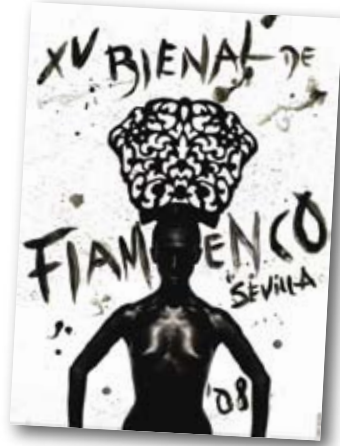


## The Flamenco Biennale

Seville 4 days – September 23-26 2010

If you've ever wanted to get to the heart of flamenco, then come with us to Seville during the month-long Flamenco Biennale. This extraordinary festival is held every two years in the Andalusian capital where traditional and cutting-edge artists perform their new shows. Flamenco is Spain's most passionate music, yet it can be frustratingly elusive without some inside-knowledge.



Songlines Travel Leader (and regular *Songlines* writer) Jan Fairley is on hand with those all-important keys that tell you what to listen and watch out for. Find out the difference between an *alegría* and *bulería*, a *soléa* and a *sevillana*.

Walk the Barrio Santa Cruz, the old quarter of winding streets and tiled patios, where we'll be staying and where you can sip a coffee, a *fino* sherry or a robust *tinto*, while feasting on the best tapas in the world. We'll visit the Museo Cristina Hoyos de Baile Flamenco and explore the history of song (*cante*) and dance (*baile*); and where the guitar fits in. Find out how this vibrant tradition evolved among Gypsies in the old Triana quarter, just a walk across the River Guadalquivir from the Maestranza bullring where flamenco musicians and bull fighters lived side by side. At night explore the roots of *cante jondo* (deep song) in classic bars where locals dance and sing.

We'll also take a short trip out on one of the flamenco routes to visit a few of the small towns and villages where many flamenco artists were born. Today small workshops still flourish alongside house museums and *peña* bars where you will have an opportunity to sample some of Andalucía's delicious olives, *jamón* and *queso*. Alongside the exceptional music, Seville is home to the magnificent Moorish and Christian monuments – the Giralda tower, the cathedral, Alcazar Palace and Gardens, the Plaza de España and more. *Viva flamenco!*

All Songlines Music Travellers will receive an information sheet about the local music, plus recommended recordings and DVDs.



The Giralda and cathedral, Seville

## Seville – 4 days

### Itinerary

**Day 1 Thurs** Whether you are flying with us, via Madrid, or making your own way independently, you will meet your Travel Leader at 5pm at the hotel. You will be staying in the heart of the Santa Cruz district of the old city, close to many flamenco venues. It is also a short walk from the main sights – the cathedral, Giralda and Alcazar. After an introductory chat with your Travel Leader there is time for dinner before the evening concert of the Flamenco Biennale.

**Day 2 Fri** There is time today to make your own exploration of the city. Planned activities will include a visit to the Flamenco Museum and a walking trip to Triana and possibly the bullring. Tonight we attend another concert in the biennale followed by optional late-night flamenco in a local bar.

**Day 3 Sat** We head outside Seville for the day to a number of gorgeous Andalusian villages – including the home of Nina de los Peiñes, one of the important early singers of flamenco whose statue you will have seen in Triana. Lunch will be at a local bar. We return to Seville in the late afternoon. Time for a brief siesta before our last musical evening. Dinner, as always in Spain, can be fitted in early or enjoyed, alongside the music, later.

**Day 4 Sun** After breakfast, you can go to mass at the cathedral – a real spectacle – and visit the Alcazar. After lunch in Seville, those returning with us will fly back to London via Madrid.

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## Tour costs

We have designed these tours to give you the option of taking up an all-inclusive package which includes your air seats, or the option of making your own way there and then meeting up with the rest of your party at the first hotel.

### 4-day tour (ex-Seville) September 23-26 2010

**Tour price – £545 per person**

Tour includes:

- Accommodation at a selected hotel of a 3-star or above standard. All hotels have private en-suite facilities.
- Board basis – includes bed and breakfast.
- Tickets to selected events at the Biennale
- All sightseeing and local transfers as listed.

**Flights from London** are available from £115 per person in conjunction with this tour. Transfers from and to the airport in Seville are included with flights purchased through Songlines Music Travel.

**Items not included:** Single room supplement, travel insurance, all meals with the exception of breakfast, gratuities and any items of a personal nature.

**Single supplement:** £135 per person

## To reserve your place

Please read the booking conditions on the website and contact the reservations office on:

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