

First day:

We will visit Andalusia lakes some of them groundwater dependent offering a privileged environment for the migrant birds (flamingo and others) breeding. Also, it is a wintering and migratory place for many other birds. We will study the 'Cordobilla reservoir' that is an example of valuable ecosystem and simultaneously is an example of the problem of storage capacity loss due to high sedimentation rate. The area is in the center of the "campiña" area and we will meet managers of Genil-Cabra irrigated area (37.000 ha) that manages the reservoir and is an example of highly efficient distribution and irrigation system.

After the field trip, we will visit a visit to Alvear Bodega (cellar). Founded in 1729, Alvear is the oldest winery in Andalusia and the second in Spain. The visit to the winery offers a journey full of charm in which winery, the fermentation room and the aging cellars will be known. The visit ends with a tasting of some of the most emblematic wines of the winery. Lunch will take place in Montilla. The afternoon we travel to Cordoba (40 km). Estimated time of arrival: 17:00 h.

A night-tour through the old town of Cordoba including a guided visit to the Cathedral-Mezquita, the night-time visit "The Soul of Cordoba" will be offered. The Mosque-Cathedral of Cordoba is without a doubt one of the most amazing monuments in the entire world and the most singular religious building in existence. A dinner with a selection of the best tapas in the old quarter of the city could will be the journey's end.



Second day

We will start the field trip in the beautiful city of Zuheros (one of the most beautiful in Andalusia) and the heart of the 'Subbética Sierras'. The Mountain Range was declared a Nature Reserve in 1988 highlighting principally its geological characteristics as an example of karstic morphology. In 2006 they joined the European Geoparks Network and the Global Geoparks Network, supported by UNESCO. We will visit the "Bat Cave". Wear good shoes as you climb steps down into the cave. It is cool inside so you may need to take a jumper or light jacket too. Cueva de los murciélagos (cave of bats) is known archaeologically throughout Europe, it is one of the most important Neolithic sites in Andalusia and the first to find art from the Upper Paleolithic. Enjoy the shapes and shadows of stalactites and stalagmites.

After the field trip we will travel to Baena (10 km). Baena stands out for the excellent quality of its oil, globally recognized by the Denomination of Origin that gives it its name. We will have lunch in Baena.

Arrival time to Malaga: 18.00