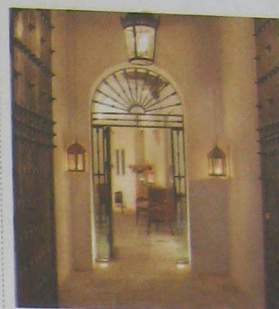
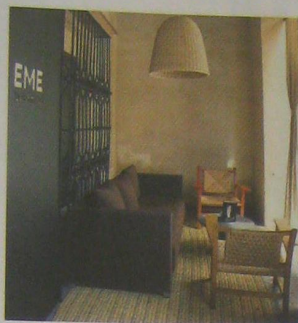


# Seville

**Room service** Fiona Flores Watson hand-picks four of the best hotels in the Andalusian capital



## Design

## Budget

## Hidden gem

## Boutique

EME FUSION HOTEL

LA CASA DEL MAESTRO

HOTEL HOLOS

CORRAL DEL REY

### Location

Couldn't be much better: right **opposite the cathedral**. Some rooms have direct views of the iconic Moorish Giralda tower

In a tiny street near the lively bars at **Alfalfa** and **Plaza Terceros**; handy for Casa de Pilatos and Barrio Santa Cruz

In an upmarket residential area **near the university** and Real Betis stadium, about five minutes' drive from the centre

In a narrow, cobbled street a stone's throw from buzzy Alfalfa, **Barrio Santa Cruz** and the main shopping areas

### Ambience

**Cutting-edge design** finally comes to Seville in a mix of modern Italian furniture, lattice screens, 16th-century arches and sandstone walls

Formerly home to flamenco guitarist **Niño Ricardo**, it's a 19th-century house built around a central patio, with a plant-filled roof terrace

A restored **1929 Expo villa** with an extraordinary, undulating slatted-metal roof: a daring mix of contemporary and suburban styles

Elegant and welcoming: a **17th-century palace** with Scandinavian wooden floors, Roman columns and an eclectic mix of furniture

### Clientele

Guests have included **James Blunt** and Ornella Muti; Kofi Annan and Al Gore have eaten at Santo



Celebrities from the worlds of flamenco and **bullfighting** (whose costumes decorate the hotel)

Mostly architects and **academics**, plus the odd football fan

Hollywood stars, international musicians, **sports personalities**

### Rooms

Fifty-five rooms and seven apartments, **all different**. Some 'fusion' rooms have cathedral views; the N suite has a terrace with a Jacuzzi

Eleven; the two ground-floor rooms are the biggest, while Gaditanos on the second floor has a **small balcony**

Seven small, well-equipped, **light-filled rooms**; number 7 has a mezzanine level with an extra futon

Six, in three sizes; the three second-floor rooms have high, **beamed ceilings** and feel more spacious; only rooms 2 and 5 have baths

### Eating & drinking

Santo for modern Mediterranean; Japo for Asian fusion; Santo Terraza for **poolside cocktails**



You can eat breakfast in the downstairs dining room, which has an **honesty bar**, or on the roof terrace

There's a shaded, indoor-outdoor café with a **small but select menu** (pâtés, salads, meat dishes); also cocktails on the first-floor terrace

**Contemporary Spanish cuisine** in Zucchini restaurant; tapas and drinks in the new bar, on the roof terrace or in the vaulted basement cellar

### Best thing

Watching the **Giralda** turn orange and gold at sunset

Breakfast can be ordered **whenever you like**, and served in your room if you prefer

Owner Carmen Ortega Sastre's **personal approach**



**Five-star touches** such as Denon iPod docks and Lutron lighting

### Worst thing

Impractical design features such as **flimsy clothes rails** instead of wardrobes

It's **hard to find**, and taxis can't stop right outside as it's on a pedestrianised street

It isn't near the main attractions, so probably **best for second-time visitors**

The restaurant can seem **too quiet**, lacking the buzz of most eating places in the area

### Price

Doubles from **€200**

Doubles from **€118**

Doubles from **€139**

Doubles from **€300**

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Calle Uruguay 8 (00 34 954 296069; [www.hotelholos.com](http://www.hotelholos.com))

Calle Corral del Rey 12 (00 34 954 227116; [www.corraldelrey.com](http://www.corraldelrey.com))

One of the city's best-loved hotels, the Gran Meliá Colón ([www.gran-melia-colon.com](http://www.gran-melia-colon.com)), has just reopened after a major refurbishment