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A Gastronomic & Nature Short Break in Baiona, Rias Baixas, Galicia



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Price from: 960.00 euros

Experience the Rias Baixas region in Galicia with this wonderful short break in Baiona, enjoy excellent food and wine while immersing yourself in nature and local culture. Taste delicious seafood paired with local wines, and have fun on a safari of Serra da Groba admiring wild horses!

Highlights

- Tapas tasting in Old Quarter of Baiona with a Food & Wine Expert
- Indulge in the **best seafood and excellent wines** of the **Rias Baixas** region
- Explore the Subzones of Condado de Tea & Rosal by visiting wineries
- Enjoy an exciting 4x4 Safari in Serra da Groba to see wild horses
- Stay at the **Parador of Baiona**, an **old manor house** in a medieval fortress

General Overview

Country: Spain Region: Galicia City: Vigo

Duration: 4 Days / 3 Nights

Type: Chauffeur Driven Tour Theme: Food & Wine Tours Group Size: 2 to 8 People

Price from: 960 €

Introduction

A Short Break in Baiona Full of Things to do and Eat: Food and Wine Experiences, a Wild Horse Safari, and Sleep with History!

Baiona is the **perfect base for a holiday in Galicia** on the Rias Baixas coast. This noble seaside town has a rich culture, history and gastronomy, **a true coastal gem** not to be missed! On this short break, you will start with a **Baiona Gourmet Food Tour**, a gastronomic journey through the Old Town, where the aromas of Galician fine wines mix with the flavours of freshly made tapas. Walk along the historic Port of Baiona, soaking in the atmosphere and admiring the beautiful views of the bay of Baiona with its quaint fishing boats. Enjoy the **seafood delicacies** with the picturesque bay in the background. Wander around the charming streets, stopping at **traditional taverns** to indulge in local seafood dishes like Navajas (Razor Clams), Zamburiñas (Baby Scallops), and even some **innovative tapas**. All of this is paired with excellent wines, capturing the essence of **Galicia's culinary traditions**, and concluding with a sweet ending.

Experience Nature up close with an Expert Horse Guide

Continue your adventure with a **guided 4x4 safari around A Groba Hill** on your 2nd day, where the experienced local horse guide Adrian introduces you to the world of Garrano wild horses. Discover their natural behaviours in the mountains of **Serra da Groba**, appreciating the ancient origins of this endangered breed. Stop for **a scenic picnic** on the hill's lookout points, trying locally sourced products with panoramic views of Baiona. Get to know the unique celebration of A Rapa das Bestas during June and July, a very ancient tradition where the wild horses (Garranos) are gathered in a corral to trim their manes and to check their health, then they let them free and they go running with them up to the hills.

Rias Baixas Wine Country, Taste the World Famous Albariño Wines along with other Surprising Local Wines!

On the last full day, you will explore the sub-zones of Condado de Tea and O Rosal, in the **Appellation of Origin Rias Baixas wine region**. Taste the excellent small batch **organic Albariño wines** (the signature wine of the Rias Baixas region) paired with some of the locally sourced products at a winery. Our 2nd winery will be one of the most important ones of the region making not only wines of Albariño but as well as **O Rosal wine** a blended white wine with other local varietals like Caiño blanco and Loreiro. After the winery visits, you will head to A Guarda to have the best **Lobster rice in Galicia!** Ending the day with a visit to the **Celtic Hillfort of Santa Trega** and a **panoramic coastal drive** back to Baiona.

During your short break in Baiona, you will stay at the stunning **Parador de Baiona**, a medieval fortress offering elegance, sea-view rooms, and well-kept gardens, providing a relaxing retreat to enjoy **the magic of this coastal town on the Rias Baixas Coast**.

Discover Baiona with E&W in a Sustainable Way Experiencing the Magic of A Groba and Tasting the Best Food and Wines in Galicia!

Day by day itinerary

DAY 1:

VIGO, SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA OR PORTO - BAIONA

- Our Private Driver will pick you up in Vigo, Santiago, or Porto at the Airport, Cruise Port, Train Station, or even a hotel or apartment. (**NOTE:** Please advise at the time of booking where you would like our driver to pick you up from)
- Transfer to the stunning Parador de Baiona where you will stay the next 3 nights.
- Check in room and time to relax before our evening event...
- Evening Food Tour of Baiona Dinner (Duration: 3hrs 30mins. approx.)
- 07:30PM approx.: Meet your Private English-speaking food and wine guide in the lobby of the Parador.
- Then after a short walk along the promenade of Alfonso IX to see in the harbor the replica of La Pinta, which brought the first word of the discovery of the Americas arriving March 1st, 1493 on A Ribeira Beach in Baiona
- We will pass by the fishing port with all the small colourful boats and the fish auction house (Lonja de Baiona) which brings in all the fresh fish and seafood every morning.
- After our stroll we arrive at our first tapas stop with views of the bay. We will try some of the fresh Navajas (Razor Clams) and Zamburiñas (Baby Scallops) paired with Albariño wine of the

D.O. Rias Baixas.

- Now we walk through the cobblestone streets of the old part of town lined with tapas bars and restaurants. Our second stop will be in one of the classic tapas taverns in Baiona. Taste the house specialty which is Tortilla con queso Tetilla (Spanish Potato Omlete with Tetilla Cheese), Chipirones fritos (Fried Baby Squid) or Pimientos de Padron, paired with Treixadura from the D.O. Ribeiro and a red Menica wine from the D.O. Ribeira Sacra.
- Walking further up through the streets of the old part of town to the Liberata Square including its chapel dated 1695 and Santa Maria Church which dates back to the 13th Century. This is part of the Camino de Santiago (Portuguese Coastal Way from Porto to Santiago) which passes through the town including the old Pilgrims 16th Century Hospital.
- Our last stop in the new part of town is at an innovative gastro-bar. Savour tapas that are a
 bit more elaborated... Tartar de sardina ahumada con mayonesa japonesa y pan soplado
 (Smoked sardine tartare with Japanese mayonnaise and puffed bread), Mejillones en
 escabeche de naranja con crema de calabaza asada y air bag de cerdo (Pickled orange
 mussels with roasted pumpkin cream and pork air bag), Caramelized rulo goat cheese toast
 with Iberian ham and pistachio powder (Tostita de rulo de cabra caramelizado con jamón
 ibérico de cebo y polvo de pistacho), and then a dessert Limon con Salsa de yogurt y
 chocolate blanco (Dessert of Lemon with Yogurt Sauce and White Chocolate).
- Ending with a stroll down the street Rua Carabela a Pinta, with a very nice promenade that takes us back to where we started near the seafront.
- 11:00PM approx.: A scrumptious end to or gourmet food tour of Baiona.
- A short walk about up to the Parador of Baiona entrance.
- Overnight in Baiona.

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DAY 2:

BAIONA - SERRA DA GROBA - BAIONA

- Breakfast
- Morning Safari 4x4 on Serra da Groba with picnic snacks (Duration: 4hrs. approx.)
- **10:00AM:** Meet your Private English-speaking food and wine guide in the lobby of the Parador.
- Board the car/minibus with the driver
- Starting with a visit to the stables of Finca Moreiras to see Adrian's horse therapy centre.
- After that, we continue our safari up A Groba Hill to admire the **Garrano wild horse**.
- Learn how the locals are trying to conservation of the breed of horses"Pura Raza Galega"
- We stop to see a Curro which is an enclosure of stone walls, a corral, where a special event takes place every year during June and July called A Rapa das Bestas (The Shearing of the Beasts).
- See the wild horses in their natural habitat.
- Stopping at the lookout points of O Cortelliño & the Alto da Groba
- Ending with picnic snacks of locally sourced products (Ham, Chorizo, Spanish tortilla, empanada pie, etc...) with some amazing views (NOTE: Not consider a lunch or dinner meal, it is just to taste some local products while admiring the views)
- 02:00PM: Drop off back at your accommodation in Baiona.
- Afternoon and evening on your own.
- Lunch and Dinner at your arrangements. (**NOTE:** If you would like us to book a table at a recommended restaurant let us know at the time of booking)
- Overnight in Baiona.

DAY 3:

BAIONA - TUI - O ROSAL - A GUARDA - BAIONA

- Breakfast at your hotel.
- Condado de Tea & O Rosal Winery Visits then a Seafood Lunch in A Guarda (Duration: 8hrs approx.)
- **09:30AM:** Meet your Private English-speaking food and wine guide in the lobby of the Parador.
- Board the car/minibus with the driver
- Start by driving to the sub-zone of Condado de Tea, DO Rias Baixas to stop a winery near Tui.
- Enjoy a special visit to the small Organic Winery **Adega Corisca** where we will taste some small batch organic Albariño wines paired with some appetizers.
- Then we will make our way over to the sub-zone O Rosal, DO Rias Baixas to visit one of the most important wineries of the Rias Baixas, **Adega Terras Gauda**.
- Here you will visit the vineyard, and winery, and have a tasting of their spectacular wines.
- After this, we travel to the last fishing village on the Southern Galician Coast... A Guarda.
- A village is famous for the best Lobster in Galicia! Here we will enjoy a seafood lunch with scallops, lobster with rice, etc... all with the amazing Albariño wine.
- Lunch at a local restaurant with some of the best seafood on the Galician Coast.
- After lunch, we will visit the Celtic Hillfort of Santa Trega.
- Then we continue up the Celtic rugged coastline to Baiona.
- 05:30PM approx: Drop off back at your hotel
- Evening on your own.
- Dinner on your own. (**NOTE:** If you would like us to book a table at a recommended restaurant let us know at the time of booking)
- Overnight in Baiona.

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DAY 4:

BAIONA - VIGO, SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA OR PORTO

- Breakfast
- Pick up by our driver at your hotel in Baiona.
- Transfer to Vigo, Santiago de Compostela, or Porto.
- Drop off at the Airport, Cruise Port, Train Station or even at a hotel/apartment. (**NOTE:** Please advise at the time of booking where you would like our driver to drop you off at.)

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END OF BAIONA SHORT BREAK EXPERIENCE

Included

Private English Speaking Driver.

- Private English-speaking Food & Wine Expert Guide as per itinerary.
- Transportation in a fully equipped vehicle as per itinerary depending on the group size. (See **Transportation**). (**NOTE:** Airport, train station, hotel, etc.. transfers at the start or end from Vigo, Santiago de Compostela, or Port are at an extra cost, please see options in pricing to add transfers.)
- 3 Nights accommodations in a 4-star boutique hotel. (See the **Lodging** section).
- (B): Breakfasts are included as specified on the itinerary.
- (L): 1 Lunch: based on a 3-course meal with amazing seafood of the area and local wines.
- (**D**): 1 Dinner: consisting of 5-6 drinks (including selected Galician wines) and 8 tapas (traditional and innovative tapas) plus ending with a special dessert and coffee or tea at 3 selected bars/restaurants on the **Evening Food Tour of Baiona Dinner.**
- 3 Private Tours and experiences as specified.
- Experienced local horse expert who will lead us on the 4x4 safari on **Morning Safari 4x4 on Serra da Groba with picnic snacks** tour.
- Picnic-style snacks at the top of the hill to enjoy some locally sourced products (Ham, Chorizo, Spanish tortilla, empanada pie, etc...) on the Morning Safari 4x4 on Serra da Groba with picnic snacks tour.
- 2 Winery visits at selected wineries with a tasting of between 2 to 4 wines at each winery on the Condado de Tea & O Rosal Winery Visits then a Seafood Lunch in A Guarda tour.
- Entrance fees to sites when with your guide on the Condado de Tea & O Rosal Winery Visits then a Seafood Lunch in A Guarda tour.
- Local Taxes.

Excluded

- Transportation not specified in the itinerary.
- Meals not specified in the itinerary.
- Guided Tours not specified in the itinerary.
- Any other expenses not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Gratuities to Drivers & Guides (Not mandatory but given if you have enjoyed the service).

Pick up

- *Vigo, Santiago de Compostela, Porto city centre hotels or apartment pick-ups
- *Vigo or Porto Cruise Ship port pick-ups right at your cruise ship
- *Vigo, Santiago de Compostela or Porto Airport
- *Vigo, Santiago de Compostela or Porto Train Station
- *Other pick-up locations are available on request from the surrounding cities of Vigo, Santiago de Compostela, or Porto.

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Drop off

- *Vigo, Santiago de Compostela, Porto city centre hotels or apartment drop-offs
- *Vigo or Porto Cruise Ship port drop-offs right at your cruise ship

- *Vigo, Santiago de Compostela or Porto Airport
- *Vigo, Santiago de Compostela or Porto Train Station
- *Other drop-off locations are available on request from the surrounding cities of Vigo, Santiago de Compostela, or Porto.

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Cancellation policy

Up to 45 days before: Fully Refundable
Under 45 days: 100% Non-Refundable

Transport

• TRANSPORTATION WITH DRIVER/GUIDE - SUV in NISSAN QASHQAI 1.3 DIG-T MHEV 12V (2 to 3 People): dark grey, tinted back windows, black interior with Wi-Fi, and panoramic roof.



• TRANSPORTATION WITH DRIVER + GUIDE in Mercedes Benz Minibus Sprinter (4 to 8 People):



NOTE: Or similar type vehicles in the same class as mentioned above.

