# A Short Trip to Seville

Graham and I arrive in Seville at midday last Tuesday to clear blue sky and 27 degree heat. That afternoon we had a lovely walk along the river that flows through the centre of the city.

On Wednesday we visited the “Real Alcazar and its gardens”, home to Spanish kings for almost seven centuries and one of the most beautiful buildings in the world.

On leaving there, we walked through the square and I had to do a double take. Walking towards us were Tina and Jerome looking happy and relaxed. It was lovely to bump into them. They told us that they had been in Seville a bit longer than us and about what they had been up to.

That evening whilst we were sitting outside a tapas bar, we were extremely lucky to see three “pasos” arriving at the Church of Saint Lorenzo where they will stay until they take part in the Holy Week procession. The “pasos” are floats of lifelike wooden sculptures. The “pasos” dedicated to Jesus are covered in gold and those dedicated to the Virgin Mary are covered in silver.

On Thursday morning we went to the beautiful Plaza de Espana in the Parque Maria Luisa with its lovely curving arcade with tiled alcoves surrounding a fountain. We then spent the afternoon in the cathedral which was spectacular. The high altar took our breath away. We also walked to the top of the bell tower “La Giralda” housing some magnificent bells and with fantastic views over the city.

We came back on Friday morning wishing we could have stayed longer. We will just have to return for another visit!