



Cordoba tourism destination



Cordoba: A Universal World Heritage City

The city of Cordoba, as we know it today, has been shaped by the different peoples who settled there over the course of its rich history: Romans, Arabs, Jews and Christians left deep marks on its heritage, culture, customs, traditions, and even gastronomy. This is why Cordoba is a universal and multicultural city that stands open to the world, welcoming people to proudly show them its beautiful streets, squares and picturesque corners, and also its customs and traditions.

Cordoba was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994, 10 years after this title was granted to the Mosque-Cathedral in 1984. By extending the designation to the entire historic center, one of the largest in Europe, UNESCO acknowledged the importance of Cordoba's historic heritage as a whole.

In December of 2012 the Cordoba Patio Festival was declared Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, thereby recognizing not only its urban heritage but, at the same time, the importance of this popular custom in which, selflessly, the owners of the city's famed courtyards graciously open the doors of their homes to citizens and visitors alike.

Finally, in July 2018, the Caliphal City of Medina Azahara was named a World Heritage Site, and Cordoba became one of the few cities in the world to boast four World Heritage designations.



4 World Heritage Sites

Our Identity, *Our Pride*



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4 World Heritage Sites

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A unique tourism destination

Cordoba is a unique tourism destination for many reasons, with singular and unique offerings of purely Cordovan roots that you will not find anywhere else. Here are 10 must-see sites during your visit:

01

The city's heritage in the form of its **central historic monuments and buildings**, starting with the **Mosque-Cathedral** (8th century), a World Heritage Site and unique in the world for the beautiful Christian cathedral found inside the mosque; the **Alcazar of the Christian Monarchs** (13th century), built on Roman and Arab ruins and the site of major historical events over the centuries; Andalusia's only **Synagogue** (14th century) and one of just three remaining in Spain; **Medina Azahara** (10th century), the ancient caliphal city turned archaeological site that, according to legend, symbolized power and love; the **Mudejar Chapel of San Bartolomé** (14th and 15th centuries) in the heart of the Jewish quarter, the **Fernandine Churches** (13th and 14th centuries) scattered throughout the city, and many other monuments that you will discover as you walk around.

02

Cordoba's Patios, Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity since 2012, the pride of the people of Cordoba and a stunning display of unparalleled beauty that you will never forget. Visit them not only in May, but throughout the year.

03

The genuine **Pure Spanish Horse**, a breed originating in Cordoba by order of King Philip II, who instructed his royal equerry to create a new breed of horse, which went on to become one of the most prized in the world. Today it can be admired in the Royal Stables (Caballerizas Reales), built in the 16th century to breed this noble animal. Don't miss one of the equestrian shows or championships held in Cordoba.



04

Its **museums**, which harbor priceless treasures, the **Archaeological Museum**, the **Julio Romero de Torres Museum**, and the **Museum of Fine Arts** are the most popular, but there are many others that you can visit during your stay...

05

Outstanding cuisine, featuring **Mediterranean diet** and characterized by the use of high-quality local ingredients, such as the seven **D.O.** products that Córdoba boasts: 4 types of olive oil (Baena, Lucena, Priego de Córdoba and Montoro-Adamuz), 1 of wine (Montilla-Moriles), 1 of vinegar (Montilla-Moriles) and 1 of Iberian ham (Los Pedroches).

06

A wide variety of **cultural events and top-level exhibitions throughout the year**, including: the "White Night" of Flamenco, **International Guitar Festival**, **Cosmopoética International Literature & Art Festival**, **Rafael Orozco Piano Festival**, **Orchestra of Cordoba** concerts, the **National Flamenco Competition**, and the **exhibitions** at the **C3A** (Center for Contemporary Creation of Andalusia).

07

Exclusive **handicrafts and jewelry**, featuring original pieces crafted at the city's premier artisanal workshops, such as embossed wrought and gilded leather pieces known as *cordobanes* and *guadamecías*, ceramics, silver, filigree, jewelry and the finest guitars in the world. And don't forget **Cordovan fashion houses** for both special occasions and everyday wear.



08

Its **festivities and traditions**, which include Easter Week, the Opening of the Orange Blossom, Battle of the Flowers, Festival of the Crosses, the Montilla-Moriles Wine Tasting, the Patio Festival, the Fair, and many others.

09

Flamenco has its own municipal facility in Córdoba: the **Fosforito Flamenco Center**, dedicated to flamenco performances and production, research into this musical genre, and raising public awareness of it.

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A wonderful **Nature Destination**, including an area of great environmental value right by the historic center: the Sotos de la Albolafia natural protected space, by the Roman bridge spanning the Guadalquivir; the **mountains of Cordoba**, just minutes from the city, offers many hikes on which nature lovers can discover a variety of flora and fauna; and even a unique **golf course** in Spain, for its location.

In addition to all these offerings, Cordoba is particularly committed to high quality, striving throughout the year to ensure that all the tourism products and services you need during your visit are of the highest quality and entirely safe.

**Our Commitment is Your Guarantee
Cordoba Is More**



This map of Córdoba, Spain, provides a comprehensive overview of the city's historical and cultural sites. The map is color-coded by category, with green for parks and natural areas, pink for public spaces, and grey for the urban grid. A large blue area represents the Guadalquivir River and its tributaries. The city's logo, "CÓRDOBA ES MÁS", is prominently displayed in the bottom right corner. The map includes numerous numbered points of interest, each accompanied by a small icon indicating its type. A legend on the left side explains these icons, ranging from monuments and museums to patios and tourism information centers. The map also shows major streets like Avenida de América, Ronda de Tejares, and Avenida Victoria, as well as several plazas and squares. The riverfront is highlighted with a dotted yellow line and labeled with names such as Lope de Hoces, Avda. Victoria, Rey Heredia, Paseo de la Ribera, and Ronda de Isasa. The map also indicates the location of the Estadio Nuevo Arcángel and the Recinto ferial El Arenal.

*The format's proportions affect the sites' exact locations, so the locations are approximate.