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### Port information

<b>Currency</b>	The currency in Gran Canaria is Euro. Foreign exchange is available from reception onboard on Deck 5. Major credit & debit cards are widely accepted.	<b>Language</b>	Spanish. The local dialect is Canario.
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### Getting around

<b>Distance to town centre</b>	The town is just a 10 minute walk from the ship. Walking to the left of the port area and along the promenade will lead you to the town centre.	<b>Main highlights</b>	<p><b>Casa - Museo de Colon</b> is a superb example of Canarian architecture. The museum is built around two balconied patios, complete with fountains, palm trees and parrots. The museum exhibits the voyage of Columbus. There are four sections including the voyage, the Canary Islands historical role, transatlantic shipping and pre-Columbian America.</p> <p><b>Museo Diocesano</b> is set on two levels and was once home to the Inquisition. It contains a fairly standard collection of religious art and memorabilia. You can also take the lift to the top of the bell tower for beautiful views over the city and its coast.</p> <p><b>Casa - Museo de Perez Galdos.</b> In 1843 the Canary Island's most famous writer, Benito Perez Galdos was born in this house in the heart of Las Palmas. The house contains a reconstruction of the author's study, various personal effects and other objects relating to his life.</p> <p><b>Museo Elder de la Ciencia y la Tecnologia</b> is a 21st century science and technology museum. This museum is great for families especially children who can enjoy the 3D films featuring Wild Ocean and Dinosaurs Alive.</p> <p>Why not travel to the south of Gran Canaria to the holiday resorts of <b>Maspalomas</b> or <b>Playa del Ingles</b>? Both resorts are open year round and are popular destinations to visit.</p>
<b>Taxis</b>	Taxis are available from within the port area. Most fares are set, however if a ride is not metered, we suggest that you agree a price with the driver before entering the taxi. A 10 minute journey costs approximately €15.		
<b>Main highlights</b>	<p>Las Palmas has plenty going on. You will find bustling shopping districts, chatty bars and a thriving port area to explore. Vegueta is the oldest quarter and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1990. Here you will find both atmospheric and fashionable bars and restaurants. You'll also find the most historical and interesting sites in this area. Vegueta is easily reached by taxi and is approximately a 15 minute drive. At the other end of town is <b>Playa de las Canteras</b> providing a selection of sightseeing and shopping.</p> <p>Located right in the heart of the Vegueta area you will find <b>Santa Ana Cathedral</b>, the first artistic construction in the Canaries that dates back to the 15th century.</p> <p><b>Gabinete Literario</b> is an ornate historical building dating from 1844 and is a national monument.</p> <p>The <b>Atlantic Centre of Modern Art (CAAM)</b> opened in 1989 and is the city's main modern art museum.</p>		

### Essential information

<b>Tourist information</b>	The tourist information office is located on the left as you enter Santa Catalina Square.	<b>Useful phrases</b>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Hello</td> <td>Hola</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Goodbye</td> <td>Adios</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>Si</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Please</td> <td>Por favor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thank you</td> <td>Gracias</td> </tr> <tr> <td>How are you?</td> <td>Como estas?</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beer</td> <td>Cerveza</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coffee</td> <td>Café</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Toilets</td> <td>Banos</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Do you speak English?</td> <td>Hablas ingles?</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Where is...?</td> <td>Donde esta...?</td> </tr> <tr> <td>How much is this?</td> <td>Cuanto cuesta esto?</td> </tr> </table>	Hello	Hola	Goodbye	Adios	Yes	Si	No	No	Please	Por favor	Thank you	Gracias	How are you?	Como estas?	Beer	Cerveza	Coffee	Café	Toilets	Banos	Do you speak English?	Hablas ingles?	Where is...?	Donde esta...?	How much is this?	Cuanto cuesta esto?
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<b>Internet access</b>	There is free Wi-Fi inside the cruise terminal.	<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b>	As with all tourist destinations, please keep a close eye on valuables																										
<b>Nearest beaches</b>	The nearest beach is Playa de Las Canteras. The 3km long sandy beach is one of the nicest in Europe and is only a 20 minute walk through away, through Santa Catalina square. This beach has been awarded the EC Blue Flag for cleanliness and is lined with cafes and restaurants.																												
<b>Shopping</b>	<p><b>Calle Mayor de Triana</b> has long been the main shopping street of Las Palmas.</p> <p>A 5 minute walk from the ship is a centre named <b>El Muelle</b>, where you can find many shops, restaurants and a cinema.</p> <p>The main shopping area is a 15 - 20 minute walk from the ship. Along Avenida De Jose Mesa y Lopez, one of Spain's largest department stores, <b>El Corte Ingles</b>, can be found here with many other shops.</p>																												