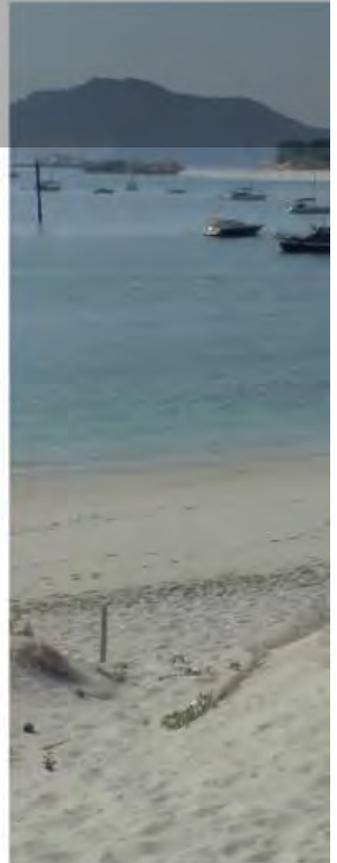




*What to see in Vigo: 7 unmissable ideas for  
your trip*

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## What to see in Vigo: ideas for making the most of your visit

Vigo is a city located on the Rias Baixas inlets in southern Galicia, some 25 miles from the border with Portugal. Full of **amazing places, landscapes, sounds, tastes, stories and smells**, one of Spain's loveliest cities awaits you.

If you haven't been there yet – or even if you're thinking of returning – why not take a look at our ideas for an enjoyable time in Vigo?

**Vigo's friendly people, its vibrancy and its magical atmosphere** means we know you'll enjoy your stay there. So get your camera and suitcase ready, because you'll be coming back with photos, souvenirs and plenty of great memories.

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## What to see in Vigo: 7 great ideas

Here are **some activities** you can try. But remember, this is just a taste of what to see in Vigo. So get ready to discover this great place – we know you're going to love it!

Mercado da Pedra



**RUÁ PEDRA**  
**rúa das ostras**

Compre as ostras en lo primeiro restaurante  
en cualquier restaurante de la zona.

Compre as ostras nos postos e restaurantes  
calquera restaurante da zona.

Compre as ostras nos arquitectos e  
restaurantes en cualquier restaurante de la zona.

Buy your oysters at the first restaurant  
in any restaurant of the area.

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## 1. Mercado Da Pedra

One of Vigo's must-see visits is its port and marina. And as everyone who comes to Vigo visits the port, the next place to head to on foot is the old stone market or **Mercado Da Pedra** nearby.

Why? Because this is where you can taste the very best locally caught delicacies, right on the street. How about trying the **oysters** sold by local women, as they offer their wares to passers-by? One of the things **Galicia is famous for** is its excellent food, and this is the ideal way to try it!

Old town



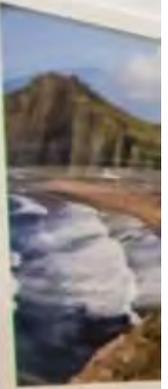
## 2. The old town

There's no better way to discover a city than by walking along its long avenues and down its **history-packed side streets**. Vigo's old town has plenty of stories and things to do. That's why we think it's an essential visit in all senses.

We're sure you'll love the **area's architecture**. From Praza la Princesa to the small fishing village of O Berbés, every building has a story to tell.

But you'll only get a real taste for the city when you try its food. A **foodie walking tour of Vigo in small groups, getting to know the city's history, food and wine** is the best option in this regard, as a walkabout with **experts** will let you make the most of the old town.

MARCO Vigo



### 3. MARCO Vigo

If you're an art lover trying to decide what to see in Vigo, MARCO is the museum for you. This contemporary art museum has **top quality exhibitions** and provides visitors with access to a range of different kinds of activities.

But it's not just what's inside that's important. The building itself also plays a key role in the city's history, making it an essential stop on your list of what to see in Vigo. Previously **a prison**, the MARCO building is striking because it was designed in a such a way that **all the cells could be seen from the guard's post.**

Known as a **panopticon**, this design format was introduced by philosopher Jeremy Bentham in the 18th century to help prison guards with their work. **As you stand in this open space, contemplating the building's history**, the location will provide you with a unique memory to take home with you.

Monte O Castro



## 4. Monte O Castro and archaeological site

The history lesson continues as you wander around Vigo. A walk up **Monte O Castro** will bring you to an **archaeological site** that goes back to the **2nd and 3rd centuries**, when people settled in these hill forts and **founded what would become the city of Vigo.**

The site shows **the buildings** that would have stood there during that time, along with ruins from the original constructions. So if you're asked about what to see in Vigo, **there's no better answer than the city's very beginnings.**

If you follow the path around Monte O Castro, you can also enjoy beautiful **gardens** and a spectacular **vantage point**. From there, visitors will see the breathtaking sight of the estuary – Vigo's natural treasure – without having to leave the city.

# Fortress of Saint Sebastian



## 5. Fortress of Saint Sebastian

Although Vigo holds a special place in Spain's collective memory as a town of fishermen, it has also been **a place of battles**. Our next recommendation for what to see in Vigo – the **Fortress of Saint Sebastian** – is proof of that.

During the Restoration War in the 17th century, in which Portugal fought for independence from the Spanish monarchy, the fortress was built to **defend the city from attacks** by its neighbors. And it's no surprise, because the border is just 23 miles away!

Visiting this 17th-century fortress **gives us the chance to imagine life** in the city at the time, providing visitors with a glimpse of **another episode in Vigo's long and interesting history**.

Rande Bridge



## 6. Rande Bridge

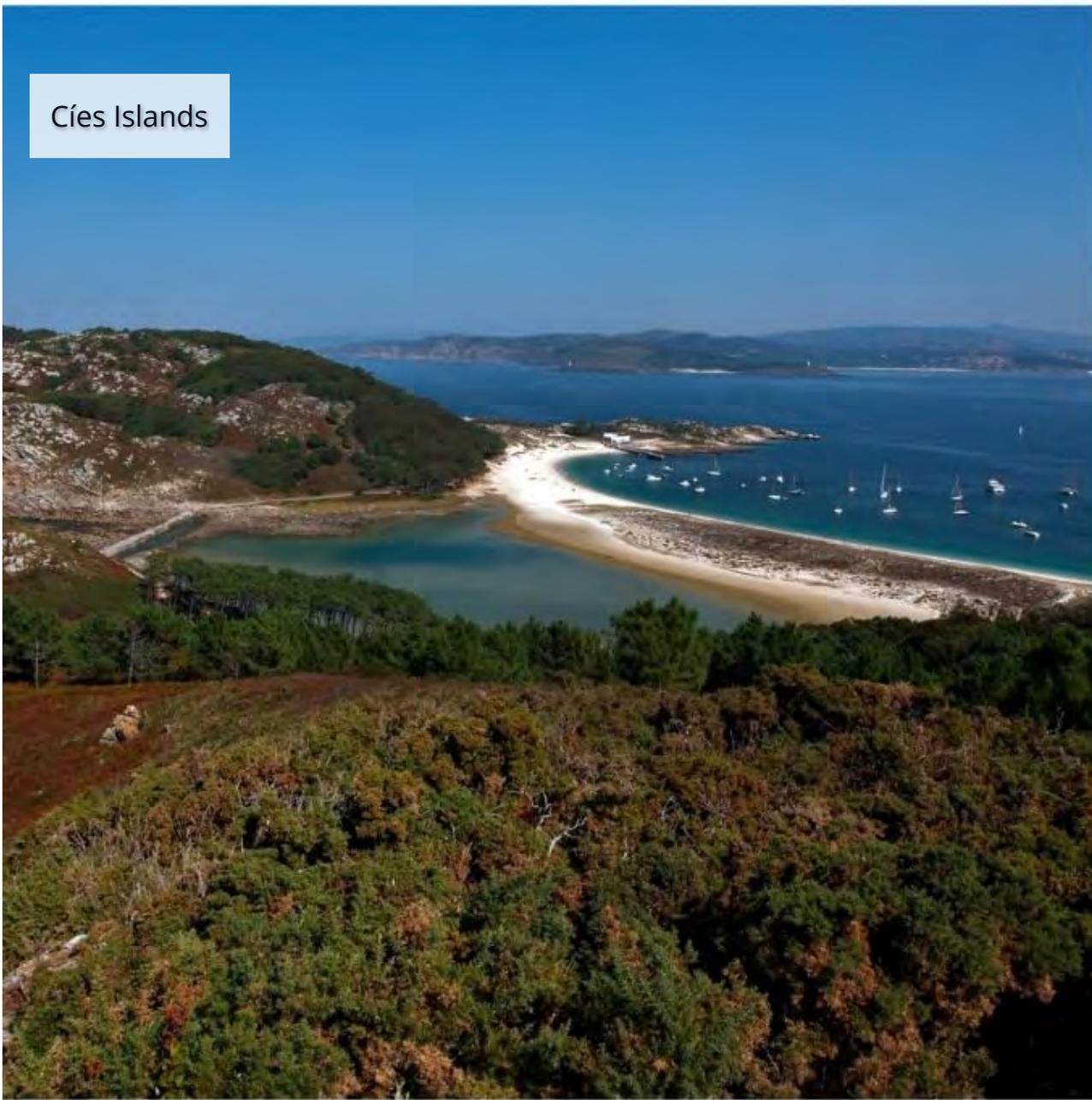
If you want some more spectacular photos for your collection, the sight of **Rande Bridge** spanning the estuary is a must when thinking about what to see in Vigo.

Just under 6 miles from the city, you'll get some amazing views on your trip to see this **unique and beautiful** piece of architecture.

Another place you might like is the **Campo da Rata in Redondela**, some 10 miles from Vigo. Back in 2015, a bench was placed in the town looking out over some spectacular views. It quickly became a candidate for the title of "**best bench in the world**" and became a viral phenomenon as people flocked to take photos from there. So why not take the opportunity to capture this magical place with your own camera too?

You can cross this bridge by car to the **O Morrazo Peninsula** and explore the fishing village of **Cangas with a Coastal trail you can walk along and taste the local seafood**. Another way to cross the bay of Vigo would be by ferry boat, then take a walk to the fish market to see the daily catch, **even learn from a Galician Chef how to cook** the amazing seafood dishes of this region.

Cíes Islands



## 7. Cíes Islands

Last but not least, you must visit the Cíes islands. We've already mentioned this **natural paradise** in other posts, but we will never tire of recommending its **stunning sandy beaches and clear blue waters**.

A **tour of the Cíes Islands and Cangas**, enjoying **authentic regional dishes with the very best wine from the area**, is therefore a must-see. And just as your eyes will love the stunning vistas, your taste buds will love our unique pairings.

We know that once you visit Vigo, you'll want to find out more about the wider region. So you why not take a look at **the [eatourspecialist.com](https://eatourspecialist.com) tours of Galicia in 2020**, specially designed for enjoying the **region's history, anecdotes, hidden corners, food and wine with our experts**.

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