

Santa Cruz de la Palma, La Palma, Canary Islands, Spain

La Palma is the greenest and least-visited of the main Canary Islands, and its capital delivers a rare prize: a perfectly preserved 16th-century colonial town a five-minute walk from the cruise pier.

Docked (Muelle de Santa Cruz) Typical call: 7-9 hrs Currency: Euro (€) Language: Spanish UNESCO Biosphere Reserve

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Alongside at Muelle de Santa Cruz; city center is a 5-min walk

Don't Miss: Avenida Marítima balconied houses and the Plaza de España

Best For: Colonial architecture, local cigars, volcanic landscape drives

Currency Tip: ATMs by the plaza; most shops and restaurants accept cards

Getting around: Taxi ~€5 · Rideshare not available · Hop-on hop-off La Palma City Tours

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Caldera de Taburiente National Park** — An enormous volcanic caldera — one of the largest in the world — filled with Canarian pine forest and dramatic ravines.
- **Santa Cruz Old Town Walking Tour** — The Avenida Marítima balconied houses, the Renaissance-era Plaza de España, the Iglesia El Salvador, and the 17th-century Casa Salazar (now the...
- **Ruta de los Volcanes Hike** — A spectacular ridge walk along the southern spine of the island through a series of craters and lava fields from the 1949 and 1971 eruptions, with...
- **Local Cigar Factory & Rum Tasting** — La Palma has a long tradition of hand-rolled cigars — small workshops near the centre welcome visitors.
- **Los Tilos Laurisilva Forest** — UNESCO-listed ancient laurel forest in the northeast of the island — mist-shrouded, lush, and eerily quiet.

BEST WALKS

- **Avenida Marítima to Plaza de España** 1.5 km · 20 min · Flat · Free — La Palma's showpiece waterfront walk.
- **Old Town Loop — Calles Real & O'Daly** 2 km · 30-40 min · Flat · Free — From the Plaza de España, walk up Calle Real / Calle O'Daly (the main pedestrian shopping street) past Casa Salazar to the Mercado Municipal (La Recova).

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:45AM–8:36PM · Jun 7:12AM–9:10PM · Aug 7:40AM–8:50PM · Sep 7:56AM–8:15PM · Oct 8:12AM–7:40PM	
Apr	72°	61°	8d	Currency: Euro (€)	
Jun	77°	67°	4d		
Aug	84°	72°	2d		
Sep	81°	71°	4d		
Oct	79°	69°	8d		

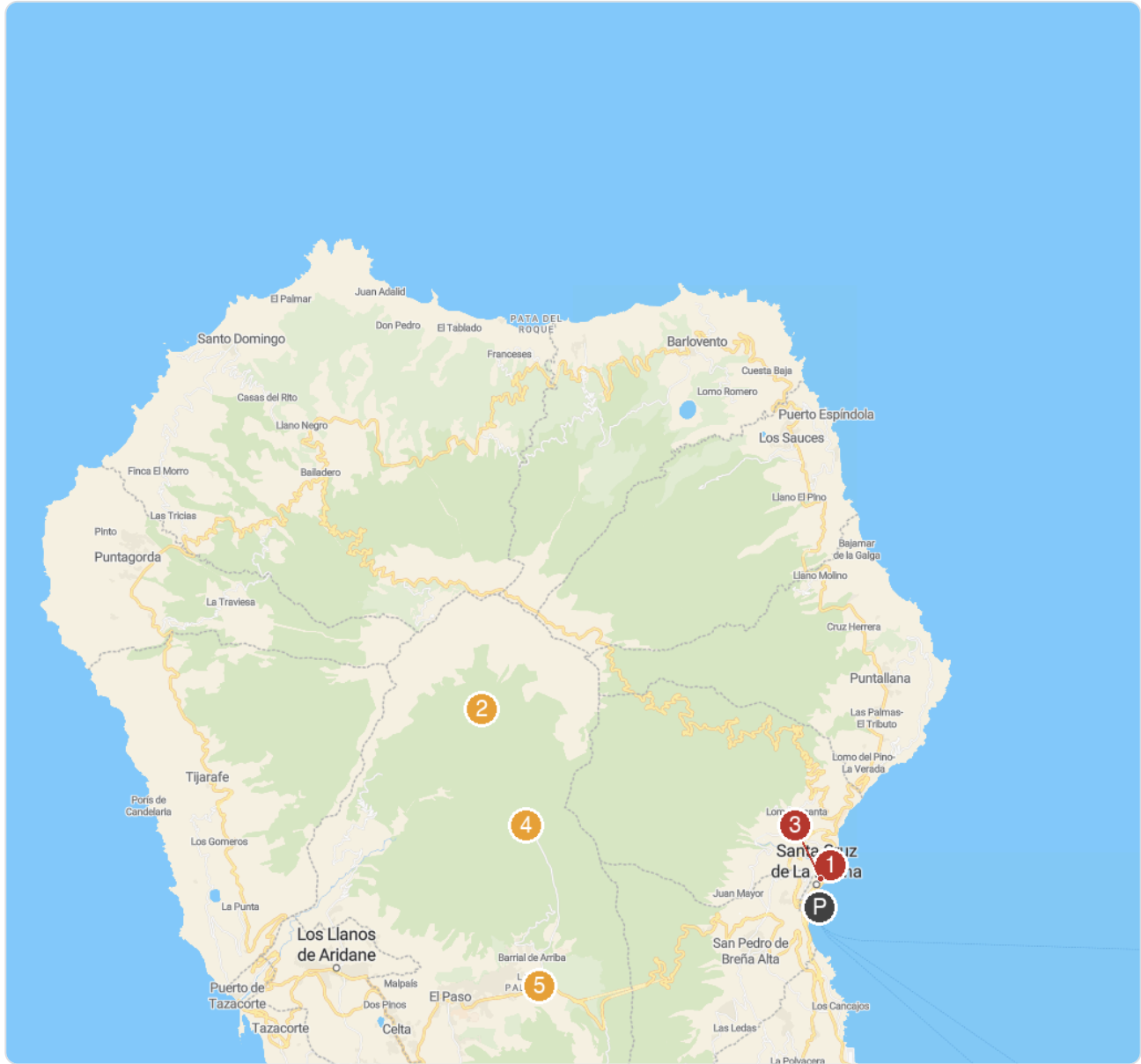
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Skip the excursion buses if you love architecture. The old town is arguably the best free sight on the island — give it at least 90 minutes before heading elsewhere.
- Bring some cash euros. Local stalls, the covered market (Mercado Municipal), and small cigar workshops often don't take cards.
- Check eruption status before booking volcano hikes. The Cumbre Vieja area saw a major eruption in 2021; some trails near the lava flows remain restricted. Check with the national park office.
- A rental car unlocks the island. The LP-1 and LP-2 ring roads are excellent and traffic is light — a self-drive day to the Caldera viewpoint and back is very manageable.
- La Palma is the greenest Canary Island — that means it can be cloudy in the north and mountains while the coast is sunny. Dress in layers if heading inland.
- Try the local bananas and mojo sauces. La Palma's small sweet bananas (plátanos) are exceptional, and every local restaurant serves the island's distinctive green and red mojo.

Santa Cruz de la Palma, La Palma, Canary Islands, 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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| <p>1 Museo Insular de La Palma</p> <p>3 Iglesia Matriz de El Salvador</p> <p>5 Centro de Visitantes de La Caldera de Taburiente</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Island museum showcasing La Palma's natural and cultural history.</p> <p>Historic main church with beautiful Renaissance and Baroque architecture.</p> <p>Visitor center explaining the Caldera de Taburiente National Park.</p> | <p>2 Caldera de Taburiente National Park</p> <p>4 Mirador de La Cumbrecita</p> <p>6 Parque Arqueológico de Belmaco</p> | <p>Stunning national park with a massive volcanic crater.</p> <p>Accessible viewpoint offering stunning views into the Caldera de Taburiente.</p> <p>Archaeological park featuring ancient cave dwellings and petroglyphs.</p> |
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