## ROUND TRIP: RONDA, SEVILLE, CORDOBA AND GRANADA CORDOBA

After having been in Ronda and Seville we took the train from Seville to Cordoba. From the hotel in Seville it was just to go out of the small square outside the hotel through a narrow street. In the end of the street, there was a taxi station and there the taxis were ready to go. The train ride from Seville to Cordoba took only 45 minutes.



This is our travel route.



The street near the hotel.



We had booked at a hotel called <u>Hotel Riviera</u>.

It is lying in the outskirts of the old town.

It is a two-star hotel with a fair price but OK. No breakfast.





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<u>Córdoba</u> is the province capital in the province of Córdoba in <u>Andalucia</u>.

The city has also been the capital in Spain, both under the Romans and under the Moors.

In the 1000s it is assumed to be the most populous city in the world with perhaps up to 1 million inhabitants. Today there live a little more than 300 000 people there.



Byvåpen.



This is a drawing of the city from 1567. It is seen from the south side with the Roman Bridge, which cross the river <u>Guadalquivir</u>.





A statue of <u>Gonzalo Fernández de Cordoba</u> This is a square near our hotel called <u>Plaza Tendillas</u>. There are a lot of grand houses around the square.



A bit further away we find this ruin of a Roman temple.



Into a new square, <u>Plaza Corredera</u>.





There are many restaurants and small shops around the square.



This is the entrance to a church, San Pablo.



A lot of decorations on this facade.



The palace Torres Cabrera.



The park Jardines de la Merced.



Right beside the park lies the palace <u>la Merced</u>. It has been a convent, but it is now home to the provincial government.



We are resting for a while in the park.



Torres de la Malmuerta is a gate tower from 1408.



We can see the convent church <u>San José</u> at a distance.



This is the Marrubial Wall. It is part of the northernmost city walls, which there are remains of today.



There is made a park alongside the wall.





Shady trees in the park.



Stairway with people, walking in the stairways, is painted on a wall.



More park with water.



The same water fountain.



There are still oranges in the trees.



Kjell is studying the map to plan the way further on.



On our way out of the park.



Through narrow streets.



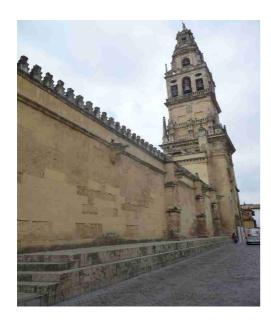
There are churches everywhere. This is **San Lorenzo**.



The steeple of San Lorenzo.



Across the street is another church, <u>Juramento de San Rafael</u>.



Arriving at the large mosque <u>Meszuita</u>. This is the bell tower, <u>Torre del Alminar</u>.



Entering the gate beside the tower.









Inside lies the court, <u>Patio de los Naranjos</u>. Here grow a lot of orange trees.



The congress center



Out in the streets again. The congress center to the right and to the left is the <u>episcopal palace</u>.



The Episcopal Palace again.



The base of the monument.



The settlement down by the river.

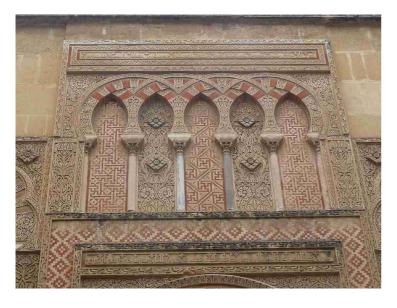


This statue is called <u>Triunfo de San Rafael del Puente</u>
<u>Romano</u>. It waqs made as thanks to Saint Rafael who saved the city from the plague in 1651. There were erected a lot of such statues in the city.





The triumph arch, <u>Puerta del Puente</u>, is located at the the end of the Roman bridge.



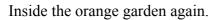
A few pictures of ornaments on the facade of Mezquita.











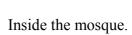


Funny fountain with a watch with pointers that rotate by help of the water.





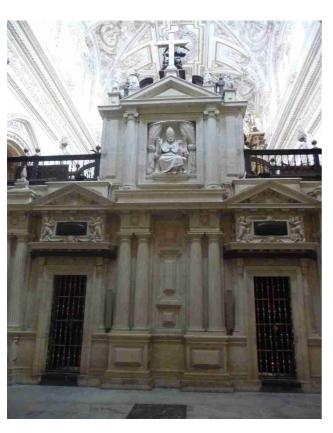
Another fountain.







Roof pictures



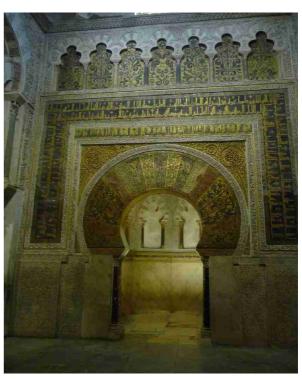








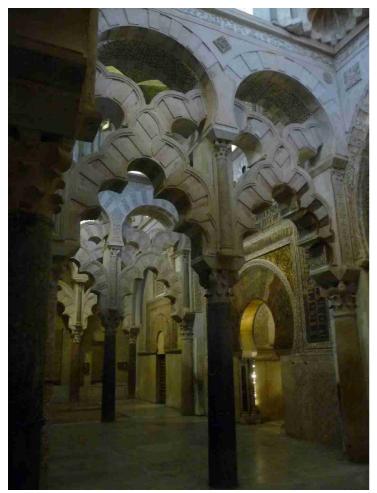




























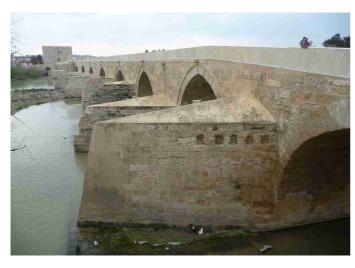












The Roman bridge upstream.
The bridge was built about 100 år BC.







The Roman bridge downstream.



This is Puerta del Puente seen from the bridge.



A view up the the river.



A view down the river. There are a few small islands here.



The ruins of a an old mill house.



In the end of the bridge is this tower, <u>Calahorra</u>. Today it is a museum.



View from the bridge towards the old-town and Mezquita.



After this we needed food. It had started to rain, too, so we entered a hotel restaurant.



More than us had done the same.



Even the birds had come inside.



On the way back to our hotel the street looks very wet.



We get a glimpse of the southern city walls while passing.

We see the <u>Almodovar gate</u>.



Post card from the columns in Mezquita.