

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...
- **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...
- **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...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	72°	61°	8d
Jun	77°	67°	4d
Aug	84°	72°	2d
Sep	81°	71°	4d
Oct	79°	69°	8d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

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

Currency: Euro (€)

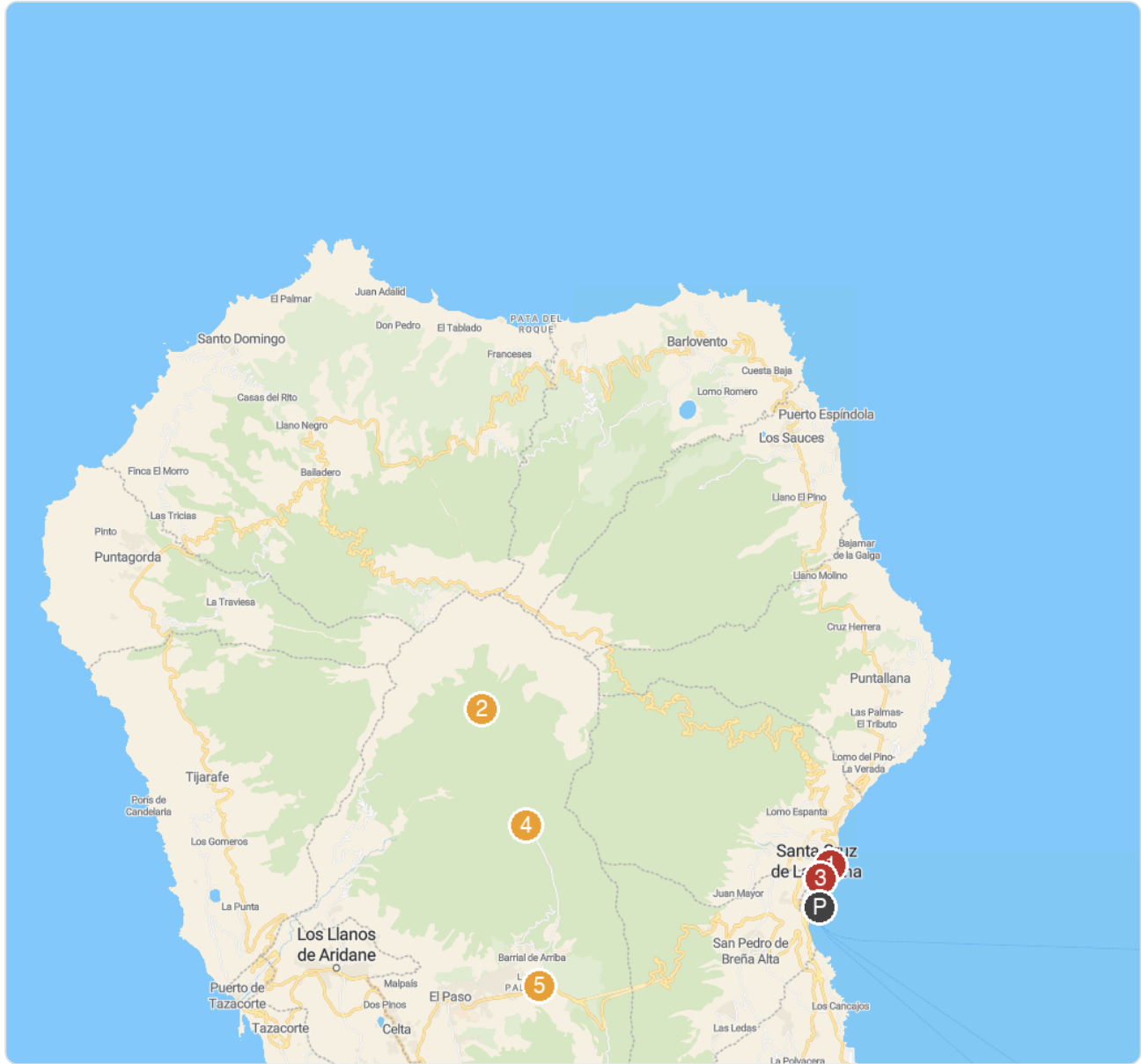
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- 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.

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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