

Tenerife - Canary Island & Atlantic Isle Cruises

Beloved for its beaches, Tenerife also offers a feast for the eyes – in its numerous art galleries and museums or an incredibly panoramic cable car ascent of Mount Teide. Your ears will appreciate the sounds of the timple, a distinctive element of Canarian folk music. Perhaps even catch a recital at the striking wave-shaped Auditorio, home to the acclaimed Tenerife Symphony Orchestra.

Excursions

Please note: The shore excursions listed are typical for this port. The full programme of shore excursions available for your cruise will be displayed on Cruise Personaliser at least 12 weeks prior to departure.

- **Mount Teide Cable Car**

A visit to the summit of Mount Teide by cable car offers a spectacular view of the Canary Islands largest national park.

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Mount Teide is located in the Cañadas del Teide National Park and is the highest mountain in all of the Spanish territories. The impressive peak and surrounding arid landscape offers contrasting panoramic views and by taking the cable car to the peak, you'll capture the national park from 11,660 feet above sea level.

Setting off from Santa Cruz your drive will take you through the scenic Esperanza forest and on to the National Park. On reaching the cable car station at 7700 feet above sea level, a short stop will made to admire the views before joining the cable car. Your ride will take you up to the 2nd station where you'll disembark to enjoy the viewpoint and admire the breathtaking scenery.

Rejoin the cable car for the return ride to the base station and the onward drive back to Santa Cruz.

Tour code

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: HIGH

Duration

5 HOURS

- **Beauty Of Mount Teide**

Experience the best of Tenerife with its pretty towns, local cuisine and contrasting scenery, from moonscapes to fertile fields.

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Your day begins with a drive along the spine of the island where the road snakes up through the Esperanza Forest, stopping at Ortuno Viewpoint for views over the north coast. As you climb higher, the greenery turns to grey and blue and the landscape turns to lava. Before you, rises the dramatic Mount Teide in the middle of an eerie landscape.

You will stop at a local café where coffee or tea and a pastry will be served before reaching the National Park of Las Canadas. From

almost everywhere on Tenerife, Spain's highest mountain, the Pico de Teide, dominates the horizon and you will be able to admire the views from afar.

Located in the lush Orotava Valley is the market town of Orotava, one of the oldest settlements on the island. Enjoy luncheon at Pueblo Chico, before taking a guided walk through the old colonial district. You will also have the opportunity to briefly view the House of the Balconies, which dates from 1637.

In Puerto de la Cruz, you will have time at leisure to shop or wander along the coastal promenade of this popular holiday resort.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: HIGH

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MEAL INCLUDED

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REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

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SHOPPING

Duration

8 HOURS

• Puerto de la Cruz & Orotava Valley

Enjoy wonderful panoramic views of Tenerife, with a chance to shop or browse in one of the main tourist resorts on the island.

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Sit back and relax as you pass by the university city of La Laguna, the first capital of the island and the village of Tacoronte. Following the coast road you'll descend to the Humboldt Viewpoint for a brief photo stop to admire the rolling lush landscape with its impressive banana plantations.

Stretch your legs, as your guide hosts you on stroll through the narrow streets of La Orotava. Soak up the atmosphere and enjoy the charms of this pretty village, which pays homage to the cultural splendour of a bygone era. Visit Casa de los Balcones, a traditional 17th century Spanish home, which is said to be one of the finest examples, of hand-carved wooden balconies.

Then it's time for something different, as you head to the bustling holiday town of Puerto de la Cruz. Tree-lined avenues, large modern hotels and a variety of shops have transformed this one-time quiet fishing village into the main tourist hub of the northern part of the island. Enjoy some free time to shop, stroll along the promenade or simply enjoy a glass of something chilled and watch the world go by.

Tour code

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

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SHOPPING

Duration

4 HOURS

- ## Mount Teide National Park

Rising over 12,000 feet – Mount Teide is one of the most famous sights in all of the Canary Islands.

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Your tour begins with a drive towards the old colonial capital of La Laguna, situated in the Aguirre Valley amidst beautiful surroundings. From La Laguna, your route turns along the base of the mountain range, through the Esperanza pine forests and foothills to the Teide National Park. A short stop will be made at El Portillo Restaurant for refreshments before heading into the heart of the Park.

Declared a national park in 1954, the Cañadas del Teide National Park includes an enormous volcanic crater, which has been dormant since 1909 and is over 29 miles in circumference. From the crater, rising 12,300 feet, is Mount Teide - the highest mountain in all of Spanish territory. Take in the views of this impressive peak and the surrounding arid landscape in the crater, which is often said to resemble the set of a western movie.

Enjoy some free time at the Roques de García before reboarding the coach for your return journey. En route to the ship several stops will be made for photographs, giving you the opportunity to appreciate the breathtaking scenery.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

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REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Duration

4½ HOURS

- ## Puerto de la Cruz On Your Own

Discover the delights of this wonderful town at your own pace.

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Your transfer will take you north, to Puerto de la Cruz, a popular resort with a charming atmosphere.

However you choose to spend your time in Puerto de la Cruz, you will not be disappointed. Perhaps start off by exploring the old colonial part of town, where many of the houses still retain their beautiful architecture and distinctive Canarian balconies. Stop for a coffee in the shady square before exploring the narrow winding streets.

Puerto de la Cruz has a wonderful promenade, great for strolling and browsing the many souvenir shops. You may choose to explore the Botanical Gardens, situated on the edge of the town, where you can discover plants and trees from all five continents.

There is a whole host of attractions for you to enjoy, during your stay in Puerto de la Cruz.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM



SHOPPING

Duration

4½ HOURS

• Sunset and Stars

Gaze at the starry night sky surrounded by the lunar landscape of Teide National Park.

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Join your expert stargazing guide as you embark on a panoramic drive to the centre of the Island, climbing upwards through pine forests to the National Park. Have your camera to hand, as several stops will be made en-route to appreciate the panoramic views.

As the sun disappears behind the fabulous rocks formation, enjoy a short coffee break in the shadows of Mount Teide, before wrapping up warm and heading outdoors. The evening's astronomy program will start with a brief introduction and video projection before admiring the clear and star filled sky. Using the telescopes and binoculars provided, discover visible night sky objects such as: planets and the moon, stars, galaxies, nebulosae and star clusters.

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TCI_034

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM



REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Duration

5 HOURS

• Gardens of the Valley

A relaxing tour, showing you the colour of the Canary Islands as you visit three of its best-known gardens.

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Heading along the motorway to the town of Puerto de la Cruz, the first highlight on your tour will be at the wonderfully laid out Botanical Garden. Founded by the royal decree of Charles III of Spain in 1788, the purpose was to form an area where plants, shrubs and flowers, brought by the Conquistadors from the New World, could acclimate to Spanish soil. Many of the plants in the garden are the original specimens and the centre-piece is a huge South American fig tree whose enormous branches and roots have created an outlandish tree house.

The Risco Bello Gardens are a unique style of garden in complete contrast to the Botanical Garden. Garden enthusiasts are sure to appreciate the attractive waterfalls and colourful terraces of local flowers. Last, but not least, is the visit to the Orchid Gardens of Sitio

Litre. This garden is part of the history of Puerto de la Cruz in that many distinguished visitors such as Agatha Christie, Alexander von Humboldt and Marianne North have visited this site. The main attraction is the largest collection of orchids in the Canary Islands, the oldest Dragon Tree in Puerto de la Cruz and the new Bonsai exhibition. A glass of local wine will be served as a refreshment at the Orchid Garden and you will have a short time for souvenir shopping.

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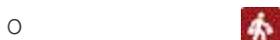
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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM



REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED



SHOPPING

Duration

4½ HOURS

• Loro Parque

Entering the wrought-iron gates, it soon becomes clear why this Park is regarded as one of Tenerife's top attractions.

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Regardless of your age, you'll be fascinated by the Loro Parque. This is where you'll find one of the world's most important parrot collections and a whole lot more!

The Californian Sea Lions with their distinctive bark are popular characters; the world-famous Parrot Show is a demonstration of the natural instinct and skilfulness which cockatoos and macaws display; and the world's largest Penguinarium with its reproduction Antarctic climate is one of the most popular spots in which to 'chill out'. As you enter the Underwater World, you'll get the eerie feeling that you are actually at the bottom of the sea. Be sure not to miss the Killer Whale and Dolphin Shows too. These are just a few of the highlights of the Park.

Lunch is not included in this tour, however the Park offers a range of restaurant and snack facilities.

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Features



ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM



ESPECIALLY SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES

Duration

7 HOURS

• Northern Panorama

This scenically rewarding excursion contains some of the most dramatic and awe-inspiring scenery in the whole archipelago.

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Your tour starts off with a drive into the mountains of Anaga, passing the fishing village of San Andres. On your way, marvel at the magnificent Canary flora, including the 'Dragon Tree' and terraces of tiny cultivated plots of land. Arrive at the El Bailadero viewpoint, where you will have the chance to capture on film some of the stunning scenery.

At the small village of Taganana, you will enter a scene of white houses and bare volcanic mountains, on a horizon of blue sky and shimmering sea. If you wish, you can walk with the guide up the hill to visit the simple church (except Sundays), which houses the figure of 'Our Lady of the Snows'. Local wine and cheese will be served at a restaurant in Taganana.

A brief stop will be made from the panoramic point of Pico del Ingles, where you will have a beautiful perspective (weather permitting) of the north and south side of the island, which is quite unforgettable.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW

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REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Duration

4½ HOURS

• Mamas and Tapas

Enjoy a truly unique experience, when you sample the culinary delights of a Canarian mama, hosted in the comfort of her home.

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Immerse yourself in the culture and lifestyle of the Canaries when you visit the small, but perfectly situated 16th century town of El Sauzal. Have your camera ready to capture the impressive views overlooking the rugged coastline when you stop at Mirador Garañona.

Upon arrival at El Sauzal centre, join your guide for a leisurely stroll and discover the highlights of this pre-Hispanic town. Tea and biscuits will be served at the 16th century colonial style home of the Marquis of El Sauzal. At the nearby Gofio Mill, you'll witness the time old tradition of flour milling and sample some of the local produce, together with a glass of the millers' own wine!

Your host for lunch, one of the local mamas will welcome you into her home. Tuck into her lovingly prepared home-cooked meal, which will include a Canarian white cheese to start, followed by a secret codfish recipe and the famous 'Papas Arrugadas'. Waving your host a fond farewell, you'll head back to Santa Cuz, full of great food and some very special memories.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

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MEAL INCLUDED

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REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Duration

6 HOURS
