

Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Gran Canaria, Spain

The Canary Islands' biggest city pairs a spectacular urban beach with a UNESCO-worthy old town — all bathed in near-perfect Atlantic sunshine that makes every port day feel like a gift.

Docked (cruise terminal)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Currency: Euro (€)

Language: Spanish

Climate: 22–26 °C year-round

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships dock at Santa Catalina Cruise Terminal — no tendering **Walk to centre:** Las Canteras beach is ~15 min on foot; Vegueta old town is ~3 km (taxi or bus)

Best For: Beach lovers, history buffs, city wanderers **Don't Miss:** Playa de Las Canteras and the colonial streets of Vegueta

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✓ €6–20 · 🚌 **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ City Sightseeing

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Maspalomas Dunes & South Coast** — Drive south to the spectacular Maspalomas sand dunes — a mini-Sahara meeting the Atlantic.
 - Vegueta Old Town Walking Tour** — Explore Las Palmas' historic quarter: Casa de Colón (Columbus House), the Gothic-Renaissance Cathedral, and colourful colonial plazas.
 - Roque Nublo & Central Highlands** — Head into the volcanic interior to the iconic Roque Nublo monolith, Gran Canaria's highest accessible peak area.
- Playa de Las Canteras Beach Day** — Las Palmas' 3 km urban beach is one of Spain's finest — protected by a natural reef, gentle waves, and a promenade lined with cafés.
 - Mercado del Puerto & Food Tour** — Gran Canaria's food scene shines at the renovated Mercado del Puerto: fresh papas arrugadas, mojo sauces, local cheeses, and grilled seafood.

BEST WALKS

- Las Canteras Promenade Stroll** 2.5 km | ~45 min | Easy | Flat seafront — Walk from the port along Paseo de Las Canteras, past surf schools and chiringuito bars, to the Auditorio Alfredo Kraus at the far end.
- Vegueta Historic Quarter** 2 km loop | ~1.5 hrs | Easy | Cobblestones — From Plaza de Santa Ana, visit the Cathedral de Santa Ana, duck into Casa de Colón, and explore the Museo Canario before a coffee at a terrace on Calle Mayor de Triana.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		69°	61°	7d
Jun		74°	66°	5d
Aug		79°	70°	2d
Sep		78°	70°	5d
Oct		77°	68°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:36AM–8:26PM · Jun 7:04AM–8:59PM · Aug 7:31AM–8:39PM · Sep 7:47AM–8:06PM · Oct 8:02AM–7:31PM

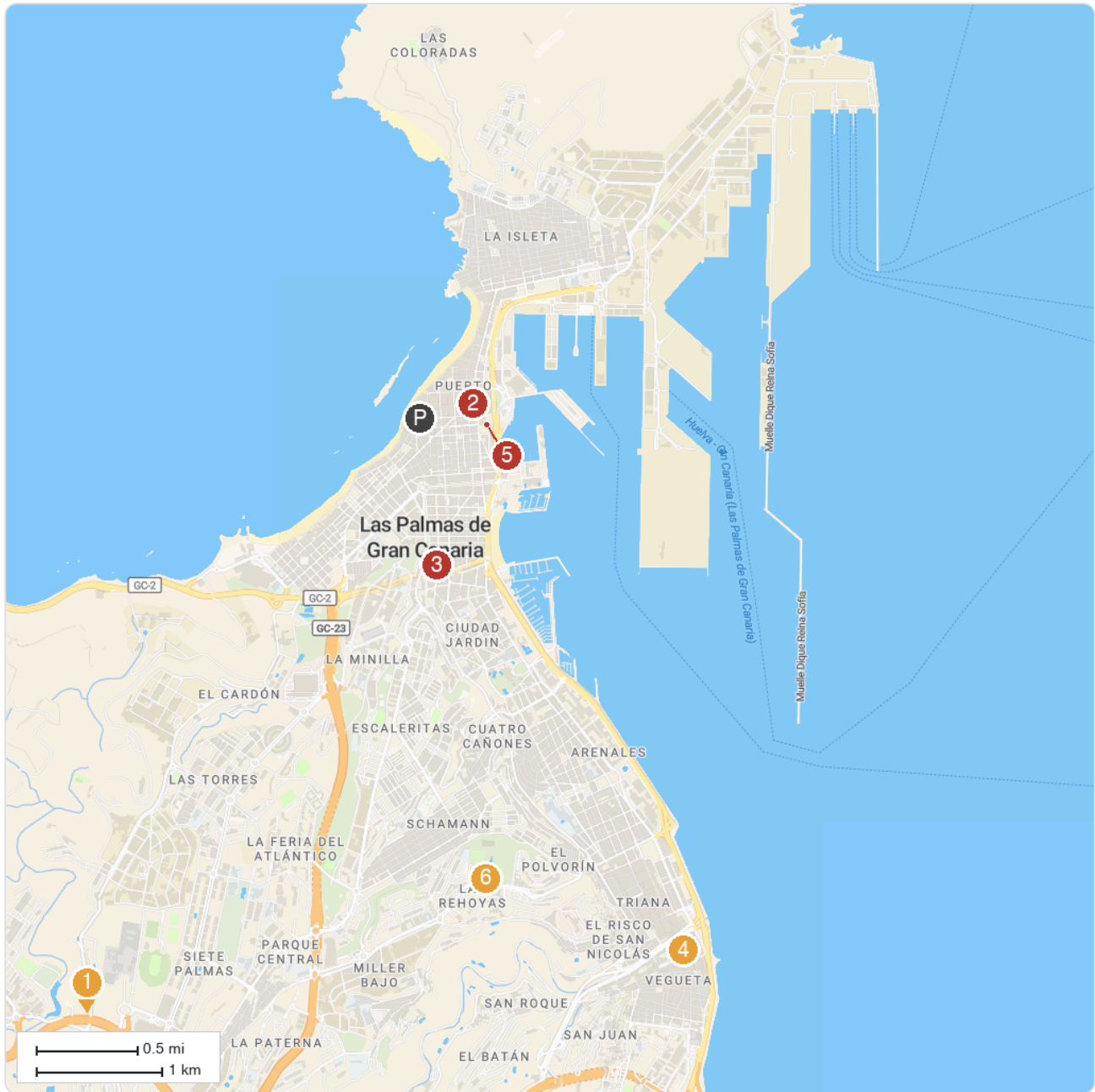
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Taxis are metered and honest. Flag one outside the terminal for Vegueta (~€8-10). Rideshare apps also work well in Las Palmas.
- Las Canteras is genuinely walkable. Skip any tour that 'takes you to the beach' — just walk 15 minutes from the port.
- Cash is handy but cards work everywhere. ATMs are plentiful near the terminal and on Las Canteras promenade.
- Swimming at Las Canteras is safe year-round thanks to a natural reef. The northern La Cicer end is surf-only — stick to the central and southern sections for swimming.
- Try papas arrugadas con mojo. Canarian wrinkled potatoes with green or red mojo sauce are the island's iconic snack — found at any café near the beach.
- Check museum hours before you go. Casa de Colón runs 10:00–18:00 (Mon–Sat) and is free on Sundays; Museo Canario closes at 14:00 on weekends. Both stay open through midday — no siesta gap.

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Jardín Botánico Viera y Clavijo

Canary Islands' unique botanical garden, showcasing native plants.

3 Estadio Insular Park

Former football stadium transformed into a green urban park.

5 Casino Las Palmas

Modern casino offering gaming, entertainment, and dining options.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Santa Catalina Park

Lively city park, host to festivals and near the port.

4 Casa de Colón

Museum detailing Christopher Columbus's voyages and Canary Islands' history.

6 Parque de las Rehojas

Large urban park with playgrounds, sports areas, and green spaces.