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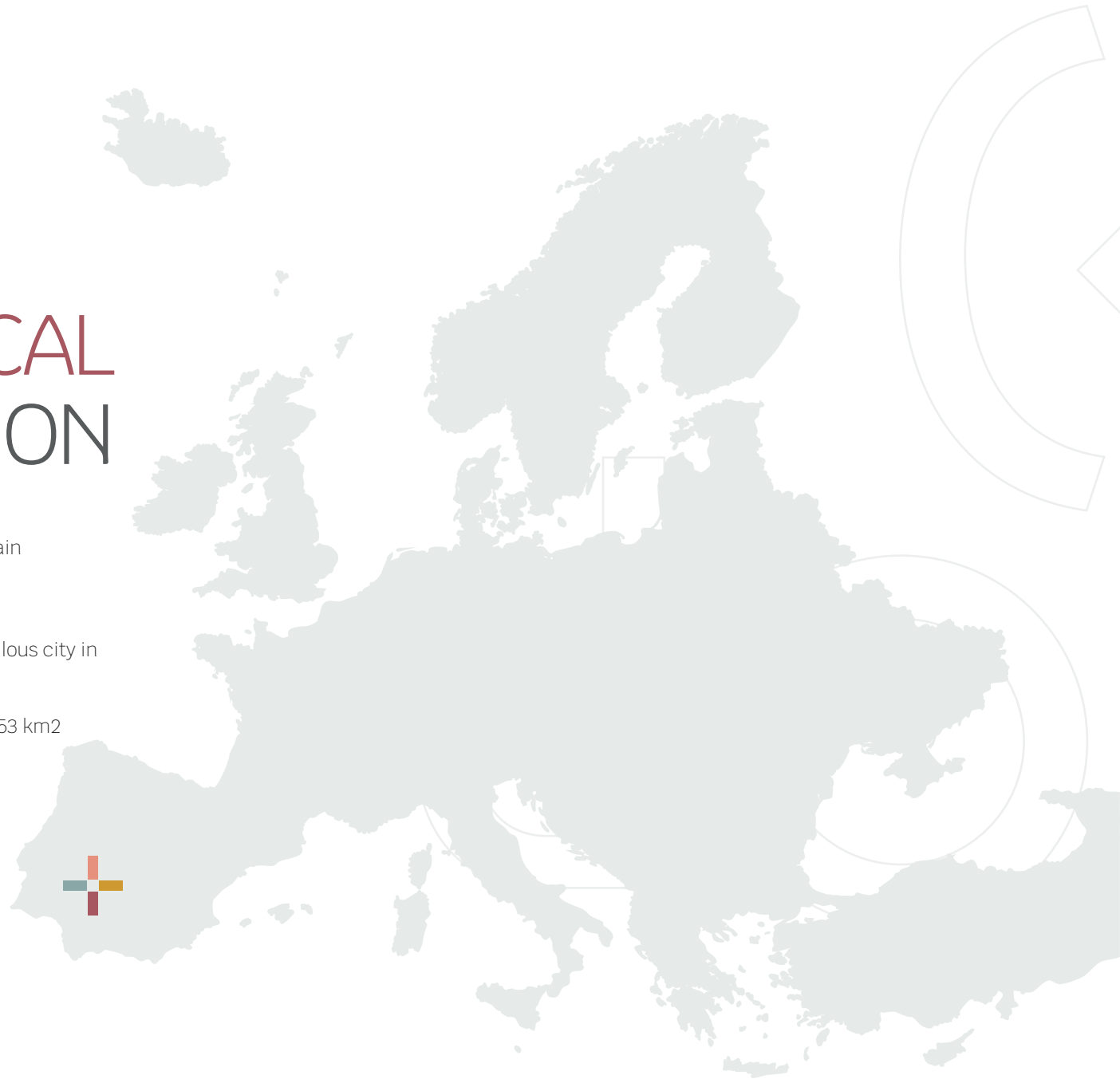


**Córdoba** is a medium-sized city, **pleasant to get to know by walking** through its streets, with a very **good climate** all year round, full of unique **corners** and **treasures of incalculable value**, where live people with a **happy and friendly nature, friendly to the visitor**, whom he receives with affection to proudly show his **house, its history and its legacy**, its **four World Heritage Sites** that make it unique, its love for flowers, its predilection for such a noble animal as the **Purebred Spanish Horse**, its exquisite and healthy **gastronomy** of **Denomination of Origin** products, from great chefs, **Córdoba is that and much more...**

Whether you come as a family, as a couple, for work or business, whether you are young, old, middle-aged and wherever you come from, we will be waiting for you with open arms...

# GEOGRAPHICAL SITUATION

- Córdoba is located in the south of Spain
- The Gateway to Andalusia
- The third largest and third most populous city in Andalusia
- Surface Area (municipal district): 1,253 km<sup>2</sup>
- 319.515 inhabitants



# AIR AND GROUND CONNECTIONS

Córdoba is integrated into the **AENA Airport Network** through an airport close to the city, historically featuring mercantile, medical, training and military flights. In 2023, thanks to efforts by AENA, the Córdoba Airport opens to commercial passenger flights. In addition, there are several international airports less than two hours away (Madrid, Málaga, Sevilla Granada and Jerez).

Thanks to the **railway network**, Córdoba is, after Madrid and Barcelona, the Spanish city with the most connections and daily journeys on long- and medium-distance AVE (High-Speed) trains. In 2023 Córdoba also became accessible via low-cost operators (AVLO, IRYO and OUIGO).

Córdoba is a mandatory stop on the **Al-Andalus luxury tourism train**, which offers travellers a complete experience on a tour of the region, with its scenery, excursions to its main cities, and gourmet cuisine with Andalusian roots.

By highway, Spain's **State Highway Network** allows excellent access to the rest of Andalusia (the Malaga A-45 being a good example) and Spain, (A-4 Southern Highway), as well as to neighboring countries.



## Tours of high speed

Córdoba-Barcelona	4H40'
Córdoba-Valencia	3H41'
Córdoba -Zaragoza	2H49'
Córdoba-Madrid	1H40'
Córdoba-Granada	1H24'
Córdoba-Málaga	48'
Córdoba-Sevilla	42'

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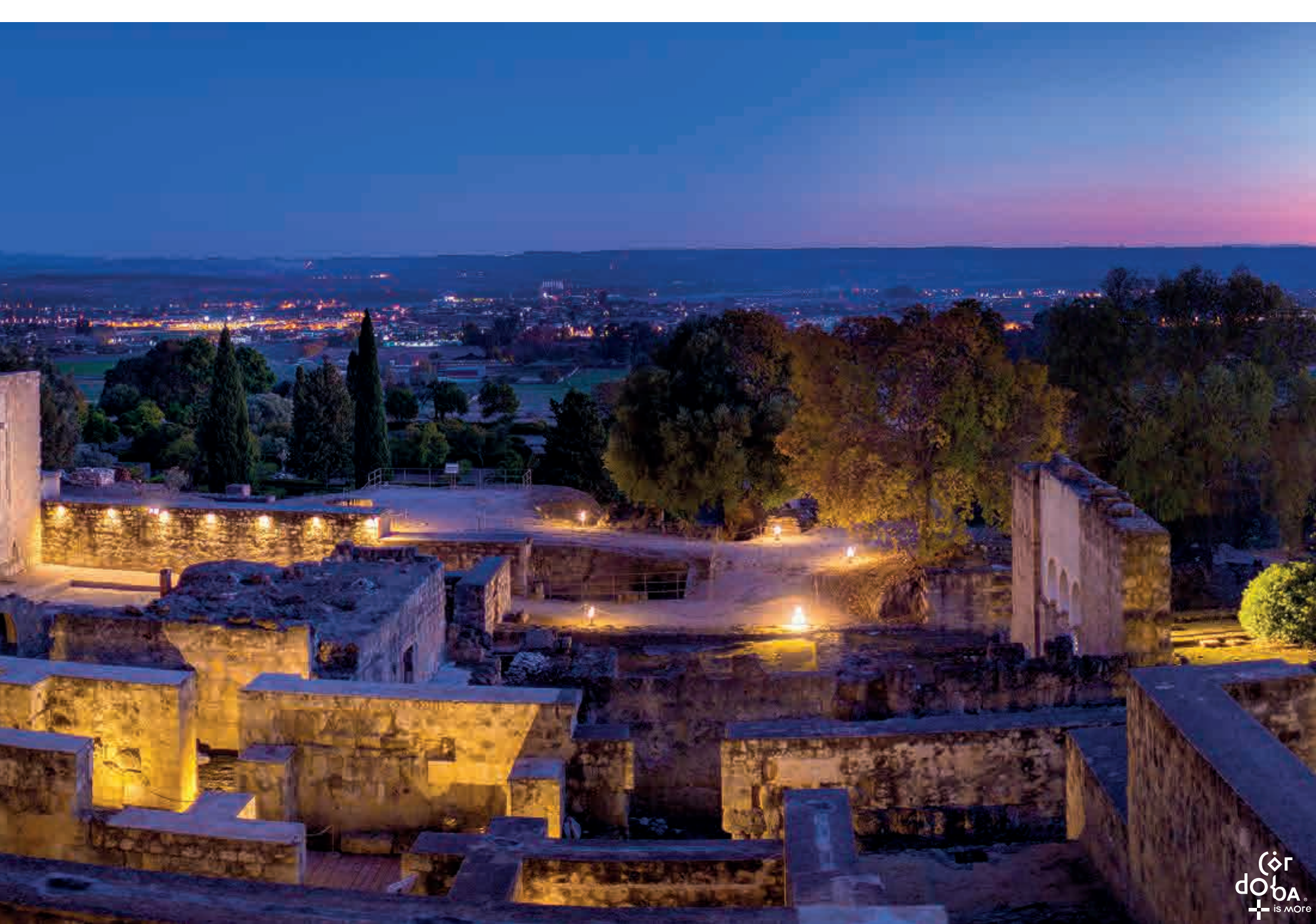
The City of Córdoba  
Four World Heritage Sites  
The Courtyards ("Patios") of Córdoba  
The Spanish Purebred Horse  
Gastronomy

## TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Denomination of Origin (D.O.)  
Great cultural events  
Crafts and Jewellery  
Holidays and traditions  
Flamenco  
Nature  
Monuments and Museums  
Fernandine churches  
Archeological sites  
Fashion  
Cinema











The eighth-century **Mosque** is Córdoba's jewel in the crown, the most significant Moslem site in the whole of Western Europe and one of the most remarkable buildings in the world.

It has been a **World Heritage Site since 1984**, and what makes it unique is that it contains a magnificent Christian Cathedral within.

Visits can be made not only during the day but also at night, thanks to the **night-time tours "The Soul of Córdoba"**, which take place from Monday to Saturday (according to timetables and availability).

We recommend visiting it in both ways (day and night) to enjoy the full range of sensations.

# THE MOSQUE OF CÓRDOBA

WORLD  
HERITAGE SITE  
SINCE 1984









# THE HISTORIC QUARTER

WORLD  
HERITAGE SITE  
SINCE 1994

The **Old Quarter**, one of the largest historic centres in Europe, was declared a World Heritage Site in 1994.

At its heart lies the **Jewish Quarter**, an area inhabited by Jews in the Middle Ages, dotted with sites and museums that are a must on any visit:

The only surviving **Synagogue** in Andalusia (14th century), one of only 3 still standing in Spain.

The **Mudejar Chapel of San Bartolomé** (14th /15th centuries).

The **Baths of the Caliphate Fortress**.

The **Roman Bridge**.

The **Arab Souk**....









# THE PATIOS FESTIVAL

INTANGIBLE HERITAGE  
OF HUMANITY  
SINCE 2012

PATRMONIO CULTURALE  
IMMATERIALE  
DELL'UMANITÀ  
DAL 2012

The **Festival of the Courtyards of Córdoba**, popularly known as “The Patios Festival”, was declared **Intangible Heritage of Humanity in 2012**, and bears witness to a forgotten way of life and cultural expression: it is the pride of Córdoba and a unforgettable showcase of floral beauty.

The Patios Festival takes place during the **first two weeks in May** in different neighbourhoods spread around the city, although guided tours of the courtyards can be made throughout the year. If you visit the festival, the main thing is to show respect: remember that you are visiting a private house, and the owners have kindly opened their doors to the public to allow you to share in this delightful display of flowering plants.









WORLD  
HERITAGE SITE  
SINCE 2018

# CALIPHATE CITY OF MEDINA AZAHARA

**Medina Azahara** (10th century) is the archaeological site of what was once a palace-city built by Caliph Abd-al-Rahman III as a symbol of the power of the Caliphate of Córdoba.

**A World Heritage Site since July 2018.**

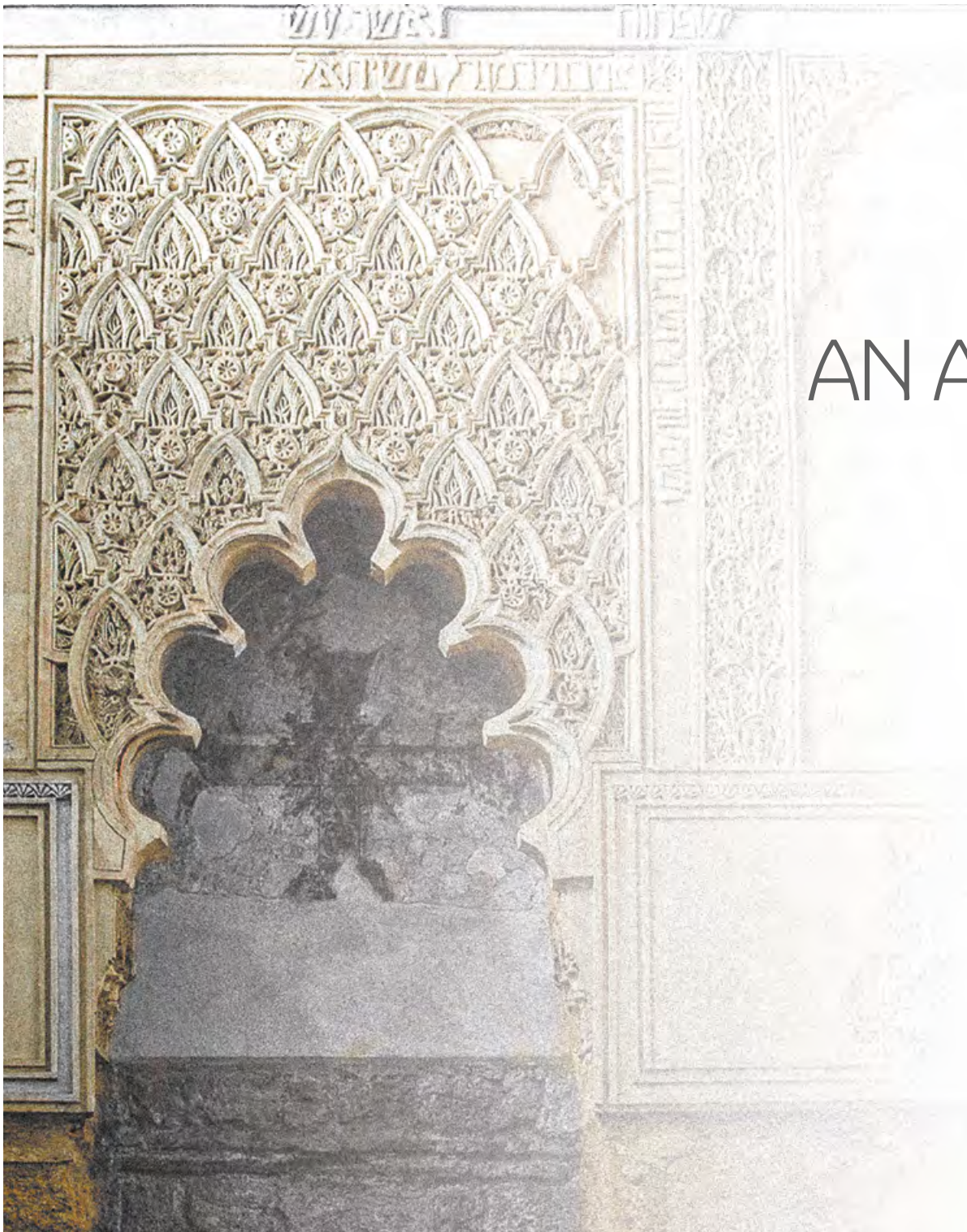
Close by the archaeological site stands the Madinat Al-Zahra museum, which is well worth a visit, especially to see the excellent video recreating the history of the palace-city.

This exceptional site lies about 9 kms from the city of Córdoba and the best way to get there is either by car or by the **Tourist Bus** or the **Bus to Medina Azahara**.









Córdoba boasts a history and architectural heritage unique in the world, such as its **Alcázar de los Reyes Cristianos (Castle of the Christian Monarchs, 13th century)**. Built on Roman and Arab ruins, and for centuries the site of major historical events, it now serves as a venue for a range of different acts, events and shows. The **Synagogue** (14th century) is another example, unique in Andalusia and one of the 3 preserved in Spain.

# AN ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE UNIQUE IN THE WORLD

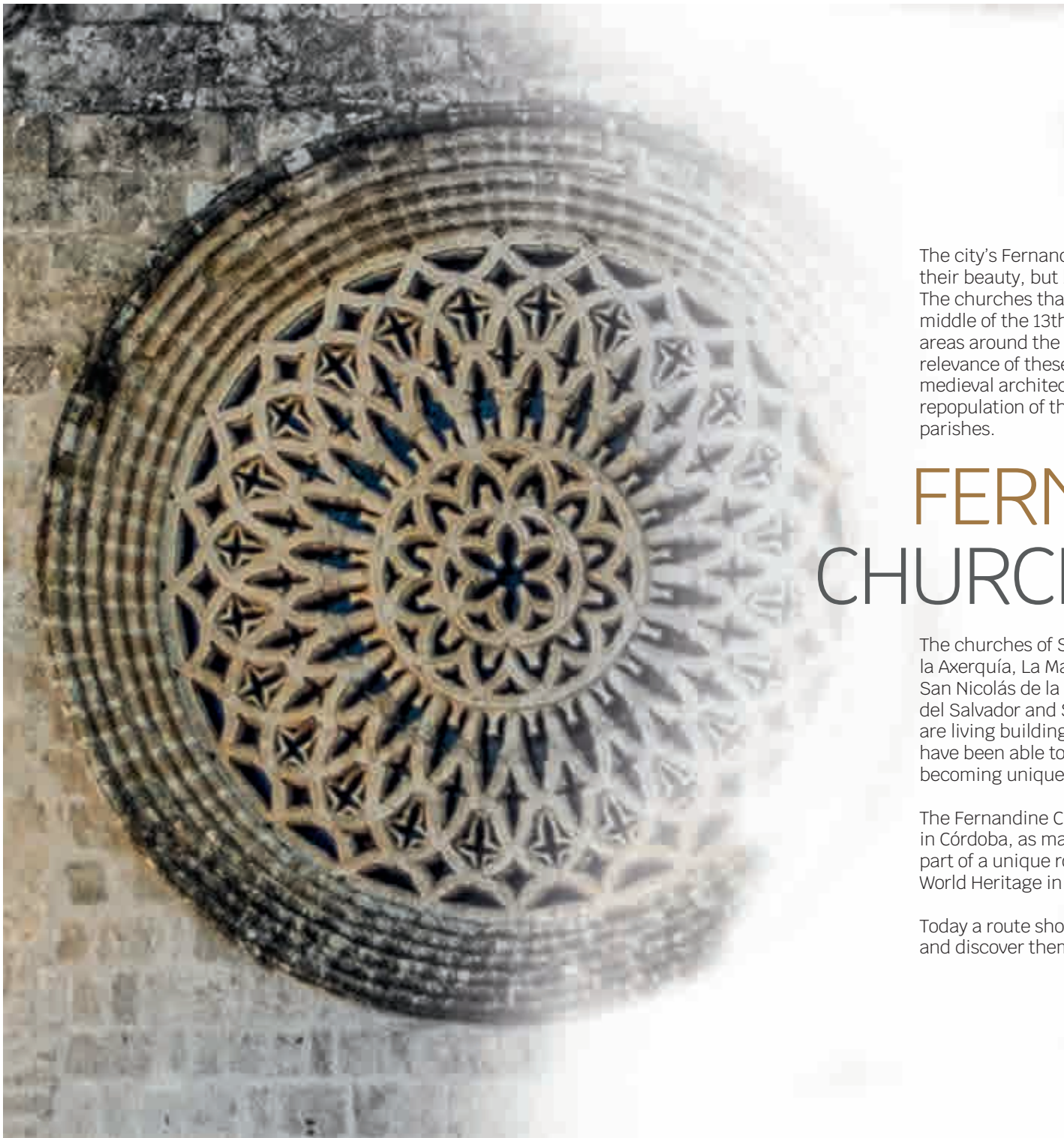
VISITS TO THE MOST POPULAR  
SITES IN 2019 > 2022

	2019	2023
1. The Mosque-Cathedral	2.079.160	1.927.577
2. Synagogue	619.110	499.100
3. Castle of the Christian Monarchs	615.737	683.941
4. Madinat al-Zahra	285.672	215.764
5. Palace of Viana	193.802	179.923
6. The Calahorra Tower	96.548	89.978
7. Caliphal Baths	79.733	109.191
8. Royal Botanic Garden	30.603	20.724
9. Capilla de San Bartolomé	40.522	30.594









The city's Fernandine Churches merit special mention, not only for their beauty, but because they are part of the history of Córdoba. The churches that Ferdinand III the Saint ordered built between the middle of the 13th century and the beginning of the 14th in different areas around the city are known as the Fernandine Churches. The relevance of these sites stems not only from the uniqueness of their medieval architecture, but also their function as instruments for the repopulation of the city's urban fabric through its organization into parishes.

## FERNANDINE CHURCHES

The churches of San Agustín, San Francisco and San Eulogio de la Axerquía, La Magdalena, San Andrés, San Lorenzo, San Miguel, San Nicolás de la Villa, San Pablo, San Pedro, Santa Marina, Iglesia del Salvador and Santo Domingo de Silos and Iglesia de Santiago are living buildings that maintain their liturgical function and that have been able to assimilate plastic contributions from every era, becoming unique and inimitable monuments.

The Fernandine Churches are especially important during Holy Week in Córdoba, as many of the processions depart from them, forming part of a unique route through the city's Historic Center, declared World Heritage in 1994.

Today a route showcases 9 of these **Fernandine Churches**. Come and discover them!







Córdoba boasts one of the finest **archaeological museums** in Spain, with valuable artefacts from different historical periods and architectural styles, all housed in a building constructed on top of the archaeological remains of the city's **Roman Theatre**. The **Julio Romero de Torres** Museum is another gem, which displays the artist's work and captures the essential beauty of Córdoba like no other.

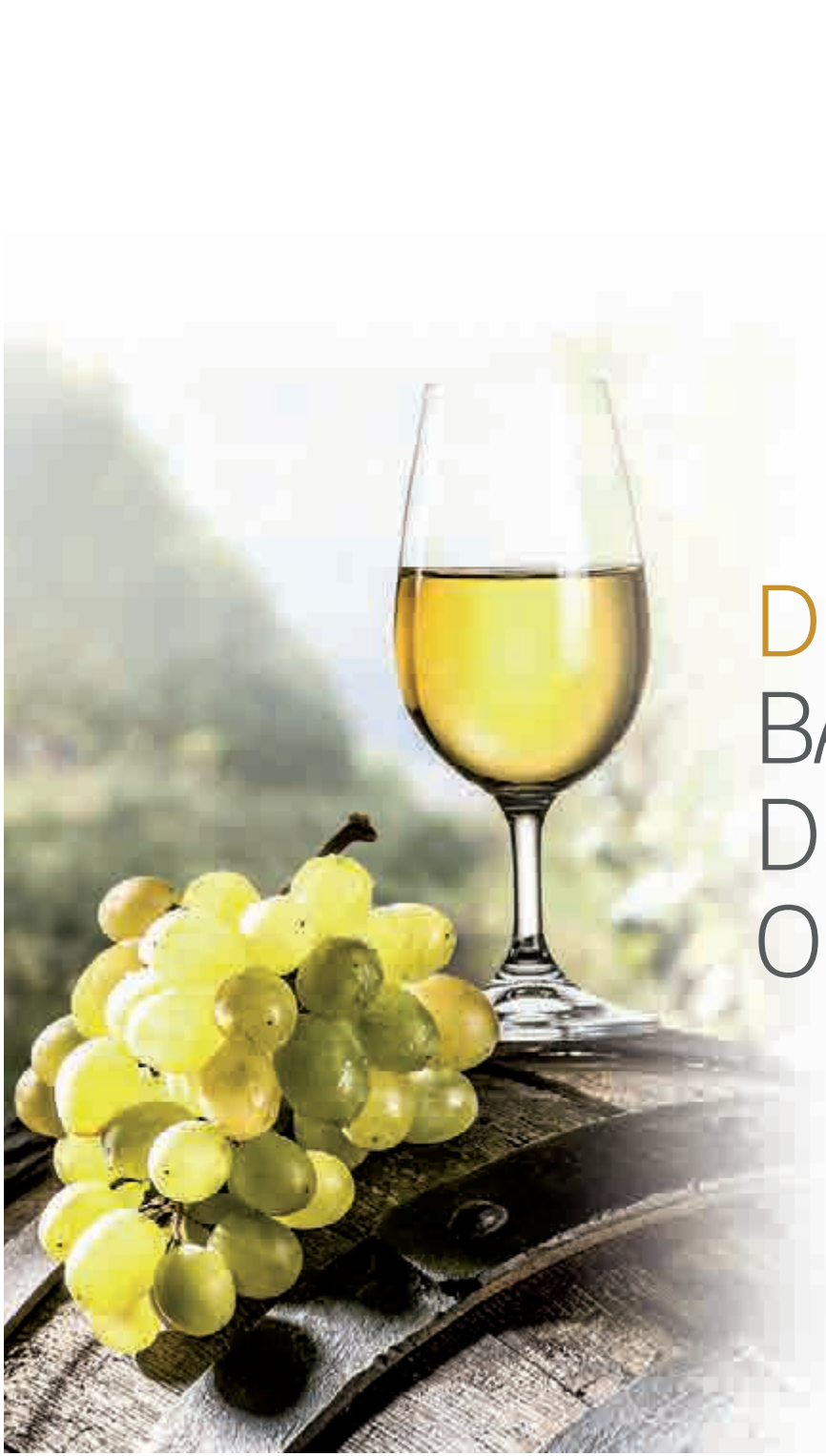
# MUSEUMS WITH PRICELESS TREASURES

VISITS TO THE MOST POPULAR  
MUSEUMS IN 2019 > 2023

	2019	2023
1. Archaeological Museum	291.832	246.003
2. Fine Arts Museum	70.055	61.947
3. Julio Romero de Torres Museum	53.495	53.568
4. Bullfighting Museum	21.100	28.735







**Córdoba has an age-old culinary tradition**, influenced by the Mediterranean diet and by the different civilizations which have lived here, giving rise to a cuisine featuring dishes unique to Córdoba such as **salmorejo** (cold tomato dip), **oxtail**, **aubergines with honey**, or **flamenquin** (rolled pork fritter).

Córdoba's cuisine is typified by the use of high quality local products, produced under 7 **Denominations of Origin**: 4 for **Olive Oil** (Baena, Lucena, Priego de Córdoba and Montoro-Adamuz), 1 for **wine (Montilla-Moriles)**, 1 for **vinegar** (Montilla-Moriles) and 1 for **Iberian Ham** (Valley of the Pedroches). These D.O. products would be useless without the expertise of Córdoba's **top chefs** (the city has 3 chefs with Michelin stars, and a whole host of expert

## DELICIOUS CUISINE BASED ON DENOMINATION OF ORIGIN PRODUCTS

chefs specialising in traditional, innovative and international cuisine), the local training centres for chefs, the gourmet markets and all the many excellent **catering establishments**.

For all these reasons, in 2014 Córdoba was awarded the title of **Ibero-American Capital of Gastronomic Culture**.









**Is the Purebred Horse Spanish or Andalusian?** ... The answer is both, although here in **Córdoba** we like to say this breed is native to our city, for one important historical reason. Back in the 16th century, King Felipe II gave the orders for his Royal Horse Guards to create a new horse breed and purpose-built the "Royal Stables" in Córdoba to house them.

Many events are held in Córdoba to honour this noble animal:

throughout the year, a top quality, original **Equestrian Show** is held in the very building where this breed of horse was born, also in autumn, the **Autumn of the Horse** program offers visitors a wide variety of recreational activities: championships, events, shows, exhibitions, workshops, conferences and much more, all centred around the horse.

# THE CITY OF THE SPANISH PUREBRED HORSE





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The courtyards (“patios”) can be enjoyed all the year round, through a number of new activities which have been launched recently by private companies:

## CITY OF FLOWERS

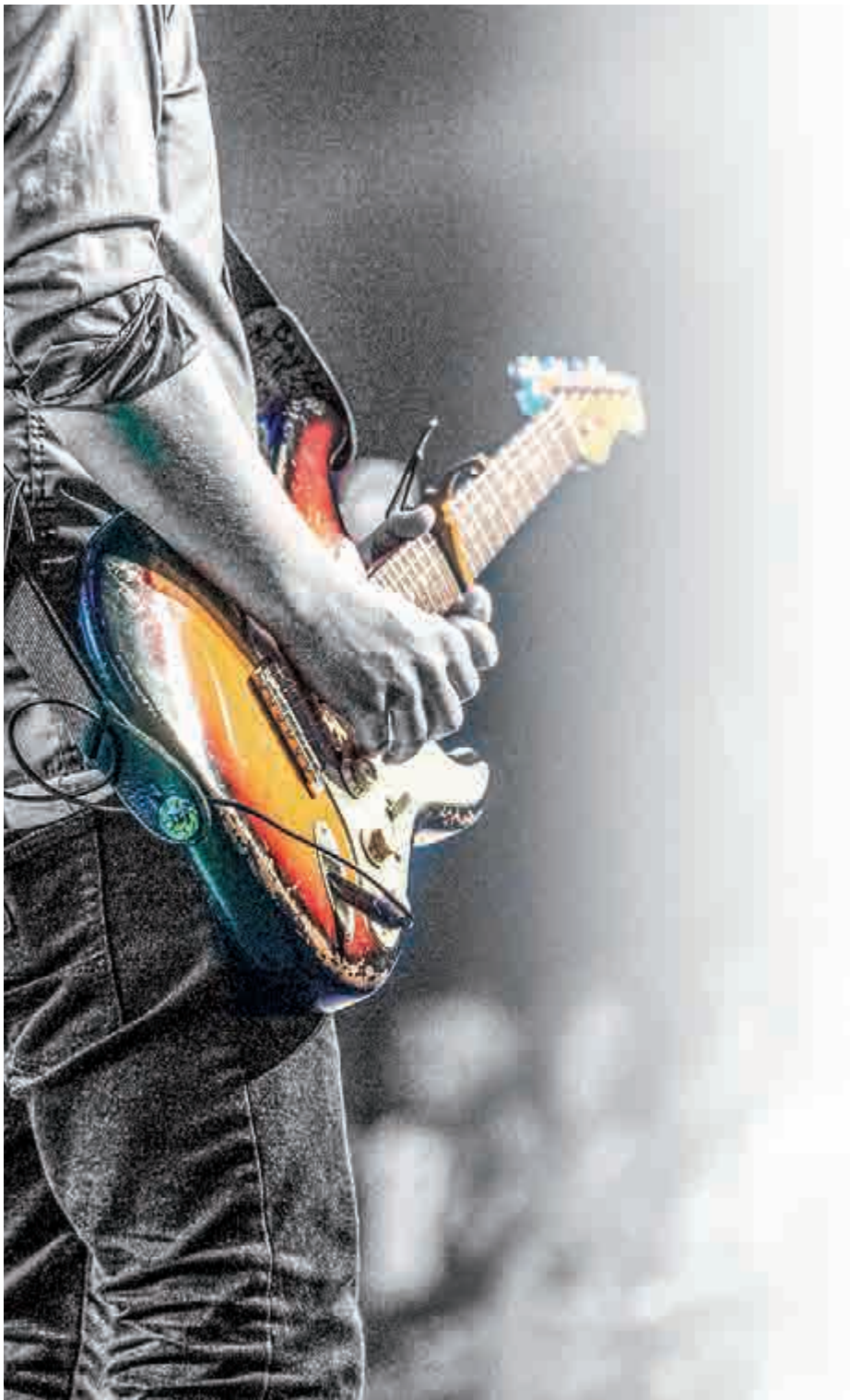
**New routes and guided visits to the “patios”**, in the different neighbourhoods of Córdoba, new **“festivals such as “Flora”** whose 1st edition was held in 2017, where internationally-renowned floral artists transform the courtyards of well-known buildings around the city with their breath-taking floral designs.

There is no end to the **festivals connected to flowers**: the arrival of spring is marked by **“Orange Blossom Time”**, the **battle of the flowers**, the **May festivals** and many more ...









# WITH A CULTURAL AGENDA PACKED WITH WORLD FAMOUS EVENTS

Córdoba offers a huge range of cultural events throughout the year, the pick of which would be:

The **International Guitar Festival**, whose 1st edition was held back in 1980, a cultural event with musical and artistic expressions focused around the guitar which has consolidated its position as one of the leading festivals around the world.

the **White Night of Flamenco** where the top artists from the world of Flamenco perform on stages set up in squares, streets and local taverns.

**Cosmopoetica**, the International Poetry Festival.

**Eutopia**, a Festival of young people's creativity.

**Kalendas, Córdoba in Purple, Nights of Ramadan, the festival of Sephardic Culture**: all these programs allow us to learn about the different cultures which once inhabited Córdoba.





# FESTIVAL de LA GUITARRA De CORDOBA





Cordoba, whose jewelry tradition dates back to Roman times, is renowned for its **silversmithing and goldsmithing** and their manufacture represents one of the city's economic mainstays.

The best known style is the Córdoba **filigree**, which consists of gold or silver threads soldered to a metal structure to form shapes and create **jewellery** in exclusive, classic and avant-garde designs.

Córdoba has now achieved worldwide fame for its gold and silverwork, and has grown into **one of the largest production centres for jewellery in Spain**.

## EUROPEAN CENTRE OF REFERENCE FOR JEWELLERY

The Córdoba Jewellery Park was created in 2008 to house jewellery-producing companies and now forms the largest concentration of companies in the sector in Spain and Europe, bringing together manufacturing companies of jewellers', goldsmiths, costume jewellers' and watchmakers.







Córdoba is the perfect place to find unique, original craftwork designed by the best master artisans.

This is one reason why the Old Quarter of Córdoba was declared an **Designated**

# CRAFTWORK MADE IN CÓRDOBA

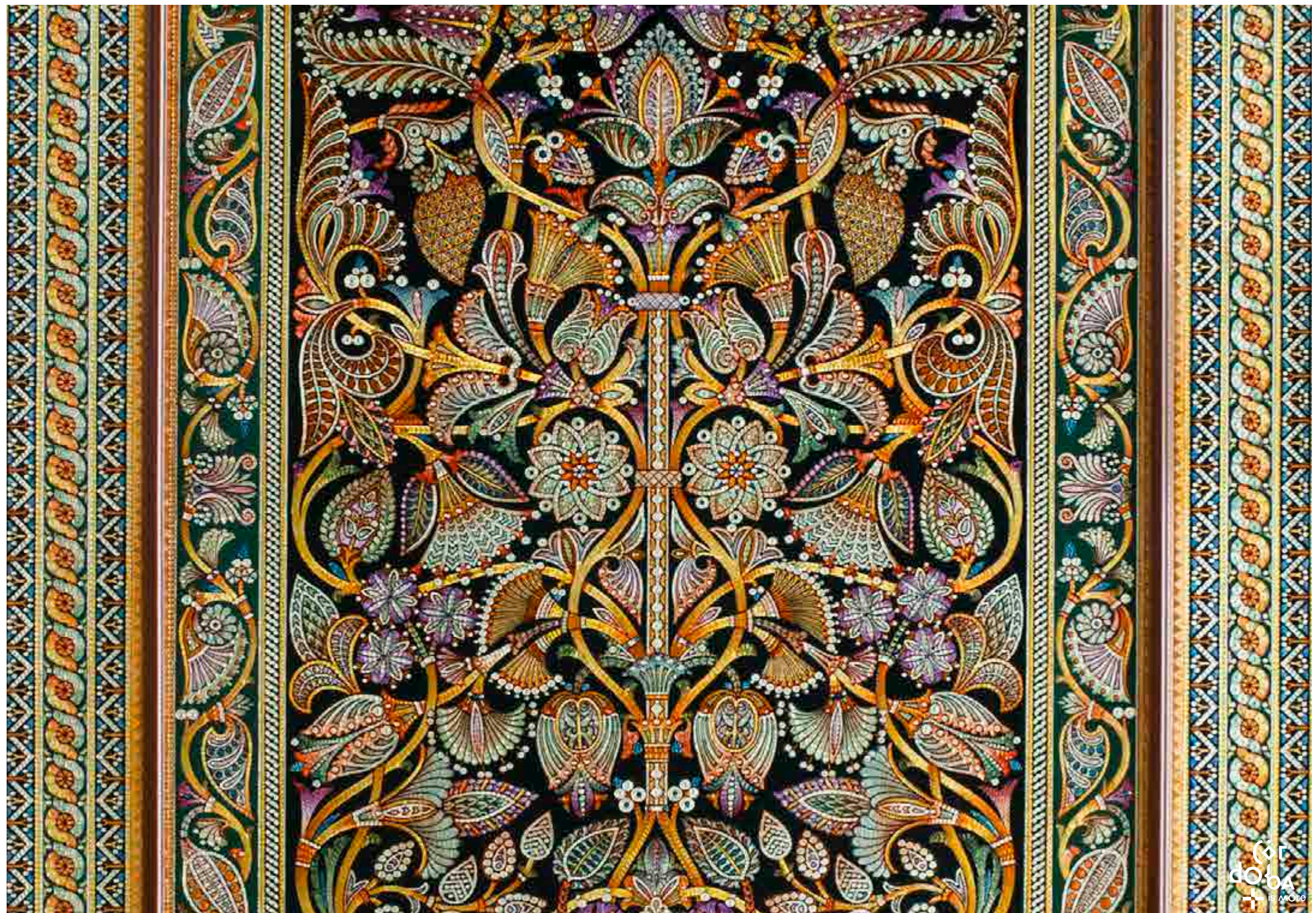
**Craft Area in 2014.** Currently, the Cordoba Association of Artisans includes workshops of different trades, featuring:

**Leather goods**, especially those known as 'Cordobanes' and 'Guadamecies', which are painted, embossed leatherwork items in traditional and contemporary designs. The technique dates from the period of the Umayyad Caliphate in Córdoba, and is still very much alive to this day.

**Guitar makers** and their flamenco guitars.

**Pottery** from the south of the province...









# FESTIVALS AND TRADITIONS

**Holy Week, declared of National Tourist Interest**, in Córdoba is characterized by its solemnity. It is unique in that it is celebrated in a setting boasting 4 World Heritage sites, with two of them, the Mosque and the Historic Center, being of particular importance.

**The opening of the Orange Blossom** that floods the city with a characteristic smell that always attracts the attention of visitors.

**The Battle of the Flowers** that welcomes spring with a parade of floats from which thousands of flowers are thrown at the attendees.

**Las Cruces de Mayo**, a Christian tradition that has become a popular festival for the people of Córdoba.

The **Tasting of Montilla-Moriles wine**, with its D.O. products.

**Córdoba's Patio Festival**, declared World Heritage in 2012

The **Feria de Nuestra Sra. De la Salud/Fair of Our Lady of Health**, with its stands open to the public

The common denominator is the happiness and joy of its people, the always respectful celebration and the desire to share happiness with all visitors.









# THE SOUL AND MYSTERY OF FLAMENCO

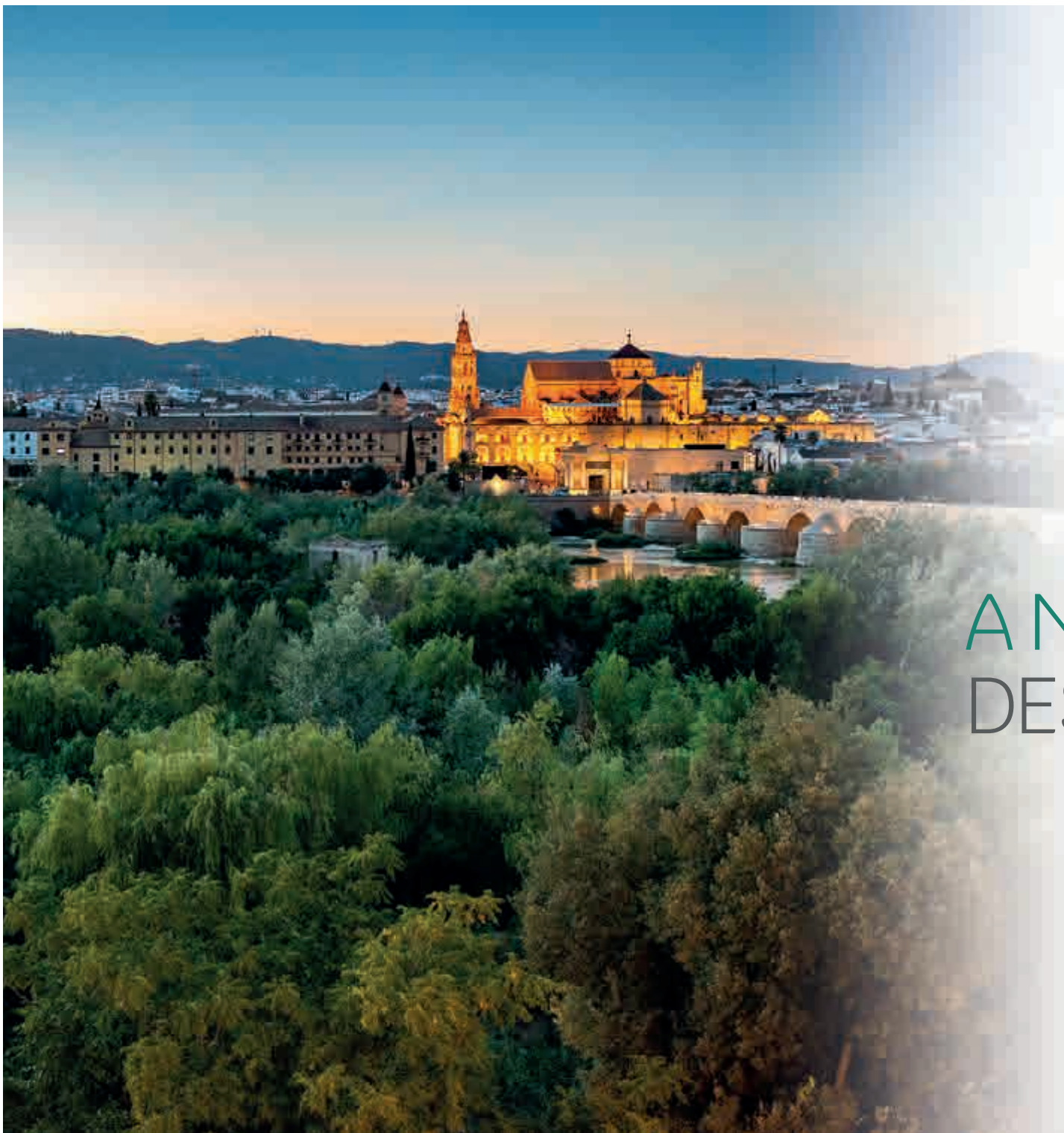
Flamenco is a deeply-ingrained part of the culture in many areas of **Córdoba**:

The **Fosforito Flamenco Centre** in the Potro Inn  
Flamenco **events, activities and festivals**,  
Flamenco **stages** and **clubs**,  
**dance schools**,  
**guitar-makers**,  
Flamenco **fashion**,  
**taverns**,  
Flamenco **experiences**  
**Artists...**









With almost 515 hectares of public green areas (16 m<sup>2</sup> per inhabitant), our city is ranked first in Andalusia with respect to green areas per inhabitant. The objective is to go from the fourth position we occupy in Spain to also leading that national ranking. To achieve this, we have a network of public parks available to residents of Córdoba and visitors. As an example of the ecological profile that defines us, a few minutes downstream from the Roman Bridge is the so-called **Green Apple**, which encompasses the **Royal Botanical Garden**, the **Córdoba Zoo Conservation Center** and the **City of Boys and Girls**. In addition, we can get there by following the Route of the Mills, a green route with which to see the beautiful buildings that date back to the Caliphal era. Without forgetting the **Sotos de la Albolafia**, a Natural Monument in 2001 for its extraordinary wealth of birds.

## A NATURAL DESTINATION

Gardens inside the main monuments such as the **Patio de los Naranjos** and the **Alcázar Gardens of the RRCC**, about 20 parks spread throughout the city and the Sierra de Córdoba where you will find the **Los Villares** peri-urban Park 8km from Córdoba with magnificent viewpoints, the **Córdoba Country Club** with its magnificent 18-hole golf course in the heart of the Sierra Morena, and routes in the mountains among which the following stand out:

The **Arroyo del Bejarano**, the **Poppea Baths**, the **Hermitages**, **Cerro Muriano**, the **Pozo de la Nieve hill**, all ideal places for hiking and bike territory par excellence.









# CORDOBA IN FASHION

Córdoba and fashion, a place where great couturiers find inspiration and turn it into art.

**Juana Martín, Palomo Spain** and **Andrew Pocrid** are some of the biggest labels in Cordoban haute couture, in addition to the city's current designers and rising stars, with shows on the main international runways, distinguished with prominent awards in the fashion world, well known brands and prestigious firms with their roots in Cordoba.

Haute couture, flamenco fashion, party and bridal gowns, special collections...









Countless films and series have been shot in Cordoba:

"Game of Thrones" by **Michael Slovis**.

"Carmen" by **Vicente Aranda**.

"Entrelobos" by Cordoban filmmaker **Gerardo Olivares**.

**Pedro Almodovar**'s "Hable con ella" (Talk to Her) and **Ridley Scott**'s "Kingdom of Heaven." are just some.

# CÓRDOBA IN FILM

Cordoba offers a multitude of locations for all types of audiovisual productions, constituting a huge movie set with a great variety of scenic backdrops.

Cordoba, through the Cordoba Film Office (CFO), is part of the network of cinematic cities promoted by the Andalusia Film Commission through which you will be able to experience the magic of cinema.







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# MORE



Visitors Reception Centre (Vrc),  
Tourist Information Service  
Hotels, Restaurants, Taverns  
Gourmet Markets  
Transports

## TOURIST INFRASTRUCTURE

Boutiques and Shopping  
Professional venues  
Tourism Guides  
Heritage Interpreters





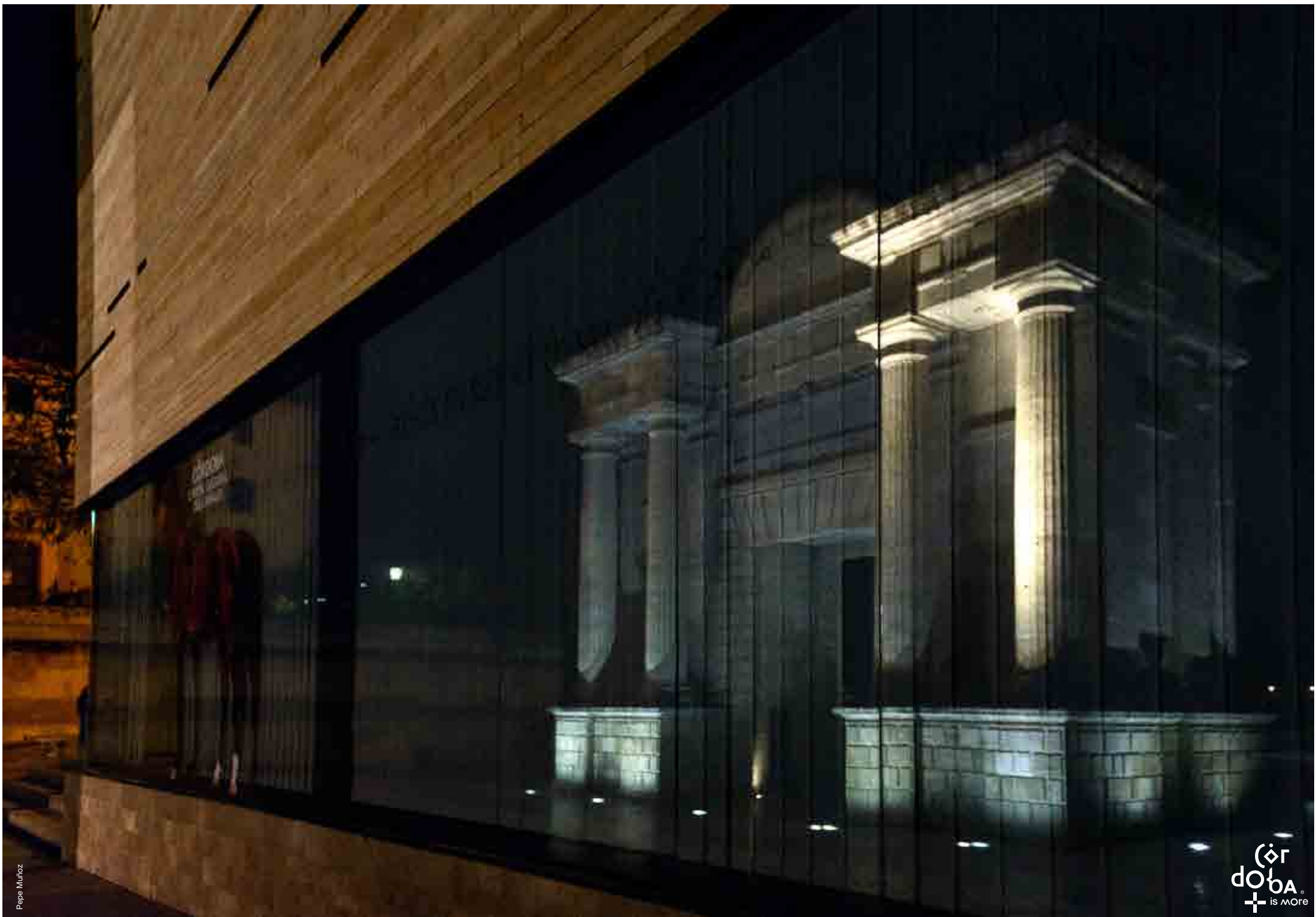
Córdoba has several **tourist information points** in the city, the main one being the **Visitors Reception Centre (VRC)**, situated in the heart of the Jewish quarter right next to the Mosque, the main tourist site in Córdoba.

# TOURIST INFORMATION SERVICE

At the VRC, visitors to Córdoba can find information about the city, the province and the rest of Andalusia, book visits to the sites, take a break from sightseeing, enjoy the restaurant with the most popular local 'tapas' and shop for a wide range of souvenirs and local products.

The team of tourist information officers will be delighted to attend you and help you to solve any problem or query which may arise.







Córdoba has a wonderful team of **official tourist guides and experts in our cultural heritage** who will make your visit that extra bit special. They know the history of Córdoba like the back of their hands and can show you all the city's hidden corners, as well as telling you fascinating facts and legends from the past.

# TOURISM GUIDES AND HERITAGE INTERPRETERS

All these guides are at your disposal for a **personalized guided tour**. Group visits are also organized, with guaranteed departure times – book your place in advance and join the fun!

Being shown around Córdoba by one of these guides is definitely a worthwhile experience – it will make the visit so much more rewarding!







# THE ACCOMMODATION OF YOUR DREAMS

Córdoba has many **top-quality hotels**, offering accommodation of all categories, from large national **hotel chains, luxury hotels or corporate** hotels with full facilities for business meetings, to smaller **boutique hotels** built in old town houses or former palaces.

Córdoba currently has **155 establishments, 8.720 beds** and **4.338 rooms**.

HOTEL CATEGORY	Nº	Nº BEDROOMS	Nº PLAZAS
<b>HOTELS 5*</b>	2		
Hotel Eurostar Palace		155	299
Hotel Hospes Palacio del Bailio		48	99
TOTAL HOTELS 5*		203	398
<b>HOTELS 4*</b>	21		
Hotel AC Córdoba		98	168
Hotel Ayre Córdoba		157	331
Hotel Balcón de Córdoba		10	19
Hotel Capuchinos		27	56
Hotel Córdoba Center		207	414
Hotel Eurostars Azahar		45	87
Hotel Eurostars Ciudad de Córdoba		89	169
Hotel Eurostars Las Adelfas		101	204
Hotel Eurostars Patios de Córdoba		64	142
Hotel Conquistador		128	229
Hotel H10 Palacio Colomera		45	90
Hotel Hesperia Córdoba		152	296
Hotel Las Casas de la Judería		65	125
Hotel Los Abetos del Maestre Escuela		96	206
Hotel Maciá Alfaros		143	263
Hotel Madinat		11	19
Hotel NH Califa		65	127
Hotel NH Amistad Córdoba		108	208
Hotel Sercotel Córdoba Delicias		69	128
Hotel Soho Boutique Córdoba		93	186
Parador La Arruzafa		94	188
TOTAL HOTELS 4*		1867	3655
	<b>Nº</b>		
<b>HOTELS 3*</b>	8	474	875
<b>HOTELS 2*</b>	25	551	949
<b>HOTELS 1*</b>	8	274	502
<b>HOSTALES 2*</b>	5	69	126
<b>HOSTALES 1*</b>	14	213	391
<b>PENSIONES CATEGORÍA ÚNICA</b>	26	326	638
<b>APARTMENT 3 KEYS</b>	2	14	46
<b>APARTMENT 2 KEYS</b>	25	235	818
<b>APARTMENT 1 KEYS</b>	19	112	322

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If one thing is certain when you visit Cordoba, it is that you are bound to enjoy its cuisine, with an extensive and varied series of establishments, superb ingredients and very good values being their most notable features.

**Restaurants** for all tastes, from chefs holding **Michelin-stars**, **Repsol suns** and **Bib Gourmand distinctions**, to establishments serving **traditional, creative, international and avant-garde cuisine**.

**Gourmet markets** with a great variety of stands offering different cuisines.

**And gastronomic training centers** preparing top professionals.

Not to mention the many **taverns and bars** scattered throughout the city...

# DELICIOUS DINING ESTABLISHMENTS









When it comes to shopping, you'll find Córdoba is a perfect place to purchase local **Denomination of Origin products**, artistic craft work such as **Cordobanes or Guadamecies, fans, shawls, A typical Cordoban hat, small souvenirs, designer clothes, jewellery** and a wide range of other items you can see for yourself as you stroll around the city, in small boutique stores or modern shopping malls.

## SHOPPING EN CÓRDOBA



LA CASA DEL  
PEDRO  
XIMÉNEZ







Córdoba has all the ingredients to make the perfect venue for national and international congresses, conventions and business meetings:

its rich historical heritage, its privileged geographical location, an excellent communications network, a modern, efficient **Congress Palace** located next to the Mosque, a new **Center for Exhibitions, Fairs and Conventions (CEFC)**, well-equipped meeting halls in attractive venues, attended by professional staff...

# VENUES AND HALLS FOR PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS









Although Córdoba has one of the largest Historic Quarters in Europe, it's easy to get around on foot, and that way you can really appreciate the details that otherwise go unnoticed.

Even so, if you want to reconnoitre the city beyond the old quarter and learn more about the city's fascinating history, we suggest you either hop on the **Tourist Bus (City Sightseeing)** to take a round trip of Córdoba, with stops in all the city's main neighbourhoods, or take the **minibus** to explore the narrow, winding streets and even venture up to the Hermitages in the 'Sierra de Córdoba' hills behind the city.

# TRANSPORT FOR TOURISTS

Another must is a trip to Medina Azahara (9 km from the city), and the best way to get there is by the **Bus to Medina Azahara**, a service which includes the trip both to the museum and to what is arguably the most important Islamic archaeological site in the Western world.

In addition, sightseeing tours by cab and traditional horse-drawn carriages are available.





CORDOBA IS QUALITY

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In Córdoba, we are well aware of the importance of being a **quality destination**, and this is why the local tourist board IMTUR, in its role as a local branch of the ICTE (Institute for Spanish Tourist Quality), acts:

- as a link between the ICTE and commercial companies to ensure their compliance with the Spanish Tourism Quality System
- to carry out administrative tasks on behalf of the ICTE in the local area
- as an interlocutor between the local tourist sector and the government on quality-related issues
- promoting and spreading the culture of quality among local tourist companies.



**Quality can be defined** as achieving **full customer satisfaction** in the most profitable way for the company.

Awareness about quality is a relatively modern concept, and its meaning has changed over the years. Back in the 1940s, it referred only to the product, while in the 1960s, this idea was extended to include service too. The 1980s saw the emergence of the concept of Total Quality and in the nineties, that of Excellence in Tourism. Currently, the latest quality systems include elements such as the concept of the 'destination', and self-evaluation survey tools.

This is the case of the Integral **System of Spanish Tourist Quality in Destination**, which the Cordoba Municipal Institute of Tourism (IMTUR) has been putting into practice in













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