

## SEVILLE, SPAIN

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### Seville - Lebrija Palace and Casa Pilatos

#### ACTIVITY LEVEL: STRENUOUS

Begin with a panoramic drive through the city of Seville, passing beautiful **Colón Avenue** with its typical Sevillian houses, the neo-Classical **Maestranza Bullring** (the largest in Spain), and a remnant of Seville's Moorish fortifications. Watch for the avenue of palm trees where most of the beautiful buildings from the **Ibero-American Exhibition of 1929** are located. **Maria Luisa Park** is sure to impress with its unique **Plaza de España**, decorated with ornamental tiles representing a historic moment from each Spanish province. You will visit the **Lebrija Palace** which dates from the 16th century. This majestic palace is considered one of the best residences in Seville with Roman mosaics, covering almost the entire ground floor, resulting in the palace being considered the "best paved house-palace in Europe." You will continue with a walking tour through the city and have some free time for exploring on your own. Then you will visit the **Casa Pilatos**, residence of the Dukes of Medinaceli, with its Renaissance, Italian, and Mudéjar Spanish styles before re-boarding the bus for your ride back to the ship.

Please note: There are steps at Lebrija Palace and Casa Pilatos.

PRICE\$99

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### Seville and the Alcazar

#### ACTIVITY LEVEL: STRENUOUS

Begin with a panoramic drive through the city of **Seville**, passing beautiful Colón Avenue with its typical Sevillian houses, the **neo-Classical Maestranza Bullring** (the largest in Spain), and the **Golden Tower** - a remnant of Seville's Moorish fortifications. Watch for the avenue of palm trees where most of the beautiful buildings from the Ibero-American Exhibition of 1929 are located. You will see impressive **Maria Luisa Park** with its unique **Plaza de España**, decorated with ornamental tiles representing a historic moment from each Spanish province. You will visit the **Santa Caridad Hospital** - now a museum. This former hospital, which dates back to the 17th century, was most likely built by the man who inspired the infamous womanizing character of Don Juan (his real name was Miguel Mañara). A nun will guide you through the courtyard - painted in bright earth tones. Don't miss the masterpieces by 17th century Spanish painters Murillo and Valdes-Leal in the Baroque chapel. Next you will stop at the **Alcazar** - the palace of caliphs and kings for almost 700 years, now a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Explore this amazing Moorish fantasy in filigree that was built in the mid-1300s. The Alcazar's floors, ceilings and walls are intricate works of art, and the **Patio de las Doncellas** is noted for its friezes, tiles

and stucco work. Well-manicured gardens, filled with the scent of orange blossoms and roses, contribute to the overall sense of peace and detachment from the world outside.

Please note: Alcazar could be changed to Casa Pilatos if the King & Queen of Spain should happen to be visiting Seville. There are steps involved at the hospital and at Alcazar.

PRICE\$89