

Priego de Córdoba can be discovered in many ways. We suggest you a two day tour so you don't miss anything.

Day 1 TOWN

MORNING | Monuments and squares

- 1 From the *Plaza de la Constitución*, we go toward the **Calle Río**, where there are many manor houses of the 19th century. The columns, porticos, grilles, sculptures, etc. create a harmonious combination not to be missed, together with the beautiful façades of the churches **Las Angustias** (at the beginning of the street) and **El Carmen** (at the middle part).
- 2 At the end of the street, we find the most emblematic and admired monument of the city: the **Fuente del Rey (King's Fountain)**, a unique place where this fountain and the **Fuente de la Salud (Fountain of Health)** are located. Stone and water merge together in a perfect combination of architecture and

sculpture. The *Fuente del Rey* was finished in 1803, it has 139 spouts and is divided in three ponds. From its balconies you can appreciate ghostly details of the figureheads.

- 3 We move forward to the *Calle Ribera* until the **Castle**, which was originally a Moorish fortress. Its tall walls allow us to contemplate the amazing views of the village and its surroundings.
- 4 Near the Castle there is another church, **La Asunción**, whose **sacristy** is a masterpiece of the Spanish Baroque. It has been a National Monument since 1932, because of its wealth of decoration and its magnificent segmented dome.

- 5 Across the square *Plaza de Santa Ana*, we enter the **Barrio de la Villa**, the original Moorish centre of the town, which was declared Historic-Artistic Site. It is similar to other neighbourhoods like the *Albaicín* in Granada or the *Judería* in Córdoba, and formed by narrow streets full of flowers and whitewashed houses.

- 6 We arrive to the **Balcón del Adarve**, a natural gorge upon which the city was built and that guaranteed its safety for centuries. From this point we can enjoy the amazing views of the Andalusian countryside and drink from the three fountains distributed along the way.

- 7 On one end of the *Balcón del Adarve* is located the **Huerta de las Infantas or Recreo de Castilla**, a romantic garden full of vegetation and water games.

- 8 Next to the garden we find the **Carnicerías Reales**, a former abattoir and meat market. It is a beautiful mannerist building with a cloistered patio from which the tower keep **Torre del**

Homenaje of the castle. It also has a magnificent spiral staircase. While descending it, we can enjoy the permanent exposition *Entre Olivares*, about the olive grove culture.

- 9 We continue our tour and reach the square *Plaza de San Pedro*. There is a **church** of the same name which houses a splendid polychromed niche with an image of the Immaculate Virgin of the sculptor José de Mora.

- 10 If we follow the street *Carrera de Álvarez*, we will arrive to the **Paseo de Colombia**, a beautiful garden decorated with fountains and several sculptures, like the Ganymede and the *Defensa de Zaragoza* (Defence of Saragossa). They were both made by the local neoclassical sculptor José Álvarez Cubero.

- 11 At the end of the *Carrera de Álvarez*, we reach the **church of La Aurora**, a small temple with abundant Baroque decoration. Its sacristy is the headquarters of the *Hermanos de la Aurora* (the Aurora Brotherhood), a 400-year-old group of musicians.

- 12 Now we follow the street *Buen Suceso* until the square **Compás de San Francisco**, where the church of *San Francisco* is located. Inside, there is a carving of *Jesús en la Columna*, made by

It's time to eat! First, you can have some tapas at one of our many bars and gastrobars, and then discover the traditional and innovative gastronomy which Priego offers you. You will be surprised by an excellent service and the high quality of our establishments and products.

You're in a land whose **EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL** (AOVE) is one of the best in the world. It has received the most prestigious prizes at a national and international level. It also belongs to the Protected Designation of Origin Priego de Córdoba. Taste and buy it!

And finally, enjoy our delicious selection of traditional pastries and cakes. It will make you want to lick your fingers!

the sculptor Alonso de Mena, and another carving of *Jesús Nazareno*, assigned to the sculptor Pablo de Rojas.



AFTERNOON | Culture

- 13 We resume our path towards the *Calle Río* to visit the **House-Museum of Niceto Alcalá-Zamora y Torres**, home of the First President of the Second Spanish Republic. We will discover the daily life of this Head of State who was an intellectual, a jurist and a politician.

- 14 We go now to the *Carrera de las Monjas*, where we can visit the **Local History Museum**. Inside, we will see the evolution of this region in chronological order: the Palaeolithic, the Neolithic, the Cooper and Bronze Ages, the Protohistory and the Roman and Middle Ages.

- 15 The same building, a typical Andalusian manor house, **hosts the Museum Adolfo Lozano Sidro**. It used to be the home of this local painter,

considered one of the best illustrators of the 20th century. In addition to several of his works, we can see his private chamber and some of his tools as he left them.

- 16 Across the patio on the ground floor, we reach the ancient garden and find another cultural space: the **Centre of Modern Spanish Landscape Art "Antonio Povedano"**. It is dedicated to the different ways of seeing the countryside through the works of some of the greatest Spanish landscape painters.

There are many more places to visit during your tour: the churches *Las Mercedes* and *San Juan de Dios*, the washing place, the Calvary mountain...

And now, let's relax! In the afternoon and the evening, Priego offers you many cultural events and places to have a coffee or a drink, some of them with a terrace. There is an active nightlife!





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[Day 2] NATURE

If you have had a rest in any of our fantastic accommodations, you will be ready to resume your tour. Today we're going to discover the surroundings of Priego de Córdoba, its small villages and its natural environment.

Priego de Córdoba is full of beautiful corners which visitors can enjoy. Remember that we are in the middle of the **the Naturpark Parque Natural de las Sierras Subbéticas**, an area of immense ecological wealth declared **Geopark** by the UNESCO.

Do not hesitate to contact the local enterprises to try our interesting activities: cultural tours, active tourism, olive oil tasting...

- Hikers can choose among many routes to make, like the *Ermita de San Miguel* in El Castellar; the route from La Aldea de la Concepción to *Sierra Cristina*; the climb to the *Jardín del Moro* through the meadow *Vichira*; the *GR-7*; the climb to *Puerto del Cerezo*; the *Dolmen de la Lastra* in Zagrilla...
- The most experienced hikers can even try to climb **the Tiñosa**, the highest mountain of Córdoba (1570 m). From its peak they will enjoy the amazing views of the swamp of Iznájar or the mountains of *Sierra Nevada*.



● However, if you are a **mountain bike** lover, Priego and its surroundings offer you several routes of different difficulty levels with a length between 15 and 60 km. You can climb the *buitreras*, *El Navazuelo*, reach the hermitage of the *Virgen de la Cabeza* in La Aldea de la Concepción... All the routes are perfectly accessible and will lead you to wonderful places from where you can enjoy the most beautiful views of the Natural Park.

- And if you're looking for **strong emotions**, you can practise canyoning in the *Cañón del Arroyo de Jaula*, in Genilla, or climb any of our mountains. Close to Priego, in Iznájar or Benamejí, you can also practise kayaking or rafting in the river *Genil*.
- When you finish the route, before lunch, visit the **Mycological Garden La Trufa**, the most important of this kind in Spain, where you will discover the fascinating world of mycology. Besides the permanent exhibition, there is a garden divided into eight areas which represent



the main ecosystems of Andalusia: pine, cork, oak and gall-oak forests, pastureland, riverbank woodland and the Spanish fir forest.

● Finally, we suggest you to visit the Almond Museum in Zamoranos or the House-Museum in Castil de Campos.

We recommend you to visit any of the 21 small villages surrounding Priego, where you will enjoy our rural environment, customs, traditions, pure air and nature. An enviable place for visitors to rest and elude reality.



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We invite you to discover one of the most beautiful villages of Andalusia and one of the best tourist destinations of Spain

