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CITY HOT SPOT LA ALAMEDA, SEVILLE

EAT

Once down-at-heel, the atmospheric plaza **La Alameda de Hércules** and surrounds have become something of a boho hangout. Among the best tapas haunts is the cosy **Bar**

Antojo on Calatrava – think trinket-filled bookshelves and comfy leather sofas. Not quirky enough for you? Try shabby-chic restaurant **Nikkei** for fusion Japanese-Peruvian cuisine. equipompuntor.com

HANG OUT

Wabi Sabi (wabisabigallery.com) is a multitasking shop and arts space, hosting events from poetry slams to fashion shows. You can browse everything from upcycled furniture to art and design items and bold-print dresses. Like it? Then you should also visit **Red House**: a popular café-cum-art-space on Amor de Dios.

DRINK

As the name suggests, it's not the most Spanish of experiences, but **Moscow Art & Spirits** (moscowartspirits.com) is an intriguing little bar on Conde de Torrejón, the small rooms of which are packed with quirky modern artwork by local Sevillanos. Sink down into plush sofas and enjoy a tippie.

The gains in Spain

On the boho beat: Seville's La Alameda de Hércules plaza; Wabi Sabi: where upcycling meets poetry slams (below)



DIGITAL

BRAGGING RIGHTS

We've all seen them: those sickeningly sumptuous photos that friends post of views of white sand or a plate of exotic food. And now they are so pervasive that professional trend-spotters have christened these pictures 'braggies'. As hotels and venues strive to provide ever-more Instagram-friendly backdrops, are braggies the new selfies? Answers on a postcard – a virtual one, of course.



NOW NEW NEXT

HORTICULTURAL HOLIDAYS

NOW

Naturetrek's off-the-beaten-path botanical break in China's Sichuan province follows in the footsteps of the great plant hunters of Ernest Wilson, George Forrest and Joseph Rock who brought back some of Europe's now best-known species for the first time. naturetrek.co.uk

NEW

Showcasing the UK's finest gardens everywhere from Cornwall to the northernmost reaches of Scotland are the new RHS Garden Holidays (in partnership with Brightonwater Holidays). Trips often include guidance from professional gardeners and departures are timed to ensure gardens are at their most spectacular. rhsgardenholidays.com

NEXT

Spa hotel Quinta Splendida (below) launches new group gardening holidays in Funchal. The property is home to a lush 30,000m sq botanical garden on-site, ideal for teaching and workshops. Working with professional gardeners, travellers will learn expert techniques including care of exotic flowers and delicate herbs. quintasplendida.com. *BA launches flights to Funchal from 11 May. For hotel-only stays, visit ba.com/madeira.*