

# FERIA DE ABRIL (APRIL FAIR)



# What is?

The Feria de Abril or Feria de Sevilla is a spring festival held annually in the city of Seville, (Autonomous Community of Andalusia, Spain) in which the public meets in a large venue called Real de la Feria, with streets with ephemeral booths, adorned with lanterns, where horsemen and horse-drawn carriages circulate and for which about 500,000 visitors pass daily.<sup>1</sup> It is celebrated one or two weeks after Holy Week and coincides with the bulls in the Plaza de the Maestranza. It has a great economic and social impact in the city and is declared a Festival of International Tourist Interest.

# Faralae costume

The name of the costume comes from flamenco, which is a type of folk music with gypsy influences.

The typical Andalusian costume was richly decorated. However, in the 1860s and 1870s, men were left in decorated costumes to wear more austere country suits.<sup>62</sup> This country suit or short suit was worn by ranchers.<sup>63</sup> The short suit is also used in some times by flamenco artists and is frequent in the rocío groups of sevillanas. In the next diapositive there is a picture of this.