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Vigo, Spain

Port information

Currency

The currency in Vigo is Euro. Foreign exchange is available from reception onboard on deck 4. Major credit & debit cards are widely accepted.

Language

The language spoken in Vigo is Spanish.

Getting around

Distance to town centre The cruise port of Vigo is located close to the historic centre. You can reach the historical old town within 5 minutes of leaving the Cruise Terminal. Just walk over the main street and to make your way to the new town it's approximately 15 minutes from the terminal.

Taxis

Taxis are located across the street from the Cruise Terminal. Taxis are generally metered, however, if not we recommend agreeing a price with the driver in advance.

Main Highlights

The Citadel - You'll find the best views of Vigo from the fort (Castillo del Castro) built to defend it from the hill overlooking the harbour

Castro fortress was built to protect the city from attacks. It's dating back to 1665 and was built by engineer Colonel Fernando de Gourannanbergue. At present, the fortress has become a famous tourist attraction because of the beautiful gardens, open spaces and superb views it offers.

The Santa María collegiate church is the city's most popular church situated in Vigo's old town. Dating back to the Middle Ages, it is dedicated to the image of Cristo de la Victoria (the Christ of Victory).

Casco Vello is the historic centre of Vigo with lots of shops and seafood restaurants. It provides beautiful views over the city.

You can also experience art while strolling the streets of Vigo. Streets and squares are garnished with interesting sculptures, such as the startling diver in the port. One of the parks in the center of the city – Parque Charlie Rivel, commonly known as El Castro – features both a castle ruin and an astonishing view of the sea.

There's more to be experienced on foot. Intersected by tiny streets, Vigo has an area with a large number of **fishermen's houses** – some of them dating back to the 17th century. In the alleys of the **Berbés quarters**, you will find several cafés and small bars. For a more trendy atmosphere, head for the area known as **El Arenal**.

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Museum of Contemporary Art was inaugurated in 2002 however dates back to the 19th century. Here is a place where the city promotes avant garde art and artists of all types – painting, sculpture, design, and architecture.

Quinones de Leon Museum has one of the finest collections of trees in all of Spain. This museum offers a great example of a pazo aristocratic manor house. Located around 15 minutes out of Vigo.

The Museo del Mar de Galicia is a modern museum extending into vast outdoor areas, surrounded by a wall and the Atlantic Ocean. The museum offers a vision of both past and present fishing as well as highlighting marine life of Galicia with a number of demonstrations

The **Vigo Zoo** was established in 1970, It is home to a variety of animals such as tigers, lions, amphibians and reptiles. According to the statistics, the zoo cares for 400 animals and 150 species.

Try some Queimada known as witches' brew. It is a potent Galician mixture of brandy, fruit and sugar, set on fire and stirred before drinking - technique comes from Celtic witches, who legend has it would stir Queimada in Galician forests, chanting over cauldrons. Vigo boasts one of the world's largest fishing ports, for starters. Tokyo's fishing port is larger, but only if taking into consideration fish that is intended for other purposes than human consumption. After arriving to Vigo on a cruise ship, you will probably understand why it is said that the city supplies half of Europe with fish: The fishing boats are plentiful. Make your way to the fish market located near the Cruise Terminal. Find 80 varieties of fish and dozens of crustaceans and even more shell molluscs. There is also a good selection of restaurants and shellfish is a

Essential Information

Tourist information

Located over the street opposite the Cruise Port Terminal entrance.

Internet access

For WiFi access there are many restaurants, bars and cafes in Vigo which offer connection. WiFi is also available at the Cruise Terminal, however, can be limited.

Nearest beaches

The beaches of Vigo are one of Galicia's biggest tourist attractions. Unlike other urban beaches, Vigo's blue flag beaches are clean, attractive and suited to everybody's liking. Samil beach is the famous of them all located approximately 5km from the centre of Vigo, therefore, it's best getting there by taxi. There are others like O Adro, O Vao, Toralla and O Baluarte, which are equally as nice.

Shopping

PLEASE NOTE:

As with all cities always please keep a close eye on valuables The **Porta do Sol** is a shopping centre come historical quarter and the site of many cultural centres, modern museums and arts foundations.

Officially called **Pescadería Street**, the famous Calle de las Ostras or Oyster Street is a narrow pedestrianised street, a few minutes' walk from Vigo port. The area here is filled with restaurants who serve the superb and sweet tasting local Vigo estuary overters.

A Rúa dos Cesteiros (The basket makers' Street) is a small, characteristic street in Vigo's Old Town that starts in Praza da Constitución Square and takes us back in time to a past of artisans and merchants in the old Vigo. You'll find characteristic baskets and handmade hats, as well as pieces of handmade pottery and jewellery.

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you an enjoyable day in Vigo.