

# 5<sup>th</sup> PCNS – Travel Guide

9-12<sup>th</sup> September 2025, Seville, Spain

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## Venue Location

The next 5th edition of the PCNS Passive Components Networking Days Symposium will take place at [Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingeniería de Sevilla](#) of **Universidad de Sevilla, Spain** in partnership with **Alter Technology** as a live event.

Seville is one of the most beautiful and charming cities in **Spain** and **Andalusia** with wide range of cultural and historical place to visit and enjoy.

The university and PCNS conference location is at former EXPO park in the north part of the city

**Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingeniería de Sevilla**  
**Camino de los Descubrimientos,**  
**41092 Sevilla, Spain**

Google Maps link:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/MwwQDgAnixzJCeVa8>



## Notes:

1. *Welcome Drink on September 10th will take place in the main university building from 19:00 to 21:00*
2. *Gala Dinner on September 11th is organized outside of the university. Buses will take attendees after the Alter Technology tour to the Gala Dinner place in the center of Seville. Spouses and other registered accompanying attendees not attending the Alter Technology tour are welcome to join the Gala Dinner at the Maquiavelo location at 20:00 on September 11<sup>th</sup>.*

### **Maquiavelo**

**Esquina con Puente de los Remedios,**  
**P.º de las Delicias, 41012 Sevilla**

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/YnhKVXMqkUfDqkEF7>

<https://maquiavelosevilla.com/espacios/>



## How to Get to Seville?

Seville is a beautiful and charming city in Spain and Andalusia. It boasts one of the country's most significant cultural and historical offerings.

If you're flying into Seville, you'll arrive at the Seville Airport (SVQ), which serves numerous major international destinations. Located just 10 kilometers east of the city center, you can easily reach it by taking a 35-minute bus ride or a 15-minute drive. Looking for a convenient transport to the City, there is a bus (<https://www.aeropuerto-sevilla.com/seville-airport/transportation/seville-airport-bus.php>) which leave airport frequently and cross the city, having some few steps in city center.

Seville is also well-connected by highway, making it convenient to drive from locations like Madrid, Portugal, Málaga, Huelva, and Córdoba. For a scenic and luxurious experience, you can also take a cruise along the Guadalquivir River, the only major navigable river in Spain.

### Seville Transport, Metro & Airport

**Tram (Metro-Centro):** The Metro-Centro tram is a 1.4 km line through the center of Seville. The tram connects Plaza Nueva to Avenida de la Constitución (near the cathedral). The tram stops at Archivo de Indias, Puerta de Jerez, San Sebastián and San Bernardo.

**Bus:** Seville has a great network of buses. Most buses depart from Puerta de Jerez (south of city center) or Plaza Ponce de Leon (east of city center). The Plaza de las Armas is mainly a bus station to travel to other Spanish cities and from the bus station Prado de San Sebastián the local buses depart. Bus tickets are available from the driver (from € 1.30) or in a kiosk. City buses C1, C2, C3 and C4 run in, through and around the center. More information on busses and city transport at [Tussam](#).

**Trains:** Trains depart from Santa Justa station and are intended for transport between Spanish cities. High-speed trains link Seville with Madrid and other major Spanish cities. More information on [Renfe](#) trains.

### Seville Travel Card

A very handy public transport product has recently been launched on the market, the [Seville Travel Card](#). With this card (from € 45) you have the following transport including:

- Private taxi from the airport in Seville to your accommodation (one way), where the driver will meet you at the airport with a name sign.
- Optional: Seville public transport card for 3 days (metro, bus and tram). You will then receive this from your driver in the taxi (speaks english).

**Taxi:** Taxis in Seville are cheap and always go by the meter. These official taxis are white and have a yellow line. There is a higher rate at night, weekends and holidays. You can take a taxi in two ways; You go to one of the many taxistands (close to every tourist sight) or stop one in the street. The taxi will take you from Seville airport to the city centre in 15 to 20 minutes for a fixed price (about € 28, you can already prebook at [Welcome Pickups](#)). A short trip to the city costs between 7 and 8 euros.

tele taxi link: <https://teletaxisevilla.es/en/order-taxi-teletaxi-seville/>

**City Map:** You will find also a map of Seville important places and public transportation on <https://pcns.events/downloads/>.

### Seville Hop on Hop off Bus

Almost every major city has a hop on hop off bus, including Seville. It's a convenient and quick way to see all the sights, especially the ones that are a bit more on the edge of the old town. The total route along the 14 stops

takes 75 minutes and the bus runs every 30 minutes. You can get in and out for 24 hours between 10am and 9pm. The price is from 25 € (children from 5 - 12 years old for 13 €).

- [24h Ticket Hop on hop off bus 25 €](#)
- [48h Ticket Hop on hop off bus 25 €](#)
- [Seville Pass 59 €](#) (48h Ticket Hop on hop off bus + Real Alcazar + Seville Cathedral)

## Getting Around Seville

Seville is relatively compact, and many of its major attractions are conveniently located near each other. This makes it a breeze to explore the city on foot or by bike. The city boasts a network of bike lanes, and you can even utilize Sevici, Seville's bike-sharing program, for quick access to bicycles.

For a more reliable and efficient way to get around, Seville's extensive bus network is an excellent option. Additionally, the city has a metro line that runs east to west, providing a convenient way to reach the outskirts of Seville.

Driving in Seville isn't the most reliable option due to its many pedestrian-only streets and challenging parking situation. However, it's a convenient way to travel between Seville and other Andalusian cities. Several car rental agencies are available in the city, including at the airport, and there are also several parking lots throughout the city.

Other useful links:

<https://en.andalucia.org/places-to-visit/seville/>

<https://welcometoseville.com/>

## Best Things to do in Seville

Here are some of the best things to do in Seville:

- Explore the **historic city center**: Seville's historic center offers a variety of surprising activities. Don't miss the opportunity to experience one of the world's most unique cultures by attending a **Flamenco show**.
- Admire the city's Arab past: Throughout the city, you can see the city's Arab past reflected in its monuments. Many of these monuments are close to each other, so you can visit them while strolling through the center. If you're visiting during the summer, be sure to take a break from the heat by having a **tapa and going for a walk at dusk**.
- Visit the **Real Alcázar**: If you have a free hour and a half, make sure to visit the Real Alcázar, an immense palace that was the seat of power of Al-Andalus in the 10th century. Besides the palaces and patios (the beautiful Patio de las Doncellas is a must-see), be sure to take some time to stroll through the gardens decorated with orange and palm trees.
- Other essential places to visit in Seville, as outlined in this guide, include **the Cathedral** and the **Giralda tower**, which symbolize the city. The Cathedral, the oldest Gothic cathedral in the world, stands on the site of a former mosque, with the iconic Giralda tower, a minaret, still standing. The tower was integrated into the Christian building with the addition of a bell tower at its top, making it one of the tallest in Europe. You can enjoy a drink on the rooftop of EME, where you'll be rewarded with breathtaking views, especially at night when the cathedral is illuminated.
- The **Plaza de España** is a must-visit in Seville. It's a symbol of the Andalusian city, renowned for its striking and colorful tiles and bricks. The plaza is divided by a canal that can be crossed by any of the four bridges. However, it's best to avoid visiting during the day, as there aren't many shady areas. The Plaza de España's picturesque beauty has made it a popular filming location, appearing in movies like Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones and more recently, the Game of Thrones series. Nearby, the Parque de María Luisa offers a refreshing green space, filled with palm trees and rose bushes.

- The **Plaza de Toros de la Maestranza** is one of the most visited attractions in the city. If you're interested in learning more about this Spanish tradition, guided tours are available in Spanish and English every 20 minutes.
- Explore the charming neighborhoods of Seville, such as the **barrio de Santa Cruz**, the old Jewish quarter, known for its narrow streets, alleyways, and squares like the **Plaza Doña Elvira**. Alternatively, head to the **barrio de Triana**, an excellent spot for tapas on the other side of the Guadalquivir River.
- Seville's most popular attraction is the **Metropol Parasol**, located in the Plaza de la Encarnación. Climbing the Mirador de las Setas, the world's largest wooden structure, offers breathtaking 360-degree views of the city.



There are some more tips in the appendix at the end of this document.

## Where to Eat in Seville

Seville's gastronomy is a must-try for foodies. The city's culinary scene showcases the best of Andalusian cuisine and tapas culture. Some of the most popular dishes include *espinacas con garbanzos* (spinach with chickpeas, especially popular during winter and as a tapa), *presa ibérica* (a cut of pork from the shoulder), and *salmorejo*, a thicker version of gazpacho.

Ramón Lopez' Antigua Abacería de San Lorenzo is a great place to savor authentic local dishes. Other must-visit restaurants include the always bustling Eslava and El Rinconcillo, which has been serving traditional Andalusian cuisine since 1670.

Sevilla is a tapas lover's paradise. You must try local delicacies like *salmorejo* (a cold, tomato-based soup), fried fish, ham, and *montadito de pringá* (a type of pâté made with meats from Andalusian stew). The list is endless, almost as many as the number of bars and restaurants you'll encounter as you explore the city center.

As for drinks, beer (Cruzcampo is the most popular brand in the city) or wine are great choices to complement the dishes. If you're in the mood for typical white wines from Andalucía, ask for a *manzanilla* or *fino*. On a hot day, a *rebujito* (a refreshing mix of *manzanilla* or *fino* with soda water and lime) is a must-try.

For tapas, the center of Seville offers several excellent options. The Bodeguita Antonio Romero (behind the Plaza de Toros), Casa Morales (near the Cathedral), Casa Román, and La Brunilda Tapas are all great choices. If you're looking for something creative, try Bar Eslava. They're famous for their unique tapas, like the "*cigarrillo de Bécquer*" (cuttlefish and seaweed mixed with squid ink wrapped in phyllo dough) and the "*huevo sobre bizcocho de boletus*" (egg on mushroom cake).

Another must-do in Seville is a stroll along the Guadalquivir River in the Barrio de Triana. The picturesque streets are lined with many places to grab a bite to eat for lunch or dinner. Calle San Jacinto is a great place to start. The Blanca Paloma, Las Golondrinas, and Patio San Eloy are all popular choices. If you prefer to sit on a terrace with a view of the river, there are several restaurants like Abades Triana on calle Betis.



Another option for lunch or dinner is the Mercado Lonja del Barranco, an old fish market transformed into a gourmet food court. Here, you can sample international cuisines and local products like Iberian ham.

If you're seeking a unique dining experience, head to Restaurante San Marco, nestled in the historic 12th-century Arab baths. It serves Mediterranean and Italian dishes. Taberna del Alabardero, a renowned establishment in the city for the past four decades, offers rooftop reservations with stunning city views. For a memorable dinner accompanied by Flamenco, visit El Arenal or Palacio Andaluz, a tablao where you can enjoy a meal or drink while the dancers clap.



## Weather in Seville

Seville enjoys a sunny and warm climate throughout the year. While the summer months can be quite hot, especially July, the hottest month, with average daily high temperatures around 36°C (96.8°F).

Based on typical weather patterns for early September, the city experiences warm to hot weather with daytime temperatures often ranging from the high 20s to mid-30s Celsius (around 80-95°F). Nights are mild and comfortable.

## Accommodation

Seville offers a diverse range of options, from 3-star to 5-star hotels and apartments, ensuring you can find a suitable place to stay during the PCNS conference in September.

If you're visiting Seville for the first time, consider staying near its historic city center. This location offers easy access to several must-see attractions, including the Royal Alcázar of Seville, the Plaza de España, the Seville Cathedral, and the Museum of Fine Arts of Seville.

You could opt for a location near the Plaza de Armas. It's approximately a 30-minute walk from the PCNS conference venue and a 20-minute walk to the historic city center.

Check out the hotel suggestions below and book your conference accommodation well in advance to secure the best available rates.

Recommended Hotels	Price indication	Walking Distance	
		US PCNS event	Cathedral city center
BARCELO *****	\$\$\$\$	11min	45min
EUROSTARS Torre Sevilla *****	\$\$\$\$	34min	26min
NH PLAZA DE ARMAS ****	\$\$\$\$	33min	18min
MACARENA ****	\$\$\$	31min	31min
PORCEL TORNEO ****	\$\$	25min	47min

The special offer at selected hotels is available only to delegates registered for the PCNS Passive Components Networking Days Symposium. The offer has limited availability, and registration deadline. Booking instructions will be shared via email after PCNS online registration.

Please note that you must make the reservation yourself, and payment will be made directly to the hotel.

Despite PCNS organizers' best efforts, we were unable to secure pre-booking of larger rooms in one hotel. However, there may be one or two rooms available in hotels nearby.

## **Appendix – Some More Insights and Tips to See in Seville**

### **Discover the Timeless Charm of Seville: An Invitation to Explore Its Historic Gems**

Seville has a municipal population of about 701,000 as of 2022, and a metropolitan population of about 1.5 million, making it the largest city in Andalusia and the fourth-largest city in Spain. Its old town, with an area of 4 square kilometres (2 sq mi), contains a UNESCO World Heritage Site comprising three buildings: the Alcázar palace complex, the Cathedral and the General Archive of the Indies. The Seville harbour, located about 80 kilometres (50 miles) from the Atlantic Ocean, is the only river port in Spain.

Step back into a world where Seville was the beating heart of global exploration, a bustling metropolis alive with the spirit of adventure, trade, and cultural fusion:

#### **1. Real Alcázar de Sevilla (the Royal Palace of Seville).**

The Royal Palace of Seville, the longest-standing royal residence in the world, continues to serve as the official residence of the Spanish King and Queen during their visits to the city. Originally built around 884 to protect Sevilla from Norman invasions, the palace underwent several renovations after the reconquest of Sevilla by King Fernando III in 1248. Today, only the original fortress and a few remains remain.

The Gothic Palace, constructed during the reign of King Alphonse X, and the Mudéjar Palace, built during the reign of King Pedro I, known as “the cruel” by some and “the avenger” by others, are among the notable structures that exemplify the Christian era.

During the 16th century, further renovations were undertaken, and the gardens were transformed with the planting of orange and palm trees, fountains, and pavilions to provide respite from the scorching summer temperatures. The “Puerta del León” (Gate of the Lion) leads to the fortress merlons of the “Plaza del Triunfo” (Triumph Plaza), which in turn opens to the magnificent interior of the Royal Palace, a witness to numerous significant historical events due to its royal status.

#### **2. Archivo General de Indias**

Nestled beside the majestic Seville Cathedral, this archive is a treasure trove for history aficionados. Housing over 43,000 boxes of documents, it unveils the rich tapestry of Spanish colonial history. Walk through halls where explorers like Columbus and diplomats from around the world once delved into its invaluable records.

#### **3. Torre del Oro**

An iconic 13th-century watchtower, the Torre del Oro stands as a sentinel along the riverbank. Once an epicenter for maritime operations, it witnessed ships laden with New World treasures. Today, it enchants visitors as a maritime museum, complete with relics like a 17th-century cannon.

#### **4. Guadalquivir River**

Feel the pulse of history as you gaze upon the river that carried galleons towards uncharted territories. This was the lifeline for trade and exploration, stretching 90 km to Sanlúcar and beyond into the vast Atlantic.

#### **5. Triana Neighborhood**

Cross the historic bridge to Triana, the vibrant district that cradled the lives of fearless sailors and illustrious captains. Stroll along Betis and Pureza streets to sense the echoes of their endeavors, and visit Santa Ana Church, their spiritual anchor.

#### **6. Puerta de León & Real Alcázar**

Step through the Puerta de León into the Real Alcázar, a Moorish palace that housed the Casa de la Contratación. This institution orchestrated Spain's navigation and trade with the New World. The palace's intricate courtyards whisper stories of Amerigo Vesputio and Sebastian Cabot.

#### **7. Palacio de San Telmo**

Named after the patron saint of sailors, this grand palace served as a nautical school and seminary for the sons of seafarers. Admire the façade adorned with sculptures of Seville's esteemed figures, including the humanitarian Father Bartolomé de las Casas.

#### **8. Monasterio de la Cartuja, Santa María de las Cuevas**

On the serene banks of the Guadalquivir lies the monastery where Christopher Columbus once resided, planning his daring voyages. Stand where history was charted, and reflect in the very chapel that cradled Columbus' remains for a time.