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TO HAVE IN CÓRDOBA  
CITY AND PROVINCE



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# 01 | Córdoba, 4 World Heritage Listings

## The Mosque-Cathedral, the soul of Córdoba

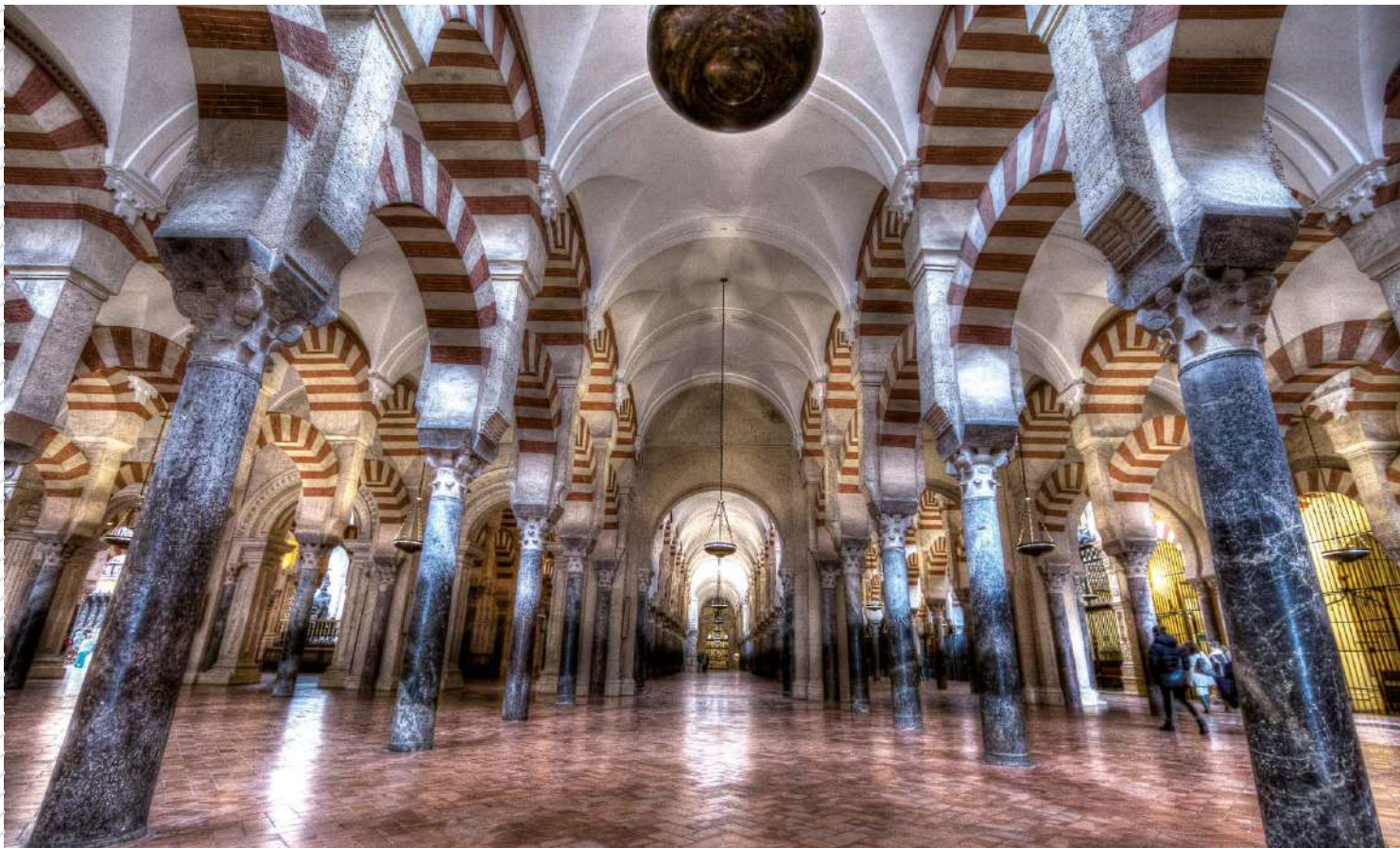
Enter one of the most beautiful monuments in the world and take a journey through the History of Art and Architecture, as well as the ideas, emotions and identities which brought this unique and incomparable building into existence. It is the most important piece of Islamic architecture in Spain and it remains alive and unchanging with the passage of time.

Visit the Mosque-Cathedral in order to discover the different religions which once inhabited it and which explain the essence of Córdoba today. You will be astounded upon taking in this masterpiece and its many expansions and discovering the wealth of its decoration and the magnificent horseshoe arrangement of its mid-point arches.

Enter the monumental site through the Courtyard of Oranges and let yourself be captivated by the stunning minaret which, having been converted into the Cathedral's bell tower in the 17th century, stands above the patio and overlooks the city like a watchtower. You will be overcome upon entering the prayer room which consists of a forest of more

than eight hundred marble, jasper and granite columns that support over four hundred bi-colour horseshoe arches. After the Christian conquest, in the year 1523, a cathedral was built on the inside, where the attention is drawn to the main altarpiece, the baroque altar and the choir stalls made from mahogany. The mihrab [a space indicating the direction which Muslims must face to pray], one of the most important of its kind in the Muslim world, is the noblest piece in the Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba, decorated in Byzantine mosaic and sculptured marble.

Whether at the beginning or the end of your visit to the Mosque-Cathedral, take a moment to view it from the outside, as each one of the six gates that connect the courtyard to the outside deserves a look. In order to enjoy the Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba in a special way, we suggest THE SOUL OF CÓRDOBA night tour. You will be able to discover the temple with an experience of light and colour during a journey that will make you feel the interior life that still flows within it.





House of Ya'Far. Medina Azahara

## Medina Azahara, be overwhelmed by the shining city

In the foothills of the Sierra Morena, eight kilometres from the Historic Centre of Córdoba, you will find Medina Azahara. Known as the shining city, it will open up before your eyes as you discover the most beautiful example of Al-Andalus' splendour, through its architecture, its art and its Umayyad culture in the West and the city's most recent World Heritage Site declaration.

The story of this city began with Abd al-Rahman III and his drive to build a city to symbolise his powerful reign on the outskirts of Córdoba. He did this between 936 and 976 and, by doing so, he united the administrative and residential tasks of the Caliphate. He did not skimp on materials and he was helped by rich violet and red marble, gold and precious stones, as well as the artisanal work of the best stonemasons and the legendary Byzantine contributions.

The shining city is spread out over three terraces surrounded by a wall. The royal Alcazar is found in the

upper and the intermediate areas; the lower terrace was reserved for houses and the mosque, built outside the wall. In the highest part, the Upper Room is located and lower down is the Rich Room, built with baths and opening onto the Upper Garden. A complex of sloping streets shall lead you to the grand eastern portal, where the great embassies received by the Caliph entered. In front of this, it opened onto a large square where troops and staff gathered for protocol ceremonies.

This solemn enclosure suffered severe damage due to successive wars which devastated Al-Andalus at the beginning of the 11th century, between 1010 and 1013, leaving it in ruins. The dream of building an ideal city barely lasted seventy years, a short life for the first Caliph's favourite. Nowadays, it can be enjoyed thanks to the different guided tours.

Do you want to know more?





Córdovan patio

## The Patios, a festival for the senses

If there is one tradition which gives Córdoba a unique place in the world, it is its patios which have been declared an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Countless sensations will overwhelm you as you enter them. No two patios are the same, though they all have whitewashed walls lined with plenty of flowerpots of geraniums, jasmine, roses and nards, carnations, wallflowers and honeysuckle which decorate the areas with unmistakable colours and scents that are capable of captivating anyone.

Visiting the patios is a festival for the senses at any time of the year but even more so if done in springtime when the smell of jasmine and orange blossom takes over, turning the visit into a complete sensory experience.

The Patios of Córdoba are many and varied. Some of them are found in stately palaces or convents while there are also the Popular Patios. There are around 40 private houses where several families live and they take care of them throughout the year in order for them to shine during the Patios Festival which takes place in the month of May. This has been declared a Festival of National Tourist Interest. Some of the most famous popular patios can be found in the streets called Postrera, Martín de Roa and San Basilio.

Another type of patio can be discovered in Viana Palace. Officially known as the Artistic Garden, it consists of 13 patios with each one being more appealing than the last. Do not miss out on this visit which includes an authentic museum with an interesting collection of tapestries, furniture, paintings, porcelain and firearms.



Historic centre of Córdoba

# Historic Centre, a place where time stands still

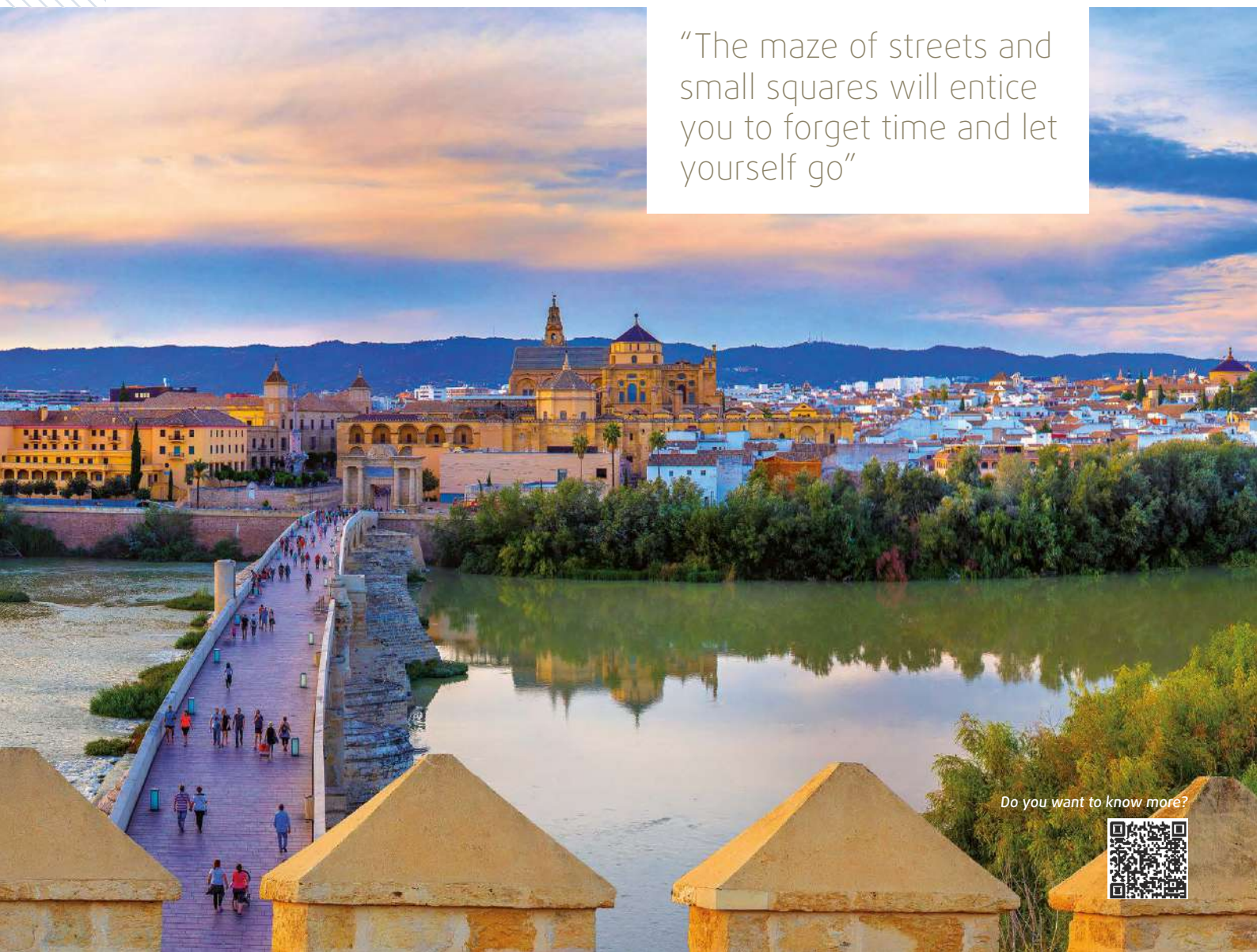
The maze of streets and small squares that is the Historic Centre of Córdoba will entice you to forget time and let yourself go. In December 1994, a decade after the Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba was named a World Heritage site, UNESCO expanded its recognition to include the surrounding area, declaring the Historic Centre of the city to be a World Heritage site.

The Historic Centre of Córdoba is an essential part of the Cordovan urban landscape due to its wealth of monuments, the unique layout of its streets and squares which displays the rich and varied legacy of the cultures that lived in this city. It consists of a specific part of the city which extends along the south to the left bank of the Guadalquivir, including the Roman Bridge and Calahorra Tower. To the east, it runs from Cruz de Rastro, on the axis which separated Medina and Axerquía, that is to say, the former Feria street (now called Calle San Fernando), to Cuesta de

Luján. To the north, its edges reach the commercial centre by the streets of Ambrosio de Morales, Plaza de la Compañía, Santa Victoria, Ángel de Saavedra, Barroso, Plaza de San Juan, Leopoldo de Austria, Plaza de la Trinidad and Victoria Avenue where it continues, along the west, to the limits of the walled enclosure, including the Almodóvar Gate, Cairuán, Campo Santo de los Mártires, including the Alcázar de los Reyes Cristianos (Alcazar of the Christian Monarchs) and the neighbourhood of San Basilio.

The Historic Centre of Córdoba exceeds the edges of the Mosque-Cathedral's surroundings. In fact, on the north, in what is today the commercial centre, traces of the old Roman city are still identifiable, as well as important evidence of Córdoba's Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque eras. Most of all, it is to the east, in Axerquía, that the city has the territory to become one of the largest preserved old towns in Europe.

“The maze of streets and small squares will entice you to forget time and let yourself go”



Do you want to know more?



## 02 | Explore Córdoba's charming corners

### Lose yourself in its lanes

Discover this magical city by exploring its most beautiful and intriguing lanes, a relic of its Muslim past, and discover the charming corners and postcard views which will have you falling in love at first sight.

There are routes to be done on foot so you can stroll through the streets of the most typical Córdoba neighbourhoods, such as the Historic Centre, Santiago and Axerquía, San Pedro, San Andrés, Santa Marina and San Lorenzo. Calleja de las Flores, in the middle of the Jewish Quarter, where you will have one of the best views of the Mosque-Cathedral's tower, Calleja del Pañuelo, Calleja de los Arquillos, Calleja de la Luna, Calle Mucho Trigo or Calle Grajea, Calleja del Toril, Calleja de las Beatas or Calleja Rastrea are just some of the most visited and most beautiful corners of the city.







Calle de las Flores



Plaza del Potro



Statue of Averroes



Almodóvar Gate. Statue of Lucio Anneo Seneca

## 03 | Follow the route of Córdoba's Greats

And discover some of the people who left their mark on the world

Córdoba is home to important figures that have influenced the history of the world with their ideas and actions. We invite you to meet them through a journey of the sculptures of eleven of these great characters, whose work and achievements are an important part of history, philosophy and theology, as well as poetry, painting and sculpture.

The walk which we suggest starts with the paint brush of Julio Romero de Torres, the painter of beautiful details and deep looks, the author of Chiquita Piconera, his masterpiece. Continue to the monument of the sculptor Mateo Inurria before proceeding to that dedicated to Ángel de Saavedra, the Duke of Rivas, playwright, poet, historian and painter. The visit continues with Ibn Hazm, the greatest of Spain's Arabian poets, before reaching the great thinker and philosopher Averroes, the most distinguished Cordovan writer regarding the art of governing and the most important doctor of his time.

You will also discover Maimonides, recognised for his transcendence as a philosopher in medieval thought and admired for the diversity and depth of his knowledge. After him, Seneca will appear before you, the most relevant Cordovan writer of the Classic Latin period and the most influential one in Western thinking. He makes way for Luis de Góngora, the poet and playwright par excellence of the Spanish Golden Age, whose work has been performed throughout the centuries in Europe and America.

Juan Valera, the writer, diplomat and politician, author of famous works such as Pepita Jiménez, also appears in this parade of Cordovan greats. Alongside him, you will see Hosius of Córdoba, who changed the course of Christian History as bishop and advisor to Emperor Constantine the Great. Finally, you will reach the central square of Las Tendillas and meet Gonzalo Fernández de Córdoba, known as Gran Capitán ("the Great Captain") for his prowess in war.



Do you want to know more?



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Córdoba Fair



Crosses of May

## 04 | May in Córdoba

### Enjoy 31 days of popular festivals

May is the month that stands out in the Córdoba festive calendar and if you want to soak up the most authentic atmosphere of the city, don't hesitate to visit at this time of the year and experience a series of celebrations that will enchant you.

Experience the city of three cultures in all its splendour and discover it by welcoming spring with the Battle of the Flowers before the Popular Contest of the Crosses of May, a festival which fills the city's courtyards and squares with large crosses decked in flowers, flowerpots and Manila shawls. In addition to these, the streets are filled with parties and music and bars where you can try traditional tapas and the best wines. Spend the night walking through the neighbourhoods of San Basilio, San Andrés and San Agustín when the city comes to life.

We invite you to stop and taste the best wines of the region at the Montilla-Moriles Wine Tasting (Cata del Vino) which is held in Córdoba every year between the end of April and the start of May. It is a date with the famous drinks of the

Montilla-Moriles Protected Designation of Origin, genuine stars of the party where twenty local wineries and wine presses take part.

Córdoba's Festival calendar in May continues with the Popular Patios Festival, another festive explosion. The owners of the houses open the doors to their patios, which are decorated with flowers, flowerpots, wells and lime. Visit them during the day and enjoy them after nightfall; between the smell of jasmine and orange blossom, it is an experience like no other. The neighbourhoods of San Agustín, Santa Marina and San Basilio are home to the most famous patios.

As the climax of this intensive month of festivals, the Feria de Nuestra Señora de la Salud comes to the city at the end of May. Typical of the style of Andalusian fairs, the bars (casetas), the main passage and the amusements are the main stars of this mass festival where the passage of horses, typical dress (faralaes), traditional dances (sevillanas), wine and excellent food are the key ingredients.



*Cordovan Patio*

## 05 | Holy Week

### Feel the devotion

Córdoba is one of the most special stages to experience Holy Week. Proof of this comes from the fact that thirteen of its celebrations have been named Festivals of National Tourist Interest in Andalusia due to their uniqueness and, specifically, the festivities of three municipalities: Cabra, Puente Genil and Baena are considered, additionally, to be Festivals of National Tourist Interest.

You cannot afford to miss holy week in Aguilar de la Frontera, Baena, or Bujalance, while also passing through Cabra, Castro del Río or Hinojosa del Duque. The same can be said of Holy Week's festivities in Lucena, Montoro, Moriles or Pozoblanco, finishing in Priego de Córdoba, Puente Genil and the capital, where scenes filled with emotion take place in the Historic Centre.

In each of these places, Holy Week is a time for the faithful and parishioners, while also being a celebration that attracts thousands of visitors interested in discovering it. You will enjoy processions of dozens

of confraternities who parade between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday and their beautiful carvings.

There are some inescapable moments of interest, some because of their emotion, others because of their location and traditional popularity. Baena includes the famous tamborada, recently added to the World Heritage list, as well as the passage of the evangelists, commonly known as 'El Baile' ("The Dance") or the procession of 'La Madrugá' ("The Early Morning") in Castro del Río. In the capital, you can't miss the passage of the Señor de la Caridad in Plaza del Potro, the miracle of the Santo Sepulcro procession travelling along the narrow street of Deanes and the Virgen del Desconsuelo en su Soledad, which travels slowly as it grazes the balconies, or the emotional passage of the Descending Christ crossing the Roman Bridge. You will be entranced by the parades of the Roman Empire of Montoro and the Baile for the Virgen de la Guía in Puente Genil. These are moments that make Córdoba's Holy Week festivities a unique celebration which won't leave any visitor indifferent.



Jesús Nazareno de Priego de Córdoba





## 06 | Route of the Fernandine Churches

### Let the solemnity take you away

If you are someone who enjoys art and history, you will be captivated by the route of the Fernandine Churches, the temples that Ferdinand III ordered to be built after the capture of Córdoba from the Arabs in 1236. These are transitional buildings from the Roman and Gothic eras that not only had a religious nature but also an administrative one.

Your attention will be drawn to the near fortress-like appearance of these temples and the fact that some of them have been converted from the mosques which stood in their place. In the case of the one situated in Viento street, Santiago, it can be seen that the base of the tower is a minaret of the mosque that used to be there.

Nearby is the Church of San Pedro which preserves the relics of the Córdoba Martyrs. Not far from here is one of the most interesting ones, San Pablo, a church with an enormous nave which stands out from the rest because of its great size.

All the Fernandine churches face east. They have three staggered polygonal apses with simple rib vaults and a length-wise ridge rib, except in the cases of San Pedro and San Pablo, where the side apses are straight on the outside and semi-circular on the inside, with a semi-dome, another example of the archaic Romanesque tradition that is still present in these Fernandine churches.

Do not miss the Churches of Santa Marina, San Pablo, San Andrés, San Nicolás de la Villa, San Lorenzo, Santiago, San Pedro, San Miguel and San Agustín.

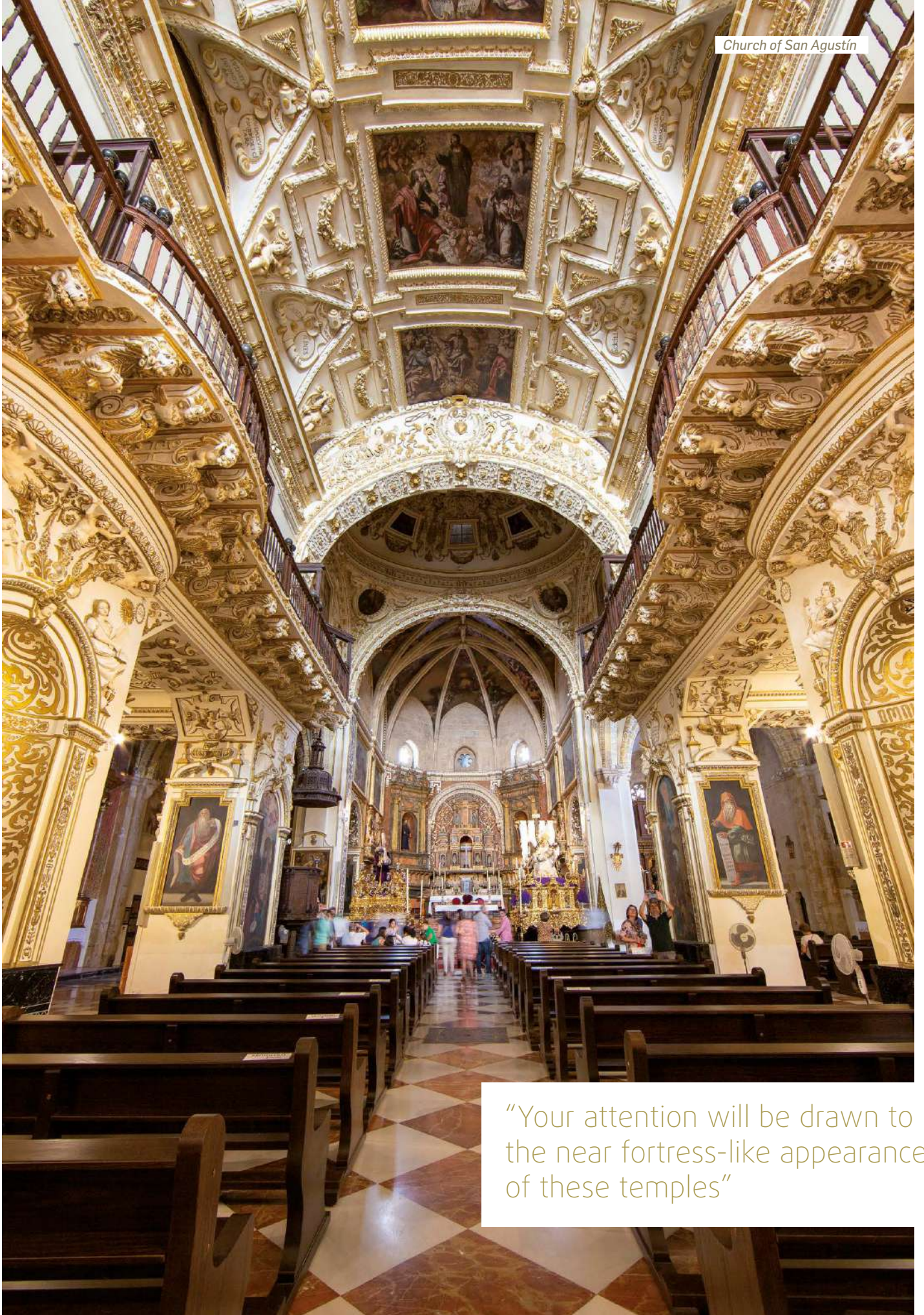


Church of San Lorenzo



Church of San Miguel





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## 07 | Shopping in Córdoba

### Bring craftwork and tradition home

In Córdoba, a city of craftwork mastery, you will discover a large amount of workshops where pieces of pottery, furniture, Cordovan leather and embossed leather, guitars and jewellery continue to be produced in the same way that they were centuries ago.

The mark of Cordovan jewellery is unmistakable and, within it, silver filigree is the best example of the artisanal tradition. Silversmith and goldsmith workshops also survive and they continue to make goods such as candleholders, jars and lamps, which share space with the workshops that specialise in religious goldsmithing. You will love the leather craftwork, which has done the most to establish Córdoba's reputation, with products such as Cordovan leather (cordobanes) and embossed leather (guadameciles). The pottery found in La Rambla, one of the main centres of pottery craftwork in Spain, has a similar relevance in the capital or in places such as Lucena or Palma del Río. Wooden craftwork is the highlight in Lucena, although the chair workshops of Villa del Río also stand out; while strolling through the streets of villages in Córdoba, you will see forged work behind the railings of windows and balconies, examples of the activity that is still carried out in the forges and workshops spread throughout Lucena, Añora, Cardeña, Villanueva de Córdoba, Hinojosa del Duque and Pedroche.

You won't want to miss Cordovan fashion, which has more representatives than ever on the national and international market. Not without reason as its designers have gained a presence on the main catwalks, with flamenco fashion standing out from designers such as Juana Martín and Basi del Río, in prêt-à-porter designs, with Ana Torres, Matilde Cano, Angradema López or the famous Alejandro Palomo.

## 08 | Eat Córdoba

### Travel through flavour, quality and gastronomic tradition

As the heir to an inter-cultural gastronomic tradition, Córdoba is also a city where good food plays a leading role. Don't miss this journey through the most characteristic flavours, the most traditional recipes and the most famous restaurants or taverns, where you can taste the flavour, quality and tradition.

There are various dishes which are references to what Córdoba is and they will captivate you. Salmorejo, a cold soup made with tomato, garlic, breadcrumbs, olive oil and salt; flamenquín, a deep-fried meat roll made with ham and pork and coated in breadcrumbs; Córdoba-style oxtail, fried aubergines with black treacle, Arabian recipes such as honey lamb or pastel cordobés, a desert made from pastry,

jam and lard; these will all be essential additions to your table. Game meat, owing to the province's great hunting tradition, is also prepared in a delicious way, especially venison, wild boar and partridge.

Having tapas is the thing to do in the city and, by doing so, you will find numerous examples of taverns with recipes such as marinated Atlantic pomfret, sardines in vinegar and Montilla-style artichokes. The city centre and the Jewish Quarter are the gastronomic epicentres of the city but there are also dozens of restaurants of renowned prestige and quality spread around the province which deserve a visit. You won't want to miss Michelin Star restaurants with a historic background with promises of the new Cordovan cuisine.



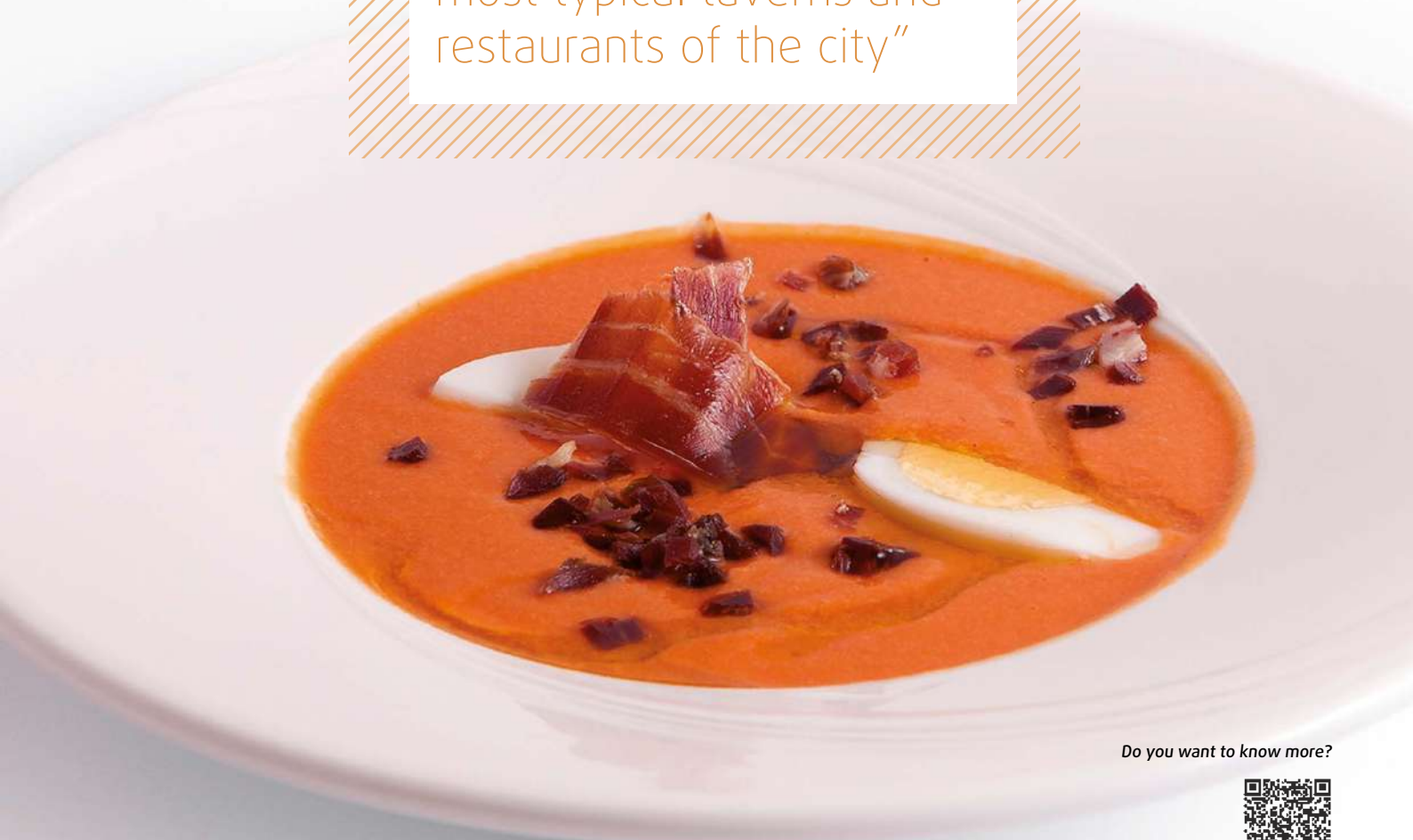
El Pisto Tavern

Suckling pig



“Journey through the most characteristic flavours, traditional recipes and the most typical taverns and restaurants of the city”

Salmorejo



Do you want to know more?





The Historic Centre of Córdoba

“Walk along the streets taking in the lights of the city while night falls, the Roman Bridge and the scene of the Jewish Quarter will surprise you”



Medina Azahara



## 09 | Become part of Córdoba's magical night

### Walk through the city at the end of the day

Step away from the traditional tourist routes and submerge yourself in the splendour of Córdoba at night; walk through the streets taking in the city's lights while the day comes to an end; the Roman Bridge or the Jewish Quarter, the surroundings of the Alcázar and the Mosque-Cathedral; all these will leave you with unforgettable images to remember the place by. You will also enjoy walking through the gardens of the Alcázar de los Reyes Cristianos (Alcázar of the Christian Monarchs) at night where you will have the opportunity to enjoy the magical show of light, colour and sound which makes the water in the fountains move as if it were part of a dance.

If you are looking for something original, you will be interested in the nocturnal Legends of Córdoba route, a journey on foot where you will discover the Historic Centre from a different point of view and you will find places off the beaten track. You will also like the Nighttime Walks experience by Córdoba Misteriosa, a route which will surprise you with fascinating, real stories that took place in the city of the Caliphs: from medieval legends to witches and spells from the 16th century, detailing the use of magic in incredible rituals, stories of elves and succubi; a stroll through the haunted buildings and palaces of the city.



## 10 | Enjoy Córdoba's nightlife

Places with a good atmosphere  
and live performances await you

The city's nightlife is quite varied and there are all kinds of places that have a good vibe, terraces in areas that are home to tapas and spaces to keep the party going until the early hours of the morning.

Get ready to make the most of your stay in Córdoba, have a great time in the best nightclubs, fashionable places and bars for going out in Córdoba. Here, you can dance until your feet won't let you anymore or have a drink. You can even see a live performance if you want. Whether it is in the city centre, along the riverfront or in the area of Vial Norte, there are places to cater for all tastes, which you will be delighted to discover and which will leave you with unforgettable memories.







“Make the most of your stay, discover the fashionable places and the best environment to have a good time”





“There are infinite routes that run the length and breadth of the province in order to explore the most emblematic areas and enjoy the hospitality of its people”



# 11 | Travel around the Province of Córdoba

## Explore charming villages and enjoy the hospitality of the people

The best way to discover this Andalusian province is by visiting some of its most charming villages, not only from a tourist point of view but also a historic one. There are infinite routes that run the length and breadth of the province in order to explore its most emblematic places and to enjoy the hospitality of the people.

Stately homes, fountains of murmuring water, churches and an impressive fortress bring Priego de Córdoba to life, widely considered to be the most beautiful place in Córdoba. Hornacuelos is an ideal destination in order to enjoy nature and fresh air while Zuheros, the most emblematic town of the Sierras Subbéticas Natural Park, is a typical village with white-washed houses, red roofs and spaces for traditional flavour. The stone castle and the Cave of the Bats, an incredible archaeological site inhabited by these mammals,

cannot be missed. Dozens of destinations await you, and among them, Iznájar will leave you with unforgettable impressions and when you reach Cabra, synonymous with orchards and white houses, you will be captivated.

If you are interested in Roman archaeological traces, the following places are unmissable: The Villa of "El Ruedo" in Almedinilla; as well as the Archaeological Park of Torreparedones, between Baena and Castro del Río; as well as the Roman Cisterns of Monturque. You won't want to miss the site of Villa de Fuente Álamo in Puente Genil or the Majadaiglesia Site in El Guijo. Don't think about it, prepare your trip, plan your destinations and highlight what you don't want to miss out on so as to discover all that there is to be seen in these and the many other corners of the province of Córdoba.



## 12 | Experience May in the Province

Let yourself go with celebrations, fairs, festivals and pilgrimages that you will see throughout the province

Spring arrives with all its splendour from North to South in the province of Córdoba. Throughout the month of May, local celebrations, fairs and festivals, pilgrimages for the Virgin and local patron saints take place. All of this is accompanied by traditional cuisine, tasting the local wines and the in-demand tapa routes which the places organise.

From Cañete de Las Torres, where the traditional Flower Festival is held, to Lucena, where on the first Sunday of May, as stated by tradition, the Araceli Festivities take place, designated as being of National Tourist Interest, the different localities of the province of Córdoba are a genuine melting pot of festivals and celebrations which hooks everyone.

The Festival of the Cross of Añora, declared to be of Andalusian Tourist Interest; the Alcaicería Nazarí in Iznájar, and its Festival of Balconies and Corners, are the perfect complement to the traditional May Festival. You won't want to miss the Royal Fair of Fuente Tójar, with its unique attraction known as the San Isidro dancers, who provide visitors with a special welcome every 15th of May alongside the local patron saint in the church of Nuestra Señora del Rosario. In Pozoblanco, the Corners and Flowers initiative is proving to be successful as it leads to the creation of green areas and floral decoration during the month of May; and in Priego de Córdoba, its Sundays of May stand out, declared a Festival of Tourist Interest, are reserved for the different votive festivals that are held by the local confraternities.



*Dancers of Fuente Tójar*



Belmez Castle



## 13 | Experience the patios of the Province

Many examples of these traditional Cordovan spaces await you in our villages

The tradition of the patios includes many localities of the province and you can find many examples of these World Heritage Site-recognised spaces which open their doors to the world in order for thousands of feelings to overrun you upon seeing the white walls with their flowerpots of germaniums, flowers of a thousand colours and their wells.

In order to discover them, we suggest the local routes of places which take part in the Competition of Patios, Corners and Grilles (Concurso de Patios, Rincones y Rejas) of the Province of Córdoba which is designed by the

Provincial Tourist Board of the Córdoba Council, in order to bring attention to more than 150 spaces involved. In Los Pedroches, you will visit Villanueva de Córdoba, Pedroche, Villanueva del Duque and Hinojosa del Duque; in Valle del Guadiato, Fuente Obejuna, La Granjuela, Los Blázquez, El Porvernir de la Industria, Peñarroya-Pubelonuevo, Belmez and Espiel. Other outstanding stops include Hornachuelos, La Rambla, Fernán Núñez and Montemayor; in addition to the areas of Guadajoz-Campiña Este and Alto Guadalquivir and Subbética with stops required in Luque, Zuheros and Cabra, Carcabuey and Lucena; Iznájar or Rute.



Patio de las Comedias. Iznájar



Patio Rute

“We suggest the local routes of places which take part in the Competition of Patios, Corners and Grilles of Córdoba”

## 14 | Córdoba: Heritage of quality

### Discover flavours with a designation of origin

Discover the spots where the most authentic flavours in Cordovan gastronomy emerge, one of Córdoba's most valued heritages, thanks to the quality of what its land produces and what its people prepare.

The journey through the products of excellence, sponsored by the designations of origin shall take you to Baena, Priego de Córdoba, Montoro, Adamuz and Lucena in order to taste exceptional olives, one of the star products of Cordovan cooking and of globally-renowned fame. In the south of the province, under the banner of the Montilla Moriles Protected Designation of Origin, its wines await you, the finest example of the perfect mix between tradition and quality of its gastronomic heritage in this Andalusian city. Your journey will then take you to the North of the province, an area which has always been linked to products derived from Iberian pigs, whose feeding is carefully linked to the tree-lined oak pasture and its fruit, the acorn. This gives them an exceptional quality supported by the Los Pedroches Designation of Origin.







Olive oil mill

“The journey through the products of excellence of the province will show you quality olives, globally-recognised wines and pure oak-fed Iberian pig ham”

Do you want to know more?





Alvear Bodega



Vendimia Festival

“Oenology is everywhere you go in the 17 municipalities located in the Cordovan countryside, a place where unique wines are born”



## 15 | Let yourself be seduced by wine

### Visit the Montilla Moriles Wine Route

If you are a lover of good wine, this is the route for you. Oenology is everywhere you go in the 17 municipalities located in the Cordovan countryside, a place where unique wines are born, in order for you to discover the Montilla-Moriles wine route.

From wandering through the fields, enjoying a tasting in a cellar with solera-aged wine and discovering the places where wine is born and where an important cultural heritage is preserved, and even discovering how these wines with such history are prepared are just some of the things which you can experience.

Among the different types of wine from the Montilla-Moriles Protected Designation of Origin, Pedro Ximénez, Joven, Fino, Amontillado and Oloroso wines will catch your attention while you enjoy an unforgettable journey. You can experience the taste of baking powder directly from the barrel, stroll through the oldest wineries, try a homemade grape syrup made from the best Pedro Ximénez, a glass of the youngest wine or, even, some type of dessert such as grape-flavoured oatmeal. Along this route, you can also enjoy a unique experience by tasting the best traditional cooking and letting yourself be seduced by the globally-recognised universe of Cordovan wine.



Do you want to know more?





## 16 | Try jamón ibérico

### A gastronomic delight belonging to a zone of excellence

Your journey through Córdoba cannot afford to miss the tasting of one of the most exquisite products that belongs to its cuisine: jamón ibérico. A delight which has its own designation of origin, it cannot be understood without the pastures of Los Pedroches and Valle del Guadiato as this is where the free-range Iberian pigs are bred while eating the equivalent of three hectares of oak per pig. And it is these unusual characteristics of the land and the climate in the area, along with the traditional and special way of breeding that has given the products from these exceptional animals a global reputation for quality.

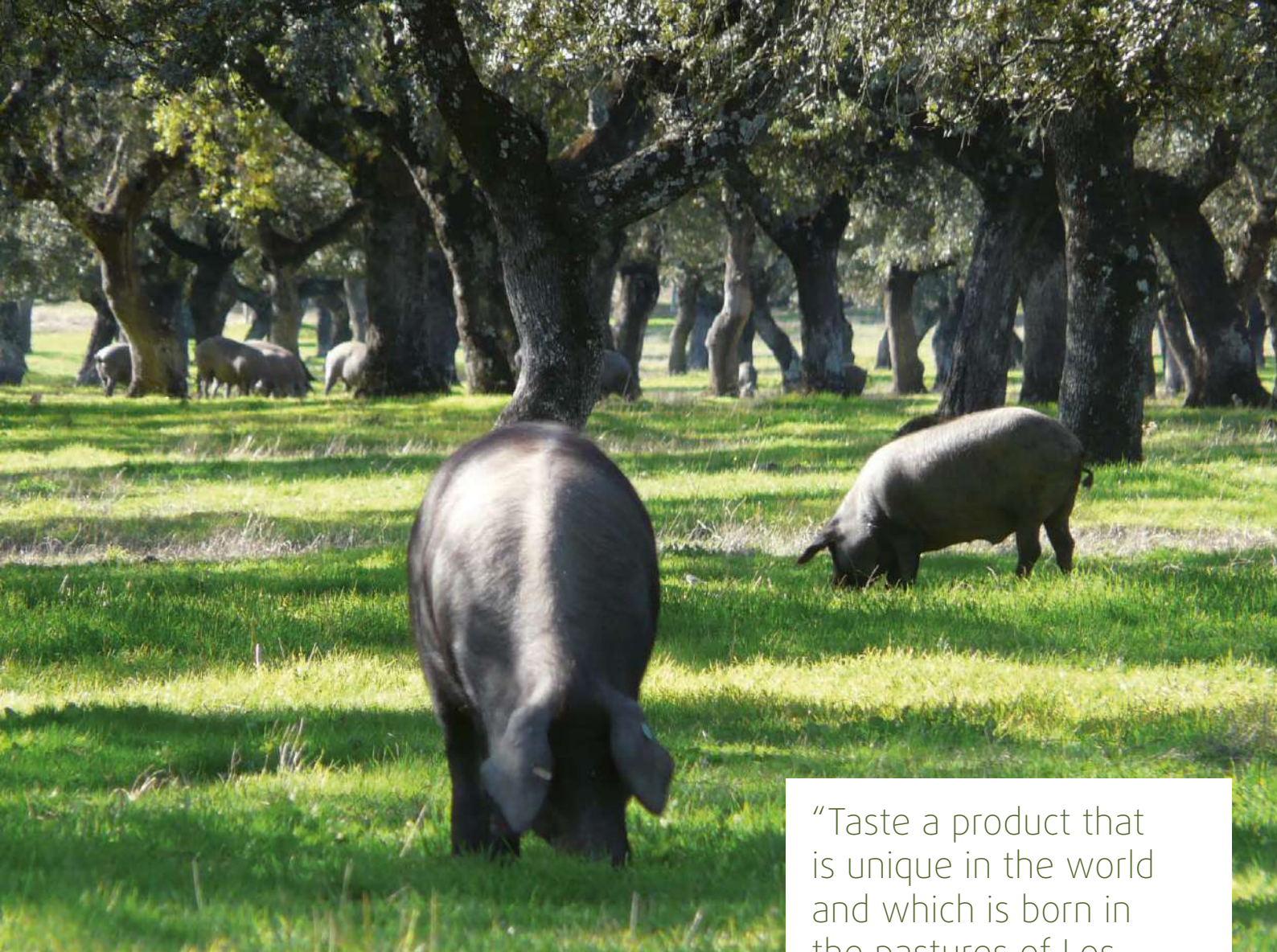
When you have a plate of pure acorn-fed jamón ibérico from Los Pedroches Designation of Origin

in front of you, think that it is the fruit of five years of work, care and treats, whose sole aim is to provoke enjoyment in the consumer. It is a product which, in addition to excellent gastronomic qualities, has some extraordinary abilities from the point-of-view of preserving your health.

In order to have an in-depth discovery of the preparation process and to enjoy this gastronomic delight in its purest state, we propose a journey along the Ruta del Ibérico. This is a journey through the villages of the north of Córdoba where you can taste authentic Iberian pig products and discover its traditions, history and culture.

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“Taste a product that is unique in the world and which is born in the pastures of Los Pedroches and Valle del Guadiato, where the Iberian pig is bred freely”





Rute



Amanteigados



Chocolate nativity scene

## 17 | Taste Christmas in Córdoba

### Let yourself be overcome by the smells of anis and mantecados

If you are one of those people who like to taste all kinds of Christmas sweets and products, the Subbética region and Rute and Montoro, in particular, are ideal destinations for you.

Rute is renowned for its famed aniseed and liqueurs, as well as its mantecados and polvorones (typical Christmas sweets) that have been recognised around the world for the quality of their raw material and their traditional preparation. Visiting this place at Christmas will be an authentic experience. Let yourself be overcome by the flavours and smells of Rute's

anis, chocolate, nougat and marzipan and rekindle memories of a typical Christmas in the museums dedicated to anis, nougat, marzipan and chocolate, where every year they build the world's biggest chocolate nativity scene.

Another perfect destination to taste Christmas in the province of Córdoba is Montoro where you will not be able to resist the famous marzipan while in Rute you will be captivated by mantecados and polvorones, world renowned for the high quality of its raw materials and traditional preparation.



“Taste all the typical Christmas sweets and products in the Subbética region”

# 18 | Discover Legendary Fortresses

## Visit the past with the Route of the Castles

The province of Córdoba is dotted with large castles and emblematic fortifications that remind us of times gone by. One visit will be enough to travel through time and into the depths of history and the lives of those who lived there.

The Spanish Association of Amigos de los Castillos en Andalucía ("Friends of Andalusian Castles") has developed the Route of the Castles of Córdoba, perfect for you if you want to discover these defensive monuments which are part of the valuable artistic and historic heritage of the province; at the same time, you can enjoy the landscape, its gastronomy and its cultural legacy.

The castles of Calahorra and Alcazár de Los Reyes Cristianos in the capital; the castle in Almodóvar del Río, Gahete Castle in Belalcázar, those in Hornachuelos and Montemayor; the castle in Priego de Córdoba, Ashar Castle in Iznajár and Moral Castle in Lucena are just some examples of the fortresses that await you in the province.





Almodóvar Castle



Belalcázar Castle



“Visit large castles and emblematic fortifications that remind us of times gone by”



Fair of Córdoba



## 19 | Equestrian Tourism

### Enter the home of the Andalusian Horse

The horse is an indisputable sign of Cordovan culture and a deep-rooted tradition. In the north and the south, the east and the west of the province, there is no end to the experiences which will bring you closer to the world of horses through its livestock and horse-riding centres, as well as the businesses connected to the sector that range from clothing and carriages to hats, as well as veterinary centres and not forgetting the Popular Festivals that are held in many places and in the capital itself.

The Royal Stables of Córdoba are an unmissable visit if you want to discover the history of Cordovan horse-riding and equestrianism around the world. In fact, this emblematic building was built in 1570, on the orders of King Phillip II, who wanted to create a new breed of horse, the Andalusian Horse - Pure Spanish Race. Do not miss the Equestrian Spectacle of the Andalusian

Horse's Passion and Charm (Pasión y Duende del Caballo Andaluz), organised by the Córdoba Equestrian Association in the Royal Stables. This experience will help you get in touch with the Cordovan equestrian tradition.

"CABALCOR", the Córdoba Horse Fair, is held in the month of September, with the capital becoming a destination and home for thousands of tourists and participants in the competitions that come from all over the country and outside Spain.

In the province, the magnificent "Sueño Andaluz" (Andalusian Dream) Equestrian Spectacle stands out in Santaella; don't miss the livestock fairs that are held in the villages of the Cordovan countryside, such as Montalbán and La Rambla, or visits to livestock and horse-riding centres in the Guadalquivir Valley or the horse routes and equestrian displays in Sierra Morena.



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## 20 | Active Tourism and Ecotourism

### Experience and enjoy nature in its purest form

The province of Córdoba has some of the most varied natural spaces of the Iberian Peninsula and a wide representation of ecosystems, environments and landscapes; these include a nature reserve and three natural parks. In addition to the large number of hiking trails and routes, you can enjoy pastures, lagoons, Mediterranean mountains and geological formations. These are ideal enclaves where you can do all kinds of active tourism activities, while a range of tourist services of the utmost quality are waiting for you in the province of Córdoba.

The area of the Guadalquivir Valley stands out as a destination whose natural heritage offers a number of options and activities to enjoy active tourism and ecotourism. Of particular interest is the Natural Park of Hornachuelos where you can enjoy hiking, horse-riding, watersports and mountaineering, such as climbing, orienteering and cycling.

From the Guadalquivir Valley, we travel to the Subbética region, the area situated in the south of the province of Córdoba and the home of excitement in Andalusia. There are fourteen municipalities full of tourist incentives where you can visit the unforgettable Sierras Subbéticas Natural

Park, a protected space of great ecological and landscape wealth. You will be surprised by the wide range of sports that you can practice in the area, from mountaineering to hiking, via ferrata, climbing, speleology and abseiling, and all kinds of watersports in the Iznájar Reservoir and the Genil river which connects to it. In fact, the Watersports School offers activities for beginners and experienced users in white-water kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, windsurfing, sailing and rafting.

You mustn't miss the Cardeña Montoro Natural Park, the nature reserve of the Lagoons of South Córdoba or the Peri-urban Parks of Fuente Agría, La Zarza, La Sierrezuela, Los Cabezos and Los Villares, while not forgetting the natural sites of the reservoir of Cordobilla or Malpasillo. Córdoba also has inland beaches such as La Breña in Almodóvar, La Colada in Pozoblanco and Valdearenas in Iznájar.

Throughout the length and breadth of the province, there are dozens of businesses focused on active and natural tourism. Discover these enclaves by hiking or cycling, getting inside the land by completing a speleology route or being part of the flow of the Guadalquivir river with a canoeing trip, for example, are options which are available to you if you visit us.



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## 21 | Rail trails in the province

### Enter charming paths

If you are looking for the best way to combine sport, nature and calmness, the best tourist options are the Vías Verdes, "green paths" along disused railway lines which are now used for the enjoyment of cyclists, hikers and nature lovers, located in unique areas and a short distance from charming rural villages with plenty to offer.

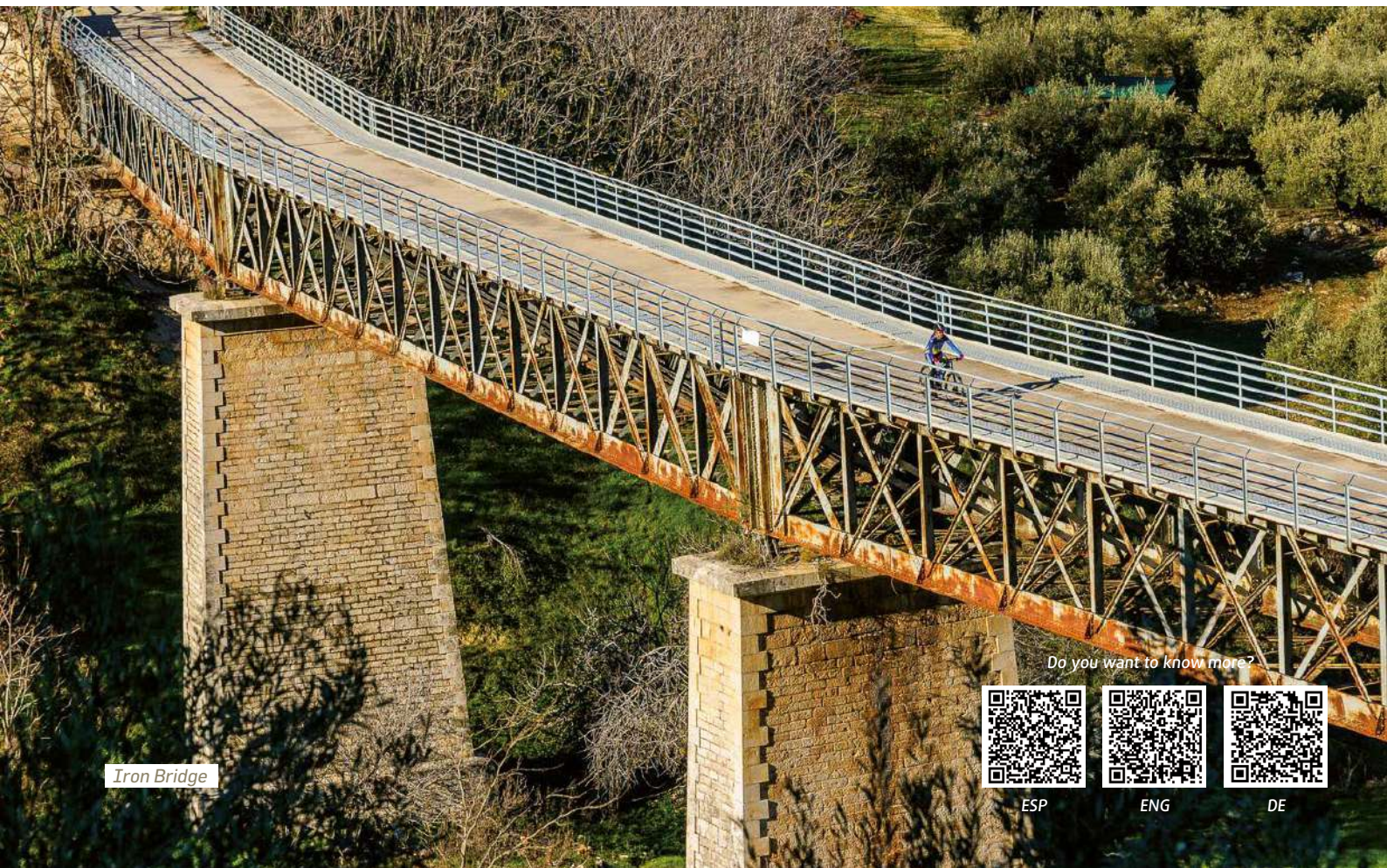
Currently in Córdoba, there are seven Green Paths in use. Of particular interest may be the Olive Oil Green Path (Vía Verde del Aceite), the longest one in Andalusia and one of the best maintained ones in terms of equipment and additional offers. The route that crosses the province of Córdoba is 73 kilometres long and runs from a massive sea of olive trees and vineyards, crossing thirteen metal viaducts from the 19th century, trenches and embankments, as well as old stations which have been converted into restaurants where you can try the local cuisine. The Campiña Green Path also has a particular attraction, with a journey of 28 kilometres between the Cordovan towns of Guadalcazar and La Carlota, suitable for both hiking and cycling.

The following journey is a trip to one of the most important industrial heritages around, along 3.2

kilometres of the Peñarroya-Pueblonuevo Green Path. In this area, La Maquinilla Green Path can also be found. It is 8 kilometres long and connects the towns of Bélmez and Peñarroya-Pueblonuevo along disused mining railways. It is perfect for being walked along, to go on by bike or even by horse.

If you are attracted to the area, you can travel along the Mining Green Path (Vía Verde de la Minería), which covers a section of the old Peñarroya-Pueblonuevo railway and combines mining history and nature along its 14.6 km route. The last two routes of the province are the Fuente Obejuna Green Path with a 4.5-kilometre route through leafy forests of holm oak and cork oaks, and the Cerco Vía Verde, a circular route around the Cerco Industrial of Peñarroya-Pueblonuevo, recognised as a Cultural Interest Asset monument in the industrial landscape category. What stand out here are the coke oven chimneys, the lead smelting, the Santa Rosa mine and the factory for refractory material.

Undoubtedly, travelling along these Green Paths is the perfect excuse to reach the heart of Córdoba and let yourself be taken in by the charm of its villages, discover its heritage, enjoy its gastronomy and the hospitality of its people.



Iron Bridge

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*Cycling from the Olive Oil Green Path*

## 22 | **Cycling tourism in our province** Enjoy the villages on two wheels

A different way to discover the province of Córdoba, its villages and its natural heritage is to do so by bike, whether on cycle lanes or along the rail trails. With cycling tourism, an option which continues to win over even more fans, you will discover landscapes and enticing trails, in an entertaining and healthy way.

The geographical condition of the province offers a great variety of landscapes which can be covered with ease. The Guadalquivir Valley and the Cordovan countryside, to the south of the great Andalusian river, include smooth slopes which are ideal for calm routes, while if you are one of the more demanding cyclists, you can opt for the municipalities of Guadiato and Los Pedroches, where pasture landscape dominates and there are numerous cycle routes that cover settlements and drovers' roads. If that wasn't enough, the province of Córdoba has two natural parks located in the Sierra Morena (Hornachuelos and Cardeña-Montoro) and a third in the foothills of the Subbéticas in the south, where the options for cycling tourism are countless.

“You will discover landscapes and enticing trails, in an entertaining and healthy way”





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“A journey that faithfully reflects the medieval historic routes and will have you enjoy the Historic Heritage and the great variety of landscapes and natural zones”.

## 23 | Do the Mozarabic Way as it passes through Córdoba

Excellent signposting, viability and welcoming places await the pilgrim

The Mozarabic Way to Santiago stretches along 244 kilometres of the province of Córdoba, connecting the Andalusian provinces and starts in Baena until it reaches the Silver Route (Ruta de la Plata), crossing 16 Cordovan municipalities. Castro del Río, Córdoba, Santa Cruz, Espejo, Cerro Muriano, Villaharta, Alcaracejos and Hinojosa del Duque are some of the Cordovan municipalities which this itinerary covers before later passing

through the Extremaduran settlements of Monterrubio, Campanario, Medellín, San Pedro de Mérida and Mérida.

The entire route of the way through the province relies on excellent signposting, viability and welcoming places. A network of half a dozen hostels and nine hospitality establishments provide lodging for pilgrims.





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## 24 | Starlight Reserves in the Province

### Look at the sky and be dazzled

If you are a lover of astronomical observation, the skies of Sierra Morena and Los Pedroches are your paradise. Both territories bring together the optimal conditions for nighttime observation as there is hardly any light pollution. Here, you will be able to enjoy an authentic spectacle of lights which are shown in a unique way.

The Starlight Reserve of Sierra Morena will surprise you with its giant size. In fact, it is the biggest astronomic park in the world. In addition, lynxes, eagles and deer roam freely throughout its hills that are lined with closed forest. It also has a great offer of activities and options to enjoy a night under the skies.

Located in the far north-east of the province of Córdoba, the municipality of Los Pedroches is one of the hallmarks of the province of Córdoba. Its

extensive pastures are the best preserved ones in the world and, coupled with its villages, people and customs, it makes it a magical destination. In the Starlight Reserve in Los Pedroches, the sky has an impressive layer of stars and there are numerous perfect corners from where to observe it. We recommend the peri-urban parks, hermitages or old mines that are found throughout the municipality.

In the province of Córdoba, a lot of work has been put in so that the tourist experience of discovering the skies can be an exceptional one. The different municipalities have a rich tourist offer, traditional restaurants, hotels with charm and an envious cultural heritage. A night in the countryside, under a shooting star, will fill your senses with far more than what you have seen, with experiences that can only accompany the sky of Córdoba.



## 25 | Sleep in Córdoba

Hotels, hostels, country houses and tourist accommodation in charming houses await you

Accommodation of different styles, whether classical, modern or practical, with all the comfort required for the most demanding guests or something simple for the more limited budgets, the capital of Córdoba has places to stay overnight ranging from 1- to 5-star hotels, guesthouses, hostels, country houses, tourist accommodation in charming houses, camping and youth hostels. Spaces where you can explore the city, located right in the city centre, in the old neighbourhoods and even in the outskirts.

If you prefer to stay outside the capital, all throughout the province, you will find an endless number of different accommodation options and you will be surprised by their unique features. In recent years, dozens of country accommodation places with a certain magic have become available. These allow you to get closer to the towns and their people. Don't miss the opportunity to stay overnight in unique environments.



Hotel Hospes Palacio del Bailío, Córdoba

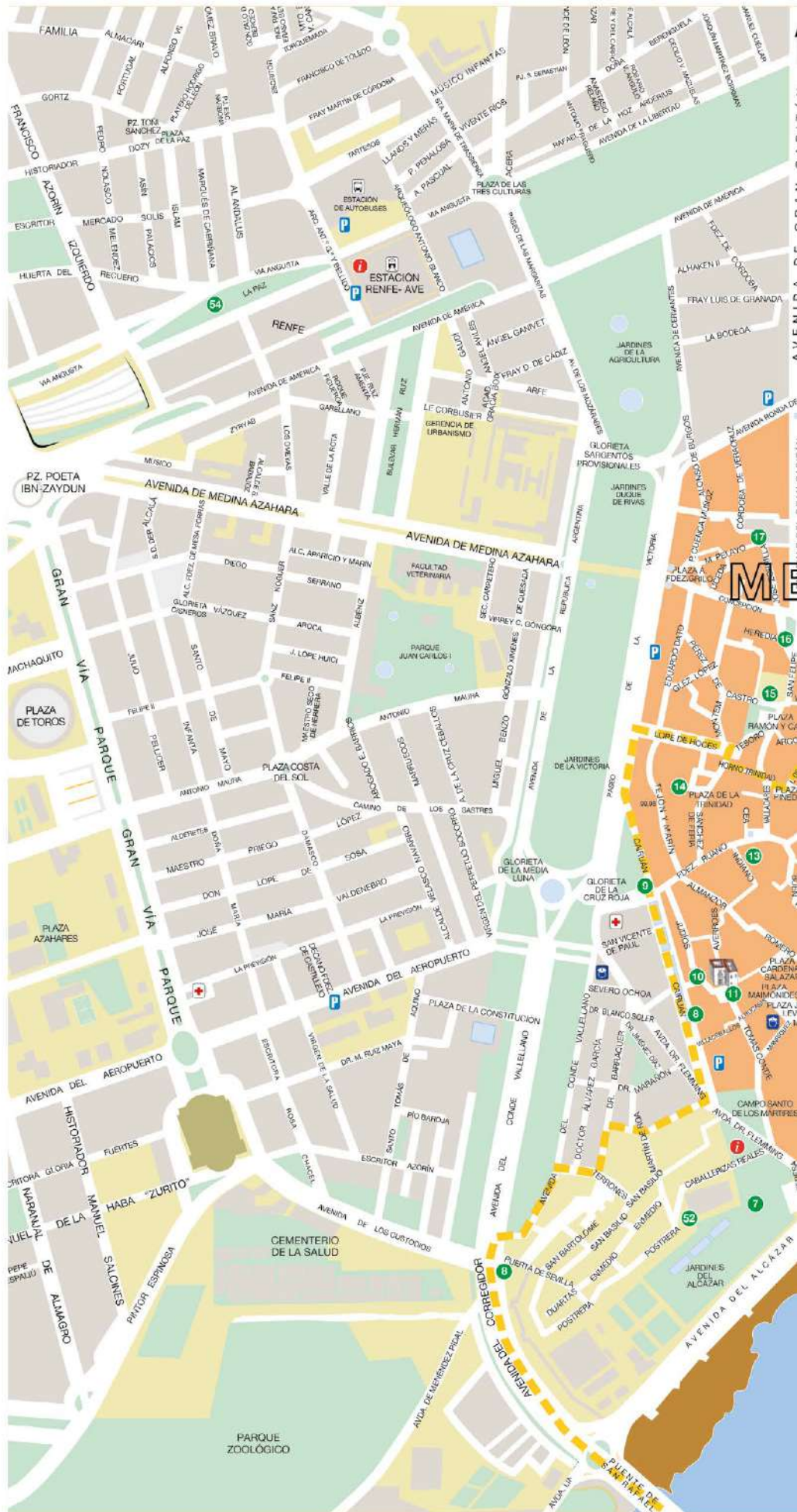


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- 1 Mezquita-Catedral *Mosque-Cathedral*
- 2 Puente del Puercu *Gate of the Bridge*
- 3 Palacios Episcopales *Episcopal Palace*
- 4 Puente Romano *Roman Bridge*
- 5 Torre de la Calahorra (Museo de las Tres Culturas)  
*The Calahorra Tower (Museum of the Three Cultures)*
- 6 Murio de la Alcazaba y molinos árabes  
*Albolfafia Waterwheel and arab mills*
- 7 Alcazar de los Reyes Cristianos  
*Fortress of the Christian Monarchs*
- 8 Murallas del Marrubial *Marrubial City Wall*
- 9 Murallas árabes (Puente de Almodovar)  
*Moorish City Wall (Almodovar Gate)*
- 10 Sinagoga *Synagogue*
- 11 Museo Taurino *Bullfighting Museum*
- 12 Calleja y Plaza de las Flores  
*Las Flores Lane and Las Flores Square*
- 13 Casa del Indiano *Palace of «El Indiano»*
- 14 Parrquia de la Trinidad *Parish Church of La Trinidad*
- 15 Casa de las Venegas de Henestrosa (Soborno Militar)  
*Palace of the Venegas de Henestrosa family  
(now Provincial Military Headquarters)*
- 16 Parrquia de San Nicolas de la Villa  
*Parish Church of St. Nicolas de la Villa*
- 17 Real Colegio de San Hipolito  
*Royal Collegiate Church of St. Hipolito*
- 18 Parrquia de San Miguel *Parish Church of St. Miguel*
- 19 Plaza de las Tendillas *Tendillas Square*
- 20 Iglesia de la Compañia *Church of La Compañia*
- 21 Conservatorio de Música *High School of Music*
- 22 Colegio de Santa Victoria *Santa Victoria School*
- 23 Museo Arqueológico (Bastion de los Paes de Castillejo)  
*Archaeological Museum (formerly the Paes de  
Castillejo Palace)*
- 24 Arco del Portillo *The Portillo Arch*
- 25 Casa de los Marqueses del Carpio  
*Palace of the Marquis of El Carpio*
- 26 Posada de Petro *Old Inn of Petro*
- 27 Museo de Julio Romero de Torres  
*Julio Romero de Torres Museum*
- 28 Museo de Bellas Artes *Museum of Fine Arts*
- 29 Parrquia de San Francisco y San Eulogio de la Ajerquia  
*Parish Church of St. Francisco and St. Eulogio de la Ajerquia*
- 30 Parrquia de Santiago *Parish Church of Santiago*
- 31 Parrquia de San Pedro *Parish Church of St. Pedro*
- 32 Museo Regina *Regina Museum*
- 33 Plaza de la Corredera *Corredera Square*
- 34 Templo Romano *Roman Temple*
- 35 Ayuntamiento *City Hall*
- 36 Círculo de la Amistad *Círculo de la Amistad (Social Club)*
- 37 Real Convento de San Pablo *Royal Convent of St. Pablo*
- 38 Casa de los Villalones *Palace of the Villalones family*
- 39 Parrquia de San Andrés *Parish Church of St. Andrés*
- 40 Convento de Santa Marta *Convent of St. Marta*
- 41 Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores  
*Church of Nuestra Señora de los Dolores*
- 42 Palacio de la Merced *Palacio de la Merced*
- 43 La Merced Palace *Deputation*
- 44 Torre de la Malmuerta *Malmuerta Tower*
- 45 Parrquia de Santa Marina *Parish Church of St. Marina*
- 46 Palacio Museo de Viana *Viana Palace Museum*
- 47 Convento de San Agustín *Convent of St. Agustín*
- 48 Iglesia de San Rafael (El Juramento)  
*Church of St. Raphael (El Juramento)*
- 49 Parrquia de San Lorenzo *Parish Church of St. Lorenzo*
- 50 Parrquia de la Magdalena *Parish Church of La Magdalena*
- 51 Convento de los Padres de Gracia  
*Convent of Los Padres de Gracia*
- 52 Convento de San José (San Cayetano)  
*Convent of St. Joseph (St. Cayetano)*
- 53 Caballerías Reales *Royal Mews*
- 54 Molino de Martos *Martos Mill*
- 55 Zona arqueológica de Cercadillas  
*Archaeological area of Cercadillas*

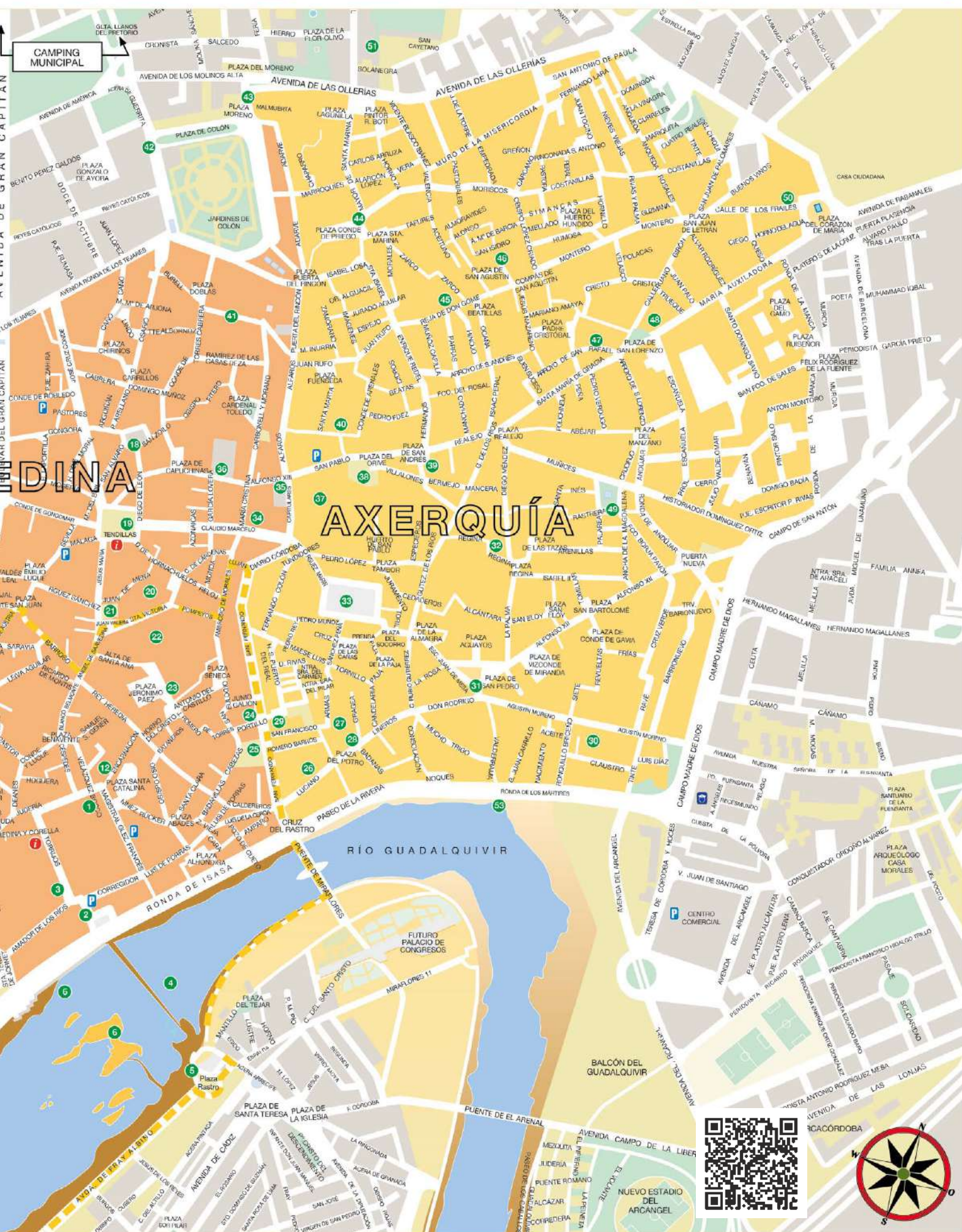


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- Aparcamiento *Parking*
- Estación de Autobuses *Bus Station*
- Estación de Tren *Railway Station*
- Servicios sanitarios *Medical assistance*
- Policía *Police*

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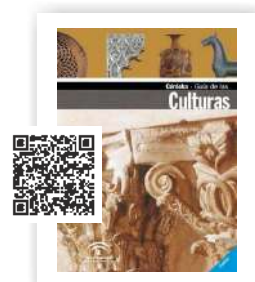
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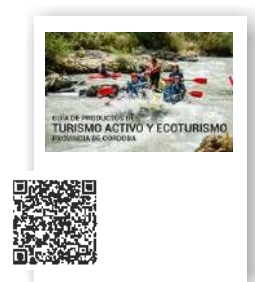
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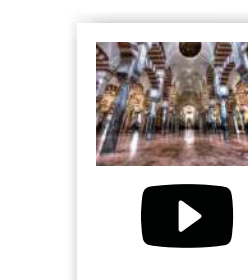
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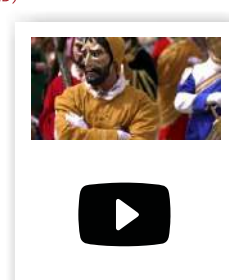
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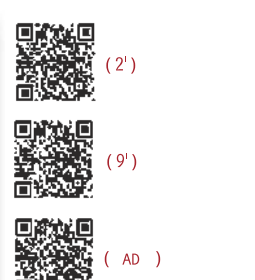
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