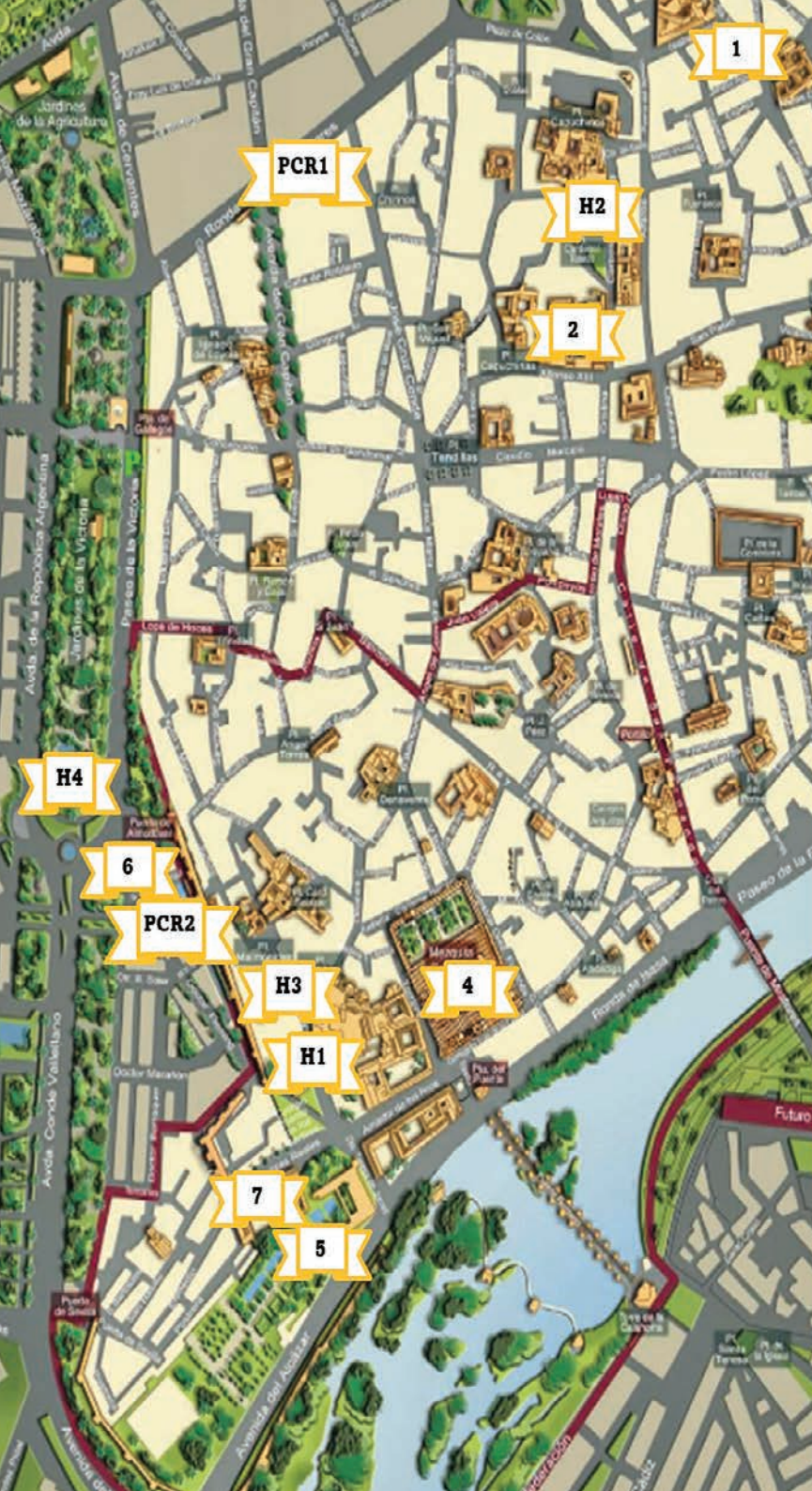




CÓRDOBA 2021



Map of Córdoba



Location of Events and Hotels

Thursday October 7

1. Board Meeting, Cocktail and Dinner : **Palacio de Viana**
Plaza de Don Gome, 2, 14001 Córdoba

Friday October 8

2. General Assembly, Conference and Lunch:
Real Círculo de la Amistad
Calle Alfonso XIII, 14, 14001 Córdoba
3. Partner's Tour : **IMTUR Tourist Office**
Refer to the Memo for meeting point
4. Private Visit : **Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba**
Calle Cardenal Herrero, 1, 14003 Córdoba
5. Gala Dinner : **Alcazar of the Christian Monarchs**
Plaza Campo Santo de los Mártires, s/n, 14004 Córdoba

Saturday October 9

6. Tours Bus Meeting Point : *Paseo de la Victoria, Córdoba*
7. Dinner : **Caballerizas Reales**
Calle Caballerizas Reales, 1, 14004 Córdoba

Hotels

- H1. Las Casas de la Judería de Córdoba**
Calle Tomás Conde, 10, 14004 Córdoba
- H2. Hotel Hospes Palacio del Bailío**
Calle Ramírez de las Casas Deza, 10, 12, 14001 Córdoba
- H3. Hotel NH Collection Amistad Córdoba**
Plaza Maimónides, 3, 14004 Córdoba
- H4. Eurostars Palace (for Young Friends)**
Paseo de la Victoria, s/n, 14004 Córdoba

For those needing a PCR test before flights on Sunday :

PCR 1: Hotel Bailo: SYNLAB
Address: Avenida Ronda de los Tejares, 17, 1st Floor,
14008 Córdoba
Email: centro.ronda-tejares@synlab.es

PCR 2: Other Hotels: SYNLAB
Address: C. San Vicente de Paul, 2, 14004 Córdoba.
Reservation for both centres:
<https://www.synlab.es/es/default.aspx>

General Assembly Córdoba - Friends of the Countryside

Biodiversity and the Culture of Water

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Invitation from FCS President

Dear friends,
Queridos amigos,



It is with immense pleasure that we invite you to our Friends of the Countryside 23rd General Assembly taking place in Córdoba, in the sunny region of Andalusia from October 7 to October 10.

Córdoba has been coveted by many different cultures over time. It is thanks to its varied and monumental patrimony that it was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994 thus preserving its cultural inheritance. Andalusia as a region possesses the most-varied terrain and vegetation in all of Spain. Striking contrasts exist between alpine mountains, arid deserts, and the fertile irrigated plains that support extensive agriculture. It is for this reason that we have decided to base the theme of this General Assembly: "Biodiversity and the Culture of Water".

The assembly begins on Thursday October 7th with a welcome dinner at the Palacio de Viana in the centre of Córdoba for both members and board members. The General Assembly and conference will take place the following day in the Real Círculo de la Amistad, a circle of friendship in the centre of Córdoba dating back to 1854. That evening of October 8th we will gather for the Gala Dinner as an exclusive event in the gardens of the historic Alcázar - ladies, remember to take a shawl!

The tours will take place on the Saturday and bear witness to the variety of the landscape. Visits will include a choice of large scale olive, almond and cotton production or irrigation techniques or citrus production as well as horse breeding and pig rearing on acorns for that special Iberian jamón. An informal dinner that evening will take place in the Royal Stables of Caballerizas, home of the renowned Andalusian breed where we will be treated to a spectacular after dinner show!

This year the extra tour takes place before the general assembly as a pre-tour encompassing Sevilla and Jerez de la Frontera. It will begin on Monday October 4st in Sevilla with visits to the Palacio Arzobispal, the El Alcázar and Real Maestranza de Caballería to name but a few followed by visits to the bodega Fundador and the Fincas Fuente Rey and la Peñuela near Jerez.

There is ample information available on our specially conceived website which you can access directly at www.events3759.wixsite.com/FCSGA2021 or from the Friends of the Countryside website and will be updated as more information is added.

We look forward to seeing you at what is our annual opportunity to gather together and exchange ideas, to discover the strategic role of irrigation and the challenges for environmental stability in this beautiful region of Spain.

We extend our special thanks to: Antonio and Mary Melgarejo -Marqueses de Melgarejo, Ivan and Isabel de Arteaga-Marqueses de Ariza, Emilio and Mariella Navarro, Eloy and Ana Martínez Sagrera, Francisco and Silvia Ruiz della Torre, Gabriel and Jasna-Gora Lodaes, Carlos Otero, Claudia Navarro for their great support in the preparation of the 2021 programme

Yours sincerely



Michael zu Salm-Salm
President

A Warm Welcome

Dear Friends,

What a joy!

With thanks to your patience, understanding and trust, here we all are, in sunny Córdoba *together in person, face to face (or mask to mask when need be!) to happily exchange and share our experiences, both agricultural and non, from the past year and a half!*

This GA is exceptional in more ways than one, as we gather not in June but in October to celebrate the 24th General Assembly of the Friends of the Countryside. It is thanks to the perseverance of our Spanish Board and staff who worked together and held onto the belief that the General Assembly will take place.

The Spanish Board have had to modify the original programme with the result that it is even more exceptional! It is an honour to be able to hold the General Assembly and Conference in the exclusive Real Círculo de la Amistad, and we will continue in



Dear Friends,

Spain is an amazing country: slightly over 50 million hectares, the second largest of the EU, though only 20 million are cultivated, the rest being forests, mountains and non-productive land. Spain has a rich natural biodiversity, with tremendous climatic differences between the green atlantic Northwest and the dry deserts of the SouthEast: it is the amount of rainfall that makes this brutal contrast possible.

Our most southern region, Andalusia, with almost 9 million hectares is a land full of unique nature: our mediterranean crops irrigated and dryland (olives, almonds, oranges, vines, durum wheat, vegetables); our unique Quercus forests, the Dehesa, where oak trees coexist with extensive dryland agriculture and cattle; our monterías and ojeos; our beautiful

this beautiful Renaissance building for our lunch. We shall also be treated to a unique private visit to the Mezquita-Cathedral for those who have registered for it. In the evening, we have the privilege to hold the gala dinner in the gardens of the Alcázar of the Christian Monarchs, not normally open to private events!

Please be assured that all safety rules as set by the Spanish authorities concerning the Covid-19 are being strictly followed. If you have any special requests please check with a member of staff.

So, I take this moment to welcome you all to this beautiful Southern Spanish town and I look forward to speaking to each and everyone of you. We also welcome many new members to the General Assembly whom I am sure you will enjoy meeting.

*Yours in friendship
Thierry de l'Escaille*



sand shores, rivers and mountains; our wide cultural heritage.

Sustainable biodiversity and wise use of fresh water resources could be considered our precious legacy to the future generations, but also as a magnificent gift to our people and to all Friends visiting our beloved country: welcome and enjoy!

*Antonio Melgarejo, Vice president
Emilio Navarro, Board member
Iván de Arteaga del Alcázar, Board member*





Cereals have been cultivated since the dawn of agriculture and have evolved, adapting to an ever-increasing global demand. The world produces around 2,725 million tonnes of cereals

each year (USDA harvest 2020 data), of which around 1.1 billion mt of maize, 760 million mt of wheat, 510 million mt of rice and almost 155 million mt of barley. World stocks are almost 900 million mt, varying according to the world harvest and consumption.

The EU produces around 290 million mt of cereals, of which 115 million mt of soft wheat, 65 million mt of maize and around 60 million mt of barley. Of durum wheat, around 40 million mt are produced worldwide, of which almost 8 million mt originate from the EU.

Spain is a country of just over 50 million hectares, of which only about 20 million ha are arable. Our annual cereal production ranges between 12 and 25 million mt, depending on the climatic year; and as our annual consumption of cereals, other grains and by-products is 35 million mt, we are a purely importing country, although we normally export durum wheat, and in good harvest years we also export barley and oats. We import not only cereals, but also protein flours (especially soya), protein crops, oilseeds and their derivatives, mainly for the manufacture of animal feed. By way of comparison, a neighbouring country such as France produces between 30 and 40 million tonnes of wheat alone per year.

In Spain, cereal production in Castile-Leon, Castile-La Mancha, Andalusia and Aragon stands out, especially in rainfed areas, since in irrigable areas there is a rapid change in cultivation towards woody crops - olives, almonds and citrus fruits - which are more profitable than cereals.

PROSPECTS FOR THE CULTIVATION OF CEREALS AND OTHER GRAINS IN SPAIN

Being a net importer means that our prices to farmers tend to be somewhat better than those of the major producing countries, as logistics and transport costs are considerable. However, the low yields we obtain (no more than 2,500kg/ha on average) mean that profitability is very low at

current prices, which is why some farmers are switching to woody crops or trying to grow higher quality grains at better prices (durum wheat, soft durum wheat, spelt, barley for malt, etc.), or even switching to organic farming.

The production of cereals and other grains (oilseeds, protein crops, legumes, etc.) continues to be a basic pillar for the welfare and food security of the population of any developed country, so Spain must continue to produce as much as possible, looking for specific high quality grains adapted to our climate. Our CAP subsidies are, unfortunately, low per hectare compared to those of other EU countries, as they were defined according to the average yields of the different areas of Spain, which are generally low when compared to Germany, France, Belgium, etc.

THE FUTURE: NEW FARMING TECHNIQUES AND ADDED VALUE

Pressure from environmental organisations, public opinion and the European Commission in the face of biodiversity loss, climate change and increasing pollution is leading to increased support for more sustainable agriculture that is less damaging to the natural environment, such as organic farming.

Spain has large areas where cereals and other grains are already being grown organically, increasingly on larger farms and with more technified farmers, achieving good yields and a magnificent adaptation in large areas of the drylands of Spain. The growth in the consumption of organic products seems unstoppable, both in our country and globally, which is driving an increase in the demand for specific grains and qualities. This increase in demand is being transferred to the fields in just a few years. Spanish organic cereals and grains are becoming more and more prestigious and secure in the EU and beyond, which for many buyers is more important than price.

Innovative techniques are also being used in the conventional cultivation of cereals such as conservation agriculture (combating erosion), sustainable agriculture (minimum inputs such as fertilisers and pesticides in the crop), integrated agriculture (intelligent control of pests, diseases and weeds in crops), regenerative agriculture (restoring degraded areas to their former glory), etc. All these

techniques, in addition to improving the profitability and added value of our cereal crops and other grains, also have a minimal impact on the landscape, the environment and natural biodiversity and help to mitigate climate change and are fundamental in the fight against water, soil and air pollution in Spain.

POSITIVE CONCLUSIONS

It is considered that we have entered a new era of high prices for cereals and other grains and by-products at world level: it is a fact that there is a growing demand from countries in clear exponential development, such as China, India, Southeast Asian countries and Africa, all of which are highly populated and have a growing demand for food in terms of quantity and above all in terms of quality. High cereal prices may be here to stay this year, in the opinion of many experts: yields can continue to improve, technology will help but, let us not deceive ourselves, the world's arable hectares are what they are, and if there are more, they will be cultivated in areas of forests, tundra and deserts, which seems increasingly difficult due to pressure from public opinion. Reality is imposed on all markets when a major producing country has a bad harvest (this past season it happened with Ukraine and Russia), and demand is so close to supply that any adverse weather event in one of the major producers can trigger the markets, the so-called "Weather Market".

As a good farmer friend from Zamora used to say: we have to be "optimistic" about the future of cereal and other extensive grain production in Spain. We have a harsh climate, very varied soils, normally low yields and many problems, none of them unsolvable. But we also have great quality in the grains we produce, we are leaders in organic farming, we have a country with the richest biodiversity in the EU, we know how to grow crops respecting the environment and we will continue to do so with hard work and enthusiasm in the cereal-growing areas of our great country, thinking of future generations and their well-being.

Emilio NAVARRO MARTÍNEZ, Agricultural Engineer and Entrepreneur, Spain

The Region: A Brief History

It is thanks to the River Guadalquivir and the fertile lands that prehistoric settlements were drawn here. This expanded in the Bronze age and then with the arrival of the Phoenicians and Greeks, as an important mining and commercial centre.

Córdoba thrived under Roman rule as the capital of Hispania Ulterior with a number of monumental buildings and as a commercial and cultural hub. Vestiges remain such as the temple and recently discovered amphitheatre. The Visigoth invasion, however, brought about the stagnation of the city.



In the 8th century an Arab contingent arrived on the coast which was to radically change the course of the western world. The Muslims and Christians lived side by side and the Great Mosque was built within the city walls. The 10th century saw Córdoba proclaimed as the Capital of the independent Caliphate, thus creating a schism with Damascus. Due to rival factions struggling for power, the Caliphate collapsed in 1013 creating an interim Taifa kingdom.



However as of 1236 a Christian army headed by Fernando III resettled the city with churches and Christians. Hard times followed with a Civil war and the Black Death in mid 14thC. A

century later the Reyes Católicos, Isabella de Castilla and Fernando de Aragon, captured the kingdom of Granada, the last Muslim stronghold and ordered the expulsion of the Muslim and Jewish population.



Although Felipe II tried to put Córdoba back on the map at the end of the 16th century with the building of the Royal Stables and the Gate of the Bridge, the Borbon rule that followed led to the decline of the city.



Córdoba suffered further as the Napoleonic armies occupied the city, although on a positive side, they completely overhauled the city's urban design.

It was not until the mid 20thC. that Córdoba began to recover some of its lost splendour and importance. The population grew, a university was founded, new building projects began and then the city finally came to terms with its historical legacy. One of the city's proudest moments was the declaration of the city as a World Heritage Site.



Hotels



Las Casas de la Judería—H1

Calle Tomas Conde, 10
14004 Córdoba
Tel : +34 957 202 095
[www.lascasasdelajuderiaecordoba.com/en/](http://www.lascasasdelajuderiadecordoba.com/en/)

A charming boutique hotel set in the old Jewish centre of Córdoba, a stone's throw from the Mezquita-Cathedral. It is made up of 5 traditional houses which have been renovated in respect with the building's history and architecture to offer individually designed and quiet rooms as well as all the modern facilities needed as well as a refreshing swimming pool.



Hospes Palacio del Bailio—H2

Ramírez de las Casas Deza
10-12
14001 Córdoba
Tel: +34 957 498 993
www.hospes.com/en/palacio-bailio/

Once a manor house, the hotel is declared an Asset of Cultural Interest and includes the remains of a Roman villa under its restaurant and offers Roman baths and an outdoor swimming pool located in an oasis of fruit trees and aromatic plants to guests. Rooms are elegant and bright with century old frescoes and stucco walls.



NH Amistad—H3

Plaza de Maimónides 3
14004 Córdoba
Tel: +34 957 420 335
www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-collection-amistad-cordoba

Made up of two 18th century palaces restored to their past glory of inner courtyards and woodwork with all the modern touches of quiet contemporary-style rooms, patios for refreshing drinks and a swimming pool. Also set in the heart of historic Córdoba.



Eurostars Palace (For YFCS)—H4

Paseo de la Victoria, s/n,
14004 Córdoba

Located between the old and new town, the Eurostar Palace offers an ultra-modern curved design with many facilities, high quality bedrooms and a view of the old city.

The pool and solarium are situated on the roof top and there is also a complete gym.



Since the beginning of the Wildlife Estates project, Spain has been the spearhead within the project. The Mediterranean bioregion questionnaire has been the main branch from which the rest of the methodologies have emerged, adapted by the members of the Scientific Committee of each of the bioregions.

With more than 700,000 hectares and 117 estates, Spain is the leading country in the project, both in terms of size and number of estates. Spain, with half of its forest and agricultural land, is an orchard and a melting pot of different landscapes where a multitude of management models are proposed and adapted accordingly for the conservation and improvement of biodiversity.

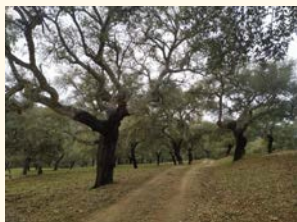
In Córdoba we can see a multicoloured landscape where the red earth contrasts with holm oaks, fruit trees, olive trees and all kinds of crops, all accompanied by a more than efficient water management which allows an evergreen horizon wherever we look.

The orography of this landscape, together with its flora, allows it to be a refuge for all kinds of animal species, which are cared for and managed by the owners and managers of the estates, to obtain a perfect balance between all the variables that make up this great ecosystem.

Within this General Assembly we will be able to enjoy the visit to several estates labelled by Wildlife Estates:

Dehesa El Asiento:

This entire estate of about 1,000 hectares is located in the heart of the Sierra de Hornachuelos Natural Park. The most representative landscape of this area is the Mediterranean forest, open pasture with cork oaks. During the month of October we can listen to the deer during the rutting season, offering a unique experience for those who enjoy it.



Finca San Javier:

An agricultural estate where endless rows of orange trees offer a unique landscape where the care taken by the managers to look after the fauna where there is intense agricultural activity is demonstrated. In order to be able to supply the water needs, it has water channels more than 60 years old from the Hornachuelos Dam and 5 boreholes. The water is stored in a steel plate reservoir with a capacity of 11,000m³ and a diameter of 52m, the largest of its kind in Spain.



Dehesa el Parralejo:

A representative example of the Spanish Dehesa, it is included in the Sierra de Hornachuelos Natural Park. In this livestock pasture, Iberian acorn-fed pigs and sheep live together during the autumn, winter and spring months. Among its most representative species are the Imperial eagle and the black vulture. Lynx and roe deer can also be seen in the area, as well as deer, wild boar, foxes, etc. Among its historical heritage is a silver and pyrite mine of Roman origin, which today is used to supply water for the livestock to the whole estate.



Finca El Rincón Bajo:

This estate is included in a Natural Park and Natura 2000 area: Sierra de Hornachuelos. The traditional landscape is an open Mediterranean forest (Dehesa) of holm oak (*Quercus ilex*) and cork oak (*Quercus suber*) and is maintained by livestock use with Iberian pigs, cows and big game species".



Thursday 7th of October

04:00pm-08:00pm

For FCS Board Members : Board Meeting and visit of the library
Palacio de Viana, Salón de Tapices (main floor), Córdoba
FCS Board meeting

08:00pm

For FCS Board Members, FCS Members and partners
Palacio de Viana, Patio de Recibo & Columnas, Córdoba
(optional) Visit of Palacio de Viana, cocktail dinner and garden visit

08:00pm

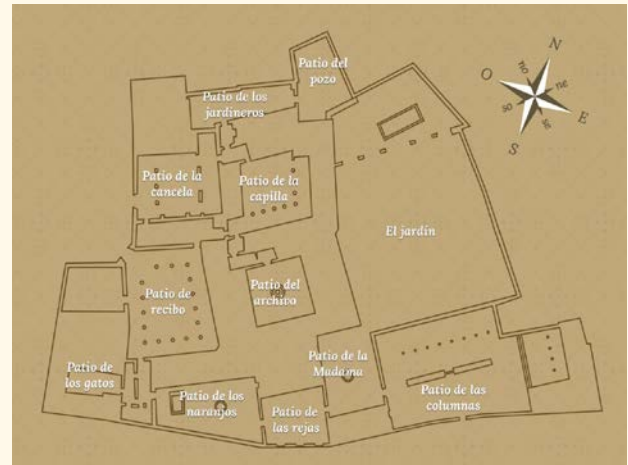
For YFCS
Welcome cocktail on Eurostars Palace rooftop

Details and Description

Palacio de Viana
Plaza de don Gome 2
14001 Córdoba
http://www.palaciodeviana.com/en/Hotels_Juderia_and_NH_Amistad : Check
Memo for bus meeting point and return
Hotel Bailo : 5 mins walk

All members are invited to join the optional cocktail dinner in the historic *Palacio de Viana*. We will be received in the *Patio de Recibo* for a visit and *gastro-nomic interpretation*. A cocktail dinner will be served in the *Patio de Columnas*.

The building dates from the 15th century and has seen transformations from a Medieval house to a Renaissance Palace. Home to various Spanish dignitaries including the Lords and then Marquises of Villaseca, the Counts of Villanueva and Cárdenas and then the Marquises of Viana, hence the name. In 1980 the palace, with its works of art, was sold to the Caja Provincial de Córdoba (Provincial Savings Bank of Córdoba – now known as Cajasur). It was opened to the public one year later and was declared a National Historical-Artistic Monument. Its 12 courtyards (or patios) are of particular historical interest which we will visit in small groups.



Biodiversity and the Culture of Water

08:45am– 09:00am	Registration & Coffee		Partners Visit of Córdoba
09:00am – 10:45am	Welcome and XXIV FCS General Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome - Michael zu Salm-Salm - FCS President - Welcome - Antonio Melgarejo - FCS Vice-President - Approval of minutes, candidate members, Boardmembers & more - Michael zu Salm-Salm - Presentation of ELO Achievements - Thierry de l'Escaille - CEO & Secretary General - Presentation of Accounts - Niels Treschow - Treasurer - Wildlife Estates Spain - Carlos Otero - Young Friends of the Countryside - Marie-Christine Schönborn - President - Presentation of the Jubilee 25th FCS General Assembly in June 2022 Varia	10:00am - 10:30am	Please refer to the Memo for the Meeting Point Guided visits Option 1: Patios de Córdoba, guided visit of El Alcázar Option 2: Museo Romero de Torres, Patios de Córdoba
10:45am – 11:30am	Coffee (in patio)		
11:30am– 11:45am	Conference: Biodiversity and the Culture of Water Opening Welcome : Giuseppe Aloisio - Environmental Delegate of Andalucia		
11:50am– 12:10pm	Presentation 1: Keynote speaker: Mr. Daniel Calleja Crespo (video) EU Commission General Director of Legal Services		
12:15pm – 12:35pm	Presentation 2: Keynote speaker: Dr. José Luis García Rodríguez Professor at the Polytechnic University of Madrid		
12:40pm– 01:00pm	Presentation 3: Keynote speaker: Mr. Luis Planas Minister of Agriculture		
01:00pm – 01:30pm	Anders Wall Award Ceremony by Åke Barklund and Caroline Nordenfalk	08:00pm	Gala dinner - Jardines Alcázar de los Reyes Cristianos Gala dinner with FAMIGRO Award and Wildlife Estates label ceremony <i>The dinner will take place outside - ladies, please remember to take a shawl</i>
02:00pm	Walking lunch Real Círculo de la Amistad Joined by partners		
03:45pm	Departure for those joining the visit of the Mezquita-Cathedral		

Details for Friday the 8th of October

General Assembly, Conference & Lunch

09:00am - 04:00pm

Real Círculo de la Amistad

Calle Alfonso XIII

14001 Córdoba

<https://circuloamistad.com/>

Hotels Eurostar, Juderia, NH Amistad : Please refer to the Memo for the bus meeting point or 15 mins walk

Hotel Bailo : 5 mins walk

The Circle of Friendship was founded in 1854 by over 130 members of Córdoba's grandest families. It now has over 2500 members and also holds a rich collection of Spanish paintings from artists including Julio Romero de Torres, an important library of 17,000 books and many rooms and salons to cater for private events. Today the president of the club is Pedro López Castillejo.

Our General Assembly and Conference shall take place in the magnificent Liceo room with its spectacular chandeliers that light up the paintings. Lunch will take place outside in the Patio Fronton (weather permitting).

Optional Visit of the Mezquita-Catedral - (for those pre-registered)

04:00 pm - 06:00 pm

This extraordinary and unique building that was once a practicing mosque and it now known as the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption stands on ground that was originally shared by both the Muslim and Christian communities. However, in 784 the Christian half was bought by an Emir who began building the mosque. It reached its current dimensions in 990.

The building is most noted for its arched red and white arched hypostyle hall with 856 columns of semi-precious stone. Note that many of the columns are Roman from a temple that used to stand here. There are also spectacular arched doorways, mosaics and azulejos.

In 1236 King Ferdinand III of Castile conquered Córdoba and oversaw the construction of the church within the mosque. The minaret was converted into the bell tower. Changes occurred over time, but the Renaissance nave added by Charles V was said, even by him, to have ruined its uniqueness.

Since the early 2000's Muslims have lobbied to allow themselves to pray in the building, sometimes violently such as happened in 2010. So far this request has been rejected.

Guides will lead us from the Amistad to the Mezquita-Cathedral through the centre of Cordoba (15 mins walk - please bring comfortable shoes!). Please be ready to leave at 3.40pm

After the visit - taxis outside the Mezquita-Cathedral for those who prefer not to walk

Partner's Programme

10:00 am - 01:30pm

Please refer to the Memo for the meeting point

Cordoban Patios: Córdoba is well known for its flower filled oases of patios. Every year in May there is a spectacular festival, and on this visit, many patios will be open for you to see.

Romeo de Torres Museum: A Cordoban painter who painted in the style of the French poster movement as well as female nudes end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th century. His descendants bequeathed the museum to the city which opened one year after his death in 1930. The museum was recently completely renovated.

Carriage Tour: Around the streets of Cordoba

The tours will end at 01:30 pm to join the participants of the GA at the Real Círculo de la Amistad, Córdoba



08:00 pm Gala dinner

FAMIGRO Award & Wildlife Estates Label ceremony

Jardines del Alcázar de los Reyes Cristianos

Plaza Campo Santo de los Mártires S/N

14004 Córdoba

Hotel Juderia, NH Amistad, Eurostars : 5 mins walk

Hotel Bailo : 07:30pm : Minibus. Return 11.30pm : Minibus (taxi for earlier departures)

Known as both the Alcázar of Córdoba and the Alcázar de los Reyes Cristianos, it was first a Muslim fortress inhabited by the emirs of various caliphates. In 1236, Christian forces took Córdoba during the Reconquista and it served as the official residence of Isabella I of Castile and Ferdinand II of Aragon. The gardens of the Alcázar stand on the site of the former Arabic vegetable gardens of the Alcázar, which were surrounded by the walls of the fortress. They were supplied with water from the river via a complex irrigation system. The gardens are divided into three different levels, all of them housing fountains and pools, as well as a rich variety of native flora. The garden's borders have changed throughout history and its current appearance differs from the original one.

Members of the FCS have been welcomed for an exclusive dinner in the gardens under a tent covering. Ladies - please remember to bring a shawl for the cooler evening.



Saturday Tours

Blue Tour

ANDALUSIAN AGRICULTURAL EXPORT & INNOVATION

A step forward in the XXIst century - Andalusian examples around a historical castle.

Please refer to the Memo for Bus meeting details



Dafisa

C/ Felicito, s/n
14100 La Carlota (Córdoba)
www.dafisa.es



Dafisa started out in 2000 as a seed producer processing cereal seeds, mainly hard wheat but also soft wheat, barely, sunflower, beans, sorghum and certified seeds of superior biological categories. It has expanded since then to include innovative cotton ginning and high-tech olive oil production. As part of their expansion, in 2015 Dafisa bought the "Las Anguillas" estate which is located in Santaella (Córdoba) and includes the Genil-Cabra Plan of irrigation on demand. This 120 ha estate produces olives and almonds. Dafisa currently has 8 partners, one of whom is FCS board member **Emilio Navarro**. During the visit, we shall be hosted by director **Cristobal Perez**.



Castillo de la Monclova

Castille de la Monclova s/n
41420 Fuentes de Andalucía
<http://www.castillodelamonclova.com>

Dating back to the 14th century, the Castillo de la Monclova is owned by the Arteaga family. The farm of the estate is divided into three activities: agriculture, agribusiness and livestock and lies on the southern side of the Guadalquivir. Its tributaries run by the estate, providing an easy water supply for the rich soils. The estate is open to the public for lodging, private venues and the Monclova music festival. We shall be hosted by **Ivan and Isabelle de Arteaga**, Marqueses de Ariza with whom we shall visit the castle and farm.
Lunch will be served in a renovated side building of the castle.



Saturday Tours



Red Tour

NATURA 2000 AND DIVERSIFICATION ALONG THE BANKS OF THE RIVER GUADALQUIVIR AND SUSTAINABLE WINES

The Rivera estate lies on the banks of the Guadalquivir river thus enabling irrigation techniques that shape the landscape and agriculture technics. Crops such as rice, almonds, olives, fruit, medicinal plants and typical dehesa landscapes abound. Part of their estate is Natura 2000. The Alvear Estate produces high quality sustainable wines.

Please refer to the Memo for Bus meeting details

Rivera Estate

Carretera 3103 - km 5
Entre Alcolea / Villafranca
Córdoba



Rivera Estate covers 1300 hectares that borders the Guadalquivir river by the south side and the San Rafael Navalana's swamp on the north. 560 hectares are taken up with lowland irrigation while the other 740

hectares by dehesa pasture land with livestock and Spanish horses. The estate has been owned by the family since the fourteenth century and was the cradle of the Spanish horse when King Philip II ordered his head stableman to create a breed of horses for royalty. The Rivera Estate also has 230 hectares of olive trees and 60hcs of almond trees. The rest of the lowland is sown with crops such as asparagus, quinoa, garlic and corn. Water for irrigation is taken from the swamp despite being so close to the river. The estate holds the Life and Iberlince projects. We shall be hosted **Ivan and Isabelle de Arteaga**, Marqueses de Ariza and enjoy a coffee break.

Bodegas Alvear

Maria Auxiliadora 1
14550 Montilla (Córdoba)
www.alvear.es/en/

The Alvear family has been producing wines since 1729 thanks to their ancestor Diego de Alvear Y Escalera. Ownership has been passed on from parent to child so that the business is currently in the hands of the 8th generation with over 50 members of the family owning it. Since 2013 no pesticides have been used on the vines, only small doses of sulphur and copper as well as natural plants such as sage, wormwood and cinnamon. Wine is sold mainly in the Mediterranean region but also sells 40% of its production abroad to such far away destinations as Japan and Australia. We shall be hosted by members of the **Alvear family** for our visit. After a wine tasting we shall have lunch at the estate.



Saturday Tours

Green Tour

CITRUS, CORK AND HUNTING: FAMILY SECRETS TO LAND MANAGEMENT

Family secrets of successful citrus production with an efficient irrigation system from citrus production

Please refer to the Memo for Bus meeting details



San Javier Estate
Ctra. A-3151 km 5
HORNACHUELOS
CORDOBA

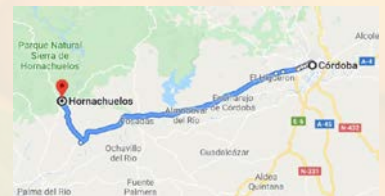
At the San Javier estate we will be hosted by FCS board member **Emilio Navarro** whose family own the estate since 2000. Renovations included 6 new wells, improved intake of pumped water from the canal, renewed irrigation pipes and the building of a vast cylindrical tank 52m diameter! It is thanks to this efficient irrigation system covering 168 hectares that the estate has a successful production of citrus fruit. 26 hectares were planted with Navelina oranges and another 57 hectares with Salustiana oranges and more recently 2 hectares of Tango mandarins all watered by smart drip irrigation.

The estate also grows such diverse crops as green asparagus, cotton, spinach, cereals, rapeseed and more and also has small game hunting of rabbits, hares, partridges and other birds. In accordance with Conservation Agriculture, techniques are used to minimize erosion, improve soil fertility and preserve biodiversity. Future projects include building an even larger water tank to hold 100,000m³, planting late variety citrus fruits and almond trees and eventually shifting to organic production of all crops.



El Asiento Estate
Ctra. A-3151 km 20
HORNACHUELOS
CORDOBA

The El Asiento estate has been owned by the Navarro family since 1975 and lies in the Sierra de Hornachuelos Natural Park. The estate has 1,100 hectares dedicated to high-quality cork oak as well as Holm & Quejigos oak and wild olive trees. Watch towers guard the cork forest to protect against fires. There is also big game hunting of Iberian deer and wild boar held in by a hunting fence. Thanks to the Arroyo del Tinte stream whose source is on the estate, there are no water shortage problems even during the most severe droughts. The national park is a Natura 2000 area with nests of black vulture and Imperial eagle on the farm. El Asiento will shortly be receiving the Wildlife Estate Label. Hosted again by owner **Emilio Navarro** the visit will include lunch in the hunting room.



Saturday Tours



Orange Tour

ANDALUSIAN BEST LABELS -

Andalusian best brands of labelled Iberico

Please refer to the Memo for Bus meeting details

El Guijarrillo estate

Finca Guijarrillo
Extramuros
14546 Santaella
Córdoba

Yeguada Lovera, who was born in 1888 in Santaella, was one of the first breeders of purebred Spanish horses in Spain. Five generations later, the family continues to be in the elite world of Purebred horses. Their horses, considered the most beautiful in the world, have been champions in horse morphology. Their horses are sold throughout Spain, Europe and America.

The Lovera family has an important place at the national and international level in the emerging and important world of equestrian activities. According to Enrique Lovera, the company exists thanks to their "love of animals" and for trying to preserve studs that are among the five or ten oldest in Spain.

We shall be welcomed by hosts **May Lovera de las Morenas** and **Enrique Lovera de las Morenas**.

El Rincon Bajo Estate

Carretera A-3151 de San Calixto
km 14
14740 Hornachuelos (Córdoba)
www.extremiberico.com/tienda/en/

Sustainability, excellence and pure pleasure is the motto of EXTREM, producers of fine Iberian hams. The Iberian pigs roam in freedom, sows are cared for and acorns (for feeding) are checked daily in the dryer. The visit will include the drying facility, curing room and cellar as well as tastings of the Extrem Puro acorn fed Ibérico ham, organic olive oil and wine (Dehesa de Luna). Lunch will be served in the house and hosted by **Francisco** and **Silvia Ruiz de la Torre**.



Dinner (optional)

08:00 pm

Escuela Ecuestre Córdoba
Calle Caballerizas Reales 1
14004 Córdoba

Hotel Bailo : Bus 07:30pm departure. Return 10:00pm

Hotels Juderia, NH Amistad and Eurostars : 10 mins walk

The Andalusian horse is tied historically and culturally to the history of Córdoba where conditions over the centuries have been right to produce these magnificent horses. The Escuela Ecuestre is one of the most important centres for raising and improving the breed and shows off "the Passion and Spirit of the Andalusian Horse".

Dinner shall take place in the Royal Stables and be followed by an equestrian show exclusively for the Friends.

Yellow Tour (YFCS)

INSPIRING EXAMPLES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

The YFCS General Assembly will be held in the morning after the visit to Castillo de Almodóvar.
Please refer to the Memo for Bus meeting details



Castillo de Almodóvar del Río

Calle Castillo s/n
 14720 Almodóvar del Río,
 Córdoba

www.castillodealmodovar.com/en/

The Young Friends will go back to the Medieval Age when visiting this fortress, located on top of a hill near Almodóvar, only 20 minutes away from Córdoba city centre. This marvelous Castle has been in the same family since their ancestor Francisco de Corral y Gúzman took up residence here in 1629 and has fortunately remained so ever since. From the fortress, the Young Friends will be able to admire the broad views of the countryside around. Visiting the dungeons, towers and hexagonal church will allow a complete immersion into one of Córdoba's most important historical age. Lessons will be learnt on how to revive the life of an ancient fortress by organizing interesting activities for the visiting public.

The fortress is family owned by **Fernando and Eva Solís**, Marqueses de Montilla.



El Parralejo estate

Ctra. A-3075 km 47
 Posadas, Córdoba

The beautiful Parralejo estate, which is situated within the Sierra de Hornachuelos National Park, was acquired by the Navarro family between 2000 and 2004. The estate takes up 610 hectares of pasture, dense oak groves & livestock and has a multitude of natural and man-made water supply points for the livestock. It also offers big game hunting of wild boar and Iberian deer and holds 400 pure-bred acorn-fed Iberian pigs as well as sheep. Cork trees are being planted now to bring cork in about 25 years. The estate will soon be accorded the Wildlife Estate Label.

Being in the National Park, you can also spot black vultures, Royal and Imperial eagles, lynx and other protected animal species.

The Young Friends, during their visit, will have lunch, tour the estate, enjoy a "cafea" bull fight in their own bull ring as well as a typical southern Spanish dinner served by one of the best caterers in the region. Music and dancing will continue into the small hours....

Welcoming Estates Website

This year the Welcoming Estates Website enjoyed a re-haul of its website, an impressive growth in its followers on Instagram to well over 2000, a Facebook page and 9 new estates. This shows that the Welcoming Estates is indeed creating its own niche market, informing countryside enthusiasts about the huge range of activities on offer at the Welcoming Estates. Why not be the

next to join! It is the perfect occasion to do so as the joining process is now much simplified and the fee much reduced.

The Welcoming Estates Website is happy to present its 5 estates based in Spain 3 of which are new this year. They include: Ciguñuelas, Meres, Finca El Pendolero and Viña Santa Marina. La Ronca will be joining presently.

Ciguñuelas :

Set in a beautiful rustic estate, the house for rent makes up 1500 m2. Some of the gardens are designed in the local style, allowing you to relax and unwind. The estate has an extensive diversity of wildlife and offers plenty of hunting possibilities.



El Pendolero:

It's the perfect location for a large wedding or private event. It is set in the grounds of this country estate with views of Madrid and Monte El Pardo. The original poster collection is a unique addition to this turn of the century private 'hotel'.



Dehesa de la Ronca : La

Ronca is a private estate covering 850ha and located in the central area of Spain. The owner is dedicated to a management model that promotes the conservation and improvement of biodiversity, preserving the traditional land use. Land use includes forests of centenary oaks, plenty of rabbits and red legged partridges, and high quality honey, wine, olive oil, as well as a mosaic of different crops and is home to a range of wildlife including the Imperial Eagle.



Viña Santa Marina :

A terroir winery was created in this unique location, with small plots planted with native grape varieties and others of French origin. The Alvear family and their terroirs have been intrinsically united for more than 300 years, producing today exceptional and award winning wines in Viña Santa Marina.



Palacio de Meres :

Labelled as an Asset of Cultural Interest in the Monument Category, Palacio de Meres is open for private family events, business events and cultural events including film shootings. "The world's most universal and graphic palace where I filmed four of my movies." José Luis Garcia.



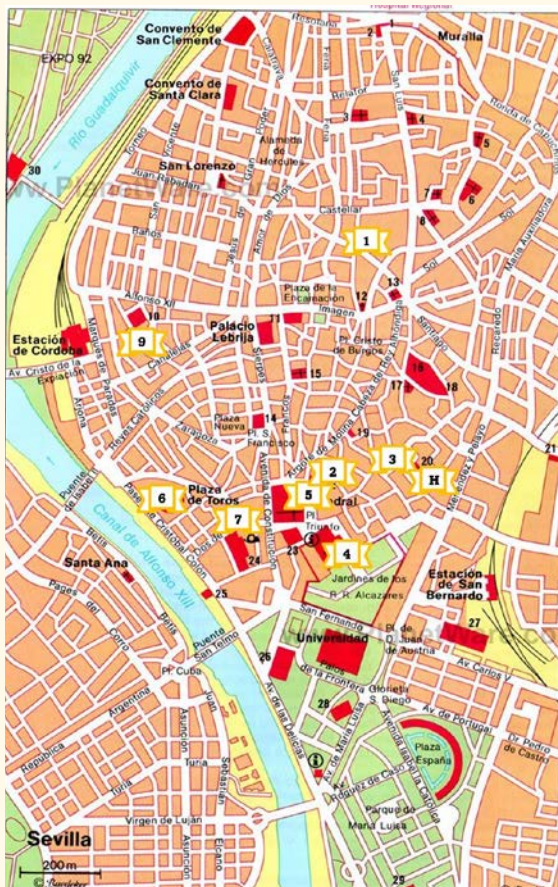
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For more information about joining the Welcoming Estates, please talk to Sophy Smits van Oyen who is present at the General Assembly.

Pre-Tour

Monday October 4th



1. Private visit: **Palacio Las Dueñas**
Calle Dueñas, 5, 41003 Sevilla

2. Private visit: **Palacio Arzobispal**
Plaza Virgen de los Reyes, 41004 Sevilla

3. Dinner: **Palacio de los Marqueses de Salinas, Patio Renacimiento**
Calle Mateos Gago, no 39, 41004 Sevilla. Entrance via Calle Fabiola!

Hotels:
H. Hotel las Casa de la Judería Sevilla
Calle Santa María la Blanca, 5, 41004 Sevilla

Sevilla

Hotel las Casas de la Judería
Plaza Santa María la Blanca, 41004 Sevilla
www.lascasasdelajuderiassevillacom

Located in the heart of the old jewish quarter and minutes away from the main landmarks of Sevilla, the Casas de la Juderia is a hotel full of character and historic culture comprising of 27 traditional houses linked by 40 patios and gardens and a labyrinth of small passageways to get lost in!

11:15pm (optional) Visit Palacio Las DUEÑAS.

Meet there. Taxi or 15 mins walk

Built in the 15th century, this Renaissance palace with Gothic and Moorish influence, belongs to the noble House of Alba. The main attraction is the impressive art collection of Spanish paintings, antique furniture, ceramics, sculptures from Ancient Rome as well as contemporary and fine Flemish tapestries.

In the 20th century Las Dueñas has become a meeting point for members of the European royal families as well as international dignitaries. Visitors have included Jacqueline Kennedy, Wallis Simpson and Grace Kelly.

02:30pm Lunch : Welcome, visit and cocktail lunch at the **Hotel las Casas de la Judería** in the "Patos de los Zúñiga"

04:00pm-06:00pm Visit Palacio Arzobispal Conde Ramírez de Arellano
Archidiócesis de Sevilla—Plaza Virgen de los Reyes, s/n
<https://www.archisevilla.org/visitas-culturales-al-palacio-arzobispal-de-sevilla/>
Meet in the hotel lobby at 4pm. 5 mins walk.

The palace has served as the residence of bishops and archbishops of the episcopal sees since the reconquest of Sevilla in 1251 by Ferdinand III of Castile. It also houses noblemen and military figures still today. Additions to the building were made in the 18th century to give us the red and white decorative façade and beautiful interiors that we see today. There is a large library collection and paintings and sculptures adorn the palace.

09:00pm Dinner At Palacio de los Marqueses de Salinas, Patio Renacimiento
C/ Mateos Gago, no 39 · 41004 · Sevilla
<https://www.casadesalinas.com/>
Meet in the hotel lobby at 8.50pm. 3 mins walk

A private 16th century palace house with a courtyard that opens for visits and private events. It shows a mix of Renaissance, Gothic and Mudejar in wonderful harmony. Through careful renovation, the original 16th century structure can be admired. We will be hosted by Bruno Salinas and Mrs. Salinas.

Pre-Tour

Tuesday October 5th

4. Private visit: Real Alcázar

Patio de Banderas,
41004 Sevilla

Plaza de Cristóbal
Colón, 12, 41001
Sevilla

5. Private visit: Cathedral of Saint Mary of the See and Giralda

Avenida de la Con-
stitución, 41004
Sevilla

7. Lunch: Bar Pos- tiguillo Tapas

Calle Dos de Mayo,
2, 41001 Sevilla

8. Horse drawn carriage tour: Refer to Memo for Meeting point

6. Visit and Tapas: La Real Maestranza de Caballería and Plaza de Toros of Sevilla

9. Dinner: Palacio Bailén

Calle Bailén 28,
41001 Sevilla



Sevilla

Guided visit of Real Alcázar, Cathedral and Giralda of Sevilla.

Meet in the hotel lobby at 9am. 10 mins walk. We will not return to the hotel until the end of the afternoon.

09:15am Departure to Real Alcázar - Visit of 1 hour

<https://www.alcazarsevilla.org/>

09:30am Visit of the royal palace of Seville built for the Christian king Peter of Castile on the site of a Muslim fortress destroyed after the reconquest of the city. A preeminent example of Mudéjar architecture mixed with Gothic, Renaissance and Romanesque of previous times. Classified by UNESCO as a world heritage site. The palace is still used today as a royal residence.

11:00am Cathedral of Saint Mary of the See and Giralda - Visit of 1 hour

Also classified as a UNESCO world heritage site, it was the largest cathedral in the world when it was built in the early 16th century. It started its life as a mosque built in 1198 by Yaqub Yusuf and was converted into a cathedral after the reconquest of 1251. This was then replaced by the vast cathedral we see today built in 1500. The Giralda is the bell tower of the cathedral but originally served as the minaret of the original mosque.

12:30pm Visit and tapas at La Real Maestranza de Caballería and Plaza de Toros of Sevilla 7 mins walk

The Real Maestranza de Caballería began as a noble guild for traditional cavalry training. Construction of the present 12,000-capacity bullring began in 1749 and is now one of the most well-known bullfighting rings in the world during the annual Sevilla Fair (April). We will be hosted by Teniente Hermano Mayor & Santiago León.

14:30pm Lunch in Bar Postiguillo Tapas - an 18th Century building including Roman columns and a large collection of bull heads - 4 mins walk

Calle Dos de Mayo, 2 - 41001 Sevilla

<http://www.barpostiguillo.com/>

04:00pm Horse drawn carriage tour in Sevilla - 45 mins tour - Refer to memo for Meeting point

05:00pm Walk back to hotel

08:00pm Dinner at Palacio Bailén

Calle Bailén 28 - 41001 Sevilla

<https://www.palaciobailen.com/>

Meet in the hotel lobby at 07:40pm. We shall organise taxi shuttles.

A private palace dating from the end of the 16th century, renovated to celebrate exclusive private events. We will be hosted by Lorenzo Ybarra and Mrs. Moinet.

Pre-Tour

Wednesday October 6th

Private visit: **Finca Fuente del Rey - Ganadería de Toros**
Autovía A381, Salida 10, Jerez de la Frontera, Cádiz

Private visit and lunch: **Hacienda la Peñuela**
Autovía A382, Salida 7, Jerez de la Frontera, Cádiz

1. Private visit: **Bodegas Fundador**
Calle Puerta de Rota, 11408
Jerez de la Frontera, Cádiz

2. Dinner: **Palacio Domecq**
Calle Alameda Marqués de Casa Domecq, 8, 11403, Jerez de la Frontera

Hotels:
H: Casa Palacio María Luisa
Calle Tornería 22, 11403 Jerez de la Frontera



Jerez de La Frontera

08:30am Meet in lobby at 08:30am with luggage

Departure at 08:45am by bus from Sevilla to Jerez de la Frontera (1.15h)

Casa Palacio María Luisa
Calle Tornería 22, 11403 Jerez de la Frontera
www.casapalaciomarialuia.com

A stunning palatial house from the 19th century with a central location.

10:30am Visit of Finca Fuente del Rey - Ganadería de Toros
Autovía A381, Salida 10. Jerez de la Frontera, Cádiz
<http://www.ferminbohorquez.org/>

Fuente del Rey is a benchmark of the bullfighting world as well as a place to witness the real charm of deepest Andalucía. Here, bulls of the prestigious Bohórquez brand, one of the most important worldwide, graze alongside numerous mares, purebred horses and bullfighting horses. The Bohorquez family has devoted its time, work and knowledge for generations. To preserve a balanced eco-system in its agricultural activities, the estate also has a natural site for the breeding of pigeons. The house, the trial rings and the stables represent a traditional but yet modern and comfortable environment where bulls, horses and pigeons coexist in harmony. Fermín Bohorquez will kindly host us.

01:00pm Visit and Lunch at Hacienda la Peñuela
Autovía A382, Salida 7. Jerez de la Frontera, Cádiz
<http://www.ferminbohorquez.org/>

With origins dating back to the ancient Carthusian monastery of the 16th century, the estate that is also owned by the Bohorquez family boasts an impressive paved courtyard with arches and balconies covered in colourful bougainvillea as well as a Zurbarán altarpiece in the private chapel and a magnificent carriage collection. Other activities include weddings and olive oil production with 700ha of olive trees. Fermín Bohorquez will also host us here.

04:00pm Bus to Bodegas Fundador (30 mins)

04:30pm Visit of Bodegas Fundador- Emperador distillers
Calle Puerta de Rota, S/N, 11408 Jerez de la Frontera, Cádiz
<http://www.grupoemperadorspain.com/es/bodegasfundador/>

Voted by the IWSC (International Wine & Spirit Competition) as both the Best Sherry in the world 2019 and the best brandy in the world 2019, the Bodegas Fundador is an Emperador INC company owned by the Tan family. It was established in 2011 and has expanded since then through investments and various acquisitions to include 7 brands.

06:30pm Bus to hotels - check in - Hotel Maria Luisa

08:20pm Cocktail dinner at Palacio Domecq in Jerez de la Frontera
c/ Alameda Marqués de Casa Domecq 8 · 11403 · Jerez de la Frontera
<http://palaciodomecq.com/inicio/>
From Hotel Maria Luisa - 3 mins walk

The Palacio Domecq became the home of the Domecq family as of 1885 and is a stunning example of 18th century Baroque architecture. It has a fine collection of paintings, sculptures and works of art from Italy, France and Flanders. The Domecq family is well known for its fine winemaking tradition. *Dinner will take place here.*

Pre-Tour

Thursday October 7th

3. Private visit: Bodegas Tradición

Calle Cordobeses, 3, 11408 Jerez de la Frontera, Cádiz

Private visit and walking lunch: Finca Las Lomas

Ctra. Verjer a Benalup, Km. 7, 11179 Vejer de la Frontera, Cádiz



Jerez de La Frontera - Córdoba

08:50am Departure by bus with luggage

09:15am Visit of Bodegas Tradición

Plaza Cordobeses 3 - Jerez de la Frontera (Cádiz)

<http://www.bodegastradicion.es/index.php/es/>

In 1998 Don Joaquín Rivero recovered the traditional ageing and bottling process of Sherry wine when he acquired the old farmhouse in the middle of the historical centre of Jerez. He began selecting the oldest and exceptional wines using the soleras procedure. By 2000 the categories VORS and VOS were officially recognised by the Regulatory board of Jerez. Today the estate produces nearly 30,000 bottles of high quality Sherry wines to 25 countries and receives 6000 visitors a year. The family also own one of the best private collections of Andalusian art form the 15th to the 19th centuries including such artists as Goya, Murillo and El Greco. We will be hosted by Helena Rivero.

12:00 noon Visit and walking lunch at Las Lomas estate

Finca Las Lomas - Ctra. Verjer a Benalup, Km. 7, 11179 VEJER DE LA FRONTERA (CADIZ)

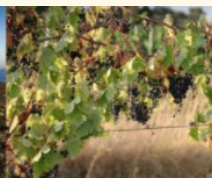
<http://www.laslomas.org/>

Established in 1948, Las Lomas is a family business with an enormous respect for the environment and nature and is established as a reference for high quality organic fresh produce. Strong values are also kept for their skilled workers, their suppliers as well as customers. It manages different areas such as fruit and vegetables, cotton, extensive crops, cattle farms, and also hunting. We shall be received by Carlos and Maria José Masaveu.

End of the Pre Tour at 03:30pm

Arrive in Córdoba for 06:00pm.

(*N.B. FCS board members will have to leave for Córdoba in the morning)



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DATES: 2022

PRE-TOUR : Monday June 6 - Thursday June 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY : Thursday June 9 - Sunday June 12

POST-TOUR: Sunday June 12 - Friday June 17

LOCATIONS:

PRE-TOUR : HERDADE DE PINHEIRO & COMPORTA

GENERAL ASSEMBLY : EVORA and region

POST-TOUR: SAO MIGUEL- AZORES



Stay safe!