

Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Spain

A sun-soaked Atlantic crossroads where Columbus once anchored, Las Palmas pairs a centuries-old colonial quarter with one of Europe's finest city beaches — all within reach of a single shore day.

Docked (Puerto de la Luz) Typical call: 8-10 hrs Euro (€) Spanish Year-round sunshine

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Docked at Puerto de la Luz cruise terminal — no tender required

Best For: History buffs, beach lovers, day trips to Maspalomas dunes

Walk to centre: ~15 min walk or short taxi to Las Canteras beach; Vegueta old town ~4 km (taxi recommended)

Don't Miss: Casa de Colón, Playa de Las Canteras, Maspalomas sand dunes

Getting around: Taxi €6–€20 · Hop-on hop-off Hop-on hop-off · from 29

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Maspalomas Dunes & Beach** — The rolling sand dunes of Maspalomas in the island's south are a nature reserve unlike anything else in Europe.
- **Vegueta Old Town & Casa de Colón** — Gran Canaria's historic old quarter — the city's oldest district, founded in 1478 — is where Columbus stopped to repair his ships before reaching the...
- **Roque Nublo & Mountain Interior** — Drive up into Gran Canaria's volcanic core to Roque Nublo, an 80-metre volcanic rock monolith whose top sits 1,813 m above sea level with panoramic...
- **Playa de Las Canteras** — One of Europe's best urban beaches — a 3 km crescent of golden sand protected by a natural reef just a 15-minute walk from the cruise port.
- **Mercado del Puerto & Canarian Lunch** — The Mercado del Puerto food hall near the waterfront is the best place to try papas arrugadas (wrinkled potatoes with mojo sauce), fresh grilled...

BEST WALKS

- **Las Canteras Promenade Walk** 2.5 km · Flat · 30-45 min · Walk from port — From the port gate head west to the start of Playa de Las Canteras, then stroll the full beachfront paseo to Puntilla point at the far end.
- **Vegueta Old Town Loop** 1.5 km · Flat cobblestones · 1-1.5 hrs · Taxi/bus to start — Start at the Plaza de Santa Ana in front of the cathedral, explore the colonial-era streets, stop into Casa de Colón, then wander through the Mercado Municipal de...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	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	
Apr	69°	61°	7d	Euro (€)	
Jun	74°	66°	5d		
Aug	79°	70°	2d		
Sep	78°	70°	5d		
Oct	77°	68°	8d		

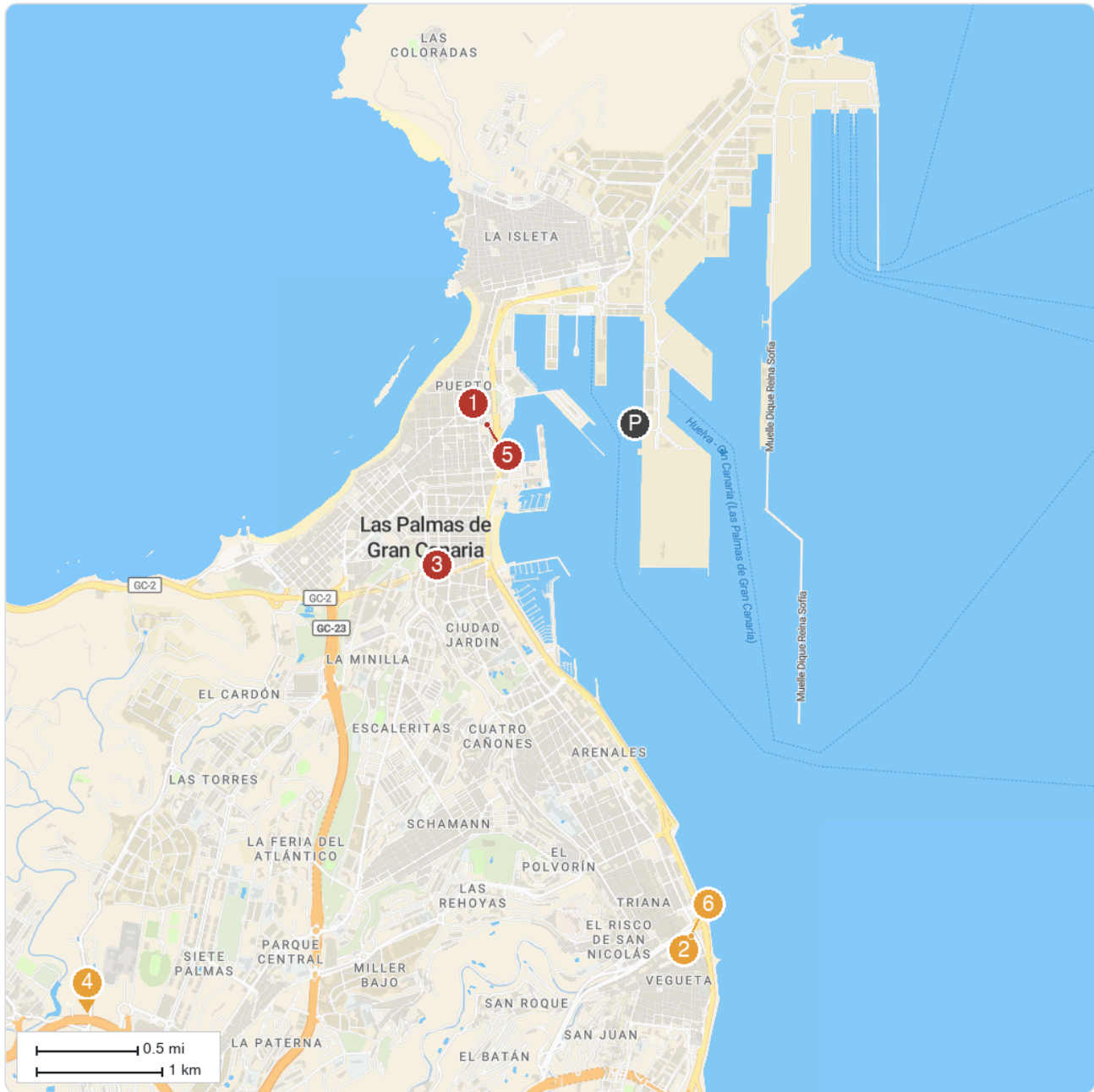
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash and cards both work — most restaurants and shops accept cards, but carry €20-30 for taxis, market stalls, and smaller cafés.
- Year-round warm weather — Gran Canaria averages 22°C even in winter. A light layer is all you need; skip the heavy jacket.
- Global buses are cheap and reliable — Parque Santa Catalina bus station is 10 minutes walk from the port. Line 30/50 to Maspalomas is far cheaper than a taxi.
- Vegueta shuts down at lunchtime — many museums close 13:00–16:00. Go in the morning or late afternoon to avoid locked doors.
- Try papas arrugadas — small potatoes boiled in sea salt and served with mojo verde (herb) or mojo rojo (chilli) sauce. It's the definitive Canarian dish and found everywhere.
- Port area is well-organised — the Muelle Santa Catalina has a tourist info kiosk, taxis, and a small shopping zone immediately outside the gates. No pressure touts.

Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Spain — Port Map

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



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| 1 Santa Catalina Park | Lively city park, hub for events and people-watching. | 2 Casa de Colón | Historic house museum about Columbus's voyages and Canaries. |
| 3 Estadio Insular Park | Park on former football stadium site, with green spaces. | 4 Jardín Botánico Viera y Clavijo | Canarian botanical garden showcasing endemic island flora. |
| 5 Casino Las Palmas | Modern casino for gaming and entertainment. | 6 Mercado De Vegueta | Historic Vegueta market for fresh produce and local goods. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |