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Sustainable Mussel Boat Cruise and Tapas Food Tour in Vigo



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Full-Day
(Duration:
5hrs30mins
approx.)



Vigo



Price from:
155.00
euros

Dive into the delicious gastronomy of Galicia with a relaxed cruise on the Bay of Vigo and a gourmet food tour through the city streets of the Old Quarter stopping by the best-selected tapas places. Learn about the fishing tradition and the sustainable way of mussel cultivation and enjoy an onboard tasting of mussels...

Highlights

- Sustainable Mussel Boat Cruise on Vigo Bay
- Mussel & Wine Tasting onboard the boat
- Taste the Best Galician Seafood
- Explore the Old Quarter of Vigo with a Local Food Expert

General Overview

Country: Spain

Region: Galicia

City: Vigo

Duration: Full-Day (Duration: 5hrs30mins approx.)

Type: Private Full Day Tours

Theme: City & Village Walks

Group Size: 2 to 12+ People

Price from: 155 €

Introduction

Cruise around Vigo Bay on a Restored Traditional Mussel Boat

Experience a **memorable food and wine tour** in [Vigo, Galicia](#) starting off by exploring the bay of Vigo on a relaxing sail along Vigo Bay aboard a comfortable restored traditional mussel boat. We will see the sustainable mussel farms (bateas) of the fishing village of Moaña renowned for its high-quality mussels, and depending on the weather, we will go towards Limens (Cies Islands, without disembarking) or towards the interior of the bay, Puente de Rande (Rande Bridge), Meirande. Get to know the fishing tradition and history of Galicia and admire the **breathtaking beaches and dramatic coastline** with seafaring villages located on the banks of the Bay of Vigo.

Besides the cruise of Vigo Bay, we will also get to **taste the amazing fresh mussels** paired with Albariño wine, known as the wines of the sea!

Immerse into the Flavours of the Galician Gastronomy Exploring the Old Town of Vigo

Explore the streets of Vigo's Old Town and admire the **beautiful architecture** of historical buildings while savouring the food and wine **stopping at selected tapas places**. Learn about the history of the city from the granite stone buildings and streets that hide the past of Vigo. Walk to important landmarks of the city such as **Alameda da Praza de Compostela Park** a wonderful residential area located near the city centre and the port, **Garcia Barbon Theatre**, **Puerta de Sol (Sun Square)** which divides the city from the old fishing town and the new town, and other must-see sites. Stop at three tapas restaurants/taverns within the old town, tasting delicious tapas, canned seafood made of Centollo (spider-crab), Arroz de Marisco (Seafood Fishermans Rice), Tarta de Santiago almond cake, Galician cheeses paired with **excellent Galician wines** from the different Appellations; D.O. Ribeiro (the oldest appellation of origin in Galicia), D.O Ribeira Sacra, D.O Rias Baixas Albarino white wine, among other fine wines.

Enjoy a gastronomic mussel boat cruise along the Bay of Vigo and discover the city streets tasting the best food and wine in selected tapa places!

Day by day itinerary

DAY 1:

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA OR BAIONA - VIGO - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA OR BAIONA

- **09:30AM:** Our Expert Food Guide will be waiting for you at the port of Vigo in front of the bronze sculpture **El Salto (The Jump) also known as La Bañista (The Bather)** made by the local artist Francisco Leiro. (**NOTE:** We can arrange pick-ups from hotels in the city centre at an extra cost, please inquire for details)
- **Sustainable Mussel boat trip on Vigo Bay (Duration: 2hrs approx.)**
- 10:00AM: We board the boat (a restored Mussel Boat) at the nautical club marina to start on our Mussel Boat Trip around Vigo Bay.
- On board a very comfortable traditional boat you will be able to learn about mussel farming on this maritime route.
- The guided route will be towards the bateas (Sustainable Mussel Bed Farms) of Moaña, then, depending on the wind, we will go towards Limens (Cies, without disembarking) or towards the interior of the bay, Puente de Rande (Rande Bridge), Meirande.
- We will also have an onboard tasting of delicious Galician mussels paired with Galician Albarino wine.
- Ending back at the nautical port where we started, now the city food walking starts...
- Vigo Food Tour to Eat Your Way along the City Streets (**Duration: 3hrs approx.**)
- **12:00PM:** Walk along the promenade to admire some of the buildings and architecture, like the AC Universal Hotel which was a Casino in its days now a four-star hotel in an excellent location of the city. We stop to see the bronze statue at the port sculpted by local artist José Molares of **Jules Verne**.
- Crossing the **Alameda da Praza de Compostela Park**, a beautiful residential area in the city.
- Continuing through the urban streets up to the new part of the city stopping to admire the **Garcia Barbon Theatre** built in the 19th century on the way up to the **Rua do Príncipe**, the shopping district of the city centre with many boutiques and fashion stores with important brands like Zara, Roberto Verino, etc...

- Now we make our way down to the **Puerta del Sol (Sun Square)**, a gathering point in the city that is the limit between the old fishing quarter and the new part of town.
- Entering into the **Casco Vello**, the old part of town thru the **Plaza de la Constitucion** another one of those spots in the city to sit on a terrace and enjoy a drink!
- After our walk through the city, it is time to dive into some local tapas and wines at our first stop, at a quaint vinoteca (wine bar) located inside an old fisherman's house fully restored.
- Paring a local white wine of the region **D.O. Ribeiro** is served in typical tazas (ceramic bowls) and served alongside some gourmet **canned seafood made of Centollo (spider-crab)**. Then on to the second wine, a red one this time made of the Mencia grape of the **D.O. Ribeira Sacra**, paired with local **Galician cheeses** like the famous Tetilla. All the wines and food are locally sourced by small-scale producers chosen by **our food and wine experts**.
- Off to the second food stop, we pass by the **Cathedral of Santa Maria de Vigo**.
- This stop will try some of the best seafood and fish in the city. The specialty here is the **Arroz de Marisco (Seafood fisherman rice)** with many different types of shellfish and seafood in a creamy broth to die for! The best to accompany a dish like this is the **Albariño white wine** of the **D.O. Rias Baixas**.
- Our last stop will be down through the streets close to the port at a cafe. Wander through the old, granite-cobbled streets close to the port, it's off to our final stop to try some desserts. Here we will enjoy the **Tarta de Santiago almond cake** with coffee or tea in a quaint cafe.
- 03:00PM: The final goodbye from our guide will be back at the port of Vigo right near the starting point.

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END OF CUSTOMIZED TOUR SERVICES

Included

- English-Speaking Food & Wine Expert Guide
- Guided Sustainable Mussel boat trip on Vigo Bay
- Mussel & Wine Tasting onboard the boat
- Gourmet Vigo Food Tour in the Old Town
- (L): *Lunch consisting of a selection of 4-5 Galician tapas and 4-5 drinks (**NOTE:** All locally sourced food & wines showing the traditional local flavours.)

Excluded

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

Pick up

- At the Port of Vigo on Canovas de Castillo, 22, Vigo, next to the Statue El Salto. (A wrought-iron statue, a big head, and arm out of the plaza called "El Salto." It's right in front of the Estacion Maritima where the ferry boat tickets are purchased). See the **Location** Map section for further details.
- On request, we can meet at city centre hotels within walking distance of the port. If you require a transfer from a location farther away we can quote the extra cost for a transfer, please inquire for details.

Drop off

- Ending at the last restaurant/bar which is very close to the port within walking distance.

Cancellation policy

- Cancellations that are made in writing more than 72hrs before the start time will be refunded fully.
- Cancellations 72hrs or less are 100% non-refundable.
- In the case of bars/restaurants as described above being closed due to unforeseen circumstances we will change to a similar bar/restaurant. In the circumstance that we cannot get three food stops due to availability, we will substitute with more food & drinks at two stops. It usually is 3 food locations, but we reserve the right to offer the same amount of food & drinks but at two restaurants/bars.

Map

