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San Sebastian, La Gomera

Port information

Currency	The currency in La Gomera is Euro. Foreign exchange is available from reception onboard on Deck 5. Major credit & debit cards are widely accepted.	Language	Spanish. The local dialect is Canario.
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Getting around

Distance to town centre	The walk to the centre is flat and walking at a leisurely pace will take around 10-15 minutes. All you need to do is follow the red footpath along the coast.	Main highlights	Museo Arqueologico de la Gomera is located inside a typical Gomeran town house. It's a small museum showcasing the island's past and its present-day culture. It shows the day-to-day life and the social, political and religious structures. La Gomera's deep ravines have also given rise to a unique whistled language, called silbo. Ancient in origins and widely practised in the days before telephony, the language is experiencing a revival since it became an official part of the island's school curriculum.
Taxis	Taxis are available from outside the port gates. 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 journey to the town centre costs approximately €5.		Set in a lush subtropical park, Torre del Conde is considered the Canary Islands' most important example of military architecture and today is home to a historical exhibition that includes maps of La Gomera from 1492. The fort, built in 1447, was the first building to be erected on the island and is about the only one to have been more or less preserved in its original state.
Main highlights	<p>San Sebastian is the capital of La Gomera. With its appealing historic centre and pedestrian-friendly streets, the town is very much manageable by foot. La Gomera is the less visited island in the archipelago however there is plenty to see and do here. La Gomera's main claim to fame is Christopher Columbus. He stayed here on his way to the New World. Here in San Sebastian you can learn his every footstep in this town.</p> <p>Casa de Colon is a house, built on the site where Columbus supposedly stayed. Today it houses a small museum with exhibitions on the voyages of Columbus.</p> <p>Iglesia de la Virgen de la Asuncion is the site where Columbus and his men went to pray before setting off. In 1450, the original chapel was destroyed in a fire. The church that sits there today is an 18th century church with mix of Gothic, Baroque and Islamic architecture.</p> <p>Visit the lovely Plaza Constitución, which is shaded by enormous Indian laurel trees. As you make your way to the centre, you will see many kiosks and bars line this popular meeting place. The town hall, complete with open arcade, a small church clock and wooden balconies, stands on the eastern side of the square. According to folklore, Columbus drew water from the well that sits in the central patio and used it to 'baptise America'.</p>		The islands most natural attraction is Garajonay National Park . It is located in the centre of La Gomera and offers a wide range of hikes and walks with perfect views of the whole island. It is ideal for any outdoor pursuits. The park has countless trails from the lower pine woods right up to the laurisilva cloud forests at an elevation of nearly 1,500m.
			Casa de la Aguada once served as the customs house and the court's residence. Here you will find an exhibit dedicated 'La Gomera & the Discovery of America', an interesting account of Columbus' trip and Gomeran culture during those times. Unfortunately, the exhibition is in Spanish but yet again, it is well worth a look.

Essential information

Tourist information	The tourist information office is located in Casa de la Aguada, in the centre of town.	Useful phrases	Hello Goodbye Yes No Please Thank you How are you? Beer Coffee Toilets Do you speak English? Where is...? How much is this?	Hola Adios Si No Por favor Gracias Como estas? Cerveza Café Banos Hablas ingles? Donde esta...? Cuanto cuesta- esto?
Internet access	A range of restaurants and bars in the town centre have Wi-Fi.			
Nearest beaches	A 10-15 minute walk from the ship, there is a small volcanic sand beach called Playa Cleva. This beach is protected by a wall out in the sea and is safe for swimming. Alternatively, visit San Sebastian, located past the marina.			
Shopping	Many of the shops are located on Calle Real and Camrino Real. Why not head to the centre of town towards Plaza Americas where there are little terrace bars for you to relax at.	PLEASE NOTE: As with all tourist destinations, please keep a close eye on valuables.		

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you an enjoyable day in San Sebastian.