

# Albarino Wine Tasting and Celtic Sites of the Salnes Valley Rias Baixas



☆☆☆☆☆  
0 User Reviews

Full Day  
(Duration: 9hrs to 10hrs. approx.)

Santiago de Compostela

Price from: 165.00 euros

On this wine tour from Santiago follow down the coastline. Pass through small fishing villages making a stop at the remains of a breathtaking Celtic Hill-fort and not forgetting to enjoy a gourmet seafood lunch with Albariño wines...

### Highlights

- Visit heritage sites: **Baroña Celtic fort**, Dolmen of Axeitos, etc...
- **Seafood** lunch at Corrubedo port
- **Wine tasting** in the O Salnes sub-zone, **D.O. Rias Baixas**
- **Cambados**, the Capital of **Albariño wine country**

## General Overview

**Country:** Spain  
**Region:** Galicia  
**City:** Santiago de Compostela  
**Duration:** Full Day (Duration: 9hrs to 10hrs. approx.)

**Type:** Full Day Tour Private  
**Theme:** Food, Wine Tours and Cultural Adventures  
**Group Size:** 1 - 18 People  
**Price from:** 165 €

## Introduction

On this **guided tour** along the **Upper Rias Baixas coastline** you will visit a wide variety of sights including passing through small fishing villages making a stop at the remains of the breathtaking Celtic Hill-fort at **Baroña** standing on its own peninsula jutting out into the Atlantic Ocean. We will enjoy a gourmet seafood lunch with **Albariño** wines in a quaint restaurant overlooking the sea at **Corrubedo**. Then we reach the Heart of Albariño wine country, the **valley of O Salnes**, which is one of the sub-zones of the **D.O. Rias Baixas** wine region. After a quick stop to admire the **Towers of Catoira**, we will make a special visit to a winery, **Bodega Pazo Baion**, located inside a Galician Pazo (Manor house) followed by a trip to the village of **Cambados**, the capital of Albariño wine country.

Your **Food, Wine & Expert Guide** will meet you at the starting point in Santiago. An excellent option for those who would like an active day with plenty of stops along with a good lunch and learning about ancient Celtic and viking heritage, the local seafood and albariño wines of the region.

Here are some of the amazing stops on our tour:

1. **BAROÑA** : Our first stop is the Celtic Hilltop settlement of Baroña near Porto do Son. There's an incredible, short walk from the car park to this ancient, rugged and exposed Celtic settlement which rises out of the wild Atlantic Ocean. This Castro was a fortified village which dates back to the Iron Age probably the first century BC.

2. **CORRUBEDO** : Then it's on to Corrubedo where we stop to admire the mysterious, Dolmen of Axeitos. A Dolmen is a Megalithic single chamber tomb also adapted and used by the Celts. Inside the Dolmens the Celts buried their warriors and Chieftains with all their arms, jewels etc. Having worked up a nice appetite it's time to stop for lunch, a seafood extravaganza washed down with the local albariño white wines. Before saying goodbye we will take a look at the amazing, dune formations in the natural park of Corrubedo and the lakes of Carregal and Vixán, comprising of a group of forests, fields, lakes, mudflats, rivers, beaches and dunes over which there is a wide diversity of flora and fauna. More than 200 vegetal varieties grow and 35 species of water birds live there. The dunes reach a length of 1 kilometre and 250 metres wide, with a medium height of 13 metres.

3. **CATOIRA** : Then it's on to the Salnes area with a stop at Catoira's Torres de Oeste (Western Towers). They are the remains of 17th century defence towers which were built by the Archbishop Gelmirez to protect from Viking invasion up the River Ulla to Santiago. Every August there is the Festa Vikinga (Viking Festival) when thousands of people attend dressed like Vikings dancing about with their horns on, and a big pitcher of wine in hand. They re-enact Catoira's Viking attack and sail in with the replica Viking Drakkar ship that was built in Catoria with the real designs of an ancient Viking ship provided by the Roskilde Viking Ship Museum in Denmark, who come to join in the Festival every year.

4. **CAMBADOS** : Our next stop is at the winery Pazo de Baion which is in the O Salnes sub-zone of the D.O. Rias Baixas. This Manor house dates back to the 15th century and more recently was owned by a drug dealer! This by Galician standards is a large 75 acre wine estate with older wines which produce an excellent albariño wine. After that it's on to the charming village of Cambados, the Capital of Albariño wine country. At its heart lies Fefiñáns Square with the impressive Fefiñáns Palace but referred to as the noble stately home of the Figueroa family, with several shields and original balconies in the tower, and the neo-classical church of San Bieito. There are a wide variety of manors and stately homes, spread on streets and narrow squares: the house of the Fajardo's or Salgado's, the big house of the Couto's or the Royal Hospital, without forgetting the Tourism National Parador of Albariño, rebuilt on the remains of the old stately home of Bazán, from the 17th century. In this Plaza every July the Festa del vino Albarino (Albarino wine festival) is held. It's one of the best-attended gastronomic festivals in Galicia, with over 150,000 people. The festival consists of wine tasting and sales of the prestigious Albariño wines from the different sub-zones of the Rias Baixas. We will make a quick visit at the Wine Museum which is all about the history of albariño.

A Taster of the Upper Rias Baixas and the gastronomy of Galicia.

## DAY 1:

### SANTIAGO - BAROÑA - CORRUBEDO - CATOIRA - CAMBADOS - SANTIAGO

- Departure from Santiago
- Follow down the **Upper Rias Baixas** coastline passing by many small fishing villages
- Visit the **Celtic Hill-fort of Castro de Baroña**
- Visit the ancient **Dolmen of Axeitos**
- Lunch in a restaurant in the village of **Corrubedo** with **excellent views** of the coast and **delicious fresh seafood & Albariño white wines**
- We will pass by and see from a distance the **Dunes of Corrubedo**, a nature beach park with large sand dunes, wild flora & fauna
- Entering into the **Rias Baixas of O Salnes**, we see from the bridge when passing the remains of the **17th century defense towers** in **Catoria**
- Visit **Bodega Pazo Baion**, an Albariño winery located in the **O Salnes** sub-zone of the **Denomination of Origin Rias Baixas**
- Then we visit **Cambados** village, the **heart of Albariño wine country**
- Walk around the **Plaza de Fefiñanes** and quaint streets of this noble village.
- Return to Santiago by highway.

L

### END OF TOUR SERVICES

#### Included

- Transportation in fully-equipped vehicle which changes depending on group size (See **Transportation** section)
- Professional Driver
- English-Speaking Food & Wine guide specializing in Galicia
- (L) 3 course gourmet lunch including seafood, Albariño wine, coffee, dessert...
- Entrance fees to sites when with guide
- Selected winery tour & tasting.
- Local Taxes

#### Excluded

- Transfers not specified in the itinerary
- Entrance fees not specified in the itinerary
- Beverages not specified in selected meals
- Meals not specified in itinerary
- Personal & Travel Insurance
- Tip and Gratuities to Driver and Guide (Not mandatory but given if you have a good time!)

#### Pick up

- Santiago city hotels
- Santiago airport
- Santiago train station
- Other locations for pick up available on request

#### Drop off

- Santiago city hotels
- Santiago airport
- Santiago train station
- Other locations for drop off available on request

## Cancellation policy

- Up to 48 hrs before: **Fully Refundable**
- Under 48 hrs : **100% Non-Refundable**

## Transport

- Mercedes Benz Viano or Vito Minivan (1 to 7 People)
- Mercedes Sprinter Minibus or Bus (8 to 20+ seater)

NOTE: Or similar type vehicles in the same class as mentioned above.

## Map

