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## Seville Safety and Visitor Information

### Seville Quick Facts

- Seville was voted as one of the top 25 favorite cities in the world, according to CNN Traveler Readers' Choice awards
- Seville has the best preserved historic city center in all of Europe
- Seville was rated the fourth most bike-friendly city in the world according to the 2013 Copenhagenize Report
- Seville is home to the third largest cathedral in the world
- Christopher Columbus prepared his trip to the New World in Seville and set sail from neighboring Palos de la Frontera, Huelva
- Seville is home to two notable Universities: the University of Seville was founded over 500 years ago and hosts more than 70,000 students- the biggest student body in all of Andalusia and University Pablo de Olavide, founded in 1997 is one of the most modern universities in Spain
- El Rinconcillo, Seville's oldest Restaurant-Bar first opened its doors in 1670





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## **Seville Safety Stats:**

### **Spain has one of the lowest crime rates in Europe**

According to the European Union crime index, Spain has one of the lowest levels of delinquency in all of the UE. The Secretary of State Safety, Antonio Camacho says that Spain is 20 points below the EU average for criminality, which means that the country is safer than the United Kingdom, Germany and even France. Is Spain safe? Without a doubt, he says.

Sociologists, police, lawyers and politicians all agree on the low crime levels of Spain, and the statistics support them. In 2006, the crime level in Spain showed that 50.7 crimes were committed per thousand habitants. That's roughly 70 points less than the levels of Sweden, a country known for its civic responsibility, perfection and order.

“Delinquency is not a problem in Spain”, says Díez Ripollés, representative of the Ministry of the Interior. According to oficial statistics, the most grave and violent crimes only represent 7.9% of the total crimes committed throughout the country.

### **Seville, even safer**

The Government of Andalusia presented the “best stats” of the crime level in Seville “in the last four years”. In Seville, the crime index has dropped 2.39%, with violent crime decreasing by 17.07% and robberies by 16.08%. A state representative says, “These are the best crime stats of the city in the last four years and we have to continue working to do better through coordination and with the Offices of District Security.”



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## **Seville, named a “sustainable city” for its extensive bike lanes**

The Delegation of Infrastructure for a Sustainable Seville has received, from the Environmental Forum Foundation and EcoCity, one of the Sustainable City Awards in the category of mobility for the work, design and construction of a network of bike lanes running 77 kilometers long.

According to the foundation, Seville was awarded because “one of the essential objectives of this network of bike lanes was to make bikes work functionally with other means of transportation besides the car, especially with public transport, increasing mobility and facilitating an effective inter-modality for everyone”.

This is the sixth consecutive year in which the Environmental Forum Foundation and EcoCity have awarded the Sustainable City Awards, which are given in recognition of the effort of the municipal and local entities of the Spanish state which have satisfactorily developed projects aimed at sustainability.

## **Seville is the safest city for bike riders in Spain**

Seville is the safest city to ride your bike in all of Spain. The city, already rated as the fourth best city in the world for bikers, has also been named as the best bike city in Spain for its superior connectivity, comfort and primary use as the transportation for urban movement.

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