

## La Coruña, Spain

The cruise port here is in the middle of town. There is shopping, beaches, monuments and eateries within walking distance.

### History

The Romans settled this area in the 2nd century BC, wanting the strategic position for maritime trade. The city has seen countless battles and has changed hands many times, from the Vikings to present day Spain, there's much wartime history here.

### Local Flavors

- Galician Broth - vegetables, beans, pork fat and potatoes, slow cooked, much like a stew.
- Empanadas - Galician style are larger and offer more fillings (vegetables, meat or fish).
- Lacón con grelos - Turnip greens with Chorizo and boiled potatoes added.
- Galician style hake - served with potatoes, onion and sauce of garlic oil and paprika.
- Santiago cake - made of egg, almond and sugar; always with the Santiago Cross on top.
- Albariño wine - white, fresh and round wine.
- Burnt - a drink made with brandy, sugar, citrus and coffee beans.

### Unique Animals

Green monkeys, Real eagles, Iberian wolves, Nutria, Blue Macaws, Turtles, Bengal tigers, and Galician lynx are native to this area.



### Unique Plants

English oak, Florist kalanchoe, Corn plant, Aloe vera, Sweet chestnut, and Bigleaf hydrangea are native to this area.



### Language

The language in La Coruña is Galician, Spanish is also widely spoken. (Galician is spoken in the northwest of Spain, closely related to Portuguese.)

### Currency

The Euro.

### Driving

Your US driver's license is valid, drive on the right side of the road. The minimum age for driving is 18 years old, but you must be at least 21 to rent a car.

## Sites to See

- Paseo Marítimo or the promenade, is 5.6 miles long, routed around the city's headland, passing sights such as its Aquarium, the Estadio Riazor and the Tower of Hercules. Tower of Hercules - a roman lighthouse which has been in continuous operation since the 2nd century AD.
- María Pita Square, the most important square in the city, includes City Hall and the statue of Maria Pita.
- Church of Saint George, where first same-sex marriage in Spain took place in 1901.
- Mount of San Pedro Park, a former military area, with views over the city. Visitors can access the area via elevator from the promenade. It has a café, play areas, gardens and restored artillery pieces.
- Orzán Beach and Riazor Beach are located in the heart of the city and accessible from the promenade.



## Guided Tours

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