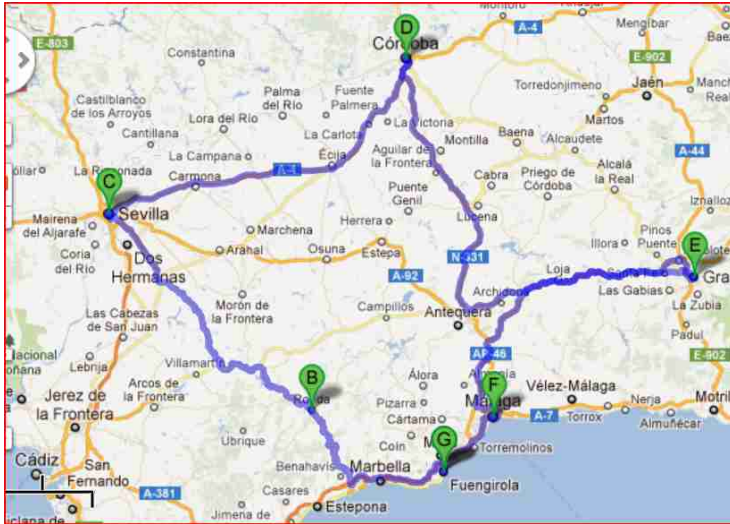


## ROUND TRIP: RONDA, SEVILLE, CORDOBA AND GRANADA

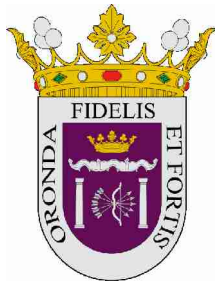
We started this round trip by taking the local bus to Fuengirola. From here we took a bus going from Malaga via Fuengirola, Marbella, Ronda and Sevilla. It was 1 hour and 45 minutes with this bus from Fuengirola to Ronda.



The travel route



In Ronda we had booked at hotel with the name of [Ronda Hotel Polo](#). Looking at Internet it looked very nice, but in reality it was quite worn down. It was stated at there was a nice restaurant with a bar, but both were closed a long time ago. The breakfast was nothing to brag about either. The pictures, which the hotel presents on the net are surely taken a long time ago.



The coat of arms

[Ronda](#) is one of Spain's oldest cities. It is situated in a mountainous plain area about 750 m above sea level.

The city is divided in two by a 120 meter deep gorge, El Tajo («The cut»), with a small river, [Guadalevin](#).

The city is regarded as the cradle of bull fighting. The bull ring, [Plaza de Toros](#) is the oldest one still in use in Spain.



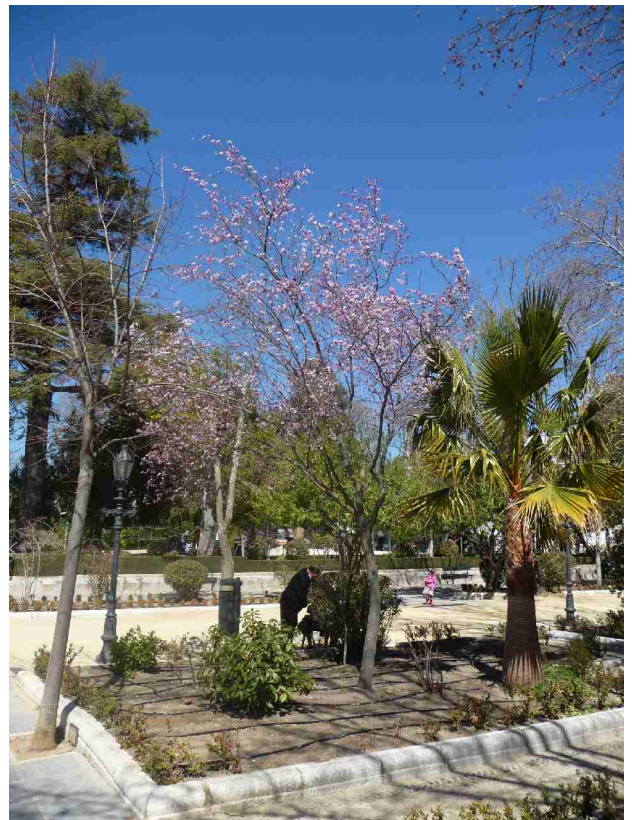
Standing at the edge of the gorge looking at the high plain.



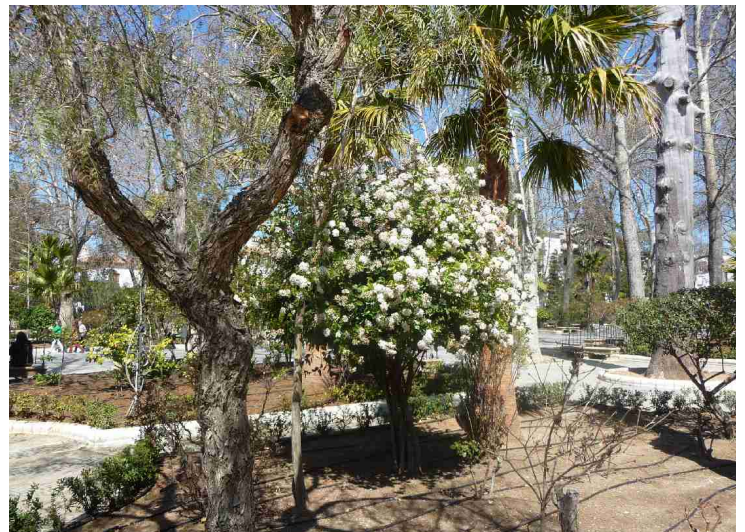
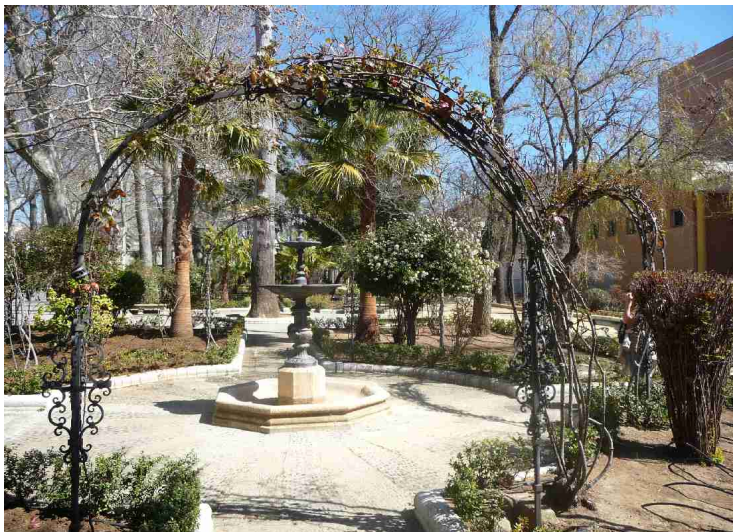
The [Magnolia](#) is blooming in a park inside.



Magnolia.



The [Almond](#) tree is blooming too.





Right beside our hotel lies Plaza del Socorro.



One side of the square is dominated by the Socorro church.



Around the square are a lot of restaurants and souvenir shops.



The bullring Plaza de Toros was built in 1784.



Arriving to the gorge el Tajo that divides the city in two. We are standing at the bridge [Puente Nuevo](#), the new bridge, looking south east. The bridge to the right.



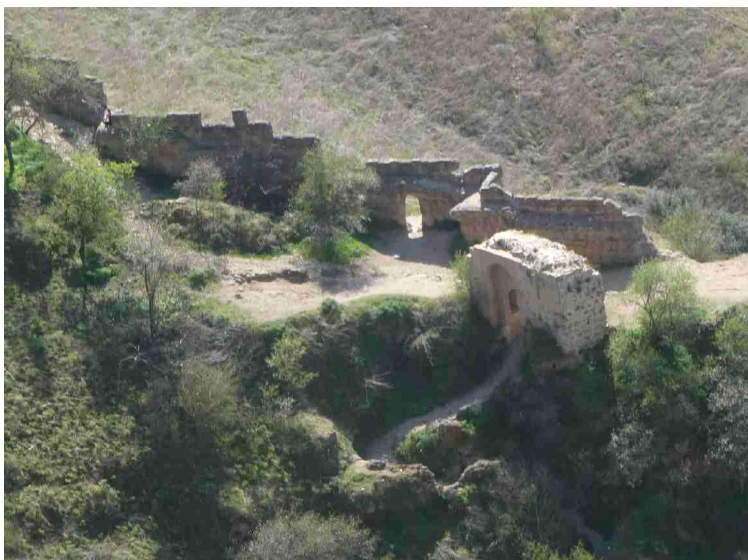
Looking south west. The old-town lies behind.



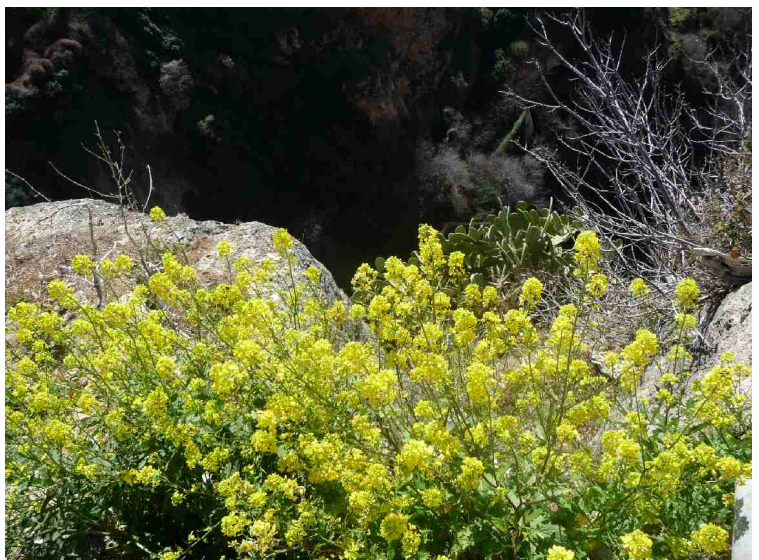
This is Puente Nuevo, which is one of three bridges crossing the gorge. The bridge was finished in 1751. It had then gone 42 years and 50 human lives to build it. Above the center arch there is a room used as prison, among other things.



Looking over the edge of the gorge.



An old ruin down in the gorge.



Nice flowers.



Looking down into the gorge. There is a hotel to the right.



Looking the other way, towards the bridge.



Looking west along the gorge.



Kjell is studying the map.



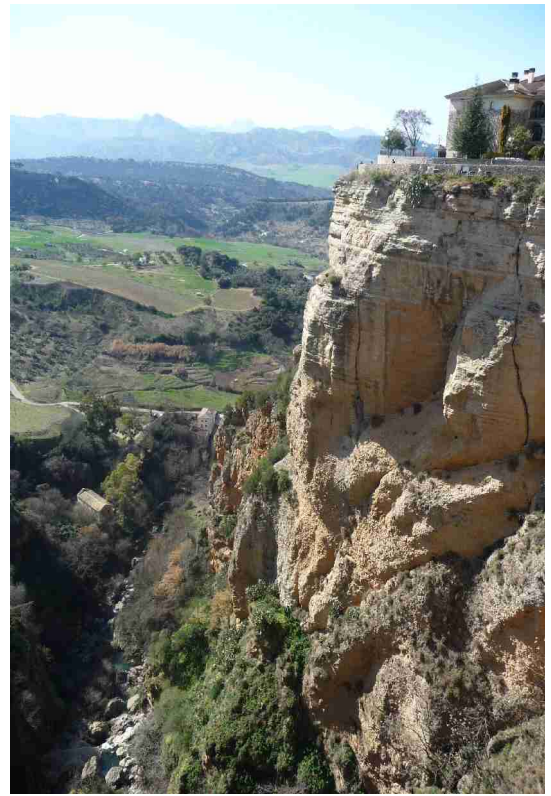
This is the square at the north side of Puente Nuevo.



Looking south across the bridge. The old-town at the rear.



Almost across the bridge.



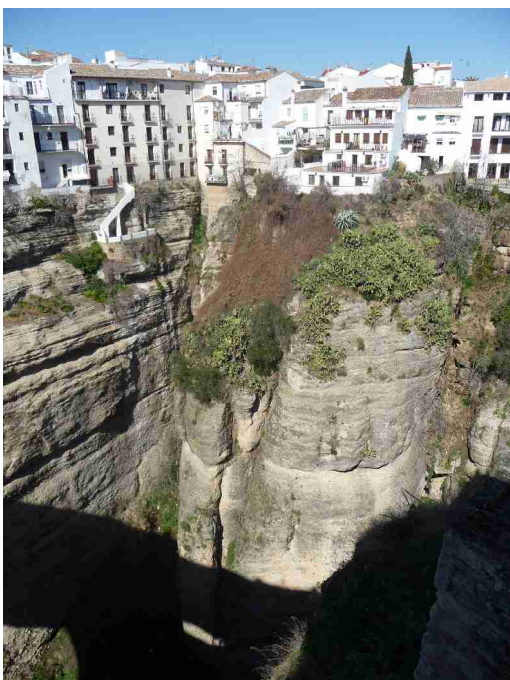
We then have this view westward along the gorge.



Lookin down in the gorge at the west side. There is not much water in the river Guadalevin.



This is the view north towards the new town. We can see the restaurant and hotel San Miguel to the right.



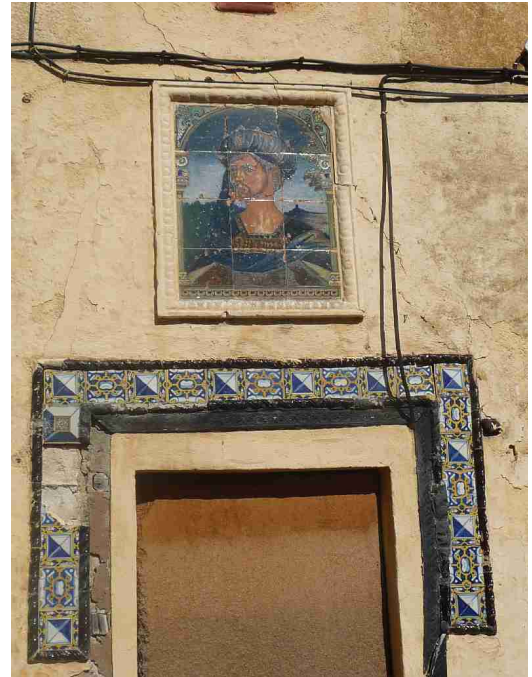
View north and east.



It is down here the two other bridges are lying.



Houses in the east part of the old-town.



Walking down narrow streets. A doorway with nice mosaic, but unfortunately a bit destroyed.



Further down into the gorge.



A viewpoint above the middle bridge and view across to the new town.



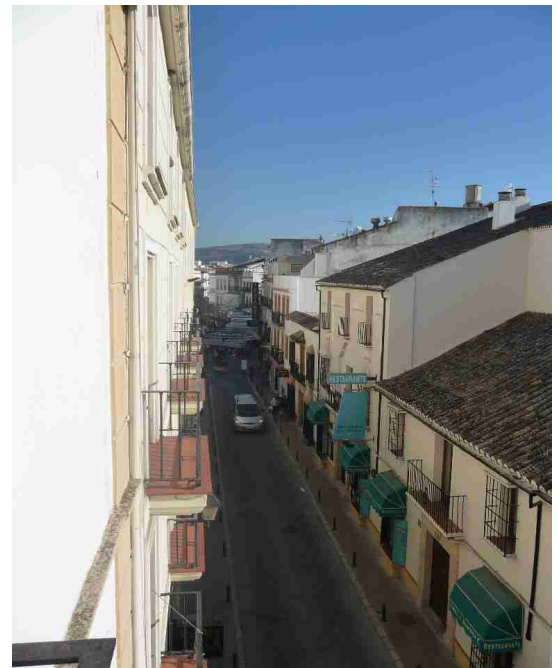
The middle bridge and the new town in the rear.



View east along the gorge. To the right is the arch of Philip V's.



The same place. Kjell is studying the map again.



Back at the hotel and the view out of the window.



The next day we start the walking again. Here passing the bullring again with statues outside.



The toreador is waiving his cape.





A bit south in the old-town we have this sight north into the gorge and the new town across is.



Here is a path going downwards the hillside.



We are walking down here.



An old wooden farm gate that is barely standing upright.



We are passing the gate and get a view up to the bridge.



There is far up.



There is far down too,



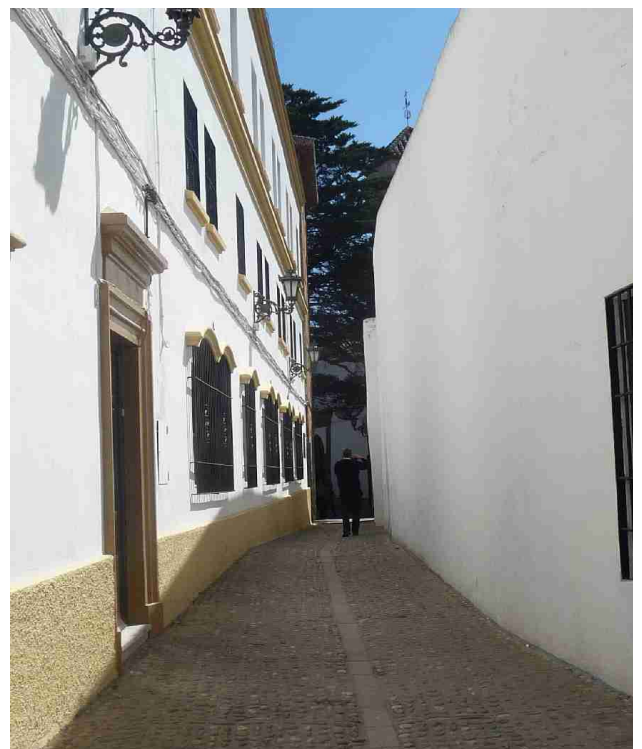
Walking up again.



Others are coming behind us.



Kjell is looking at the oranges.



Narrow streets in the old-town.



The town hall square with the town hall at the rear.



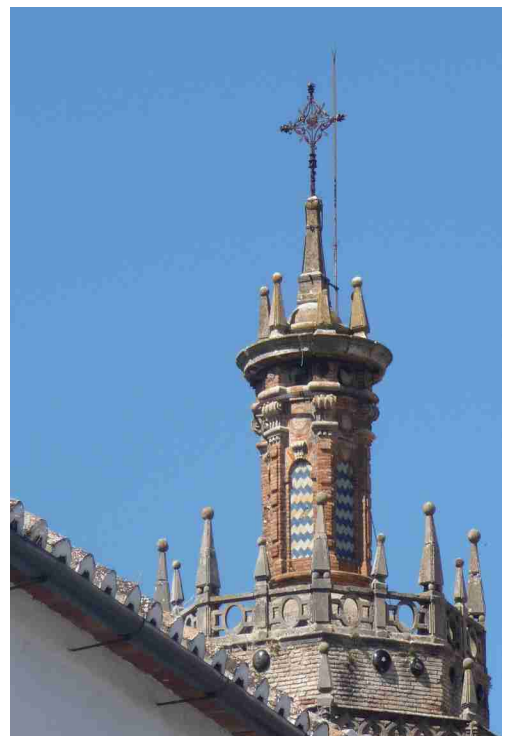
Horse coach.



There is barely space enough to pass the restaurant tables.



Another church.



The church Iglesia Sta Maria la Mayor that lies right beside the town hall.



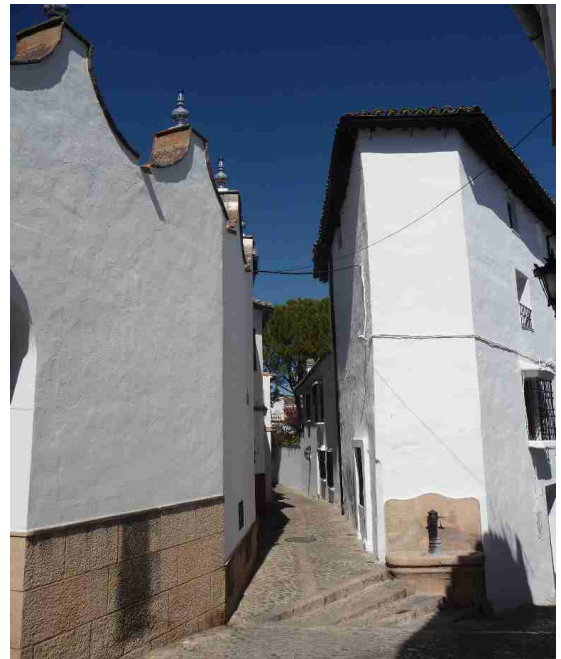
Oranges outside the town hall.



More narrow streets.



This is a minaret, Alminar de San Sebastian.



We didn't think they could drive cars here, but it was possible with a few millimeter clearance on both sides.



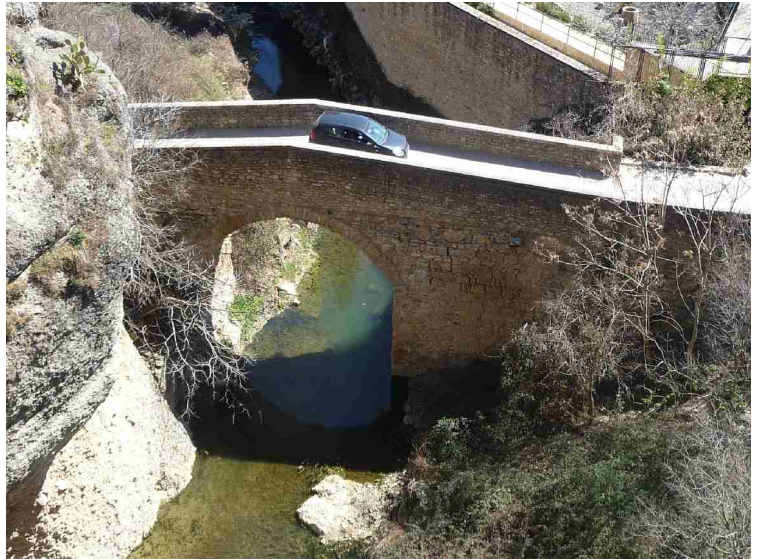
Arco de Felipe V. This gate was built as a substitute for a previous one standing here in Moorish times. We see the bridge Puente Viejo down behind the gate.



The church Iglesia de Padre Jesus to the left and the new-town at the rear.



The bridge Puente Viejo with the gorge to the left and the new-town up at the rear. This bridge is only for pedestrians.



The bridge Puente Romano seen from Puente Viejo. There is a little water in Guadalevin.



On our way up along a park, Jardin de Cuencha, we can look down to Puente Viejo.



Further up we can see the park to the left and the bridge Puente Viejo further down.



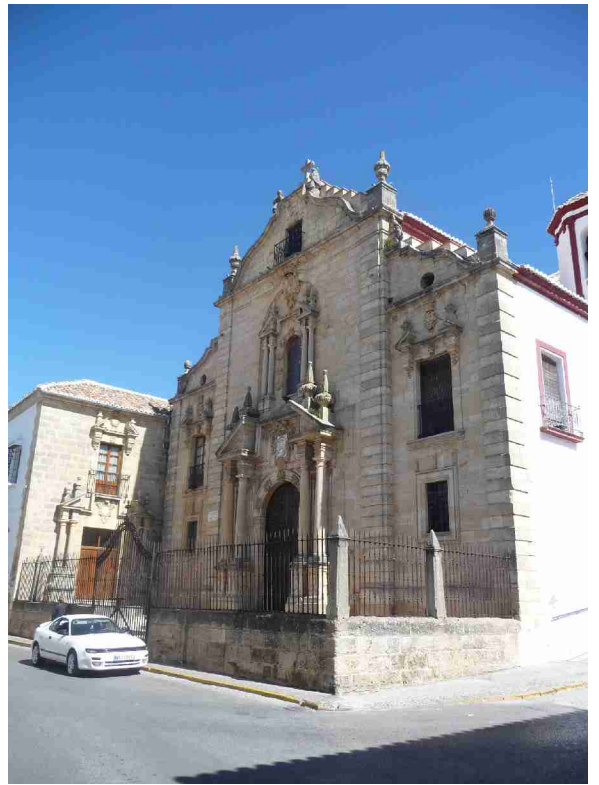
Nice door. Many others were destroyed.



We sat down on one of the terraces of Restaurant San Miguel to have some refreshments, but the serving staff was so busy that we didn't get the chance to order anything. We lost our patience and went again.



One of the other terraces at Restaurant San Miguel.



We have become specialists on churches. This is Iglesia de Sta Cecilia, which lies a bit north in the city.



Night picture of the bridge.

