



Santa Cruz de Tenerife



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Port information

Currency	The currency in Tenerife 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 town centre is approximately a 15 minute walk from the ship.	Main highlights	<p>Parque Garcia Sanabria is on the northern fringe of the city centre. This city park has delightful collections of Mediterranean and subtropical tree and flowers with various water features.</p> <p>Iglesias de Nustra Senora de la Concepcion. Don't miss the striking bell tower of the city's oldest church, which has a tiled roof and traditional Islamic – style architecture. The present church was built in 17th and 18th centuries but the original went up in 1496, just after the island was conquered.</p> <p>Iglesia de San Francisco is a pretty baroque church from the 17th and 18th centuries.</p> <p>Museo de Bella's Artes is home to an eclectic mix of paintings by mainly Spanish, Canarias and Flemish artists. There are also sculptures and temporary exhibitions.</p> <p>TEA Tenerife Espacio de las Artes is the city's new slick art exhibition space, only opened in 2008. The emphasis is on photography, modern art and social documentary.</p> <p>Museo Militar de Almeyda explains the military history of the islands and is full of several centuries' worth of 'technological marvels'. Much of the museum is devoted to the successful defence of the city, brought alive by a superb 30 metre scale model of flagship Theseus.</p> <p>Teatro Guimera is one of the city's architectural highlights is the 19th century Teatro Guimera, fronted by a suitable theatrical giant mask sculpture. The sumptuous interior is reminiscent of Madrid's Teatro Real, with semicircular balconied seating and plenty of gull.</p>
Getting about	The local bus station is approximately a 25 minute walk from the port. From the port road, follow the directions to the town until you reach a white arch auditorium (the building with the large wave design). The bus station is across the road from here. Information on services and times are available from the station.		
Taxis	Taxis are available on the quayside. They are generally not metered so ensure that you agree a price with the driver before getting in. We advise that taxis cost around €1 per minute.		
Main highlights	<p>The majority of Santa Cruz's sights are within easy walking distance of the waterfront Plaza Espana, with its controversial centrepiece, a memorial to the fallen of the 1936-39 civil wars.</p> <p>The fort of Castillo de San Juan, built in 1644, defended Santa Cruz and is now one of the few fortifications preserved in the city.</p> <p>Parque Maritimo Ceasar Manrique is located just beyond the fort. Here you will find a park and wonderfully designed swimming pools and gardens.</p> <p>The Auditorio de Tenerife is designed as a white wave and was designed by internationally renowned Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava.</p> <p>Museo de la Naturaleza y el Hombre is the city's number one attraction and is one of the best museums in the Canary Islands. The museum features natural science and archaeology set inside a former civil hospital. The highlights are most definitely the Guanche mummies and skulls. In addition there are informative displays on the geology and wildlife of the islands and all sorts of interactive displays. Sadly, though, signage is only in Spanish however translation cards are given at the entrance. Audio guides are also available in English.</p>		

Essential information

Internet access	Wi-Fi can be found in several of the cafés and bars in the town centre.	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?
Nearest beaches	The nearest beach is Plaza de las Teresitas, a white sandy man-made beach. It is 9km away and can be reached by bus or taxi. You can catch bus number 910 or 945 from outside the port on the main road.			
Shopping	<p>The main shopping area is located in and around Plaza de Candelaria and the areas surrounding Plaza de Espana. Most shops will close for siesta between 14.00-17.00.</p> <p>For all day shopping head to Meridiano Shopping Centre. This spacious mall has all the best fashion as well as a cinema, restaurants and a leisure complex. It is a 10 minute drive away. El Corte Ingles is just 5 minute walk from the Meridiano shopping centre and is known to be the best department store available in the Canary islands.</p>	<p>PLEASE NOTE: As with all tourist destinations, please keep a close eye on valuables.</p>		

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you an enjoyable day in Santa Cruz.