Experiencing Seville Fiestas and Folklore

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One popular holiday vacation spot in Spain is Seville; as a provincial capital and Regional Government site, it boasts of more than 700,000 inhabitants. Sevilleâ€™s strategic location on the Guadalquivir River plains made it popular through the ages with many cultural influences; hence, the development of many traditions and folklore which brought on many fiestas that are vibrantly celebrated throughout the year.

History

The Tartessians came on in 207 B.C. with the Romans and Northern barbarians following soon after. The Iberian Peninsula was conquered by various cultures which formed an impact on the inhabitants to this day.

Seville brought on its own unique history with the development of Don Juan. This city holds a lot of life and soul with the establishments of traditions and folklore like the flamenco and bullfights.

The cityâ€™s ancient Jewish quarter is currently active with the traditional lifestyle found along the intricate labyrinth of cobbled and winding narrow pathways with looming ancient buildings.

Customs

Seville would delight the tourists in discovering the wide range of customs in this region where there is always some fiesta celebrated. Hence, anytime is a good time to visit Seville. The springtime is one of the more popular times of visit as two very important fiestas come on with great celebrations.

The Semana Santa or Easter Week is a greatly revered fiesta with many locals thronging the city streets in solemnity on Good Friday for the religious remembrance of their faith. However, the sobriety turns into festivity later in the week as the whole city celebrates Easter Sunday which is soon followed by Feria de Sevilla which is a flamenco festival. There are lots of dancing, singing, music and wine flowing freely in this fiesta.

Year end fiesta

Seville enjoys the last month of the year in style with the Day of Inmaculada fiesta. This fiesta is celebrated on December 7th and 8th with all participants coming together dressed in medieval timesâ€™ attire.

The religious event is celebrated in awe and reverence at the Virgin Inmaculadaâ€™s statue which is located between the Alcazar and the cathedral. Many traditional songs and dances are performed as part of the fiesta. There is also the Danza de los Seises which is a dance performance by the children staged in the city cathedral. The performing children are also dressed in traditional attire.

New Year

When the New Year comes on, a colorfulÂ procession with three Magi passes on giving presents to children.

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