

Puerta de las Columnas (Gate of the Columns)

This gate has direct access. It consists of three arches in total. The first is a brick entrance with reutilised Roman white marble shafts, as well as Corinthian capitals that clearly did not belong to these shafts; the second is an interior horseshoe arch, supported on pilasters; and the third is the exit, which is truly beautiful: under a load relieving lintel, a horseshoe arch with an alfiz (moulding that encloses the outward side of an arch) has alternating stone and brick voussoirs, achieving a two-tone effect that imitates the characteristics of Caliphate arches, such as those found in the Mosque of Cordoba, which are painted red and white. The masonry of the walls gives it great plasticity.

