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1. WELCOME TO THE HIGHER CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC OF VIGO

It was a long time ago, in 1956, that the Conservatory of Vigo began its journey in the city centre. It is from the current facilities in an almost idyllic place where in 1956 there were but fields, that, like fog on a cold and humid winter morning, from between the walls of this enigmatic building, music flows down the hills of the Castro.

The history of this Conservatory is also the history of a surprisingly vital Vigo: city of energy, diverse and always in motion, which makes it one of the most dynamic cities in Galicia. The Conservatory has always been part of this vitality of the city driven by industrial and economical development, first with just a handful of teacher, but slowly growing into the center for higher education it is now, with 68 highly specialized teachers and 350 students from all parts of Galicia, Spain, Europe and America. It's impossible imagining the cultural history of Vigo without the Higher Conservatory of Music, in terms of education and artistic production, both of which we hope to continue expanding in the future.

At an international level we are currently the Higher Conservatory with the biggest European projection in Spain, as evidenced by the number of mobilities, both incoming and outgoing, in 2019, which led to the recognition of the CSM of Vigo with a distinction for «good practices» within the Erasmus+ program by the SEPIE. Vigo is mentioned in the halls of the Belgrade Music Academy, in Sarajevo, NMAU in Kyiv and Kharkiv Koliaretsky Faculty in Ukraine and even in China. Professors from Italy, Austria and the Netherlands, among others, demand to visit Vigo, which means a commitment is needed from our side, to keep up this line of work, one of the fundamental pillars of the Conservatory's image within and outside the walls that welcome us.

And therefore, to face this new stage successfully, we need and want to count on the collaboration of all the institutions that support us, and also of those with whom we share the same educational space. The Conservatory is not just for those working in it, be it teachers, staff or students. It is a global institution, where everyone has a place.

2. VIGO

Vigo is the largest city in Galicia and you can discover the heart of the Rías Baixas: its light, mild climate, cuisine, culture and amazing landscape.

This **marine city** with a tireless and enterprising spirit combines its vibrant urban life with one of the most beautiful landscapes in Galicia: the Cíes Islands are a real must for all those travelling to the north of Spain, as a couple, with friends or the whole family. This is the ideal destination for nature lovers in southern Galicia; come to the heart of the Vigo estuary, a place with fabulous beaches, as well as a diverse nightlife, culture, shopping and entertainment offer for everyone... and every budget.

Vigo is designed for those seeking a wide selection of options: Galician cuisine, nature, sailing, beaches, leisure and the liveliest nightlife in Galicia.

Vigo is full of surprises. It's one of the essential urban tourism destinations in northern Spain and the largest city in Galicia. The best thing about a holiday in Vigo is the vast selection of leisure services and options at your disposal. In addition to its wonderful natural environment, the famous Vigo beaches and the Cies Islands, you'll discover a genuine industrial, dynamic, entrepreneurial and trend-setting city.

Vigo is a city with character that combines tradition and innovation in its particular idiosyncrasy, offering a wide range of possibilities. You can dive into the streets of Old Town Vigo or spend a morning shopping, browsing the weekly outdoor markets set up in the neighbourhoods. Other options are hiking a nature trail in the heart of the city, in monte de O Castro, discovering a spectacular campus, enjoying a first division football match or discovering a historic industry dedicated to fishing, the motor world and innovation.

In short, you have come to a unique city bursting with life. But be sure to leave all stereotypes behind... because Vigo is different from any other city.

There's a belt of forest parks surrounding the city that makes it ideal for hiking and biking routes. You'll be amazed by the views of the Vigo Estuary, seen from the highest points of our mountains. You'll find fountains, rivers, streams, and even reservoirs for the fishing season. They all flow into our beaches, where you can surf, windsurf or kite surf; even in the centre, you can immerse yourself in nature by climbing the O Castro Mountain and jogging or practicing athletics in Castrelos Park.

Have you still not visited the **beaches** of Vigo? They are one of the city's biggest attractions. The beaches of the Vigo Estuary will surprise you: they're not like other unattractive, uncomfortable and very crowded urban beaches. 10 minutes from the centre of Vigo, its beaches have fine white sand, clear waters and for everyone's liking: family beaches, wild coves, sandy beaches with waves for water sports and nude beaches.

In some areas of Vigo, you can walk from beach to beach along the waterfront. For example, from O Adro beach in Bouzas until the end of the long Samil beach; Vigo has miles and miles of paths to walk by the sea. In 2021, 10 of Vigo's beaches have been awarded the Blue Flag for water quality, environmental education and information, environmental management and safety, services and facilities.

We prepared a wide selection of Vigo's beaches for you. Read all about them in the Vigo Town Council Webpage.

You can also discover the gorgeous and wild beaches in Cíes, which are part of the 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 (<https://www.turismodevigo.org/en/cies-islands>).

Cultural tourism in Vigo is one of the city's great attractions. Vigo breathes culture and modernity, offering travellers the widest range of leisure options in Galicia: from shows, musicals and theatre to contemporary art exhibits, like the ones in MARCO or the great revisions of the classics in the Afundacion Cultural Centre exhibit room.

But Vigo is much more. Vigo is counterculture, the birthplace of the independent, underground scene in Galicia, as would be expected from the city that started the Movida movement in the 80s alongside Madrid.

This is where you'll find the best musical offer in Galicia, in the city's concert venues and their varied programmes. You can also enjoy Vigo's music festivals, mandatory annual events for all tastes, from the classical music season to the latest indie sounds. Check Vigo's cultural agenda to see what you can attend during your visit.

And if you're looking for a truly authentic cultural trip to Vigo, take the opportunity to discover the local popular celebrations: The Reconquista, San Roque and Los Mayos are great examples of our rich Galician cultural tradition and folklore.

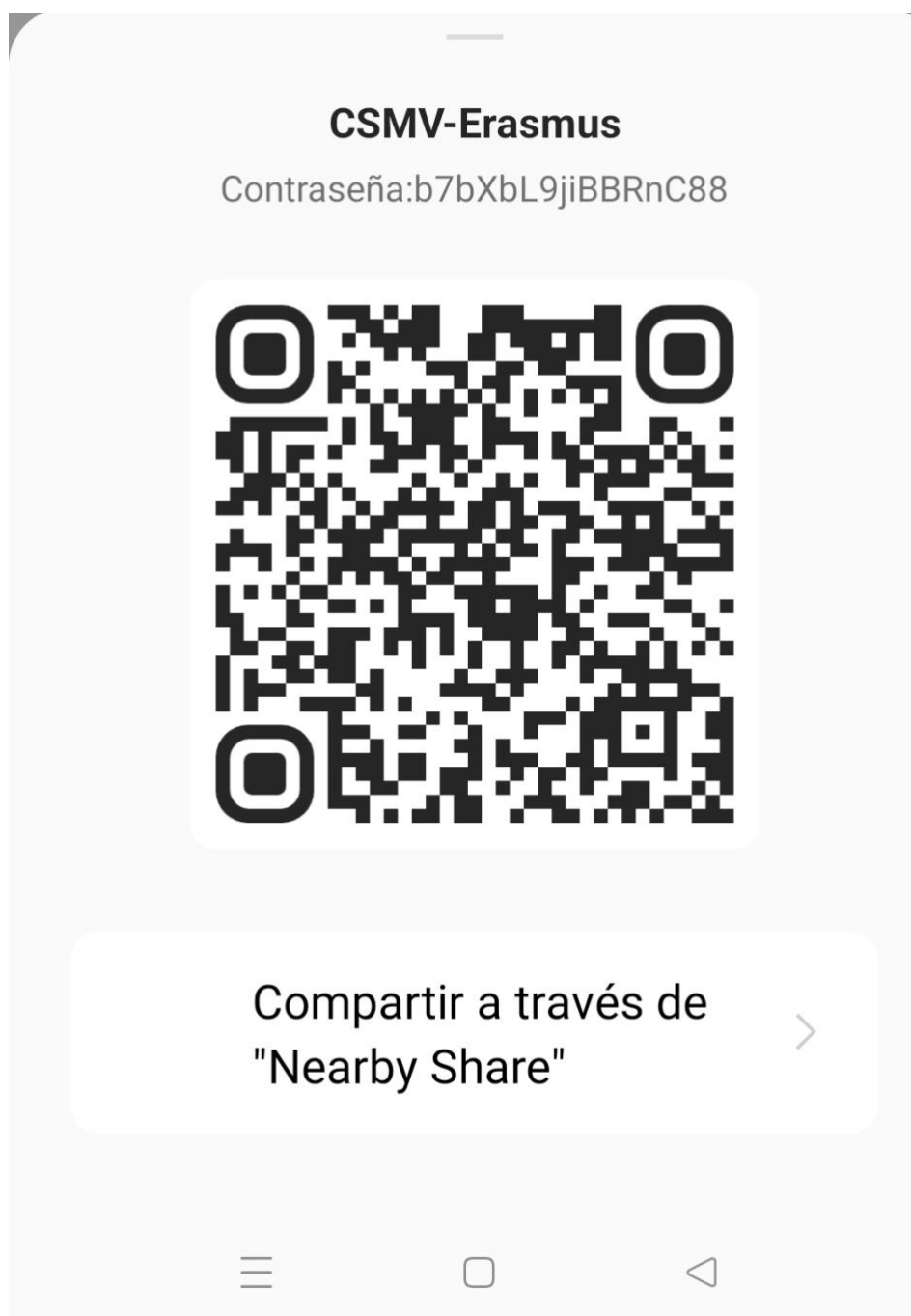
Going out in Vigo is an essential experience for anyone visiting the city. It's no exaggeration to say that Vigo is Galicia's nightlife capital and one of the most cosmopolitan cities in northern Spain; it has nightlife routes for everyone, for every budget and for all ages. Closing times are also not a problem: you can go out at night in Vigo, enjoy the sunrise... and then start over again (<https://www.turismodevigo.org/en/vigos-nightlife>).

3. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

3.1. WI-FI

There is a specific Erasmus+ students WIFI connection. To connect, just scan the QR below.

PASSWORD: b7bXbL9jiBBRnC88



3.2. Your @csmvigo.com account

Each student will have an email account for all communications related to the CSMVigo, necessary for any administrative functionality: forms, virtual classroom, Agueiro, library, etc.)

Students will receive in the last week of August or 1st of September an email from the CSMVIGO Google Workspace administrator similar to the one below.

Please, click on login (blue button) and follow the instructions to activate your account.



Te damos la bienvenida a tu nueva cuenta de Google de CSMVigo

Hola:

Tienes una nueva cuenta de Google en la organización CSMVigo.

Inicia sesión en tu cuenta de Google para acceder a los servicios que se ofrecen en tu organización. Si la organización tiene Google Workspace, los servicios de Google pueden incluir versiones para empresa de Google Drive, Gmail y otros servicios de Google que puedes utilizar para colaborar con tu equipo.

Tu nombre de usuario: [\[redacted\]@csmvigo.com](#)

Contraseña: haz clic en el enlace **Iniciar sesión** que aparece más abajo para definir tu contraseña e iniciar sesión. Para proteger tu cuenta, sigue [estas directrices sobre contraseñas](#).

Iniciar sesión

Para proteger tu seguridad, el enlace de cambio de contraseña caduca a las 48 horas. Transcurrido este tiempo, ponte en contacto con tu [administrador](#) para obtener otra contraseña.

Saludos,
El equipo de Google Workspace



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Te hemos enviado este anuncio de servicio por correo electrónico obligatorio para

3.3. AULA VIRTUAL CSMVigo

Once the -----@csmvigo.com account has been activated, you will receive a username and password to access the centre's virtual classroom
<https://www.edu.xunta.gal/centros/cmusvigo/aulavirtual/>.

3.4. How to book a room for practicing

The virtual booking rooms system is going to be updated. Therefore is "Out of service". When you need a room to practice, please follow the next instructions

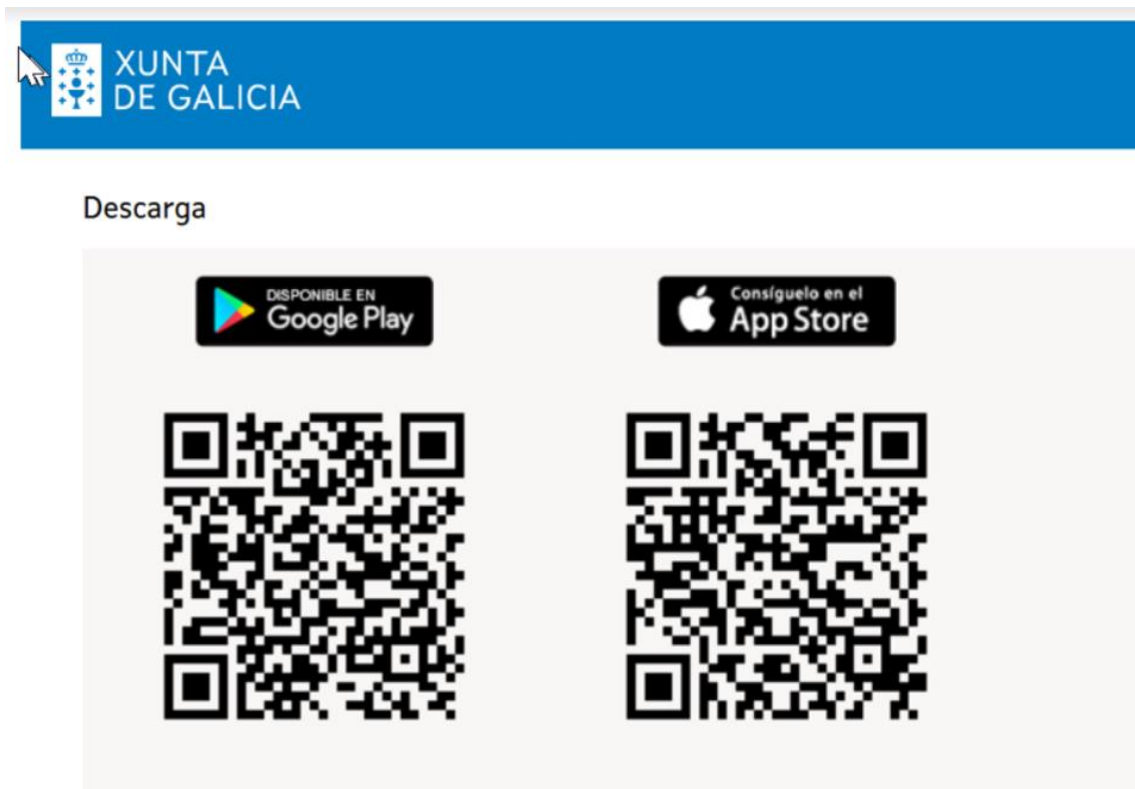
PLEASE NOTE:

1. The practice rooms can be used for shifts of 2 h.
2. Please go to the concierge desk and ask for a free practice room.
3. Our staff will give you a key of the available rooms to practice.
4. You can extend the practicing time if it is not required by another student
5. Do not forget to return the key to the concierge desk after ending your shift.

3.5. How to check your grades

The platform to check the grades and scores will be through the “**abalarMóbil**” **application**. *It is compulsory to have a Spanish Mobile Phone Number that has to be provided to our administration at arrival at the enrolling procedure.*

https://www.xunta.gal/aplicacions-mobiles?content=appmobil_0006.html&langId=es_ES



3.6. How to apply for a student card

Conservatory student cards are made in the library. To do so, you must send an email to the librarian and make an appointment with her (biblioteca@csmvigo.com).

3.7. How to apply online for a Vigo student card for urban buses (PassVigo)

You can request online the student card for urban transport (bus) in Vigo in very simple steps.

It is important that you keep in mind that you can only request the student card. The university card is only for students of the University of Vigo. The conservatory is independent from the University of Vigo. It is the university itself that subsidizes the pass to its students. Only its students. Not to any student of another university or educational center.

Therefore, you have to request the student card (“Tarxeta de estudante”).

For this, the documentation you need is:

- DNI or equivalent valid identification document (passport or national identity document)
- 1 passport-size photograph
- Certificado de matriculación: Enrollment certificate issued by the Conservatory during this course (documentation to request at the conservatory) or Student Card.

The steps are very simple.

1. Enter website:

<https://passvigo.vigo.org/>

2. Cover all requested data (*)

3. Send or attach all the necessary documentation (indicated above).

4. You will receive your PassVigo Card at your address.

Tutorial:

<https://www.vitrasa.es/>

3.8. HEALTH CARE & Emergency Care instructions

1. European students.

If you come from a UE country, you should have an European Health Care Card.

At arrival, please follow the next steps:

- Go to the Health Care office closer to your address in Vigo to register in the Spanish Health Care System and apply for a Generalist Doctor in Vigo. (See here the list: (<https://www.sergas.es/bucen/listado-centros-saude?pro=36&dpro=PONTEVEDRA&con=057&dcon=VIGO&idioma=es>))
- The allocated Generalist Doctor is the one who will provide basic assistance when you feel sick and can prescribe you medicines or send you to a specialist for further care or Xradio diagnostics and similar.

- Once you have a doctor assigned for minor illnesses, you have to make an appointment at your Health Center. You can do it in person or with the SERGAS app.

2. **No European Students:** If you come from a non EU country, you should:

- 1. Either having a student VISA if your stay is longer than 3 months, or
- 2. Having a normal travel permission limited to 3 months

→ **1. YOU HAVE A STUDENT VISA:**

- 1) You should apply for a temporary European Health Care Card, or
- 2) Use the Health Care Services offered by your Health Insurance.

1. To apply for a temporary European Health Care Card, please go with your NIE (*all Students having a VISA get a NIE - Identity Foreigners Number on their VISA*) to the Health Care office closer to your address in Vigo to apply for it. The office will assign a Generalist Doctor in Vigo. (See here the list: ([https:// www.sergas.es/bucen/listado-centros-saude?pro=36&dpro=PONTEVEDRA&con=057&dcon=VIGO&idioma=es](https://www.sergas.es/bucen/listado-centros-saude?pro=36&dpro=PONTEVEDRA&con=057&dcon=VIGO&idioma=es))). Once you have a doctor assigned for minor illnesses, you have to make an appointment at your Health Center. You can do it in person or with the SERGAS app.

2. To use your Insurance Health Care Services, you have to call them to inform them about the problem and ask for visiting a specialist. The Insurance will inform you about the one you can visit. For a visit, you have to make an appointment and go to their clinic with your Insurance Card.

→ **2. YOU DON'T HAVE A STUDENT VISA:**

- 1) You should apply for a NIE at the Foreign Police Office (Rúa Álvaro Cunqueiro, 6) at arrival. You need to book first an appointment online and bring a confirmation letter certifying that you are student at the CSMVIGO, your Passport and 2 fotos)
- 2) After getting the NIE you should go to the Health Care office closer to your address in Vigo to apply for a temporary Health Care Card

HEALTH EMERGENCIES: For emergencies, if it is during the day, you can:

- go to your health center for non-serious emergencies or
- go to the PAC (Primary Assistance Center) in Vigo (Rúa de Pizarro, 22, 36204 Vigo, Pontevedra). The PAC is open from 8 a.m. to midnight.

Outside these hours, or for serious emergencies, you have to go to the Hospital "Álvaro Cunqueiro Hospital" (Estrada de Clara Campoamor, 341, 36213 Vigo, Pontevedra)

To arrive there, the easiest way is by Taxi (+34 986 470 000)

To prevent language barriers, it is possible to order a taxi using Whatsapp. Just text a WhatsApp message to the number +34 647 470 047 indicating your location. The switchboard will send a taxi to the mentioned.

For serious illness, please call the Vigo emergency phone number 112 (available in several languages). They will answer you and will send an ambulance if necessary.

For any question or query, do not hesitate to contact us at <international@csmvigo.com> or at <erasmus@csmvigo.com>

3.9. How to use the Student's Photocopier:

1. The virtual card for the photocopier (6 €) can be requested at the reception desk.
2. You must send a photo/capture of the proof of purchase to tic2@csmvigo.com, and as soon as possible you will be sent by email the card/user number and the code that will allow you to make up to 150 copies in the photocopier as follows:
 - Manually (standard photocopying).
 - Using a USB connected directly to the machine.
 - Using a PC connected to the photocopier.

3.10. Costs of Living

The costs of living in Vigo is not so high in comparison with other European cities.

Urban bus: 1,40 euro

Cinema: 7 € (special price on Wednesday = 5€)

Room in a shared flat: 200-300 €

Coffee: 1,20-1,80 €

Food: 10-16 € (set menu)

3.11. Daily life in Vigo

Spanish International phone prefix: +34

Opening hours:

Supermarkets: Carrefour, Alcampo, A Laxe,.. – From 10 to 22 hours.

Shops and other supermarkets – From 9 to 14 and from 17 to 20 hours.

Public services: post office, health care, etc. – From 9:00 to 14:00 hours.

Banks: generally – from 8:00 to 14:00 hours, with some variations according to the time of the week and the specific branch.

Meal hours:

- Breakfast is taken in the morning up till 12:00 approximately.
- The main meal takes place from 13:00 to 14:00 in the afternoon.
- Dinner is taken between 20:00 and 22:00 in the evening.

Tapas & pinchos:

It is quite typical to drink beer with tapas included in the price. People usually accompany the tapas with rations as an informal dinner. It consists of warm and cold portions of delicious dishes.

Gastronomy: In Galicia there are many delicious dishes

Caldo Gallego (specially in Winter)

Seafood.

A large variety of white wines are recommended to taste: Albariño, Ribeiro or Mencía (red wine)

Popular events, “fiestas”

Most villages, towns and the capital of the province would celebrate a fiesta for a few days, usually in honor of their patron saint. There are activities such as popular dancing, eating typical dishes, celtic music, children plays and competitions, attractions for children and adults and open air bars serving tapas. More detailed information can be found in the following link: www.turismodevigo.org/en.

3.12. Weather

Vigo's climate is usually classified as oceanic; however, Summer tends to be warmer (and drier) and Winters tends to be milder than most areas of similar classification.

Substantial rainfall throughout the year prevents it from being classified as a Mediterranean climate, even though there is a drying trend in summer.

The average annual temperature in Vigo is 15 °C (59 °F). Compared with many other Galician towns, Vigo experiences warmer summer temperatures and milder winters. This is due to its sheltered location, surrounded by mountains inland and the Illas Cíes out in the bay towards the sea.

The all times record high for the city is 39.7 °C (103 °F) set on July 5, 2013.

3.13. Important Telephone Numbers

Ambulances, fire brigade, police, civil protection: 112

All emergencies: 112

Sea rescue: 900 202 202

24 hours toxicologic attention: [+34] 915 620 420

Civil Guard: 062

National police: 091

3.14. Transport:

Radio Taxi: +34 986 470 000

Urban Buses (VITRASA):

Teléfono: +34 986 20 74 74 www.vitrasa.es

Bus Station: VIALIA (Next to URZAIZ Train Station) - www.vigobus.com

Teléfono: +34 986 37 34 11

Railway Stations (RENFE):

GUIXAR: Calle Areal s/n - 36201 VIGO - www.renfe.es - Teléfono: +34 902 240 505

URZAIZ: Rúa Vía norte - 36201 VIGO - <https://www.adif.es/w/08223-vigo-urz%C3%A1iz>

Airport "Peinador": Av. del Aeropuerto, 36200 Vigo

Teléfono: +34 902 40 47 04

Web site: www.aena-aeropuertos.es/csee/Satellite/Aeropuerto-Vigo/en/

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