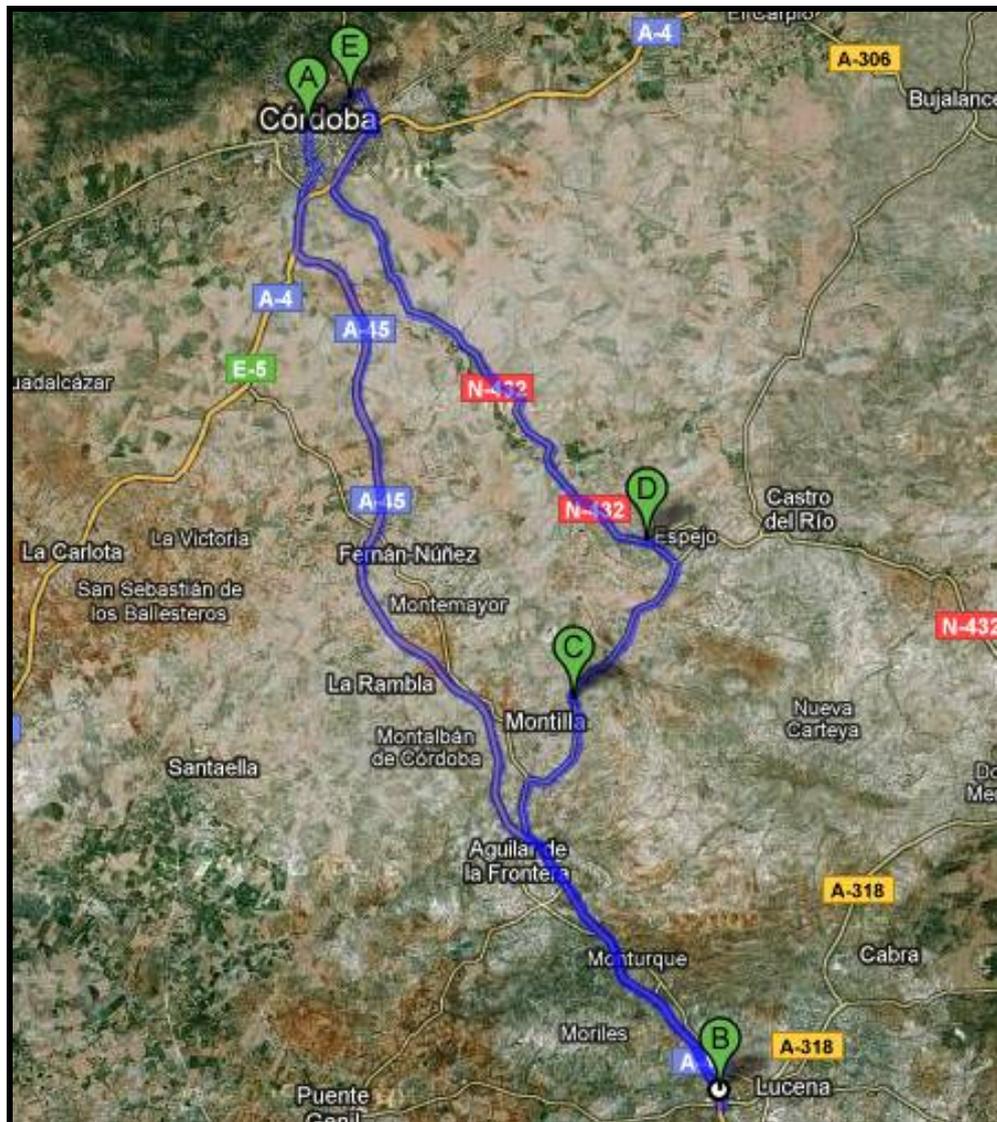


RHEA AGRICULTURAL TOUR TO THE CAMPIÑA SOUTH OF CORDOBA

Thank you very much for join us to this agricultural tour. The program is to have a general overview of our countryside and to stop three times to see concrete crops and to take a coffee. As you probably has already realised, Córdoba is located in an area with large contrasts between the rocky mountains and the very productive surroundings with important agricultural region which includes dryland and irrigated crops. The main crops in the Campiña region are Wheat (now as small plants), Sunflower (we can't see it because the soil is just ploughed and ready to be seeded), vineyards and olives (traditional and intensive orchards), and other orchards like plum trees with plant covering. The irrigation crops are located in the other part of the province and near the Guadalquivir Valley



Map to the countryside visit at Campiña South of Cordoba.

First, we are going to take the highway A-45 direction to Málaga, although our final arrival will be Lucena city (about 70 km from Córdoba).

Around 6 Km. from Cordoba City we are going to have our First stop to see a typical young Wheat crop. We will see the usual row crop distance. Wheat is usually sown in mid or late November in our conditions.



Little by little, the landscape changes from annual crops to vineyards and finally to a landscape plenty of olive orchards.

We can see a lot of gullies due to the heavy rains of the last two years.

Near to La Rambla city we are going to take our second stop where we'll see traditional olive orchards without cover crops and incipient gullies. The cover crops are planted between the olive trees to reduce the erosion



Between Aguilar de la Frontera and Lucena, there are a lot of traditional low density olive groves.



Traditional olive orchard with 3-4 individual plants per tree (left), and centenary olives (right).

Coffee break at Las Camachas restaurant in Montilla city.



Third stop: Plum orchards with well developed cover crops. This cropping system is being used in many tree orchards around Córdoba province.

