

Word of mouth



One of several cafes on the Alameda



Casa Sacristía Santa Ana Hotel



Freskura



Almanara



La Mujer del Cura



Republica

Zoned-in Seville

The broad promenade of Alameda de Hercules was once renowned for its louche inhabitants, but a recent revamp has revived the outdoor scene with a new generation of hip hangouts

SLEEP Casa Sacristía Santa Ana Hotel is a bijou, converted 18th-century palace with coffered wood ceilings and a harmonious mix of toile de jouty, cool shades and the odd contemporary touch. Alameda de Hercules 22 (00 34 954 915722; www.sacristiadesantaana.com). Doubles from €100

DRINK Republica has Sixties-style, black-and-white decor inside, as well as ringside seats on the Alameda. Order a refreshing tinto de verano

(red wine with soda water and ice) and try the ceviche salad or *salmorejo tostadas* (toasted bread with thick, creamy tomato soup).

Alameda de Hercules 27 (00 34 954 909 435)

EAT Describing itself as an *espacio veggie*, Almanara has a wall made from recycled plastic bottles and herbs growing in aluminium pots on the windowsills to prove its green credentials. The signature salad is a virtuous but tasty mix of vegetables, grilled goat's cheese, dried fruit and nuts. Alameda de Hercules 85 (00 34 954 372 897). Lunch about €40 for two without wine

● **El Korrallito** has a tiny interior, with just four tables, but it's more interesting to eat outside anyway. The cuisine is modern with a Brazilian touch, and includes a meltingly delicious tuna *tataki*, and chicken with black grapes. Alameda de Hercules 37 (00 34 954 915 524). Dinner about €60 for two with wine

CHILL Freskura is an Italian gelateria with fresh ice cream made daily in flavours such as Ferrero Rocher and limoncello, as well as exquisitely decorated micro-puds. Calle Vulcano 4 (00 34 954 373089; www.freskura.com)

SHOP At the quirkily named La Mujer del Cura ('The Priest's Wife'), rubber-wedge platform shoes in every conceivable colour by cult designer Alexandre Herchovitch share space with funky jewellery and French pantaloons and capes. Amor de Dios 41 (00 34 954 379 154; www.lamujerdelcura.com)

WALK Join the *paseo* (the traditional evening stroll) along the Alameda itself with its new fountains and flower stalls, and admire the statues of Seville-born Roman emperors Trajan and Hadrian.

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Don't miss

- The Territorios music festival, held at the 16th-century Carthusian Monasterio La Cartuja on 22 May–8 June (www.territoriossevilla.com)
- The departure of pilgrims en route to El Rocío on 28 May. Ox-drawn gypsy caravans gather for Spain's largest pilgrimage, which returns to the city on 4 June (www.elrocio.net)
- The outdoor evening concerts of Noches en los Jardines del Alcazar during July and August (www.patronato-alcazarsevilla.es)