

On Tuesday, we toured the Cathedral of Seville. We met our tour guide outside and entered together. We first stopped in the courtyard, learning about the history of the Cathedral and looking at the incredible designs and intricacies of the buildings. Interestingly, the Cathedral used to be a mosque.



We then moved inside where we did a few activities that demonstrated how big everything, including pillars and paintings truly are. The vastness of the cathedral was not only awe inspiring, but very unique, as the Cathedral of Seville is the largest gothic cathedral in the world. Inside we saw a lot of the main attractions. Capilla Mayor, the largest Christian altar in the world, was breathtaking as it depicted scenes from the life of Jesus and the Virgin Mary. Another item on display was the robe of Emperor Charles, which was worn by him for his marriage to the Queen of Portugal. Columbus' tomb was fascinating and it was cool to learn that he had been buried 5 different times, and was the only person important enough to be carried in a casket by kings.



At the different chapels we stopped at, our guide talked about some of the history behind each one, which were all very unique and beautiful. It was also interesting to hear about some of the random facts of the Cathedral, including how St. Isidore of Seville is regarded as the patron saint of the internet due to his efforts to catalog all human knowledge in his 20 volume encyclopedia.

After our time inside, it was time to climb the ramps of La Giralda. On our ascent, we learned the ramps were built big enough for horses to use. At the top, we were able to see the 24 bells, which we were slightly disappointed to learn that there wasn't specifically an individual bell for every hour of the day. The best part of the tower and the finale of the tour was the famous panoramic view of Seville. You could see the whole city, and the beautiful weather made everything that much better.

