

its theme "The Age of Discovery", the exposition will be similar in scale to Canada's EXPO'67 - a showcase for the best the world has to offer in architecture, culture, technology and international cooperation.

Theme

The EXPO'92 theme, "The Age of Discovery", celebrates discovery in all areas of human endeavor and in the past, present and future. "Discovery" will manifest itself in the architectural achievements of EXPO'92's pavilions, in the cultures and lifestyles they represent and in the technical and scientific achievements that make them possible. Coinciding as it does with the 500th anniversary of the voyages of Christopher Columbus, EXPO '92 is a fitting occasion for celebrating historic and contemporary human accomplishments and previewing mankind's achievements into the next century.

Location

Seville, with a population of 700,000, is located about 45 minutes by air from Madrid and 90 minutes flying time from Barcelona. One of Spain's leading centres of art, literature and education (the University of Seville dates back to 1502 and the city's cathedral is one of Europe's largest churches), Seville shows a strong Moorish influence in its architecture, in its shaded streets and whitewashed houses wrapped around gardens, courtyards and a network of canals.

Thought to be the historic home of the legendary Don Juan, and located on the Guadalquivir River, Seville is an important inland port, light manufacturing centre and traditional exporter of wines, perfumes, fruit and olives.

Exposition Schedule

EXPO'92 will take place from April 20 to October 12, 1992. During that same period, other events of international significance will also focus world attention on Spain and Europe - the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona and the market integration of the European Economic Community both coincide with EXPO'92.

Attendance Projections

Current projections indicate that EXPO'92 can anticipate approximately 50 million visits. Business executives are expected to account for approximately two million of these visits.

International Participation

To date, 103 nations have agreed to participate in EXPO'92. A total of 170 exhibitors are expected, making this history's largest world exposition. In comparison 62 nations participated in Montreal's EXPO'67.