

Welcome to Córdoba

A city rich in history, culture, and tradition, Córdoba was once one of the largest cities and most influential centers of learning in the Western world. Its origins date back to the 8th–9th century BCE, and it was formally established as a Roman colony in the 2nd century BCE. After the Muslim conquest in the 8th century, Córdoba reached its peak, becoming the capital of the Emirate (756) and later Caliphate of Córdoba (929), from which the Umayyad dynasty ruled over al-Andalus until 1031. Throughout its history, Córdoba has been home to many renowned poets and thinkers, including Lucan, Seneca, Ibn Hazm, Averroes, and Maimonides. The city's unique fusion of Roman, Islamic, Jewish, and Christian influences remains clearly visible today in its stunning architecture and cultural legacy.

Córdoba proudly holds four UNESCO World Heritage designations: the Mezquita–Catedral, the



surrounding historic area, the Fiesta de Los Patios, and Medina Azahara. Additionally, like the rest of Spain, it is also recognized for Flamenco and the Mediterranean Diet, both listed as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

This short guide will provide useful information to help you enjoy your time in Córdoba and explore its landmarks during your stay.

GLIMPSES OF THE INVISIBLE: VISUALISING THE PRINCIPLES OF NATURE BEFORE THE RISE OF MODERNITY

A hybrid workshop in the global history of philosophy and science

28-29 November 2024
Cordoba (Spain) and Messina (Italy)



For proposals and further info, contact the organisers Serena Masolini (smasolini@uco.es) and Nicola Polloni (nicola.polloni@unime.it)

OUR WORKSHOP IN CÓRDOBA

Time: November 28–29, 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Location: Sala de Usos Múltiples, UCOCultura,
Plaza de la Corredera 40

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Zoom link (valid for both days):

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82715182816?pwd=8zabQwtYlZ9aiLDqnyOegXDakTUzBJ.1>



TRAVELING TO AND FROM CÓRDOBA

By Train: Córdoba is well-served by the Spanish high-speed rail network (AVE), which connects it to major cities like **Madrid** (around 2 hours away), **Seville** (50 minutes), and **Málaga** (1 hour). The Central train station is located relatively close to the city center (Plaza de las Tres Culturas, 1.6 km away from Plaza de la Corredera, where the workshop will take place).

By Bus: The Central bus station is right behind the train station.

By Air: Córdoba is conveniently located near two major airports: **Seville Airport (SVQ)** and **Málaga Airport (AGP)**, both offering a wide range of national and international flights. Both airports are well connected to their respective city centers via public transport and taxis.

From **Seville**:

- Bus + Train: EA bus from Seville Airport to Seville Santa Justa + AVE train to Córdoba (around 1 hour 30 minutes total).
- Bus + Bus: EA bus from Seville Airport to Plaza de Armas + direct bus to Córdoba (around 2 hours 30 minutes total).
- Rental car: around 1 hour 20/30 minutes.

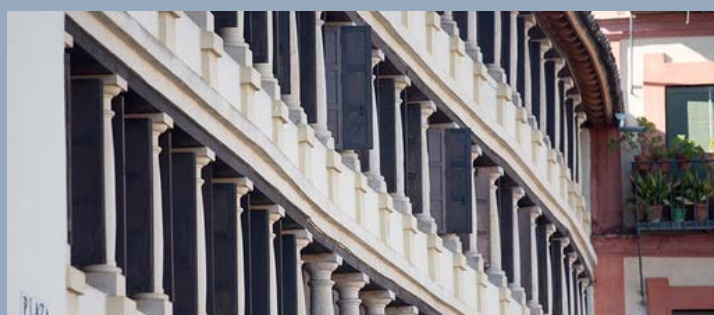


From **Málaga**:

- Train + Train: C1 train from Málaga Airport to Málaga María Zambrano + AVE train to Córdoba (around 1 hour 30/50 minutes total).
- Bus + Train: A bus from Málaga Airport to Málaga María Zambrano + AVE train to Córdoba (around 1 hour 30/50 minutes total).
- Rental car: around 1 hour 45 minutes / 2 hours.

For your **return trip**, be sure to check the train schedules in advance to avoid any surprises, especially if you are planning to catch an early flight:

- Córdoba to Málaga María Zambrano: the earliest train departs at 7:14 AM on weekdays; at 8:50 AM on weekends.
- Córdoba to Seville Santa Justa: the earliest train departs at 6:20 AM on weekdays; at 8:14 AM on weekends.



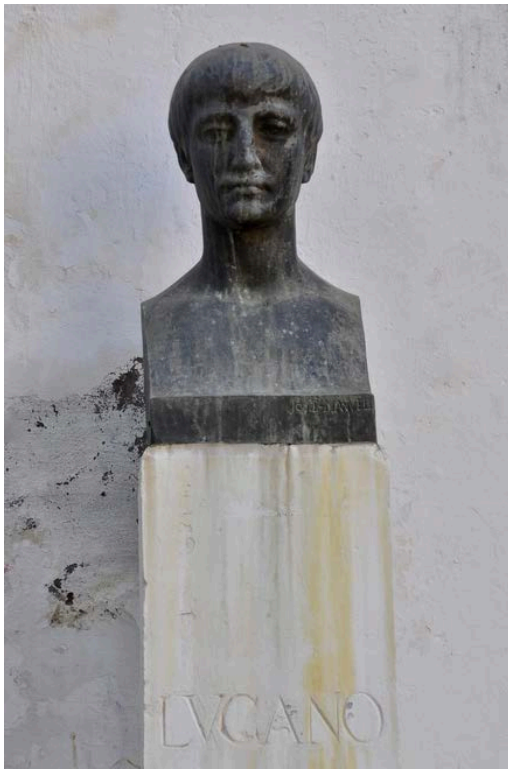
The workshop will be held in the **Sala de Usos Múltiples** at the **UCOCultura** headquarters, located in **Plaza de la Corredera**, one of Córdoba's most iconic spots and the only rectangular plaza mayor in Andalusia. Built in the 17th century, Plaza de la Corredera has historically hosted major public events, including bullfights and *autos-da-fé*. Today, it stands as a vibrant hub of social and cultural life, bustling with outdoor terraces, shops, and open-air events.

UCOCULTURA PLAZA DE LA CORREDERA 40

UCOCultura is an initiative by the **University of Córdoba**, aimed at promoting cultural, artistic, and academic activities, and fostering exchange between the city and the university community.

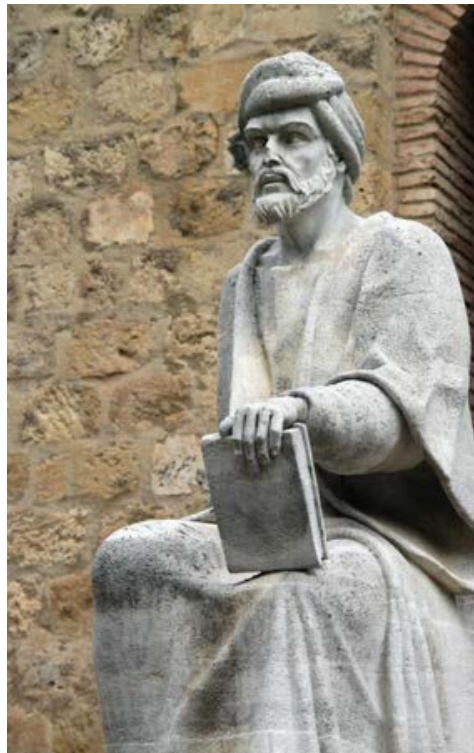
Learn more about it at <https://www.uco.es/cultura/>





Find your Favorite Scholar from Córdoba

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IN CÓRDOBA

(BESIDES PLAZA DE LA CORREDERA)

- **Mezquita-Catedral** and its **Bell Tower**
- **Alcázar de los Reyes Cristianos**
- **Judería** (with the **Synagogue** and **Casa de Sefarad**)
- **Capilla de San Bartolomé**
- **Puente Romano** and **Torre de la Calahorra**
- **Monumento Natural de los Sotos de la Albolafia**
- **Palacio de Viana**
- **Patios** in **San Basilio** ... and much more...

Things to see

IN THE SURROUNDINGS

(WITHIN A TWO-HOUR DRIVE)

- The archeological site of **Medina Azahara**
- Castle of **Almodóvar del Río**
- **Priego de Córdoba** (with its **Fuente del Rey**)
- **Zuheros** (outdoor enthusiasts should not miss a hike on the **Sendero del Río Bailón**)

In the province of **Málaga**:

- **El Torcal de Antequera** National Park
- **El Caminito del Rey** at **El Chorro**
- **Ronda** and its iconic **Puente Nuevo**

And why not also check out...

Granada, Seville, or Jaén and their provinces



SLEEPING

For easy access to both the workshop venue and Córdoba's key tourist attractions, consider staying in a hotel or guesthouse near the Mezquita-Catedral, the Judería, Plaza de la Corredera, Plaza del Potro, Templo Romano, or Plaza de las Tendillas.

Here a few suggestions:

Hotel Mezquita (Pl. de Sta. Catalina, 1)
NH Córdoba Califa (Lope de Hoces, 14)
Hotel Córdoba Centro (Jesus Maria, 8)
Los Patios (Cardenal Herrero, 14)
Eurostars Patios de Cordoba (Diario Córdoba, 13)
Eurostars Maimonides (Torrijos, 4)
Albergue Inturjovent Córdoba (Plaza Juda Levi)

It is recommended to check reviews on Booking.com for guest feedback before making a reservation.

EATING

Traditional cuisine:

El Choto (Calle Almanzor 10)
Casa Pepe de la Judería (Calle Romero, 1)
Bodega Guzmán (Calle Judíos, 7)
Bar Santos (Calle Magistral González Francés, 3)
Sociedad Plateros de San Francisco (Calle San Francisco, 6)
Sociedad Plateros María Auxiliadora (Calle María Auxiliadora, 25)
La Cuchara de San Lorenzo (Calle del Arroyo de San Lorenzo, 2)

Vegetarian-friendly restaurants:

Amaltea (Ronda Isasa, 10)
El Perro Andaluz (Calle de San Fernando, 39)
The Club (Avenida Del Fray Albino, 3)
La Bicicleta (Calle Cardenal Gonzalez, 1)

FURTHER INFO

<https://www.turismodecordoba.org>

Info Points: Centro de Visitantes, Plaza del Triunfo. Smaller tourist information kiosks can be found at major spots like Plaza de las Tendillas, the Train Station, and near Plaza de la Corredera.

Taxi: 957 764 444 - 957 450 000

Emergency number (Police, Fire, Ambulance): 112

TOP LOCAL FOODS...

Salmorejo (a cold, thick tomato soup made with bread, garlic, olive oil, and vinegar, typically topped with hard-boiled egg and Iberian ham); **Mazamorra** (similar to salmorejo, but with almonds as the base instead of tomatoes); **Flamenquín** (a breaded and fried roll of pork loin wrapped around ham); **Rabo de Toro** (oxtail stew, slow-cooked with red wine and vegetables); **Berenjenas con miel** (fried eggplant drizzled with honey); **Tortilla de Patatas** (a Spanish potato omelette); **Pisto Cordobés** (a local version of ratatouille, made with peppers, tomatoes, zucchini, and onions, often topped with a fried egg); **Pastel Cordobés** (traditional pastry made of flaky puff pastry filled with **cabello de ángel**, a sweet squash filling).

... AND WINES

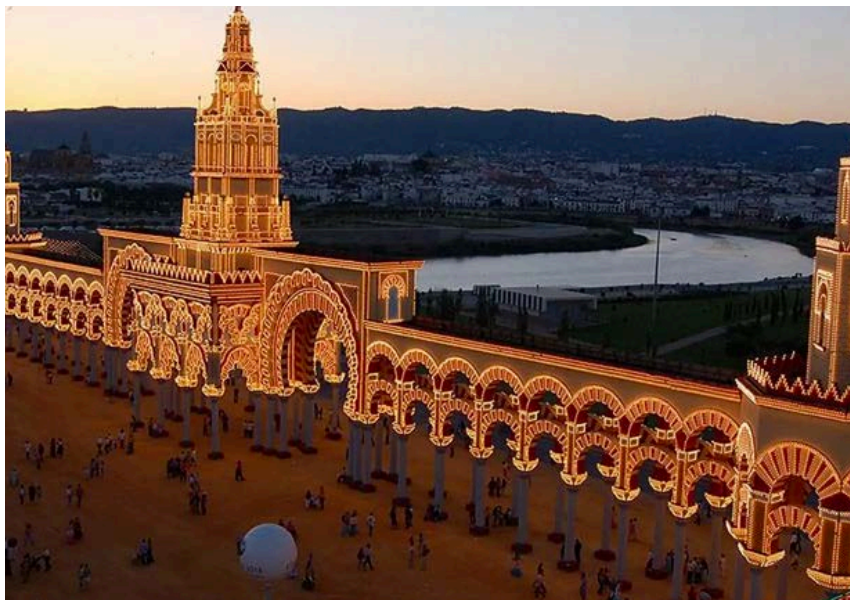
Córdoba is home to a rich tradition of winemaking, with its vineyards primarily producing **Montilla-Moriles** wines. **Fino** (pale, dry 'sherry'), **Amontillado** (golden, dry, smooth), **Oloroso** (aged, dark, smooth, dryish), **Palo Cortado** (between Oloroso and Amontillado), **Raya** (between Fino and Oloroso), **Ruedo** (Non-aged fortified white wine), **Pedro Ximenez** (very dark & sweet)





PLANNING YOUR NEXT STAY

If you enjoyed Córdoba and want to visit again, this time free from academic obligations, consider scheduling your visit during one of the city's vibrant festivals: **Semana Santa** (Holy Week), **Fiesta de los Patios** (early May), **Cruces de May** (also early May), **Feria de Córdoba** (end of May), **Noche Blanca del Flamenco** (June).



* PS: You can find your favorite scholar from Córdoba here:

Lucan: Plaza de Elie Nahmias

Seneca: Puerta de Almodóvar

Ibn Hazm: Puerta de Sevilla

al-Ghafiqi: Plaza Cardenal Salazar

Averroes: between Puerta de Almodóvar & Puerta de la Luna

Maimonides: Plaza de Tiberíades

