



Lost Civilizations: Spain : The arabo-andalousian period



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Andalusia is, without a doubt, the most surprising region of Spain, with its stunning landscapes and incredible cultural riches.

This abundance of monuments, each more magnificent than the last, is due to its unique history, particularly Andalusia's golden age: the Arab occupation from the 10th to the 15th century.

The area was dominated by the Visigoths until April 711 when the governor of Tangier, Tariq started a battle of conquest which was later called the Al-Andalus (the region of Spain dominated by the Arabs).

The reconquista, although started in 718, did not succeed until 1492, when Ferdinand II of Aragon chased the last sovereign, Boabdil de Grenade from the peninsula.

The Arab occupation of Spain lasted for eight centuries and left a great scientific and cultural legacy.

Some historians consider Muslim Spain to have been the most important cultural centre in the world at that time.

The Arabs created a new type of highly structured urban society, which greatly improved and eased urban living.

It is thanks to their refined aesthetic tastes that we are able to enjoy to this day the architectural splendours of towns such as Cordoba, Granada, and Seville.

The arabo-andalusian heritage was vital to this region.

It can be seen in the widespread use of gardens and patios, but on a deeper level, it has enriched the Spanish language and strengthened cultural and economic development.