



CAMINO MOZÁRABE DE SANTIAGO EN CÓRDOBA

3B. SANTA CRUZ -CORDOBA (24 km / 6hr)

Fields of grain

Set off from Santa Cruz at the cemetery, and walk the narrow CP-113 which runs through fields, over sloping olive groves and past farm buildings (los Valdepeñas) and further on, alongside the stream Arroyo del Jaco on your right. After almost 6km you come to a path that crosses the tarmacked road from left to right. At this point the section you've just walked joins the Castro del Río path coming from the right towards Cordoba. Join the path and continue to your left, heading west. After 1½ km, a Roman bridge to our right stands semi-obsured by reeds in the stream arroyo de Trinitades. The path, sometimes flat and sometimes rolling, is flanked by fields of grain and sunflowers.

With just a few kilometres to go, Cordoba comes into view, stretched out in the foothills of Sierra Morena. In these first city streets, look out for the tiled signposts bearing the scallop shell and yellow arrow, which guide pilgrims towards the Guadalquivir, across the Roman Bridge and from there to the Mosque, veritable jewel of Muslim art in Spain. Let the the Jacobean Way signposting guide you through San Francisco and San Pedro, a couple of of Cordoba's most emblematic quarters, and you'll come to the Church of Santiago, where the parish priest keeps a pilgrims' register and will stamp your Pilgrim's Passport. A swift sightseeing tour next morning will allow you to set out after lunch for Cerro Muriano, some 18 km away.