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Begin your tour with a drive along **A Coruña**'s promenade and coastline. Nearby is the castle of San Anton, built as a fort, but now an archaeological museum. You'll stop at the **Tower of Hercules**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** built by the Romans, and the only lighthouse in the world of its kind that is still operating. Drive to the city of **Betanzos**—a relic of the Old Galician Kingdom declared a historical and artistic monument in 1970. **Walk** through its narrow streets and visit the Gothic 14th-century **Church of San Francisco**. Leaving Betanzos via the old road, you will follow the estuary's shoreline. Enjoy **tapas and wine** as you relax at a local establishment with views of the ocean.

A Coruna & Betanzos - SPANISH



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Empezamos la excursión en la explanada y la playa de A Coruña. Al lado se encuentra el Castillo de San Antón, construido como fortaleza pero hoy en día un museo arqueológico. Paramos en la Torre de Hércules, patrimonio mundial del UNESCO construido por los Romanos y el único faro en el mundo que todavía esta operando. El autobús nos lleva hacia la ciudad Betanzos, una reliquia del Antiguo Reino de Galicia, declarado como monumento histórico-artístico en el año 1970. Paseamos por sus callecitas estrechas y visitamos la Iglesia San Francisco, iglesia en estilo Gótico del siglo 14. Salimos de Betanzos por la carretera antigua que sigue la costa del estuario. Disfrutamos de algunas tapas y una copa de vino en un restaurante local con vistas al mar.

A Coruna Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below.



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A Coruna Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



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A Taste of Northwest Spain



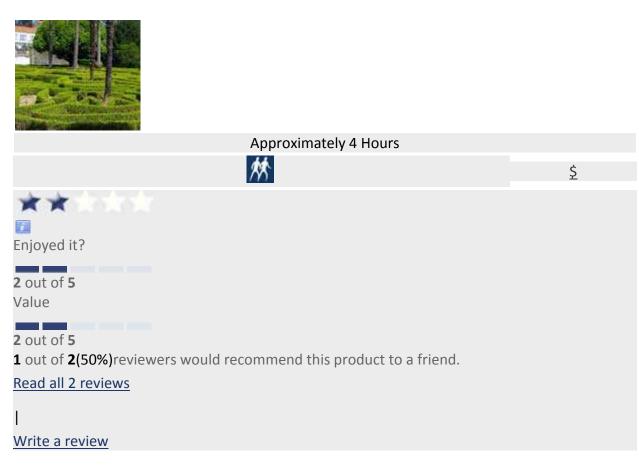
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Your tour will begin with a **panoramic drive** through the city of **A Coruña**, heading first to the promenade that runs the length of the city's coastline. You will see the 'galleries' along the waterfront that lend A Coruña its 'Crystal City' nickname due to their hundreds of windows. Some time ago, the sea was nearer to the city and these windows reflected the sunlight bouncing off the surface of the water. Along the promenade—the longest in Europe—you will

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pass the Castle of San Anton, built on an island. Once a local fortress, nowadays the castle is an archaeological museum and is connected to the city by a causeway. You will arrive at the **Tower of Hercules**—a beacon built by the ancient Romans. This is the only lighthouse of its kind that is still working in its original capacity and is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. As the most important monument of the city, it's part of the coat of arms of A Coruña, together with the bones of Gerion—a giant who was killed by Hercules and of course lies buried beneath the beacon. From here, follow the coastline past several estuaries with great views of the Galician forest. The villages you will see are typical and boast some of the best beaches in the region. At a local restaurant, the owner and one of the best sommeliers has prepared for you a **sample** of some**Spanish treats** and a tasting of several **wines of Spain**—Ribeiro of Galicia, Rioja and others.

High Estuaries



Tour **A Coruña** by coach for a quick look at some of the city's highlights. You'll travel by way of the seafront promenade that runs the length of the city. Watch for the galleries whose hundreds of windows gave A Coruña its 'Crystal City' nickname. This promenade is the longest in Europe. You will pass the Castle of San Anton, which houses an archaeological museum and is connected to the city by a causeway. As the most important monument of the city, the **Tower of Hercules** is incorporated into the city's coat of arms. It is a lighthouse built by the ancient Romans, and Gerion—the giant whom Hercules killed—lies buried beneath the beacon. Now you will proceed to **Pazo de Mariñan**, an old Galician Manor with splendid French-style gardens. Here you will see the oldest eucalyptus in Galicia, brought from Australia in the 18th century. From Mariñan, you will follow the coastline, past the Galician forest, several estuaries and typical villages with some of the best beaches in the region. At **Puentedeume**, you will stop briefly to see the **14th-century Tower of Andrade** and to stretch your legs. Return to A Coruña via the motorway, which affords impressive views of the coast and hinterland. **Notes:** Minimum Age 18 years.

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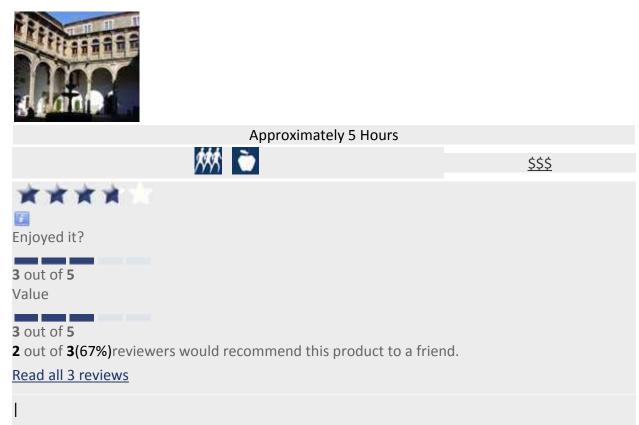
Panoramic A Coruna & Old Town



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As you travel on this panoramic coach tour, your guide will point out the highlights of A Coruña. A short distance from the pier, you will pass the Gardens of Los Cantones, built on reclaimed land. Watch for the galleries—houses whose windows reflect sunlight and whose façades were built by fishermen out of wood and glass. You will also pass the Castle of San Anton and stop at the **Tower of Hercules lighthouse** built by the Romans. The latter is now a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. There will be time to walk around the monument and the park. Continue along the promenade, past the Aquarium of A Coruña, the Museum of Mankind and the millennium obelisk made of glass. From **Mount San Pedro** you will view the ocean, the Tower of Hercules and the city, and see the cannons with a range of 15 miles. Visit **Maria Pita Square**, named for the clever and courageous woman who defeated Sir Francis Drake; then, return to the ship with your guide. Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore are welcome to do so, but must return to the ship on their own.

Santiago de Compostela Highlights



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Depart A Coruña for a one-hour freeway drive to **Santiago**. Here, you will meet your local guide and stop at **Obradoiro Square**. The magnificent buildings surrounding is focal point include the cathedral, the Town Hall, the Palace of Saint Jerome and the marvelous 15th-century **Hotel of the Catholic Kings**. Step inside to view this absolutely beautiful hotel, built during the reign of Isabella and Ferdinand, with a blend of Renaissance, Gothic and Baroque styles gracing its rich and inviting interior. Next, cross the square to view the façades of Santiago's enormous **cathedral**. The west side shows the Apostle James (Santiago) as a pilgrim, and a representation of the urn where the remains of the Apostle appeared. On the north side is the Plaza de Azabacheria and a neo-Classical façade. To the south is the Silvermiths' Square where, during the Middle Ages, silversmiths had their smithies. This is the only façade of the cathedral that is in Romanesque style. Your guide will show you the Jubilee Door on La Quintana Square, where pardons are dispensed. Then, you can step inside the church to explore on your own. Head back to the **Hotel of the Catholic Kings** to gather in the courtyard for**cocktails**. Here, you will be treated to a special **dance demonstration** by a typical Galician dance group or Tuna singers, and enjoy a sample of **local gastronomic specialties**. You will have some **free time** to do a little**shopp**ing, and then return to A Coruña by coach. Notes:

Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered.

The Historical City of Lugo



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Travel to the fascinating Ancient Roman fortified city of **Lugo** and immerse yourself in its more than two thousand years of history. It's a drive of just over one hour from the pier in La Coruña. Lugo is located on the northwestern end of the Iberian Peninsula and is magnificently situated on a smooth promontory that overlooks the Miño River.

Arriving in the city, you'll first enjoy a brief panoramic drive around its impressive **Roman wall** -a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. This is the only Roman wall in the world to have kept its entire perimeter intact, is more than a mile in length and features eighty-five imposing towers. Leaving your coach behind, you will commence a comprehensive guided **walking tour**, just over two hours long.

Part of your walking tour takes you along the pedestrian path that is atop the wall, and offers a wonderful view of the Old Quarter. You will see some important Roman heritage sites, such as the archeological remains sheltered in the House of the Mosaics, the Provincial Museum, the Porta Miñá Museum, the Roman Spa and the Chapel of Santa Eulalia de Bóveda, and the Cathedral, where the Holy Eucharist can be contemplated day and night.

Next up is a leisurely **lunch** consisting of local favorites, before you re-board your coach for the drive back to the pier in La Coruña.

Notes:

This tour includes more than two hours of moderate walking. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations.