

PORT INFORMATION



VIGO



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Port Adventures:

Check your ticket for the correct meeting time and location for your tour. Your Port Adventures Team will direct you to transportation.

Take Ashore

- ✓ This Map
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Travel Safety Tips

As in any tourist destination, you will want to take some basic precautions to make the most of your time ashore.

- Be aware of your surroundings, especially in crowded areas.
- Avoid wandering from the main shopping and tourist areas into unfamiliar territory. If venturing out independently, have a plan, use only licensed taxi operators.
- Leave your valuables in your stateroom safe and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Exercise caution when using ATMs.
- Cameras and handbags should be carried close to your body or concealed out of sight. People who carry handbags or backpacks are particularly vulnerable to purse snatchers on scooters.
- When going ashore, each adult and child is required to carry a passport or other government-issued photo ID. – Note: Some ports may require Guests to carry passports ashore.
- In general, use the same level of precaution you would use in any tourist destination.

Please remember that while in a foreign country, you are subject to its laws.



VIGO OVERVIEW

Vigo is Galicia's largest and most populous city and its harbor hosts the region's most important fishing fleet. Its Castro Park and the gardens of the Palace Quinones of Leon are among the city's prettiest havens from a trend of unrelenting growth. Nearby Bayona is Galicia's oldest port and holds distinction as the first place in Europe to receive the news Columbus had discovered America.

For centuries, Vigo's alluring natural harbor has beckoned to mariners plying the Western European coastal routes. Its climate is relatively mild and the protected bay offers a fairly safe place to harvest ample supplies of seafood and to conduct trade with visitors from neighboring ports. Romans were well aware of these virtues, and upon landing at the harbor, immediately set about fortifying and protecting it. Vigo surrounds Monte de Castro, and is arranged in levels along its slopes. Even though it is not a great distance from the port, only energetic visitors will want to climb up to the mountaintop fortress on foot. The main city is less daunting. The streets form an orderly grid pattern.

The town retains a traditional air, even if the need to be competitive in a commercial world has encroached. As in all European cities, your visit will be enhanced if you maintain a keen eye for subtle statuary in public squares, restored medieval architecture, or occasional coats of arms – especially in the old fishing quarter.

El Castro citadel, in a park at the top of Monte de Castro, was built in the 17th century by Philip IV, one of the last Hapsburg rulers of Spain. City views are superb. Below, Castrelos Palace is the Municipal Museum. Artifacts from the Roman settlements are displayed inside. The section of town that surrounds Alameda Square has been

established as a National Spanish Monument. Many area homes feature traditional Galician architecture. The neo-classical Cathedral of Santa Maria has beautiful mosaics, and Calle de Los Cesteros, a pleasant street not far from the Cathedral, is lined with basketry shops.

Just outside the port area Barbés is Vigo's old fishing quarter. There is definitely a blend of old and new in the district, but several buildings retain the original coats of arms. Stroll along Rúa Real or Pobladores. Its 12th-century Collegiate Church is decorated in typical Galician style with logos representing the various guilds of its backers (and you thought advertising was a 20th-century invention). The 16th-century Castillo de Monte Réal is restored as a state-owned hotel. At the seaside, the Galician fjords are collectively known as Rías Bajas. Vigo is on the southern side of Ría de Vigo, one of the most spectacular. The view from Mirador la Madroa, just inland, is breathtaking.

Capital: Madrid

Location: Northwestern Spain (Pontevedra Province, Southern Galicia Region)

Taxi: Taxis are available outside the secure port.

Currency: Euro

Language: Spanish

Population: 297,355 (2012)

Banking: Banks are open weekdays from 9:00am to 2:00pm, and Saturdays (except in August) from 9:30am to 1:00pm.

Post Office: Post Office, Avenida de Beiramar, 36202 Vigo
Hours are from 8:30am to 2:00pm