the heart of the historic city, within minutes of the Torre del Oro, La Giralda, Seville Cathedral, Real Alcazar, Plaza del Triunfo and Real Fabrica de Tabacos.



In keeping with the Andalusian style, a stunning central courtyard provides the authentic heart to the hotel. There are only 12 rooms and suites, so you are guaranteed privacy and exclusivity.

The Mercer Restaurant is a chic space that prides itself on delivering its guests the best breakfasts in town. In the heart of the courtyard is also a cocktail lounge, with bespoke cocktails designed for the hotel. Award-winning barman Diego Cabrera brings his global experience to the hotel, creating a distinctive cocktail culture.

The traditional Spanish rooftop terrace has been transformed into an oasis of relaxation through the addition of a swimming pool and solarium. Open to

guests during the day and at night, it is a favourite spot to retreat to from the bustling city below. There is a rooftop bar that serves a light menu and drinks, great for taking in the night-time city views.



The Mercer Suite is a classy, spacious suite with high ceilings and three balconies, perfect for looking out over Castelar Street. The 63-square-metre room can connect to a 47-square-metre Junior Suite through a private hall, which works well for groups or families.

# How to get there

Seville is a well-connected Spanish hub. with direct flights from many major cities. Certain suites come with free private transfer in and out of the hotel.

www.mercersevilla.com



# BLUMEN HAUS, LECH

BRIEF

This hotly anticipated boutique hotel opened its doors for the first time in December. In the heart of Austria's glitzy ski resort, this hotel knows the clientele it aims for and has designed the luxurious interior accordingly. www.blumenhauslech.com



# COTSWOLD HOUSE, UK

A £1 million restoration includes a full renovation of the restaurant histroand hotel suites. A newly opened tea room completes the Chipping Camden hotel and spa. It officially reopened in October with an exclusive event. www.bespokehotels.com/cotswoldhouse



# DUKES HOTEL, LONDON

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# SHAKTI 360 LETI, INDIA

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