

This **April** in Sevilla

CURATED LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS by the Mercer Hotel Sevilla Concierge team

Naturaleza Encendida

Royal Alcazar Garden. Until April 30th

Flows is an experience to connect with the different cultures which have passed through Seville. An immersion, throughout colorful lights, in the sea currents which led the sailors from Seville to the world. A journey across the different artistic movements the Royal Alcazar offers: Islamic, Renaissance and Romanticism.

Seville Color Exhibition

Casa de la Provincia. Until June 15th

"Following the Lumière's path. Seville in color (1914–1929)" is an exhibition that lets the visitors know how Seville was in 1914. It's composed of 63 pictures dating from 1914 (the oldest existing photos). The exhibition also shows books, travel guides and typical pieces from that period.

Manila's Shawl Exhibition

Bellver Museum - Fabiola House. Until April 21st

"Manila's Shawl: from Canton to Sevilla. 100 years of Juan Foronda" shows the famous and typical Manila shawl's history, uses, handmade production and wonderful designs.

Illustrious Sevillians Pantheon

The Annunciation Church was built during the 16th century. After the Jesuits expulsion, it passed into the hands of the University of Seville in the 18th century. The old crypt under the church keeps the "Illustrious Sevillians Pantheon" from the 2nd half of the 20th century. As an example, the sevillian poet Gustavo Adolfo Bécquer (1836–1870) was buried in that crypt.

Thursday Market

Feria Street

It's a famous outdoor market for being the oldest one in Spain. This market takes places every Thursday from centuries ago. The origin is unknown, although it's thought it started before the conquest of Sevilla by King Fernando III from Castilla. Nowadays, it's an antiques and second-hand market.



Feria de Abril

The great spring festival

From 14th to 20th April

The origins of the April Fair date back to 1846 when the city councillors had the idea of holding an annual fair for buying and selling livestock. This fair would take place during 3 days in the month of April.

Nowadays, the Feria de Abril is the most popular spring festival in the city and it's declared a Festival of International Tourist Interest.

The Feria is made up of ephemeral "casetas" (temporary stalls) that are distributed in different streets through which riders, horse-drawn carriages and 500,000 visitors circulate daily.

A multitude of traditions come together at the Feria. For example, women and girls dress in flamenco or "Sevillana" costumes (the only regional costume in Spain that follows fashion and whose designs slightly change every year).

Another of the peculiarities of this festival is the "rebujito", the popular drink based on fine wine or "manzanilla", white soda and mint.

The Fair ends on April 20 at 12 midnight with a fireworks show on the banks of the Guadalquivir river.



Córdoba

Day trip to the city of the flowers

Córdoba is known worldwide for its Mosque-Cathedral. It has a beautiful Roman bridge and a monumental ld town declared World Heritage site, with small streets, flowered patios and pleasant squares.

40 min. distance on high-speed train.

Tickets to the mosque must be booked in advance.