

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS



➤ **Conference hotel**

The Seventeenth Session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Fish Trade will be held in the four star [Hotel Bahía de Vigo](#), which is located at the famous *Casco Vello*, alongside the port of Vigo.

Hotel Bahía de Vigo
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➤ **Accommodation in Vigo**

Delegates are invited to book rooms in the [Hotel Bahía de Vigo](#). Other hotels nearby are the [AC Hotel Palacio Universal](#), located a few minutes walk (0.1km) from Hotel Bahía de Vigo, and the [NH Collection Vigo Hotel](#), located 15 minutes walk (0.9 km) from the Hotel Bahía de Vigo.

Please note that there will be no organized transport between the hotels. Proper clothing (see *Travel Information*) is strongly advised in case of rain and/or cold wind.

Hotel Bahía de Vigo

Delegates will be entitled to a reduced rate of EUR 68.58 for a single room, and EUR 77.76 for a double room, both with buffet breakfast included.

To take advantage of the special rate, please send an email or telephone the hotel **before 10th November** and mention your participation in the 17th Session of the COFI Sub-committee on Fish Trade. A credit card number will be necessary in order to guarantee your booking.

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AC Hotel Palacio Universal

Rates vary from EUR 100 to EUR 120 per night including buffet breakfast and free internet.

NH Collection Vigo Hotel

Rates vary from EUR 100 to EUR 120 per night including buffet breakfast and free internet. The hotel also offers airport transfer.

➤ General information

Climate in Vigo

The weather in Vigo may change many times during a day; sunshine with a blue sky may quickly turn into rain and wind. Average temperatures in Vigo in November vary between 10°C to 16°C. If windy and rainy, the felt temperature is substantially colder. Waterproof and warm clothing and footwear are recommended.

Vigo Airport

The Airport of Vigo is only 20 minutes from the city centre. Flying is the fastest option to reach Vigo from Madrid, Barcelona, Bilbao, Valencia, Mallorca, Dublin, Milan, Edinburgh, Bologna, Paris, London and Lisbon, since these cities have direct flights to Vigo. Once you have landed, you can take a taxi or bus to the city centre.

Airport transfer to city centre

The intercity bus line (L9A) will take you to the city centre which is less than 15 minutes walking distance from the Hotel Bahía de Vigo. The travel time from the airport to the city centre is about 30 minutes. The price for a one-way ticket is EUR 1.35 and buses run every 30 minutes from the airport.

Vigo taxis are safe and swift - you can call for a taxi by phone and it arrives within 5 minutes. The minimum fare is around EUR 3.65. A taxi from the airport to the city centre has a fixed rate of EUR 22.30. The taxi company is RADIO TAXI and the telephone number is +34 986470000.

City buses in Vigo

You will find buses everywhere. You can buy the ticket on the bus and it costs EUR 1.35. Information about lines and routes is available at VITRASA: <http://www.vitrasa.es/renovaciones>

Currency

Spanish currency is EURO (EUR, €), the official currency of 19 Member States of the European Union. Cash points are located at Vigo Airport and numerous places in the city centre. Exchange rates may vary but, approximately, the following applies:

EUR 1= USD 1.1

EUR 1= GBP 0.87

Customs and regulations

The documentation required to travel to Spain varies according to the country of origin. If you are a citizen of an EU country, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Lichtenstein, you will need a valid passport or ID card. Information about entry requirements and procedures is available at the following web portal <https://www.spain.info/en/informacion-practica/consejos-viaje/consejos-practicos/requisitos/>

➤ Pre/post-session suggestions

The Old Town of Vigo

Vigo breathes from the Old Town. This charismatic neighbourhood is a small village in the centre of a bustling, industrial city. A rehabilitation process, still underway, has allowed neighbourhood life to gradually flourish in this beautiful area of streets and paths that meander towards the sea. Today, new shops and stores are opening in streets like *Palma*, *Oliva* or *Calle Real*, which links *O Berbés* with the Church of *Santa Maria*.

From the impressive and ever-lively *Praza da Constitución* square, to the banks of the *Berbés*, the *A Pedra Market* or the *Praza da Pescadería* square, where you can taste the city's famous oysters, we guarantee the *Casco Vello* is well worth a few strolls. Furthermore, it is the best dining area of the city, being the perfect place for savouring the best fish and seafood in Spain.

Atlantic Islands National Park

The Cíes Islands, located in the Vigo Estuary and part of *the Parque Nacional Illas Atlánticas* (Atlantic Islands National Park), are a paradise of white sand beaches and clear waters. This is a stunning natural environment where you can enjoy hiking, diving, anchoring your boat or simply strolling by the sea.

Information about visiting Atlantic Islands National Park is available at <https://www.parquenacionalillasatlanticas.com/index.php?lang=es>

Samil Beach

Samil is the most famous beach of Vigo for families and the largest in the city. It is more than half a mile long and 50 feet wide. It is the liveliest beach all year round due to the added facilities like three pools, basketball courts, a skating rink, free parking, restaurants, cafes, green areas. As soon as the sun rises, the beach comes to life, and this happens often because Vigo's mild winters have plenty of sunny afternoons. This beach is also very close to the centre, and public transport will take you there in no time with urban bus lines L10 and C15.

➤ The city of Vigo

Vigo is a city and municipality adjoining the Atlantic Ocean in the province of Pontevedra in Galicia, northwest Spain. It is the most populous municipality of Galicia, the 14th in Spain, and the most populous Spanish municipality that is not a provincial capital. It has an area of 109.06 km² and a population of 200,000.

The city is located in the southwest of Galicia, in the southern part of the Vigo Bay, one of Europe's rainiest areas. In the northeast, it borders the municipality of Redondela; in the east, Mos; in the south, O Porriño and Gondomar; and in the southwest, Nigrán. On the other side of its bay are the municipalities of Cangas and Moaña. They are all part of the southern Galician region called *Rías Baixas*.

Brief history

In the Middle Age, the small village of Vigo was part of the territory of Galician-speaking neighbouring towns, and suffered several Viking attacks. However, its number of inhabitants was so small that, historically, it was not considered a real village until around the 15th century, when the earliest records began.

In the 16th and 17th centuries, the city was attacked several times. In 1585 and 1589, during an unsuccessful attack by the English counter-Armada, Francis Drake raided the city and temporarily occupied it, burning many buildings. Several decades later a Turkish fleet tried to attack the city. As a result, the city's walls were built in 1656 in the reign of Philip IV of Spain. They are still partially preserved.

In 1702, the Battle of Vigo Bay occurred, and in 1719, because a Spanish fleet which departed from Vigo attempted to invade Scotland in support of the Jacobites, the city was occupied for ten days by a British force. In 1808, the French Army annexed Spain to the Napoleonic Empire, although Vigo remained unconquered until January, 1809. Vigo was also the first city of Galicia to be freed from French rule, in what is annually celebrated on March 28 as the *Reconquista*. In 1833, the city of Pontevedra was designated the provincial capital.

Vigo grew very rapidly in the 19th and 20th centuries. Continuous urban-planning changes left Vigo less structured than other Galician cities such as Pontevedra and A Coruña.

Tourist information

Information about what Vigo can offer is to a large extent available on internet. The following web pages offer detailed information in English about tours, what-to-see, restaurants to go to, etc. Please check.

https://www.turismo.gal/que-visitar/cidades/vigo?langId=en_US

<http://www.turismodevigo.org/en>