

# Park workers in Spain discover huge Roman coin trove

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The Seville Archaeological Museum said the [construction workers](#) came across 19 amphoras containing thousands of bronze and silver-coated [coins](#) dating from the end of the fourth century. The coins are believed to have been recently minted at the time and had probably been stored away to pay soldiers or [civil servants](#).

Museum director Ana Navarro said the discovery Wednesday in the southern town of Tomares outside Seville is unique for Spain and of incalculable value. She said the coins studied so far bear images of emperors Constantine and Maximian, with a variety of pictorial images on the reverse.

She told reporters the museum had contacted counterparts in Britain, France and Italy and that the find appeared to be one of the most important from the period.

The regional cultural department said Friday that construction work in the park had been halted while archeologists investigate further.

The clay pots, 10 of which were said to be intact, were found just over a meter (yard) underground.

The cultural department said the museum had no similar coins in its collection. Once the find has been fully investigated the pieces will be put on display in the [museum](#).



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The Romans began to conquer Spain in 218 B.C. and ruled until the fifth century.



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