

O MARQUESADO

ECO-EXPERIENCE

LIVING WITH BEES

Location

Rubiá, Comarca de Valdeorras

Availability

May to September
(high season)

Duration

3-4 hours

Groups

Minimum 2 people,
maximum 8 people

Requirements and restrictions:

- > Not suitable for people allergic to bee venom, people with apiphobia, children under 6 years old, people with very limited mobility.

Recommended personal equipment:

- > Suitable footwear, preferably tall boots.
- > Cap to wear under the beekeeper's suit.
- > Comfortable, long clothing.
- > Backpack to carry water and snacks.

Includes:

- > Guided tour of the **O Marquesado** beehives.
- > Educational and hands-on session on beekeeping, family traditions, and the biodiversity of the Natural Park.
- > Full beekeeper suit and safety equipment.
- > Experience available in Spanish, English and German.
- > Honey and pollen tasting.

Description of the activity:

Step into the fascinating world of bees. To begin our beekeeping experience, we will meet at the **O Marquesado** facilities, located at the foot of the Serra da Enciña da Lastra Natural Park. Depending on the group, we will walk to one of our apiaries within the territory of the Natural Park.

Before entering the apiary, and from a safe distance, we will get equipped with beekeeper's suits and protective gloves, checking that everything is correctly adjusted to ensure a safe visit. Once ready, we will approach the hives and dive into the fascinating world of beekeeping.

During the visit, the life of the bees, their essential role in the ecosystem, the management of the hives and the importance of their conservation and sustainable maintenance will be explained.

We will open a hive to observe the eggs, larvae, worker bees, drones and even the queen bee. In addition, participants will gain an understanding of how a hive operates, with plenty of additional information based on their interests.

We will end the experience in our facilities with a visit to the extraction room and our showroom, where a table will be set up for honey and pollen tasting. During this degustation, we will present our products, explaining their characteristics and the production process.

Eco-friendly practices:

- > Any waste generated during the walk will be collected and disposed in the designated containers.
- > We use natural fuels in the smokers.
- > We will open only 1 or 2 hives to avoid unnecessary disturbance to the rest of the apiary.

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