



Córdoba Province

POP 798,000

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Best Places to Eat

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Best Places to Stay

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- ➔ Hotel Zuhayra (p213)

Why Go?

Once the dazzling beacon of Al-Andalus, the historic city of Córdoba is itself the main magnet of its namesake province. Remnants of the illustrious Caliphate of Córdoba, especially the great Mezquita (Mosque), hold immense historical and architectural interest, and the city around them is full of good food and wine and captivating gardens. But there's plenty of less-trampled territory to explore outside the provincial capital. To the north looms the Sierra Morena, a rolling expanse of protected forests, remote villages and ruined castles. To the south, olive trees and grapevines carpet rippling terrain, yielding some of Spain's best oils and the unique sweet Montilla-Moriles wines. Further south, caves and canyons are carved out of the limestone massif of the Sierras Subbéticas, with bustling Priego de Córdoba and crag-perched Zuheros making perfect bases for mountain hiking and dining on homestyle local dishes.

Driving Distances

Priego de Córdoba	103			
Almodóvar del Río	30	133		
Baena	60	34	90	
Montilla	46	58	76	37
	Córdoba	Priego de Córdoba	Almodóvar del Río	Baena

Córdoba Province Highlights

- 1 Discovering the marvellous Mezquita and other reminders of Al-Andalus' three-cultures golden age in colourful **Córdoba** (p195)
- 2 Exploring the mountains, valleys and caves of the **Parque Natural Sierras Subbéticas** (p211)
- 3 Imbibing sweet Montilla wines, especially on a winery tour in **Montilla** (p212) itself
- 4 Admiring the baroque fantasies of **Priego de Córdoba** (p214)
- 5 Walking through the Mediterranean woodlands of the **Parque Natural Sierra de Hornachuelos** (p216)
- 6 Touring the castles, oak pastures and isolated villages of Andalucía's mysterious 'deep north', **Los Pedroches** (p217)

