

Updates from Seville

SITUATED on the banks of the Guadalquivir River, Seville has a rich Moorish heritage. The streets and squares in the historic quarter of the capital of Andalusia are home to World Heritage buildings.

Centro Cerámica Triana is a newly built craft centre in the heart of old town. Popular with families, the theme park Isla Mágica has reopened with 20,000 sqm

of water attractions in Agua Mágica.

The new Aquarium at Seville will open with the largest shark tank in Europe and will pay a tribute to explorer Ferdinand Magellan, a Portuguese explorer who organised the Spanish expedition to the East Indies that resulted in the first circumnavigation of the globe. Departing on a galleon from Seville to the New World, crossing the Gua-

dalquivir River through the marshes, the Atlantic Ocean, the Canary Islands or the Caribbean, visitors will behold 10,000 specimens of 400 different species of animals. Last year the Seville saw some new hotel openings including the four-star Hotel La Casa del Poeta, Hotel Palacio Pinello and Hotel Ateneo Sevilla; the two star Hotel Boutique Casa de Colón; and the one-star Hotel Plaza. ■