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Safari 4x4 on Serra da Groba where the **Galician Wild Horses Roam**



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loin a guided wild horse safari around A Groba Hill in Baiona. Galicia, Spain. Led by an experienced local horse expert who will take you on a journey to discover the beauty of wild horses and their behaviour in their natural habitat...

- · Led by an experienced local horse guide
- · Amazing views from the O Cortelliño & the Alto da Grova lookout points
- Picnic snacks (Ham, Spanish tortilla, empanada pie, etc...)

General Overview

Country: Spain Region: Galicia City: Vigo

Duration: 4hrs. approx.

Type: Private Half Day Tours

Theme: Green Trails & Coastal Walks

Group Size: 2 - 10 People

Price from: €

Introduction

A Journey to Discover the Beauty of Wild Horses

Join a guided 4x4 safari around A Groba Hill in **Baiona, Galicia, Spain** to admire the **Garrano** wild horse. Led by an experienced local horse guide, Adrian of Finca Moreiras a small wild horse association that seeks to promote the Galician cultural heritage and the conservation of the breed of horses"Pura Raza Galega", which is in danger of extinction. During these safaris, local horse experts will take you on a journey to discover the beauty of wild horses and their behaviour in their natural habitat. These wild horses are the "Garranos", a special breed that we can find roaming freely in the mountains of Galicia and Northern Portugal. The Garrano horse is a small and strong horse often classified as a pony due to its size, with a height between 120 - 135 cm and weight between 150 and 200 kg. Their coat is typically dun-coloured, ranging from light grey to brown, colours from their natural environment. This breed is believed to have ancient origins, with a history dating back thousands of years to the Celts that inhabitant the region. They are considered one of the oldest horse breeds in Galicia and in the world. These sturdy and resilient horses have also been an integral part of the rural communities in Galicia and Northern Portugal, serving as working horses in agricultural activities and transportation.

A special event takes place every year during June and July called A Rapa das Bestas (The

Shearing of the Beasts) where they corral the horses down the hill and the veterinarians check their health, and the hairdresser cuts their manes and tails. Then they run back up the hill with them "Running of the Wild Horse in Galicia!", a festive event celebrated for centuries in different parts of Galicia where the Garranos horses are found.

Picnic Snacks with Panoramic Views of Baiona on A Groba Hill

During our safari, we will make a stop for picnic snacks of locally sourced products (Ham, Chorizo, Spanish tortilla, empanada pie, etc...) with amazing views from the **O Cortelliño & the Alto da Groba lookout points**. This hill stands at around 648 metres (2,125 feet), highest and is part of a Sierra with a chain of mountains that stretch from Baiona, Tui, and A Guarda. The first lookout point we stop at will be **O Cortelliño Mirador**, a birds-eye view of Baiona´s harbour, bay, and even the Cies Islands in the distance. Then we will take a short drive up to the **Alto da Groba**, then walk a trail to see the views from an observation hut, **Caseta do Montouto**. Apart from the wild horses, we will also see some of the **Rubia Gallega (Galician Blond Cows)** that graze at the top of A Groba Hill.

Here you can see a replay on our **YouTube channel** of the amazing views and wild horses.... **A Groba Hill: Wild Horses Roam Free & Spectacular Sunset over Baiona**

A Sustainable way of discovering the magic of A Groba in Baiona!

Day by day itinerary

DAY 1:

BAIONA

• 10:00AM or 04:00PM: Our local guide will meet you at your accommodation in Baiona, if

you are coming from somewhere else we will meet at the Tourist Office on the corner of Palma Park. (**NOTE:** If you are staying outside of Baiona please advise and we can quote the extra cost for a transfer to Baiona).

- 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 or 08:00PM: Drop off back at your accommodation in Baiona and final goodbye from your guide. (**NOTE:** If you are staying outside of Baiona please advise and we can quote the extra cost for a transfer from Baiona).

END OF PRIVATE TOUR SERVICES

Included

- English-speaking guide to translate during the tour.
- Experienced local horse expert who will lead us on the 4x4 safari.
- Transportation is included from your accommodation within Baiona. (**NOTE:** If you are staying outside of Baiona please advise and we can quote the extra cost for a transfer to Baiona).
- Picnic-style snacks at the top of the hill to enjoy some locally sourced products (Ham, Chorizo, Spanish tortilla, empanada pie, etc...)
- Local Taxes

Important Notes:

- During the summer months bring sunscreen and a hat, as we will walk a bit in the sun.
- In the spring/fall time don't forget a rain jacket and an umbrella if the day calls for rain.
- On this tour we can do a bit of walk or all by 4x4 it will depend on the capabilities of each group. So if you would like to do a bit of walking please wear comfortable hiking or running shoes.

Excluded

- Lunch or Dinner meal not included, we will include some snacks and drinks at the end of the safari, but not consider a full meal.
- Tips & Gratuities are not included nor are they mandatory but always welcome if you have a good time.

Pick up

• Pick up from your accommodation if in Baiona, otherwise, the meeting point is at the entrance to the 2000-year-old Fortress and Parador outside the new **Tourist Office** on the corner of A Palma Park.

Drop off

 Drop off at your accommodation if in Baiona, otherwise, the drop-off point is at the entrance to the 2000-year-old Fortress and Parador outside the new **Tourist Office** on the corner of A Palma Park.

Cancellation policy

- Up to 48 hrs before: Fully Refundable
- Under 48 hrs: 100% Non-Refundable
- If any weather does not permit doing the safari we will advise to reschedule to another date.
- When you book a tour/holiday with us you agree to the above and any other terms in our general **terms & conditions** not mentioned above, and as well as to our **waiver notice**.

