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10 good reasons to visit Ferrol

1

The Magdalena district, modernism, the arsenal, the naval museums, the old town (Ferrol Vello), San Felipe Castle and the estuary fortifications, its gastronomy, its natural surroundings, the estuary and its beaches, Holy Week (Semana Santa) and the festivals and traditions...these are at least 10 reasons to visit Ferrol.

Enlightened, modernist, military, naval, fortified, marine, gastronomic, scenic, beach-loving, passionate...

Welcome to Ferrol!



1 The Magdalena district.

EnlightenedFerrol

In 1761 the enlightened King Carlos III (Charles III) approved the rationalist plan of the Magdalena District: the new Ferrol, next to the old fishing village, one of the most interesting urban development projects in Europe at the time.

[+ info: p. 16]

2 The modernism

ModernistFerrol

The first decade of the 20th century left the mark of a new style, the modernism or "art nouveau", which changed Ferrol's appearance and decorated the city with buildings that are genuine treasures.

[+ info: p. 14]





3 San Felipe Castle and fortresses

FortifiedFerrol

The advantageous location of the Ferrol estuary explains its strategic interest throughout history. Ferrol was an important shipyard and naval base for the protection of the fleet already back in the 16th century, and this in turn led to the construction of the first defensive fortifications, such as the magnificent San Felipe Castle. Over the course of the centuries Ferrol became an authentic bulwark – a fact that supports its application to become a UNESCO “World Heritage Site”. [+ info: p. 10]

4 The Arsenal

MilitaryFerrol

In the 18th century King Felipe V (Philip V), first Bourbon on the Spanish throne, decided to strengthen the Navy and chose the Ferrol estuary as the marine Capital of the Spanish north-west because of its excellent geographical and strategic location. This decision led to the construction of the most modern arsenal and shipyard in Europe.

[+ info: p. 22]



5 EXPONAV and the Naval Museum

NavalFerrol

Since the 18th century, when the House of Bourbon moved the headquarters of the Maritime Department to Ferrol, the city has maintained its leadership in the shipbuilding industry.

Exponav and the Naval Museum, two of the city's most interesting museums, located in an area of the Arsenal and accessible to the public, are an indication of this importance.

[+ info: pp. 20, 38]



6 Ferrol Vello

MarineFerrol

The 11th century saw the beginnings of Ferrol in this small and peaceful, sheltered natural harbour.

[+ info: p. 8]

7 Gastronomy

Gastronomic Ferrol

A huge choice of fish and seafood straight from the sea, including octopus, the finest meat, tender vegetables, fresh cheeses, delicious bread, famous wines and liqueurs, tempting desserts, delicatessen... The gastronomic offering is undoubtedly not only one of Ferrol's but also Galicia's main attractions.

[+ info: p 24; Gastronomic Ferrol brochure, available in the Ferrol tourist office]



8 Beaches and estuary

Beach-loving Ferrol

The sea caters for all tastes and ages, as well as for beach lovers and water sports enthusiasts. Ferrol has a lot to offer. Long sandy beaches on the open sea, calm waters in the estuary or little, secret coves. Besides, the Galician coast is one of the regions with largest number of blue flags in the world, thus recognizing its cleanliness, safety and environmental standards. Ferrol boasts a number of beaches that have been awarded this environmental distinction, which is renewed every year. [+ info: Natural Ferrol & Beaches brochure, available in the Ferrol tourist office]





9 Natural environment

ScenicFerrol

The variety, richness and uniqueness of Ferrol's natural surroundings are a first-rate attraction.

[+ info: Natural Ferrol & Beaches brochure, available in the Ferrol tourist office]

10 Holy Week, traditions and culture

PassionateFerrol

Ferrol lives its culture and traditions with genuine passion, like its Holy Week. But this is only the beginning – there is much more...

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For travellers who visit the city for the first time or for those who would like to experience places off the typical tourist sites, we recommend selected routes that will help you discover your own private Ferrol just walking.

In Ferrol for the first time?

This itinerary will show you the essentials: a route along the main historical and architectural heritage sites, including the unmissable walk through Ferrol Vello, the Magdalena district, the area around the Arsenal, as well as the major monuments and squares.

Duration: approximately 1 h 30 min

Ferrol Vello

MarineFerrol

B4 1



The **Paseo de la Marina** is today occupied by bright bars and during summer their terraces are crowded with people day and night. Behind these bars, you can still make out the medieval layout of narrow, crooked streets with chandlery shops, traditional taverns, and single-story houses with wooden balconies, typical of the coastal area. Some

of these fishermen's houses can still be seen around the nearby square Praza Vella.

Ferrol Vello is located right at the start of the Saint Jame's Way to Santiago de Compostela (Camino Inglés) and the pilgrimage route to San Andrés de Teixido (Camino de San Andrés de Teixido). In this friendly fishermen's quarter lies the church dedicated to the Virgin of Relief (iglesia del Socorro), the Baluarte de San Xoán (Bulwark of San Xoán), the Cortina battery and the Arsenal.

From the Puerto de Curuxeiras in Ferrol Vello, leave boats to Mugardos, a typical fishing village on the estuary's opposite shore, well-known for its Mugardos-style octopus (pulpo a la mugardesa). During high season, also departing from Ferrol Vello, tourist boats sail across the estuary and towards San Felipe Castle. Moreover, there is a choice of dinner cruises.

Cortina battery

Porto de Curuxeiras B4

With 740 metres long, this imposing battery rises high above the water. In the past, its cannons were used to defend the Arsenal against naval attacks.



Camino de Santiago Inglés (Saint James Way)

Porto de Curuxeiras B4  

Shortly after the 11th century Ferrol opened itself to the sea routes and the Puerto de Curuxeiras has been one of the places for pilgrims from the British Isles and northern Europe to come ashore. For this reason it is the starting point of the Saint James Way to Santiago (Camino Inglés). In the nearby street named rúa Espírito Santo was the hospital of the same name used as a hostel for pilgrims.

[+ info: p. 75]

Camión de Santo André de Teixido

Porto de Curuxeiras B4 

The Puerto de Curuxeiras is also the starting point of another millennial pilgrimage route named Camino de San Andrés de Teixido, “where dead will go who failed to go there while alive” according to the old Galician saying. [+ info: p. 56]

Baluarte de San Xoán (Bulwark of San Xoán)

[FortifiedFerrol] ► *Baluarte, s/n* B4 33 

Apart from the bastions named O Rei [+ info: p. 28] and Canido [+ info: p. 28] and the Fontelonga gate (Puerta de Fontelonga), the Baluarte de San Xoán is one of the most important remainders of the 18th century town wall and offers a fantastic view over the harbour.





Town wall, castles and coastal batteries

Fortified Ferrol

Due to the strategic interest that Ferrol's harbour had for the Crown, it was erected a large defensive town wall in the 18th century, of which still remain the bastions of San Xoán, O Rei and Canido, as well as the Fontelonga gate.

In the same century, the San Felipe Castle, located on the outskirts of Ferrol, as well as La Palma Castle, on the other side of the estuary, were remodelled and made considerably larger.

These monumental buildings, magnificently integrated into the landscape, as well as the San Martín fortress, which currently lies in ruins further west on the same bank as La Palma Castle, constitute the best ensemble of military grounds in Spain at the time.

Due to their position at the most strategic and narrowest point of the estuary, as well as their well-planned supply of cannons, they formed a fail-safe

triangle of fire. The defence was completed by an iron chain stretched between the castles of San Felipe and San Martín, which prevented enemy troops from entering the estuary.

In the same century, with the Navy already established in Ferrol, the number of coastal defences increased and apart from the construction of the town wall and the extension of the castles, batteries were constructed following a more simple plan, which included the batteries of San Carlos, San Cristóbal, Cariño, As Viñas (moved to Prioriño from its original location beneath the outer harbour), Prioriño and the almost disappeared Doniños battery. In the tumultuous 20th century, coastal batteries were added to the above mentioned defences in Prior, Monte Ventoso, Pieiro and Prioriño Grande, although all of them have been demolished since.

Church of the Virgin of Relief (Iglesia del Socorro)

Socorro, s/n map B4 36

This church was built in the middle of the 18th century in a simple neoclassical style. Inside it holds two images much revered by the sailors and the locals: the Cristo de los Navegantes, (17th century) and the Virgin del Socorro (18th century).



Hispania pencil factory

This abandoned building is an important part of Ferrol's industrial history and an outstanding example of rationalist architecture.

Armoury of the military arsenal

Espírito Santo, map s/n B4 2

Erected in neoclassical style and closely adhering to the classical standard of the 18th century, it is one of the most iconic buildings of the Arsenal. It was used as arsenal and training barracks, but currently it is the residential headquarters of logistic support to the new F-100 frigates. The magnificent main staircase in its interior, which is accessible to guided tour groups, is decorated with an outstanding iron banister. [+ info: p. 22]



San Francisco military church (Iglesia Castrense de San Francisco)

San Francisco, s/n C4 3 +

This church, which was built in the middle of the 18th century on the ground of the former Franciscan monastery (1377), was presumably designed by military engineers. The naval authorities prevented the construction of its towers to avoid that they obstruct the view of an astronomical observatory which, in the end, has never been built. The interior of the church boasts an altarpiece by José Ferreiro, the most important sculptor of Galician neoclassicism, as well as the carving of Santa Barbara (18th cent.), protectress against tempest and patroness of the artillerymen.



Capilla de la Orden Tercera Seglar Franciscana

San Francisco, s/n map C4 4 †

The chapel was erected in the 18th century, right next to the military church of San Francisco. Its plan is very simple and its façade is the only regular stone-stall façade in the city. The chapel is the home of the Sisterhood of Confraternities of the Third Order, one of the confraternities that participates in Ferrol's passionate Holy Week (Semana Santa Ferrolana), proclaimed of National Tourist Interest. [+ info: p. 46]



The Fountain of San Roque 5

San Francisco, s/n map B4

Dated 1784, it's one of the most iconic fountains of the city, as it contains Ferrol's old coat of arms showing a tower with a light on top, which – incorrectly - provoked the general belief that “Ferrol” comes from “farol” which in Spanish means “lamp” or “light”.



Casa Antón [modernistFerrol] ▶

Pintor Imeldo Corral, 18 B3 6

This modernist building, completed in 1918, was designed by Rodolfo Ucha, one of the best Galician architects of the beginnings of the 20th century. The façade is notable for its hexagonal window at the corner which forms a particular glazed balcony.

Modernism

Modernist Ferrol

Modernism incorporated new construction elements into Ferrol's façades, such as wrought iron and cement, thus creating striking balconies with lattice windows, known as "galerías", and bay windows with geometric and naturalistic decorations in intricate, colourful designs. There is nothing standardized about their creative, arts-and-crafts style, making each building uniquely, interesting to look at. The style's greatest proponent was the municipal architect Rodolfo Ucha Piñeiro.

Ferrol's principal art nouveau buildings can be found at: [M](#)

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[Casa Méndez Núñez, 1*](#) [third decade of the 20th century]. Méndez Núñez, 1

* The buildings designed by Rodolfo Ucha Piñeiro bear a sign on the façade.

Raiña Sofía Park B3 ☺

Located in the former Franciscan Friars' Garden, the park, which separates the city's two most important districts, Ferrol Vello and the Magdalena district, is one of Ferrol's most relevant public gardens. Inside the park, without wishing to play down the importance of the peacocks, you can find several objects that deserve a special mention: the Dance Floor (Pista de Baile), the Wallace Fountain, acquired in Paris in 1889, and lined by busts of eight of Ferrol's enlightened personalities, the "Aquaciencia" Thematic Garden [+ info: p. 40], the pretty building of the Forum of Urban Ecology (Aula de Ecología Urbana), as well as the musical park.

Parador de Ferrol (hotel) H

Pza. do Contralmte. Azarola Gresillón, s/n map C4

Built in the manner of a lordly palace in 1960, the building currently belongs to the famous and luxurious hotel chain named Paradores de España, a public company that houses all its hotels in buildings of special value.

Captaincy Palace 7

Pza. do Contralmte. Azarola Gresillón, s/n map C3

The palace was the residence of the Captain General of the Military Department of the Bay of

Biscay's Maritime Area, and was strategically located at the beginning of the new Magdalena district – rationalist and enlightened – in contrast to the small and traditional fishing village.



Churruca Obelisk

Xardíns de Herrera, s/n map C4

Located in the panoramic San Francisco gardens, the monument was erected in memory of the hero of the Battle of Trafalgar.

Herrera Gardens C4 🌳

The gardens are located behind the captaincy and were created under the supervision of the naval engineer Andrés Comerma. The bronze statue of the marine Jorge Juan points to the Arsenal because as one of its designers he introduced the English shipbuilding technology. From its lookout you can enjoy one of the best panoramic views over the Arsenal and the Ferrol estuary.

The Magdalena District

Enlightened Ferrol

C3 - D3

The Magdalena District was built in the 18th century at the same time as the arsenals and the royal shipyard in the Esteiro District. That's why they share the same engineers and military architects, such as Jorge Juan and Julián Sánchez Bort, among others.

The layout is a perfect rectangle in the shape of a chocolate bar with six long and straight streets crossed by nine streets at a right angle. Both ends of this grid turn into two big symmetric areas or squares, plaza de Amboage and plaza de Armas.

The two streets named Magdalena and Real still have buildings of that period designed for the well-off social classes, such as naval officers, naval architects, members of the liberal professions and merchants. The buildings are classical-style houses with big glazed wrought-iron balconies – galerías – inspired by the poop decks of sailing ships. The design would later spread all over Galicia to become a symbol of the region's



identity. In the first decades of the 20th century, art nouveau buildings, authentic masterpieces of architecture, joined the existing classical houses.

The Magdalena district unites the most important monuments of the town: the Market (mercado), the procathedral (Concatedral San Julián) and the Jofre theatre. Thanks to its layout and buildings, it was declared a Historic-Artistic Site in 1984. Some of its properties are listed in Ferrol's application for "World Heritage Site", status.

The Magdalena District is one of Ferrol's main shopping areas and the place to go for drinks and "tapas". Besides, it has many crowded cafés with open-air terraces and numerous pubs.

Plaza de Amboaxe C3 9

One of the two big squares that are located on both ends of the Magdalena district. On sunny days the terraces of its caf  s are packed. The statue in the centre of the square was unveiled in 1896 in memory of the Marquis of Amboage, a benefactor from Ferrol (2nd half of the 19th cent.) who created a foundation in order to exempt Ferrol's young men from the military service and donate alms to the poor. This man is also honoured by the city with the summer fiestas.

[+ info: p. 47]



Iglesia de Dolores

Plaza de Amboaxe, s/n map C3 10 +

Built by the congregation of the same name in the second half of the 18th century, this church stands out for its austerity. It's the headquarters of the Dolores Confraternity, guild of the merchants of

Ferrol, whose first mentioning going back to the 13th century, which plays an important role in Ferrol's fervent Holy Week (Semana Santa Ferrolana).

[+ info: p. 46]

Capilla de la Merced

Plaza de Amboaxe, s/n map C3 37 + M

The chapel was constructed on the initiative of the Mercedarians in 1926 in an eclectic, modernist and neo-Gothic style by Rodolfo Ucha Pi  eiro, Ferrol's great modernist architect. Apart from the profuse



adornment on its façade, the coats of arms of the Order of Merced are outstanding. The building is the headquarters of the Mercedarian Confraternity, which in collaboration with the confraternities of the Third Order, Dolores, Angustias as well as Santo Entierro, organizes Ferrol's exciting Holy Week (Semana Santa Ferrolana) [+ info: p. 46]

Former "Bank of La Coruña"

Real, 193 map **C3** **11** **M**

Created by Rodolfo Ucha Piñeiro, this modernist building joins eclectic elements and was the headquarters of the former "Bank of La Coruña". That's why it is crowned with that city's coat of arms, with the Hercules Tower [+ info: p. 14]

Casa Rodríguez Trigo **12** **M**

Real, 146 **C3**



The façade of this modernist building, created by Rodolfo Ucha Piñeiro in 1914, is composed of balconies with lattice windows - "galerías" - as well as arches

[+ info: p. 14]

Banco Hispano

Real, 134 **C3** **15** **M**

The building created by Rodolfo Ucha Piñeiro in 1916 was the former "Hotel Suizo" (Swiss Hotel). It's a grandiose, and above all, elegant construction as befits modernism. [+ info: p. 14]



Casino Ferrolano

Real, 100 **C3** **14** **M**

Built by Rodolfo Ucha Piñeiro in the first third of the 20th century in an eclectic style between modernism and functionalism. [+ info: p. 14]

Casa Brañas

Real, 125 map **C3** **15** **M**

This building created by Rodolfo Ucha Piñeiro in 1913 has glassed balconies and wrought-iron ornaments on the first floor and a continuous balcony on the second floor. [+ info: p. 14]



Plaza de Armas **D3** **16**

One of the two big squares - besides the Amboage square – which open on both sides of the balanced Magdalena district.

Casa do Concello

Plaza de Armas, s/n map **D3** **17**

Since 1955 the monumental building of the Ferrol Town Hall dominates the area of plaza de Armas. Its style is named “imperialista” - imperialist – and is associated with the Franco regime.



18 **†** Igrexa do Carme

Rubalcava, 28 map **D3**

The church was built in an eclectic style about 1923. Both of the Magdalena district's twin squares have their own church, the church of Dolores as well as the church of el Carmen, which were the original names of the squares, later renamed. The Virgin of el Carmen is patroness of the Navy and all sailors.

Casa Munduate

Magdalena, 61 [D3](#) [19](#) [M](#)

Built by Rodolfo Ucha Piñeiro in 1910. It is a building where local tradition and modernism join together to perfection. [+ info: p. 14]

Iglesia de las Angustias

Plaza de las Angustias, s/n [map](#) [D3](#) [20](#) [+](#)

The church was built by the confraternity of the same name at the end of the 18th century. Like the churches of Dolores and Socorro, the chapel with its white stucco coating is characterized by sobriety and simple lines. It houses the Virgen de las Angustias, much revered by the locals. The church is one of the main headquarters of the ceremonies in relation to Ferrol's Holy Week (Semana Santa Ferrolana). [+ info: p. 46]



EXPONAV and Naval Museum

Naval **Ferrol**

Irmandiños, s/n. [Herrerías Building](#) [D3](#) [21](#) [22](#) [M](#)



From the 18th century onwards, Ferrol developed into one of the leading industrial cities. With a record of over 250 years of naval construction experience, Ferrol continues today the activity thanks to the public company named Navantia, one of the world's best equipped factories for building warships. Apart from the undeniable quality of their collections, a visit to Exponav and the Naval Museum is indispensable to understand the naval nature and character of Ferrol [+ info: p. 38]

Caixa Galicia Foundation

Plaza de la Constitución, s/n map [D3](#) [23](#) [M](#)

[+ info: p. 39]

Memorial of Ferrol's Fallen Soldiers

Plaza de Galicia, s/n map [C3](#) [24](#)

This monument consists of an obelisk with a height of almost 15 metres that ends in a winged Victory - work of art of the famous Galician sculptor Francisco Asorey (1949). The monument is dedicated to Ferrol's soldiers that were killed in action during the campaigns in Africa.



Military arsenal: The Dock's Gate (Puerta del Dique)

[[MilitaryFerrol](#)] ▶

Plaza de Galicia, s/n [D3](#) [25](#)

This solemn 18th-century gate which connects the Arsenal's docks and the Magdalena district, is the work of the military engineer Julián Sánchez Bort. It's a good example of neoclassical architecture, as well as one of the icons of the departmental capital and illustrates the dignity of the works that the Crown carried out at the time. Above the gate you can see a splendid royal coat of arms of King Carlos III.



The Arsenal

Military Ferrol

Irmandiños, s/n map B4 - D4

Under the supervision of various architects and military engineers the Arsenal was built during the 18th century and evolved into one of the biggest and most difficult of Spain's enterprises in the era of Enlightenment. The city has been exposed to the ups and downs of shipbuilding and the government's complex decisions ever since.

Because of its functions, both military and industrial, the Arsenal is divided into two parts: the Arsenal del Parque, the first to start its activity in the western part, and the Arsenal de los Diques. Monumental gates grant access to each of the Arsenal's sections. Inside,

the rectangular square with arcades which leads off to the dock deserves a special mention. The armoury borders on the training barracks at its northern end. Further parts of the Arsenal are Dique de la Campana (19th century, at the time one of the biggest docks in the world), the Herrerías building which houses EXPONAV, the permanent national shipbuilding collection. The Naval Museum and the Library dedicated to the coastal area of the Bay of Biscay are both located in the former San Campio prison.

The Arsenal is an outstanding example of hydraulic, defensive, naval and military architecture and because of its importance it has been proposed to the UNESCO as "World Heritage Site".



Post Office Building

Plaza de Galicia, s/n map [D3](#) [26](#)

The building was created in 1935 by Joaquín Otamendi in collaboration with the very well-known Antonio Palacios. Its style could be described as regionalist although its architecture is more reminiscent of Cantabrian (from the Santander area) than local character. A striking element inside is the glass ceiling with a coat of arms from the era of the Second Republic. [+ info: p. 74]

Casa Romero

Magdalena, 119 map [C3](#) [27](#) [M](#)

One of the most iconic buildings by Rodolfo Ucha Piñeiro (1910). It borders on Magdalena and Iglesia Streets as well as on the plaza de Galicia. Outstanding are the artistic windows and glassed-in balconies. [+ info: p. 14]



Jofre Theatre

Plaza de Galicia, s/n map [C3](#) [28](#) [M](#) [M](#)

[+ info: p. 14, 49]

Saint Julian Co-cathedral

Iglesia, s/n map [C3](#) [29](#) [†](#)

Dedicated to the patron saint of Ferrol commemorated on 7th January. Building works started in 1766 under the direction of the Navy engineer Julián Sánchez Bort. It's a magnificent example of neoclassical architecture which replaced the original church located in Ferrol Vello. In 1959 the church was raised to co-cathedral category.



Magdalena Market

Gastronomic **Ferrol**

Fish market hall

Irmandiños, s/n map **C3** **39** **M**

There is no better place to talk about food than at the Magdalena Market, which is without doubt one of the city's most frequented spots. People come to buy or just looking, because its hall, dedicated to the fish market and decorated with geometric designs, is an outstanding modernist work by architect Rodolfo Ucha Piñeiro (1923).

[+ info: p 14, p 64. For detailed information about gastronomy, bars, restaurants, cafés and delicatessen, please see the “Ferrol Gastronómico” brochure available in the Ferrol tourist office.]



Military Arsenal: Moat

Plaza Vella, s/n map **C4** **31**

The arsenal's moat was designed in order to separate the Arsenal from the city, thus creating a real citadel. Its dimensions allowed even fishing boats to shelter from storms (approximately 10 metres wide and 5 metres deep). At the end of the 19th century the moat was filled up and only this excavated stretch still remains. [+ info: p. 22]



Military Arsenal: Park Gate

Plaza Vella, s/n map **C4** **32**

The gate and the obelisk on the traffic island form an ensemble. The obelisk was the former fountain of Fame built in 1787 for the entrance area of the Dock's Gate and moved here in the middle of the 20th century. It's classical in style and has coats of

arms of Spain, Galicia, Ferrol and the Navy. The front is the result of a renovation carried out in 1858 during the regency of Queen Isabel II. Outstanding is the large coat of arms between two vases topped off by artillery bombs. It's the coat of arms of King Felipe V, which was previously located in the original arsenal in A Graña. The work stands out for its high relief with two rearing lions and the royal crown.

[+ info: p. 22]



The other side of Ferrol

Off the habitual tourist areas in the districts of Ferrol Vello and Magdalena there is much more to discover of Ferrol: Canido, Recimil, Ensanche, Caranza, Esteiro...Ferrol is a city of districts and each has its unique identity.

Esteiro district D3 - E3

The construction works on the district started in the 18th century - the moment of Ferrol's substantial expansion – in order to house the shipyard workers. Although eminently characterized as a working-class district– built in great haste and therefore with deficiencies – you can make out a certain urban planning sense in its long parallel and perpendicular streets. The university campus is located in Esteiro and this is noticeable all over the district, especially because of the number of bars and places to eat “tapas”. *Duration: Approximately 1 h.*

University Campus

Dr. Vázquez Cabrera, s/n map E3

The campus is located on the ground of the former Navy Hospital among old pavilions of different epochs, to which have been added interesting contemporary architecture.

Casa del Patín

Mendizábal, s/n E3 57

This singular 18th-century construction of granite stone-stalls – part of the traditional Esteiro district – has been refurbished and today holds the University Library.

Dolores Barracks (Cuartel de Dolores)

Avenida Mac-Mahón, s/n map **E4 58**

Designed by Sánchez Bort, the Dolores Barracks constitute one of the 18th century's most singular works of military architecture. It possesses a magnificent parade ground with arcades on its first two floors. Its name is due to the strong reverence paid to the Virgin of Sorrows (Dolores) at the time. Today it is the base of the Navy's major Marine Infantry forces in northern Spain (Tercio Norte).



Fontelonga

Av. Mac-Mahón, s/n. Cuartel de Dolores map **E4 59**

Of all the gates accessible along the city's defensive walls of the 18th century, Fontelonga is the only gate that has remained. It led to a former wharf which today has disappeared and stands out for its lookout post and an arch which serves as buttress. The gate is accessible through Dolores Barracks.

Days/ opening hours: on working days from 4 pm to 6 pm. Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays: 11 am to 1 pm. As the site is located within an area of military facilities still in operation, it is necessary to request permission at the entrance gate by presenting an ID card or a passport. The access is free.



Former gate to the shipyard

Estrada de Circunvalación, s/n map **E4 60**

The gate has got a coat of arms with the royal weapons and symbols of former guilds.

Navantia Gate

Taxonera, s/n map D3

Monumental gateway (1949) to the premises of the public company Navantia which grants access to Spain's best military shipyard.



Caranza district

G3 - H3 - G4 - H4

Caranza is a residential district in which you can visit the Ferrol Auditorium and also the city beach. The district has a splendid promenade with bike lanes and offers views of the Ferrol estuary which are particularly recommendable at sunset. Caranza lies on the Saint James Way and the pilgrimage route to San Andrés de Teixido.

Duration: Approximately 1 h

Ferrol Auditorium **F3 54** [+ info: p. 42]

Ferrol Conservatory **G3 55**

Promenade **G4 - H4**

Bike lane (carril bici) **D3 - H3**



Saint James Way (Camino de Santiago)* **B4 - H2**

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Camino de San Andrés (pilgrimage route to San Andrés **B4** [+ info: p. 56]

Panoramic view* **G4**


Praia de Caranza* **H4**

* [+ info: for detailed information concerning the Ferrol estuary and the Ferrol beaches = beach-loving Ferrol, as well as its natural surroundings and wilderness areas = scenic Ferrol, please see the brochure "Ferrol Natural + Playas" available in the



Ferrol tourist office]

Canido district B2 - C2 - B3 - C3

This popular district, located in an elevated area of the city, used to border the old defensive walls. There you can find the two bastions named O Rei and Canido which – besides the bastion of San Xoán in Ferrol Vello – have remained of the 18th-century defensive walls. From the Canido bastion you can enjoy a panoramic view over Malata bay and municipal sport facilities. In this district you can visit the emblematic cultural centre known as Centro Torrente Ballester which is dedicated to contemporary art. A surprising discovery are the artistic re-interpretations of the “Meninas” by Velázquez which painters from Ferrol and elsewhere have painted on the walls of two buildings in ruins. [+ info: p. 36] *Duration: Approxima-~*
tely 30 min 

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Centro de Torrente Ballester C3 49 [+ info: p. 39]

Recimil district D2 - E2

Recimil is a working-class district – also known as “the cheap houses”- which is close to the central plaza de España. Located along the adjoining

Avenida de Castela – a traditional road out of the city-, it's one of the enlargements due to Ferrol's progressive growth in the middle of the 20th century. The district was constructed due to public investment and its streets and buildings are in perpendicular order to the main road. One of Ferrol's markets is also located in this district.

Recimil Market (Mercado de Recimil) D2 [+ info: p. 65] 

Ensanche district D2 - E2 - F2

The enlargement area named Ensanche A, located on the northern border of Avenida de Castela and popularly known as “Inferniño”, is one of the city's most populated districts apart from Esteiro and Caranza. Next to the Praza do Inferniño square, which was constructed on the former ground of the “Racing de Ferrol” soccer club, you can find a shopping centre and the Carvalho Calero Cultural Centre. On the opposite side - separated from Ensanche A by Avenida de Castela – lies Ensanche B, which is an habitual area for shopping and restaurants.

Porta Nova Shopping Centre E2 [+ info: p. 66] 

Carvalho Calero Cultural Centre E2 53 [+ info: p. 41] 



48 hours in Ferrol

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*There is so much to see and do in Ferrol!
On the following pages we suggest how you can spend
48 hours in the city.*

Day 1

In the morning

Arrival to Ferrol and check-in at your hotel.

In the afternoon

First few hours in the city: go for a wander around Magdalena district and do some shopping on the way.

At night

The people of Ferrol enjoy going out for wine and “tapas”. Mingle with the locals and go into the bars in the Magdalena quarter and the area around “los Cantones”. Keep your eyes and ears open for live acts in the pubs!



Day 2

Breakfast

Ferrol is a city with a coffee house culture. Pastry shops, traditional cafés, cafés with a modernist atmosphere or cafés down at the harbour, caressed by the sea breeze. Find a place where you are at ease and enjoy a good coffee, and if possible, with a piece of cake, such as “tarta Castiñeira, Larpeira, tarta de Santiago...”

In the morning

After breakfast, visit the Magdalena Market, where you'll find a wide choice of fresh, exquisite local products. Having explored the market, go to see the Arsenal (guided tours during high season and Easter) and then walk down to the wharf in Ferrol Vello. Our recommendation: take the ferry for a lunch in Mugardos on the opposite shore!!!

At lunchtime

If you decide to stay on land, you will have plenty of places to try some typical seafood dishes around Paseo de la Marina.

In the afternoon

Time to check out the museums: Exponav, Caixa Galicia Foundation, Torrente Ballester Cultural Centre... Ferrol caters for your sweet tooth, so, between exhibition and exhibition, why not having a snack? A hot chocolate with "churros" (pieces of fried dough) in winter or a home-made dessert in summer?

In the evening

Try Percebes from Cedeira, clams from As Plas or any of the countless types of Galician seafood... Today you might like to take it easy in one of the city's seafood restaurants. If you have the chance, don't miss a performance in the Jofre Theatre: just seeing the building itself is worthwhile.



Day 3

In the morning

A perfect day to visit San Felipe Castle and see the Ferrol estuary in all its splendour by taking a drive along the scenic route to Cape Prioriño Chico. In any case, it's evident that you mustn't leave Ferrol without having seen the castle which you can also discover by boat in summer. During high season there are guided visits, too.

Time for a good lunch

Now that you have whet your appetite in the fresh air you mustn't go back home without trying a good piece of veal or other tasty meats from the local area of A Capelada. "Bo proveito" – enjoy your meal!



[info: For detailed information about gastronomy, bars, restaurants, cafés and delicatessens please consult the "Ferrol Gastronómico" brochure available in the Ferrol tourist office. All other information you may require is provided in this publication]*



Guided tours and tourist transport

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*Here you can choose among a series of guided tours
and several tourist transport options
to make the most of your visit to Ferrol.*

Magdalena district

During high season (Holy Week and summer):

Please consult the visitor programme.

Departure: Ferrol tourist office (Magdalena 56)

Duration: approximately 1 h 30 min

Maximum number of participants: 50

Minimum number of participants: 5



Arsenal *Unmissable!*

During high season (Holy Week and summer):

Please consult the timetable.

Departure: Ferrol tourist office at Curuxeiras Wharf.

Duration: approximately 1 h 30 min

Maximum number of participants: 30

Minimum number of participants: 5

[For your visit to the Arsenal please present your ID card, passport, driving licence or military ID card at the entrance. Photos or videos are not permitted in the Arsenal]



San Felipe Castle *A must-see!*

During high season (Holy Week and summer):

Please consult the timetable.

Departure: Visitor reception office at the entrance to the castle.

Duration: approximately 1 h 30 min

Maximum number of participants: 50

Minimum number of participants: 5

Visit to San Felipe as theatrical presentation

During high season (Holy Week and summer): please consult the programme.

Departure: Visitor reception office at the entrance

to the castle.

Duration: approximately 1 h 30 min

Maximum number of participants: 100

Ferrol estuary boat cruises

During high season (Holy Week and summer):

Please consult the timetable.

Departure: Ferrol tourist office at Curuxeiras Wharf.

Duration: approximately 1 h

Maximum number of participants: 100

Minimum number of participants: 10

Guided cruises on the Ferrol estuary with dinner on-board

Recommended!

During high season (summer): please consult the timetable.

Departure: Curuxeiras Wharf

Duration: approximately 3-4 h

Maximum number of participants: 75

Minimum number of participants: 40

Sailing cruise on the Ferrol estuary *Recommended!*

During high season (summer): Please consult timetables.

Departure: Curuxeiras Wharf

Duration: approximately 2 h 30 min

Pre-reservation necessary.

Phone: (+34) 670 508 205; info@dunasport.com

Tourist City Train with on-board guide

Recommended!

Tour includes visit to the Dolores Barracks (Cuartel de Dolores) and Fontelonga Gate.

During high season (Holy Week and summer): please consult timetables

Departure: Ferrol Tourist Office at Curuxeiras Wharf

Duration: approximately 1 h 30 min

Maximum number of passengers: 55



Tourist City Train unguided tour 😊

Recommended!

During high season (Holy Week and summer): please consult timetables

Also operates during Christmas time (please

consult timetables and frequencies).

Departure: Ferrol Tourist Office at Curuxeiras Wharf.

Duration: approximately 1 h

Maximum number of passengers: 55

Tailored visits

To discover Ferrol in depth: the beaches, the coastal batteries, the wilderness areas etcetera. Includes accessible tours for persons with reduced mobility. Available throughout the year on request. Organized by: Fertur Servicios Turísticos
Phone: (+34) 606 777 431 or 696 531 070
fertur.blogspot.com – ferturguias@yahoo.es

Creative tourism: “Las Meninas de Canido”

The artistic work “La Meninas de Canido” arose from a claim to do something about the state of abandonment of several buildings in the traditional Canido district. Thus, Velázquez’s Meninas – reinterpreted by local and non-local artists – appeared in the district to brighten up the the façades of mainly abandoned houses. The success of this action has turned it into a continuous program „Arte na rúa” (street art) which is supported by Ferrol City Council. The tour, which is directed by the artists themselves,

consists of a commented walk in order to get to know the different works and their style. The tour ends with a drawing workshop in which every participant creates his own Menina version.

Available all year on request.

Duration: approximately 2 h

Minimum number of participants: 10

Cuartel de Dolores (Dolores Barracks)

Recommended!

The guided tour offers you the unique opportunity not only to admire a monumental building, but also discover what life is like in an Marine Infantry barracks today. The tour includes a visit to Fontelonga Gate.

Guided tours available all year on request and subject to authorisation. No unguided visits.

Organized by: Fertur Servicios Turísticos

Phone: (+34) 606 777 431 or 696 531 070

fertur.blogspot.com – ferturguias@yahoo.es

[For your visit to the Barracks you will need to present documentation at the gate (ID card, passport, driving licence or military ID card)]

[Please consult ticket prices. All visits are available to groups on request. Please consult availability. For more information, please see the Ferrol tourist office]



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It comes to no surprise that Ferrol's major museums emphasise on naval topics. However, the city has also museums dedicated to nature and environment. Besides, the city boasts interesting permanent and temporary collections, such as those at Centro Torrente Ballester and Fundación Caixa Galicia.

Main museums and exhibitions

Exponav

Exposición Nacional de la Construcción Naval (National Shipbuilding Exhibition) 🌐 📱 📺

Irmandiños, s/n. Edificio de Ferrerías (Herrerías Building) D3

Opening hours: Tuesdays to Sundays from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm. (Winter timetable). Ask for Easter and summer timetable in the tourist office.

2 € (Guided tours – groups up to 30 persons: 15 €).

Phone: (+34) 981 336 017 exponav@exponav.org

Enjoy a tour through the history of shipbuilding in Europe's largest museum dedicated to this topic. The museum also stands out for the beauty inside being a former industrial warehore from the 18th-century.

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Naval Museum



Irmandiños, s/n. Edificio de Ferrerías Herrerías Building. D3

Opening hours: Tuesdays to Fridays from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm; Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm. Free access.

Telephone: (+34) 981 336 000 – www.armada.mde.es


Permanent exhibition of old ships, navigation equipment, maps and information about all ships built in Ferrol between 1751 and 1984.

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Centro Torrente Ballester - CTB

Concepción Arenal, s/n map **C3 49** 

Opening hours: Winter from 11 am to 2 pm and from 5 pm to 9 pm. Summer (15th June to 15th September) from 11 am to 2 pm and from 7 pm to 9.30 pm. Sundays (all year) from 11 am to 2 pm. Closed on Mondays. Free access.

Phone (+34) 981 944 187

www.centrotorrenteballester.es

info@centrotorrenteballester.es

Dedicated to exhibition, production and studies of contemporary art, the CTB is the principal driving force of Ferrol's cultural life. Apart from its tempting exhibitions the centre stands out for its atmosphere. Located in an iconic building of the 18th century, which used to be a charity hospital, it has been completely refurbished. Its chapel is usually the space for all sorts of performances for a small audience, yet on a high level of quality.



Fundación Caixa Galicia

Plaza de la Constitución, s/n map **D3**  

Opening hours: Mondays to Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm and from 5.30 pm to 9.30 pm. Sundays and public holidays from 11 am to 2 pm. Free access.

Phone (+34) 981 330 610

www.fundacioncaixagalicia.org

One of Ferrol's principal cultural institutions which stands out for the quality of its temporary exhibitions. The building from the beginning of the 19th century – a classical-style design dominated by symmetry – was originally planned as a prison and housed in succession the town hall, the prison, the Ferrol Secondary School, where Concepción Arenal and Gonzalo Torrente Ballester gave lessons, and the military government. Its interior has been entirely refurbished in order to adapt it to its new use.

Museum of Nature

Méndez Núñez, 11 **C3 52**

Opening hours: Winter: Mondays to Fridays from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm and from 4.30 pm to 8.30 pm.

July and August: Mondays to Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm. Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays closed throughout the year. Free access.



[Museum temporarily closed. Subject to change of location.]

Phone 698141384

www.sghnferrol.blogspot.com

Managed by the Galician Natural History Society, the museum houses an interesting collection of fossils, remainders of animals, plants and minerals.

Aquaciencia – Didactic Water Garden

Parque Raíña Sofía, s/n map **B4 50**  

Opening hours: Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm and from 4.30 pm to 8 pm. Free access.

Phone (+34) 981 944 221

www.ferrol.es/aquaciencia

Aquaciencia is a space to learn about and play with one of our planet's principal element: water. In an attractive and entertaining way, visitors can walk about the garden and discover the water, its energy, principal usage, as well as characteristics through different devices, mechanisms, scale models, panels and games.



Other exhibition areas

Centro de Interpretación de Poriño (Information Centre)

Cabo Poriño (Cape Poriño) 📍

Visitor groups welcome on previous request. Free access.

Phone (34) 981 338 000

www.apfsc.es ferrol@apfsc.es

The centre displays 20 explanatory panels about the history of the defensive batteries and the construction of Ferrol's Outer Port, a project of great magnitude.

Forum of Urban Ecology (Aula de Ecología Urbana)

Parque Raiña Sofía, s/n map B3 51 😊

Opening hours: Tuesdays to Sundays from 10 am to 2 pm and from 4.30 pm to 8 pm. Phone (+34) 981 944 222
Provides information about the city as a historical phenomenon, its inhabitants, water and other material resources, the energies that get the city going, as well as the treatment of urban residues.

Carvalho Calero Cultural Centre

Praza do Inferniño, s/n map E2 53

Opening hours: Mondays to Fridays from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm and from 5 pm to 8 pm. Closed on weekends.
Free access.
Phone (+34) 981 370 561 Area for temporary exhibitions.

Galería Sargadelos (Sargadelos Cultural Centre, ceramic and book shop)

Rubalcava, 30-32 D3

Mondays to Saturdays from 9 am to 9 pm.

Free access.

Phone (+34) 981 353 714

www.sargadelosferrol.com

ferrol@sargadelos.com

Sargadelos pursues the objective to spread Galician culture and organizes exhibitions, activities, book presentations etc. Moreover, it's a book shop and sells objects of its well-known Galician ceramic factory.



Xornalismo (Journalism)

Diario de Ferrol. Galiano, 31 **D2**

Mondays to Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm and from 5 pm to 10 pm. Saturdays from 11 am to 2.30 pm and from 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm. Free access.

Phone (+34) 981 369 900

Ferrol's independent local newspaper presents documents and original objects of the history of journalism.

Ateneo Ferrolán (Ferrol Athenaeum)

Magdalena, 202 - 204 **C3**

Mondays to Fridays from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm and from 5 pm to 9 pm. Saturdays from 10:30 am to 1.30 pm.

Free access.

Phone (+34) 981 369 900

Holds a permanent private collection of regional artists, such as Segura Torrella, Carmen Chacón, Manuel Patiña or González Collado, among others.

Sala de Exposiciones del Puerto (Port Showroom)

Peirao de Curuxeiras, s/n **B4 56**



Tuesdays to Sundays from 6 to 9 pm

Phone (+34) 981 338 900

www.apfsc.es ferrol@apfsc.es

Free access. Showroom for temporary exhibitions.

Reciclaterra (Didactic Environmental Centre)

Mougá, s/n  

Group visits on previous request.

Free access.

Phone (+34) 981 338 900

medioambiente@ferrol-concello.es

This didactic centre about recycling aims at broadening knowledge about the reality of residue consumption and its later treatment. It addresses to schools and other collectives interested in environmental activities.

Ferrol Auditorium

Avenida do Mar, 2 **F3 54** 

Inauguration in 2012

Convention centre and forum for all types of cultural events, including exhibitions.

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Cultural Calendar

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*Ferrol's cultural calendar is full of events for all tastes and ages.
This is a summary of the outstanding events: festivals, fiestas and
entertainment that you just can't miss.*

Month-by-month events

* Calendar subject to change. Approximate dates. Please consult the exact dates in the Ferrol tourist office.

5th January

Cavalcade of the Three Wise Men

Throughout the town.

The Three Wise Men arrive by ship to Curuxeiras Warf in the old town and travel the city streets in their carriages waving to the children before the night of the presents. The itinerary ends on the plaza de Armas square.

7th January

Saint Julian's Day (San Julián/ San Xiao)

Throughout the town.

The patron saint's day is full of diverse celebrations, like the mass in the Saint Julian Co-cathedral, activities for children and free tasting of rice pudding, a typical dessert from Ferrol. Moreover, this day is named the "Ferrolano del Año" (the most prominent person of the year).



February/ March (variable date)

Carnival

Throughout the town.

Activities for children, tasting of typical seasonal products, such as pork shoulder with turnip greens (lacón con grelos), as well as "tapas" competitions in the bars of Ferrol, constitute the carnival agenda. Carnival finishes on Tuesday afternoon with a traditional parade of people in fancy dress.



March (biennial)

Northwest Wine Fair (Fevino - Feria del Vino del Noroeste)

Fimo (trade fair pavilion) **Recommended!**

Although Ferrol is not a wine-growing region, yet it's one of Spain's cities whose wine consumers are more demanding. That's the reason why this fair,

which is dedicated to the world of wine, is celebrated here. 6,000 square metres and thousands of references, as well as wineries from Galicia and the rest of Spain, bring together Regulatory Councils, wine-cellar owners, distributors, wine waiters, as well as top-level experts for this professional event which is open to the public on the weekend.



The night from 18th to 19th March

Traditional street music festival “Rondalla de las Pepitas”

Throughout the town. **Recommended!!!**

Since 1903, on the eve of Saint Joseph's Day, Ferrol's street musicians meet: bands of string instruments dressed up similar to the famous “tuna” bands (groups of university students) walk through the streets singing the charms of the Ferrol women.

Moreover, on this night, the city's hoteliers give their customers a sweet cake in the shape of a heart as a present – the so-called “Bico das Pepitas”, bico meaning “kiss” in Galician.



End of March/April (Holy Week)

“Equiocio” Horse Show

Fimo (trade fair pavilion) **Outstanding!!!**

Equiocio is the principal Galician show dedicated to the equestrian world. Since its première in 1993, the event has constantly grown in size – both in number of visitors and exhibitors. For that reason, the sector's best professionals gather here and the number of shows and variety of activities has constantly been increasing: exhibitors, equestrian contests, parades, exhibitions, courses, pony club, cultural activities, as well as areas for the littlest ones.

End of March/April (variable date)

Holy Week

*Throughout the town **Unmissable!!!***

Proclaimed a festival of National Tourist Interest, the Ferrol Holy Week is the most traditional and spectacular festival in the city and Galicia. More than 20 processions concentrated in 8 days, besides the confraternities' liturgical services and concerts of religious music in stunning settings. The procession of the Holy Encounter is the event that stands out on Good Friday, the festival's great day, and it culminates in a crowded gathering on plaza de Armas, the square in front of the town hall. However, the most silent procession takes place on Good Friday at night, known as *noche de los Caladifños*.



End of March/ April (Holy Week)

Cycle of Sacred Music and Music of the Enlightenment

*Churches and monumental areas **Recommended!!!***

"Spirituality and reason" is the subtitle of this high-quality musical cycle with performances in unique places, which pretends to be a benchmark of its category.

Easter Monday (Holy Week)

Virgen del Chamorro

Sanctuary of the Virgin of Chamorro in Serantes.

Feast in honour to the Virgin of Chamorro (Virgen del Chamorro or Virgen del Nordés), a name of marine evocation, because fishermen pray for northeasterly winds, which are the most favourable for fishing in the Ferrol estuary and also because the Chamorro hermitage is located in the city's northeast. The Virgin is very much revered to in Ferrol. Thousands of devotees make their way up to the solitary sanctuary on their knees or on foot, following the Stations of the Cross (Via Crucis). Once up there, everyone spends a day in the countryside to the sound of bagpipes and donates candles and offerings to the Virgin.



Night of 23rd June

Luminarias de San Juan

Throughout the town.

The magic night par excellence. The districts of Ferrol are lit by communal bonfires - "luminarias" - in order to scare away bad spirits - "meigas". The air smells of smoke while sardines are grilled outside, accompanied by red wine, tuna pies... and music.

Beginning of July

Cycle of Port Music

*Ferrol Vello **Recommended!!!***

A musical and cultural proposition that – for a few days - turns Ferrol into the capital of traditional seafarers' music from the port taverns around the world.

First half of July

Trade Fair (Feria de Muestras)

Fimo fairgrounds

A busy trade fair which unites exhibitors of sectors as diverse as new technologies, industry, car industry, agricultural, forest and industrial machinery, household items, decoration, food industry, as well as tourism and craft.

First half of August

"Spinnaker" Nautical Week

Curuxeiras Wharf and Marina, Ferrol Vello

During these days the harbour is the centre of nautical activities, such as initiations to sailing, waterskiing, diving and many more. The program includes exhibitions of nautical products, leisure activities, as well as gastronomy.

First half of August

Medieval Festival

Ferrol Vello

The narrow streets of this former medieval fishing village revive the Middle Ages through activities, performances, traditional shops, food, as well as a large number of stands with handcrafted articles.

Second half of August

Summer festival

*Throughout the town **Outstanding!!!***

Ferrol celebrates its patron saint with a festival and a calendar full of events for all ages: music, dance, children's activities... The festival's highlight is the traditional fireworks on the night of 31st August - San Ramón's Day - in honour of Ramón Plá y Monge, Marquis of Amboage.

Nearest Sunday to the 25th August

Battle of Brión

Brión hills next to Ferrol

Popular historical recreation of the battle of the year 1800, which managed to stop the English invasion that had advanced very dangerously towards the city.



Last weekend of August

Santa Comba Pilgrimage

Santa Comba hermitage

This traditional pilgrimage, whose origin dates back to the 12th century, takes place in a hermitage surrounded by water and only accessible at low tide.



Beginning of September

Surfussion

Doniños Beach **Outstanding!!!**

International bodyboard competition, one of the most important ones in the world in this category.

And:

Pantín Classic

Pantín Beach, Valdoviño

Sporting events like this deserve a special mention, as they rank the area among the world's top surf competitions.



September

"Las Meninas" de Canido – Street Art

Canido district

Dozens of painters recreate their particular visions of the famous painting by Velázquez on different buildings in the Canido quarter. Moreover, artists from the world of dance, music and poetry participate in this popular artistic event.

November

International Piano Contest

Jofre Theatre **Recommended!!!**

This competition has turned Ferrol into an undeniable benchmark in the field of international piano music.

24th December to 6th January

Christmas

Throughout the town

Illuminations in the streets and on the squares, cribs, children's activities, special concerts... and much more.



Christmas period

Christmas & Leisure

Fimo trade fair pavilion

Leisure activities, creative and sporting activities for all ages.

Entertainment all year round

The city's yearly calendar is made complete by the propositions the cultural institutions offer during the year. Classical music, jazz, pop, ethnic, alternative, dance, magic, theatre, puppet theatre...These are Ferrol's main places for music and performing arts.

Jofre Theatre

Praza de Galicia, s/n map    

T: 981 944 245 - www.ferrol.es/jofre



Officially opened in 1892, it's one of the most important works of theatre architecture in Spain, with splendid acoustics in its interior and a beautiful classical decoration. Its façade - remodelled by architect Rodolfo Ucha Piñeiro in 1919 - has the

imposing appearance of an urban palace. Music, dance, theatre, magic, children's programme... The Jofre is a "cultural delicatessen", not only because of its varied and high-quality offer, but also due to the uniqueness of its building.

CdCTB – The Torrente Ballester Cultural Center's Chapel

Concepción Arenal, s/n **C3 49** 

T: 981 944 187

www.centrotorrenteballester.es

This cultural centre's chapel changes into a sort of concert café where you can enjoy the most avant-garde musical styles.

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Ferrol Auditorium

Avenida do Mar, 2 **F3 54** 

They say that a seaside town is the best stage for music because of its murmur, glow and colours. The Ferrol Auditorium has an enviable location close to a south-facing bay. That's why the project of Patricia Alonso Alonso and Javier López Rivadulla consists of large windows overlooking the Ferrol estuary. Once opened, the auditorium undoubtedly will turn into one of the city's main cultural offers.

Opening in 2012.

Concert halls and pubs with live music

Sala Súper 8 Real, 223 **C3**

Regular concerts: pop, rock, indie among others.
www.salasuper8.com

La Reserva Sánchez Calviño, 47 **E2**

Rock'n'Soul bar with live music.
Facebook: La Reserva Ferrol

Carteles Sol, 139 **C3**

Veteran pub with live music: pop, rock, country
Facebook: Pubcarteles Ferrol

CBC Magdalena, 142 **C3**

Its speciality are stand-up comedians and story-tellers.
Facebook: CBC

Sikaru Magdalena, 131 **C3**

T: 981 336 524
Live music: alternative rock, Galician groups...



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*Just outside Ferrol you can easily discover
some of Galicia's most fascinating places
on full or half-day trips.*

On the outskirts of Ferrol

Tour 1. Ferrol – San Felipe – Cape Prioriño Chico – Doniños – Santa Comba – Cape Prior – Chamorro – Ferrol

This tour, which takes you almost entirely along Ferrol's coastline, is an opportunity to admire the castles, fortresses and coastal batteries, the cliffs of the goose barnacles, the long sandy beaches and dune landscape, as well as the Doniños Lagoon – wild and natural spaces, all of them under protection of the European Union's Natura 2000 Network. The first part of the trip out to cape Prioriño Chico offers stunning panoramic views across the Ferrol estuary and the Artabro Gulf.

San Felipe. Small, charming fishing village with very narrow streets. Next to the impressive San Felipe Castle constructed by King Philip II in the 16th century, which, together with La Palma Castle on the opposite shore, constituted the estuary's main defence. Over a long period, it was a strategic military enclave, which came under heavy attack from English troops because it housed the military shipyards. This explains the numerous old and modern military batteries spread along the coast that we discover along the



Cape Prioriño Chico



way to cape Prioriño Chico. [+info: p. 10]

Cabo Prioriño Chico. You can reach the cape skirting the new Outer Port. On clear days, you can see as far as A Coruña and the whole of the Artabo Gulf. Apart from the remains of the old coastal battery next to the lighthouse, the nearby castle, Castelo das Viñas, is also worth a visit. This castle was moved here from its original location at the Outer Port.

Doniños. From the road, you can see a fertile valley set in lovely surroundings. This is the Doniños valley, which ends where the Doniños Lagoon meets the sea.

Doniños Lagoon. Fresh-water lagoon flanked by dunes. Once a year in spring, its waters manage to escape to the sea and the wetlands this creates are spectacular to look at, as are the numerous migratory birds living on it.

Cape Prior. Offers one of the best panoramic views in the area and is also one of the most iconic spaces. From there you can choose between three short trails (Prior-Baterías; Prior-Túneles; Prior-Sirena) which take you through areas of wild beauty.

Santa Comba.

This is one of the best kept secrets on Ferrol's coast: an isolated hermitage in a fairy-tale setting, dating back to the 12th century. Its island location means that it is only accessible at low tide.

Chamorro hermitage.

Small, remote sanctuary which marks the end of a multitudinous pilgrimage on Easter Monday. The area around the hermitage is not only a place where the people of Ferrol show their devotion to their Virgin, but also a privileged enclave from which you can enjoy magnificent panoramic views across the Serantes valley, the city of Ferrol and the villages on the shores of the Ferrol estuary.

Distance: go and return approximately 50 kilometres.

Means of transport: car; some destinations are also accessible by local bus (please consult the Ferrol tourist office).

[+ info: www.ferrol.es]

Cedeira





Excursions into the region

Tour 2. Ferrol – Cedeira – San Andrés de Teixido – Punta Herbeira – Cabo Ortegal – Cariño – Ortigueira – Ferrol

This coastal tour runs along what is known as the Costa Ártabra. The area's landscape is a blend of mountains and sea with numerous beautiful beaches. Some of them are calm because of their location on the estuaries, while others are wild, completely unspoilt and exposed to the ocean. The relief of the A Faladoira and A Capelada mountain ranges is beautiful but difficult. Over 500 metres high in places, their position on the edge of the sea has turned them into spectacular cliffs. It's an area of natural viewing points, wayside crosses, forests, wild horses and legends surrounding Galicia's most famous rural sanctuary: San Andrés de Teixido.

Before entering Cedeira, you pass a number of beautiful beaches, such as Vilarube, Pantín and Valdoviño. Close to Valdoviño is Valdoviño Lagoon. This lagoon and the beach are Natural Spaces under General Protection.

Cedeira. Cedeira is a quiet and picturesque coastal town located in an enclave of stunning beauty on the estuary of the same name. The old part of the town, with its narrow streets and small, pretty houses, some of them bearing coats of arms, was proclaimed a Municipality of Tourist Interest in 1953.

San Andrés de Teixido. One of Galicia's most important destinations of worship and pilgrimage. According to legend San Andrés (Saint Andrew), one of the 12 apostles, arrived to the cliffs of Teixido, where his ship had capsized, but nobody came to his rescue. However, God promised him a sanctuary and a pilgrimage that would last until the end of time, and that every mortal would have to go there dead or alive. Hence the saying "To San Andrés will go the dead who failed to go there while alive"

The San Andrés monastery has stood there since the 12th century, although the current church building was completed in the 18th century. Apart from its religious importance and link with ancient traditions, such as votive offerings hanging from the trees, San Andrés de Teixido stands out for the intense beauty of the landscape.

Garita de Herbeira lookout





Garita de Herbeira lookout. The views from this lookout – Europe's highest cliff at 600 metres above sea level and with a gradient of over 80% – are truly spectacular.

Cape Ortegal. This headland is the second northern spot of the Iberian Peninsula only outdone by its neighbour Punta de Estaca de Bares. This is where you enjoy an impressive panoramic view of the union between the Atlantic ocean and the Bay of Biscay. The beauty of the place is in a great deal due to the rough cliffs beaten by the swell of the sea.

Cariño. Typical Galician seaside town right on a beautiful beach shaped like a shell. The port's activity creates a lively atmosphere all over the town, with its steep and narrow streets where you can contemplate the traditional marine architecture of its houses painted in lively colours and decorated with balconies full of geraniums. The sleek, stately homes built more than 100 years ago by the owners of the former industry of canned fish and meats, attract the visitor's attention. This craft activity is still going strong with renewed success.

Ortigueira. Situated in an unique natural

environment of a sea-facing landscape in an excellent state of conservation. The town is surrounded by an important ecosystem of dunes and the Ladrado marshland.

Ortigueira is a place with a very attractive look of a fishing town: houses with white lattice-windows, wrought-iron balconies and gardens facing the harbour, joined by buildings in the colonial style of Spanish architecture of the 20th century's early decades. Since 1978 the town converts into the centre of the Atlantic Europe, when hosting the International Celtic Music Festival – proclaimed a festival of International Tourist Interest – which brings together thousands of fans to listen to the best concerts of folk music.

Distance: go and return approximately 130 kilometres.

Means of transport: car; coach; you can also reach Ortigueira by regular narrow-gauge trains of the FEVE company

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[+info: www.ferrolortegal.com]

Fragas do Eume nature reserve





Tour 3. Ferrol · Fragas do Eume · Pontedeume · Betanzos · Ferrol

Fragas do Eume nature reserve. Considered Europe's most important Atlantic forest. It's the habitat of a large number of very valuable animal and plant species that are crucial to the biological balance of this most beautiful area. Inside the reserve you can find Caaveiro monastery, which is accessible on foot by crossing the Eume river and walking a short stretch uphill. Thus, you can enjoy the spectacular landscape which makes a deep impression on everyone who ever comes up here.

Pontedeume. Its main attractiveness is the perfect conjunction of river, sea and hills. Located on the mouth of the Eume river and the adjacent hillside, it's one of Galicia's most attractive tourist places: you will see enchanting streets and small squares in its historical medieval centre, with the tower of the Andrade lineage, Iglesia de Santiago, the remains of the old town wall, Iglesia de Las Virtudes, to name but a few sites. However, Pontedeume's symbol of identity par excellence is its stone bridge across the Eume river.

Betanzos. It's not easy to sum up the attractiveness

of this city, especially for those who really love visiting artistic-heritage sites. They will be able to choose from a wide-ranging and valuable offer in the historical city centre with its outstanding churches of Santa María de Azogue and San Francisco, which both deserve the title of National Monument. Located on the outskirts of the city, the fun park named El Pasatiempo, which dates back to the beginning of the 20th century, holds an unique position within its category. The park is a mixture of fountains, gardens, grottos, secret passageways and sculptures of all kind: a playful open air museum.

Distance: go and return approximately 120 kilometres.

Means of transport: car; regular trains and coaches

[+ info pp. 78, 79] [+info: www.eumeturismo.org - www.betanzos.es]

Tour 4. Ferrol · A Coruña · Ferrol

A Coruña is a city surrounded by the sea. Its important ports - commercial, fishing and marina - illustrates its maritime vocation and its splendid promenade brings the city even nearer to the sea. The promenade runs along the peninsula and grants access to the park known as Parque Celta and to the Roman lighthouse Faro de Hércules - the oldest lighthouse still in use - the city's unmistakable icon and World Heritage Site. Also accessible from the promenade are the Archaeological Museum, located in San Antón Castle,

A Mariña. A Coruña





the fabulous Aquarium, the Domus museum (the Casa del Hombre) which together with the Casa de las Ciencias (Sciences museum) in Santa Margarita Park, and the Museum of Fine Arts, are the main cultural and didactic proponents in the city. Moreover, A Coruña boasts a network of museums that also includes gems, such as the Museo de Arte Sacro (religious art), Museo de los Relojes (Clock museum) and the museum of Emilia Pardo Bazán.

Among the city's other attractions are La Marina, with its houses of glazed balconies, Rúa Real, the city's main shopping street, plaza María Pita (square in front of the town hall) and the stone houses and cobbled streets of the old town, where la Colegiata and the Iglesia de Santiago (St. James church) deserve a special mention.

The special A Coruña's union with the sea can be clearly appreciated from the San Pedro hill, a privileged lookout that in the past was occupied by coastal batteries and that has been reconverted into a fantastic urban park.

Distance: go and return approximately 108 kilometres.

Means of transport: car; regular trains and coaches [+ info pp. 78,79]
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Tour 5. Ferrol · Santiago de Compostela · Ferrol

Santiago de Compostela, the capital of Galicia, is an universal city proclaimed World Heritage Site by the UNESCO. As the Saint James Way's final destination and meeting point of Europe's spirituality, this historical city of stones safeguards its multicultural heritage in its impressive cathedral and in an endless number of monuments and museums. The holy city of Santiago, which has been bishop's town for thousand years and university city for over 500 years, is a lively and monumental place made for walking and enjoying food and also possesses an outstanding range of beautiful parks and historical gardens. To the surprise of its visitors, Santiago also displays a surprising catalogue of contemporary architecture, with works signed, among others, by Hejduk, Siza or Eisenman, creator of the recently inaugurated city of Galician culture (Cidade da Cultura de Galicia), a must-see macro-structure which is unique of its kind.

Distance: go and return approximately 180 kilometres.

Means of transport: car; regular trains and coaches [+info: p. 78, 79]
[+info: www.santiagoturismo.com]



Others recommended visits in Galicia

Fisterra (Costa da Morte): 153 km s/i

Lugo: 110 km s/i

Ribadeo (Praia das Catedrais - Cathedrals Beach): 130 km s/i

Ourense: 176 km s/i

Monforte de Lemos (Ribeira Sacra): 180 km s/i

Pontevedra (Rías Baixas): 150 km s/i

Vigo: 178 km s/i

[+ info: www.turgalicia.es]



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*Ferrol has everything: from renowned big department stores
to boutiques of the most distinguished brands,
from traditional shops to chain stores
with the latest in fashion at reasonable prices.*

Shopping areas

These are the main shopping areas in Ferrol.

La Magdalena

Most of the district's shops have joined together under the brand name "Centro Comercial Abierto Ferrol – A Magdalena: a large commercial area spread over this historical quarter. While discovering the quarter's important monuments, you will find the complete range of shops: souvenirs, Galician fashion, jewellers, boutiques of first-rate brands, craft shops, book shops, food shops, supermarkets, shoe shops etc. On your shopping tour, you might like to take a break in one of the countless bars, cafés, restaurants or even in an exhibition hall. Rúa Real and Rúa Magdalena are the district's main shopping streets.



The famous [Magdalena Market](#), is also located in this area. It's a place to buy delicatessen of the Galician gastronomy (seafood, meat, fish, cheese, honey, pastries, vegetables, wines and liqueurs are just a few of its food offers) and also to admire the architecture [* info: p. 24]

Mercado da Magdalena Igrexa, s/n

Opening hours: Mondays to Saturdays from 5 am to 4 pm (on Saturdays it closes a little earlier). Opens on one Sunday a month only: between each the 15th and 22nd of the month), 7 am to 3 pm. Closed all other Sundays and on special holidays.

The days with major activities are Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays between 9 am and 1 pm and on Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm.



Ferrol Vello

In this small fishermen's quarter of medieval origin, which saw the beginnings of Ferrol, you can still see – among others - traditional chandlery shops that have survived the course of time. There you may find oddities collector and decorative articles with nautical motifs.



Ensanche

The Ensanche area is the city's first large area of expansion beyond its old historical quarters. The district's commercial offer is similar to the other residential areas: pastry shops, sports shops, hairdressers, electrical appliances, furniture shops, computer shops and more. Moreover, it has a wide choice of cafés and restaurants.

Recimil Market

A municipal market in which the residents of the area do their daily shopping.

Mercado de Recimil Recimil quarter.

Opening hours: Mondays to Saturdays from 8 am to 2 pm . Open on special holidays.



Shopping Centres

The Porta Nova Shopping Centre (Centro Comercial Porta Nova) is at short distance from the city's tourist centre. Fashion and food are the key businesses of this centre which has 39 shops, where you can also buy gifts, decoration items and magazines. Car park available.

Centro Comercial Porta Nova *Praza do Inferniño, s/n*

Mondays to Saturdays from 10 am to 10 pm.

Open on special holidays.

Phone (+34) 981 33 31 46

www.infonegocio.com/fesuco

Going from Ferrol towards its neighbour city, Narón, you'll arrive at Alcampo Ferrol, which is located in the A Gándara Business and Industrial Park, and features car park, petrol station, restaurants, travel agency, photo shop, garage and tyre repair shop, car wash, among others.

Alcampo Ferrol *Polígono Industrial da Gándara, 2*

Mondays to Saturdays from 10 am to 10 pm.

Open on special holidays.

Phone (+34) 981 32 77 11

www.alcampo.es

The modern shopping centre Dolce Vita Odeon is located in the same business park, and it's the

largest of the whole area. You will find a complete commercial offer of the best national and international fashion brands, the most important brands in decoration and aesthetics, as well as a mixed offer of restaurants and entertainment facilities.

Centro Comercial Dolce Vita Odeón *Polígono Industrial da Gándara, s/n*

Mondays to Saturdays from 10 am to 10 pm. Open on special holidays. Leisure and gastronomy: Mondays to Thursdays, Sundays and public holidays: closing time 2 am. Fridays, Saturdays and eve of public holidays: closing time 4 am.

Phone (+34) 981 39 79 40 – Fax 981 38 90 17

www.ccodeon.com - info@ccodeon.com

In a city like Ferrol, where sport – not only the nautical sports – has a lot of followers, a sports shop like Decathlon should not be missing. There you can find all types of equipment and accessories for all kinds of sport.

Decathlon Ferrol *Estrada de San Pedro de Leixa, s/n (opposite the Arquitecto Marcide Hospital).*



Mondays to Saturdays from 10 am to 10 pm. Open on special holidays. www.decathlon.es
Phone (+34) 981 33 36 22 – 981 32 55 87

Shopping ideas

Souvenirs range from classic postcards to popular pottery or decorative china of Sargadelos, a distinguished Galician brand which has designed some of the specific pieces that represent monuments of Ferrol. Jewellery with nautical motifs could be quite a unique option. In the chandlery shops, you might also find some collector's items and even curious objects of daily use. Books with photographs of Ferrol or of writers who were born in the city are a nice idea, too. Look also for Galician fashion, as Galicia is one of the creative centres of European dressmaking

and exports worldwide. Brands such as Zara (and all others of the Inditex Group), Roberto Verino, Adolfo Domínguez, Florentino, Bimba & Lola have shops in Ferrol.

Flavours to take back home

The well-earned renown of Ferrol's and Galicia's gastronomy makes it almost an obligation to include food products in your shopping list. Galician brandies and wines are sold already in gift boxes. Cold meats and cheeses of the region are also good options. You can buy the famous turnip greens, the molluscs of the estuaries and even seaweed as tinned food. The Cake of Ferrol or "Castiñeira" - typical of the city - withstands a journey without problems. Moreover, there are Galician honey, exquisite in this area, mirabeles (plums) and glazed chestnuts. A special chapter should be dedicated to the sweets, chocolates

and pastries that are available in all pastry shops of this sweet-toothed city.

[+ info: "Ferrol Gastronómico"-brochure available at the Ferrol tourist office]





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All you need to know about Ferrol

Tourist information

Don't hesitate to ask! We'll give you some good pieces of advices to help you take full advantage of Ferrol and its surroundings.

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Rúa Magdalena, 56. 15402 Ferrol D3 ⓘ

Phone (+34) 981 944 272

[Tourist Information Point](#) B4

Peirao de Curuxeiras / Curuxeiras Wharf ⓘ



Services offered by the Ferrol tourist offices:

- All tourist information about Ferrol in different languages: monuments, routes, timetables, events, activities etc.
- Free info material: official map published by

Turismo de Ferrol with all points of interest, from monuments to basic services and recommended routes to go for a wander around Ferrol.

- Thematic brochures

Turismo de Galicia

[Oficina de Turismo de Galicia - Turgalicia / Tourist Office of Galicia](#) D3 ⓘ

Magdalena, 12

TPhone (+34) 981 311 179/ 981 337 131 July and August: Mondays to Fridays from 9 am to 2 pm and from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm. Saturdays from 10 am to 12.30 pm and 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm. Sundays from 10 am to 12.30 pm. Rest of the year: Mondays to Fridays from 9 am to 2 pm and from 4 pm to 6 pm. Saturdays from 10 am to 12.30 pm.

www.turgalicia.es

The Tourist Office of Galicia manages the reception of complaints related to tourist services or other consumer complaints from visitors and is responsible for its transmission to the competent authority.

Brief historical summary

Originally Ferrol was a fishing village and in the course of time it developed into a city of great naval and military potential. This was due to its natural harbour, one of the most beautiful and sheltered of the world, which is accessible by passing between the defensive San Felipe and La Palma castles. Ferrol's harbour is located in the mythical Artabro Gulf.

The earliest documents about Ferrol date back to 1087 but the first settlement is a lot older, a fact that is supported by numerous remains of Meglithic Culture (3000 – 1000 B.C.) which have been discovered in the city.

Moreover, remains of celtic culture have been found, such as the settlement which existed near the street named Rúa del Castro in Ferrol Vello. Pomponius Mela, the Roman historian, located the Artabrian tribe in this area.

In 1210 Ferrol obtained the status of a town under jurisdiction of the Crown which maintained until 1371, when King Enrique II granted jurisdiction lordship over the town to the noble family of Andrade.

The fight against the Andrade lordship led to the first of the Irmandiña Wars in 1431 under the leadership of Roi Xordo and spread all over Galicia.

During the 16th century Ferrol was an important shipyard and naval base for the protection of the fleet and this in turn led to the construction of the first defensive fortifications

and castles, such as the Castle of San Felipe.

Ferrol's great moment came in 1726 when King Felipe V established the headquarters of the Northwest Marine Department and the Arsenal and the Crown's jurisdiction came again to the city. In 1749 King Fernando VI gave the order to install the shipyards in the Esteiro District, which marked the beginning of the period of prosperity and urban expansion and led to the construction of the Magdalena District. This economic impulse increased due to the freedom of trade which King Carlos III granted the city in 1778.

Ferrol's history has been exposed to political fate and the state's economy ever since. Thus the Ferrol lived to see crises and revivals depending on the Crown's investments, the geopolitical situation and the international treaties about the fleet, circumstances that the city has never been able to avoid up to date. This fact is illustrated by the naval restructuring Ferrol suffered after Spain's incorporation into the European Union.

[taken from historical synopsis: Turgalicia]

Born in Ferrol

Concepción Arenal (Ferrol, 1820 – Vigo, 1893)

Writer. She introduced feminism into Spain and rebelled against the rules established against women and claimed equal rights. She was also famous for her social demands.

Pablo Iglesias Posse (Ferrol, 1850 – Madrid, 1925)

Worker and politician of Marxist tendency, founder of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (Partido Socialista Obrero Español – PSOE) in 1879 and of the trade union organisation Unión General de Trabajadores - UGT in 1888.

José Canalejas Méndez (Ferrol, 1854 – Madrid, 1912)

Liberal progressive politician, minister during the reign of Queen María Cristina and King Alfonso XIII. President of the Council of Ministers and the Chamber of Deputies.

Rodolfo Ucha Piñeiro (Vigo, 1882 – Vigo, 1981)

One of the most important architects of modernism in Spain. He was a municipal architect in Ferrol from 1908 to 1936 where he carried out his work almost exclusively.

Gonzalo Torrente Ballester (Ferrol, 1910 – Salamanca, 1999) One of the most recognized writers of Spanish literature. Author of titles such as "La saga/ fuga de J.B.", "Filomeno, a mi pesar" or "Crónica del rey pasmado", also turned into a motion picture. In "Farruquiño", one of his first works, he portrayed the Ferrol of the beginnings of the 20th century – a time span of his personal life.

Ricardo Carvalho Calero (Ferrol, 1910 – Santiago de Compostela, 1990) Recognized author of the Galician language. He was the first university professor of Galician Linguistics and Literature of the University of Santiago de Compostela. He was considered a great thinker of reintegrationism.

Andrés Lapique do Barro (Ferrol, 1947 – Madrid, 1989)

The Galician singer-songwriter par excellence. One of the first to employ the Galician language during the dictatorship and achieved a number-one hit. "O tren", "Corpiño xeitoso" and "San Antón" are some of his musical themes.

Basic information

Inhabitants:

Approximately 75,000

Climate

Moderate, oceanic. The temperatures are moderate throughout the year. In winter, the medium temperature is 8°C . The coldest months are January and February. In summer – May to September – the temperatures are very pleasant and fluctuate between 20 and 25°C. The warmest months are July and August. In autumn, winter and spring it rains very frequently.

Distance from Ferrol by land (km)

Galicia

A Coruña: 52 km 

Santiago de Compostela: 93 km 

San Andrés de Teixido: 45 km

Ortigueira: 55 km

Fragas do Eume: 30 km

Pontedeume: 18 km

Betanzos: 40 km

Fisterra (Costa da Morte): 153 km

Lugo: 110 km

Ribadeo (Playa de las Catedrales): : 130 km

Ourense: 176 km

Monforte de Lemos (Ribeira Sacra): 180 km

Pontevedra (Rías Baixas): 150 km

Vigo: 178 km 

España

Madrid: 610 km

Barcelona: 1.120 km

Bilbao: 660 km

Oviedo: 270 km

Portugal

Porto: 320 km

Lisbon: 630 km

Languages

There are two official languages in Galicia: Galician (“galego”) and Castilian.

Holidays

1st January · New Year (national public holiday)

6th January: · Three Wise Men (public holiday)

7th January · Saint Julian's Day (local holiday)

19th March · Saint Joseph's Day (public holiday); Father's Day

March or April · Jueves Santo/ Maundy Thursday (public holiday)

March or April · Viernes Santo/ Good Friday (public holiday)

Lunes de Pascua/Easter Monday · Virgen del Chamorro/ Virgin of Chamorro (local holiday)

1st May · Labour Day (public holiday)

17th May: · Día de las Letras Gallegas/ Day of the Galician Literature (holiday in Galicia)

25th July: · Saint James Apostle. Patria Gallega (holiday in Galicia)

15th August · Asunción de la Virgen/ Assumption (public holiday)

12th October · Día de la Hispanidad / Day of the Spanish speaking world (public holiday)

1st November · Día de todos los Santos/ All Saints Day (public holiday)

6th December · Constitución Española/ Spanish Constitution Day (public holiday)

8th December · Inmaculada Concepción/ Immaculate Conception (public holiday)

25th December · Natividad del Señor/ Christmas Day (public holiday)

Opening hours

The shop are open Mondays to Saturdays from 9.30 am or 10 am to 8 pm or 9 pm with a lunch break of two to three hours from 1.30 or 2 pm to 4.30 pm or 5 pm. Some shops and the big shopping centres do not close at lunchtime and the latter are entitled to open on some Sundays and public holidays during Christmas time, special holidays or during sales: from 7th January to 28th February and from 1st July to 30th August.

The city's numerous bars and cafés serve breakfast from the early morning and tapas and "aperitivos" - appetizers – during late morning. The usual lunch hour ranges from 1 pm to 4 pm. Dinner wines are served from 8 pm but in some places they may not be served before 9 pm, which is the usual beginning of dinner time. Dinner may be served until midnight in some establishments. Regardless of these usual opening hours, you may find cafés and bars to order food at any time.

Post office (Correos)

Stamps are sold at the post office or at the tobacconist's.

· **Post office building / Edificio de Correos – Main Office** **D3**

Praza de Galicia . Phone (+34) 981 369 694 **D6**

Working days from 8.30 am to 8.30 pm, Saturdays from 9.30 am to 2 pm

· **Post office** *Avenida de Castelao, 21* **map G3 -**

Phone (+34) 981 326 673 Working days from 8.30 am to 8.30 pm, Saturdays from 9.30 am to 1 pm

· **Post office** *Estrada da Gándara, s/n (Alcampo Shopping Centre)* **map G2** Phone (+34) 981 323 800 Working days from 10.30 am to 10 pm, Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm. Sundays and special holidays as special exception.

Internet

Many hotels have access to the Internet and Wi-Fi. There are also internet cafés in the city. Many cafés and restaurants offer a Wi-Fi connection, too.

Pharmacies

The pharmacies may facilitate certain types of medicine without prescription. Most of them open during the standard opening hours, but there are four that open 12 hours a day, 365 days, including Sundays.

- Estrada de Castela, 23
- Real, 165
- Real, 94
- Galiano, 71 (Praza de Armas)

Hospitals

- Urxencias Fontenla Maristany **D2**

Praza de España, 19

Phone (+34) 981 336 633

- Hospital Complex “Arquitecto Marcide – Profesor Novoa Santos (Navy Hospital, Arquitecto Marcide Hospital, P. Novoa Santos Hospital) **[D1]**

Estrada de Catabois, s/n

Phone (+34) 981 334 000

- Hospital Juan Cardona **H3**

Pardo Bazán, s/n

Phone (+34) 981 312 500

Security and emergencies

Ferrol is a safe city where you can wander around – even at night, with lack of concern, although it always pays to be cautious. In any case of incident, you can contact the following services (in case you need help with the language, you can ask the information staff at the tourist offices for assistance):

- Telephone number in case of general emergency: 112
- Lost or stolen documentation: Policía Nacional (National Police). Avenida de Vigo 165, Phone: (+34) 981 333 800
- Consumer complaints: visitors can file their complaint at the Tourist Office of Galicia [+info: p. 70]
- Other complaints: Policía Municipal (Municipal Police). Emergencies: 092
- Policía Nacional. Emergencies: 091

Basic information about the Saint James Way (Camino Inglés de Santiago) from Ferrol

The Saint James Way (Camino Inglés) was used by pilgrims, mainly Britons, that came ashore in the Gulf of Artabria in order to head for Santiago de Compostela.

Route

Ferrol · Pontedeume · Miño · Betanzos · Abegondo · Ordes · Santiago de Compostela

Length 118km

Accommodation

The following three pilgrim hostels are available on the Saint James Way: Neda, Miño and Bruma. The public Galician hostels charge a symbolic amount of money (approx. 3 €) to pilgrims that make their pilgrimage according to the following acknowledged methods: on foot, by bike or on horseback.

“La Compostela”

A document which vouches that the pilgrimage has been made in a Christian sense, and for those pilgrims who can justify to have covered at least the last 100 km on foot or on horseback (last 200 km for cyclists). For this reason the pilgrims have to present a credentials booklet which is stamped once a day on arrival to a hostel or parish church.

Hotel accommodation

HOTEL ALMIRANTE **** D2

María, 2. Phone (+34) 981 333 073

HOTEL HESPERIA FERROL **** E2

Estrada de Castela, 75. Phone (+34) 981 330 226

HOTEL PARADOR DE FERROL *** C4

Almirante Fernández Martín, s/n.

Phone (+34) 981 356 720

HOTEL RESIDENCIA EL SUÍZO *** C3

Dolores, 67. Phone (+34) 981 300 400

HOTEL RESIDENCIA VALENCIA *** D1

Estrada de Catabois, 390. Phone (+34) 981 370 312

HOTEL ALMENDRA * C2

Almendra, 4-6. Phone (+34) 981 358 190

HOTEL AMÉRICA * F2

Sánchez Calviño, 70-76. Phone (+34) 981 370 208

HOTEL RESIDENCIA REAL * C3

C/ Dolores, 11-13 Phone (+34) 981 369 255

HOTEL SILVA * F1

Río Castro, 42-44. Phone (+34) 981 310 552

PENSIÓN RESIDENCIA VAL DE SERANTES ***

Serantelos, 280. Phone (+34) 981 318 980

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PENSIÓN RESIDENCIA EL EDÉN ** D3

San Andrés, 4. Phone (+34) 981 359 531

PENSIÓN RESIDENCIA MAGALLANES ** G1

Estrada de Castela, 401. Phone (+34) 981 311 648

PENSIÓN RESIDENCIA PORTANOVA II ** E3

Naturalista López Seoane, 33-35.

Phone (+34) 981 359 772 / (+34) 629 888 008

PENSIÓN RESIDENCIA ZAHARA ** D3

Pardo Baixo, 28. Phone (+34) 981 351 231

PENSIÓN RESIDENCIA EL CAIRO * C3

Dolores, 32-2nd floor, Phone (+34) 981 353 266

PENSIÓN RESIDENCIA CASA ÁNGEL * D3

Magdalena, 45. Phone (+34) 981 351 060

PENSIÓN RESIDENCIA A COCHERA *

San Xoán de Esmelle, 6.

Phone (+34) 981 365 250/ (+34) 609 702 520 [\[not on map\]](#)

PENSIÓN RESIDENCIA O CHOLLO II * E3

Carlos III, 70-2nd floor, Phone (+34) 981 948 908

PENSIÓN RESIDENCIA FERROL * E2

Sánchez Calviño, 48. Phone (+34) 981 371 314

PENSIÓN RESIDENCIA LOLY * D3

Espoz e Mina, 1-B. Phone (+34) 981 355 128

PENSIÓN RESIDENCIA MAGDALENA * D3

Magdalena, 98. Phone (+34) 981 355 615

PENSIÓN RESIDENCIA PORTANOVA * E2

Fontemoura, 26. Phone (+34) 981 370 648

CÁMPING AS CABAZAS [3°C] [\[not on map\]](#)

Covas (San Martiño). Phone (+34) 981 365 706



How to get to Ferrol & maps

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*Ferrol is located in the northwest of Spain.
It is one of Galicia's most important cities.*

BY TRAIN

Estación de Tren de Ferrol (Ferrol railway station)

Avenida de Compostela s/n Phone (+34) 902 432 343

Long distance. Single daily train connection to Madrid (Trenhotel), sleeping car/ *courette*. Change train once to connect daily to trains to Barcelona, Hendaya and other important destinations in Spain. Phone (+34) 902 240 202 (reservations) www.renfe.es

Commuter trains Several daily train connections from Ferrol to other tourist destinations in the surrounding areas like Pontedeume, Betanzos, A Coruña. Change train in A Coruña for easy access to the rest of the major cities in Galicia, such as Santiago, Vilagarcía de Arousa, Pontevedra, Vigo (connections to Portugal) and Ourense. Phone (+34) 902 240 202 (reservations) www.renfe.es

Feve. The narrow-gauge railway crosses northern Spain parallel to the Bay of Biscay connecting Ferrol and Bilbao. Phone (+34) 981 370 401 www.feve.es

Transcantábrico. Luxury tourist train which crosses the north and north-west, the country's España Verde or Green Spain, from San Sebastián in the Basque Country to Santiago de Compostela passing through Ferrol. Available to groups on request (maximum 52 persons). www.transcantabrico.com

El Expreso de la Robla. Historical tourist train with all the comforts of a modern hotel which runs through the north of Spain. Available to groups on request (minimum 27, maximum 54 persons). www.elexpresodelarobla.com

BY CAR

Autopista del Atlántico (motorway AP 9, toll road)
Connects Ferrol, A Coruña, Santiago de Compostela, Pontevedra, Vigo, Tui and the Portuguese border.

Autovía Ferrol – Vilalba AG-64 (motorway)

Connects Ferrol and Vilalba to link up with motorways A-8 and A-6 with connections to the Bay of Biscay and Madrid respectively.

Autovía del Cantábrico A-8 (motorway)

Connects Galicia with Francia through Asturias, Cantabria and link to Ferrol in Vilalba.

Autovía del Noroeste A-6 (motorway)

Connects Galicia to the rest of Spain across the province of Lugo (link to Ferrol via motorway AP-9 in the surroundings of A Coruña or via motorway AG-64 Ferrol – Vilalba)

Autovía Rías Baixas A-52 (motorway)

Connects Galicia to the rest of Spain across the province of Ourense (link to Ferrol via motorway AP-9 in Vigo or via motorways AP-53/AG-53 in Santiago de Compostela).

BY PLANE

Galicia's three airports can be comfortably reached through the AP-9 motorway.

www.aena.es

Aeroporto A Coruña LCG ✈

[52 kilometres – 36 minutes] (+34) 981 187 200

Aeroporto Santiago de Compostela SCQ ✈

[93 kilometres – 1 hour] (+34) 981 547 500

Aeroporto Vigo VGO ✈

[178 kilometres – 1 hour 48 minutes] (+34) 986 268 200

BY COACH

Estación de Autobuses de Ferrol (Ferrol Bus Station)

Paseo de la Estación s/n

Long distance

- **Alsa (bus company)** Connections via A Coruña to Madrid, Gijón, Bilbao, Irún, Lugo, Ponferrada, Astorga, Benavente, Zamora, Salamanca, Cáceres, Seville, Cádiz, Algeciras, Portugal, Germany, Belgium, France, Switzerland. (+34) 902 42 22 42 (+34) 981 326 205 www.alsa.es

Destinations in Galicia

- **Castromil-Monbús (bus companies)** Main destinations: A Coruña, Santiago de Compostela, Vigo, Pontevedra, Vilagarcía de Arousa, Cambados, O Grove, A Toxa, Noia, Muros, Fisterra (Finisterre), Betanzos, Ourense, Narón, Valdoviño, Cedeira (+34) 981 314 063 www.monbus.es

- **Arriva Noroeste (bus company)** Main destinations: Pontedeume, Betanzos, A Coruña, Santiago de Compostela, Rías Baixas (Boiro, A Pobra do Caramiñal and Ribeira) (+34) 981 324 751 www.arriva.es



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* Complete official map of Ferrol
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