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Duration: 3h30 · Type: Classic

Departure on foot for the guided tour of Seville's nativity scenes and its illuminations. Let yourself be enchanted by the magic of the holidays in Seville, where the streets shine with thousands of twinkling lights. You will marvel at the famous Belenes, the city's traditional Christmas nativity scenes, which derive their name from the word "Belén," meaning Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. These nativity scenes, true artistic masterpieces, go far beyond simple representations of the nativity, showcasing craftsmanship at the intersection of art and culture. They highlight Andalusian traditions through intricately sculpted scenes and decorations filled with details. We will explore the Plaza de España, adorned with azulejos and specially built for the Ibero-American Exhibition of 1929. The plaza forms a semicircle with a diameter of 200 meters, symbolizing Spain welcoming its former colonies. It faces the Guadalquivir River, representing the path toward the Atlantic Ocean and America. A unique building lines the entire curved side of the plaza. In the center of the square is a fountain (designed by Valencian architect Vicente Traver). Canals flow between the center and the palace, also in a semicircle, and four bridges span them, representing the four former queens of Spain. Continue the visit through the charming Santa Cruz district, the former Jewish quarter, located within the old city walls. It is part of the historic heart of the city and neighbors some of the most famous monuments in Andalusia's capital. A place of art and history, the district dates back to the Middle Ages and is filled with legends, churches, and palaces, remnants of its past. Beautified at the beginning of the 20th century, it is now one of the most emblematic neighborhoods of Seville. It is particularly known for the charm of its steep, narrow streets, which will be enhanced by the festive illuminations. End your visit at the Feria del Belén, a market dedicated to figurines, decorations, and materials for nativity scenes. It’s the perfect place to discover local craftsmanship, find unique pieces, or simply admire the traditional Spanish nativity creations. Return on board.

PLEASE NOTE

- The order of the visits can change.
- Times are approximate.