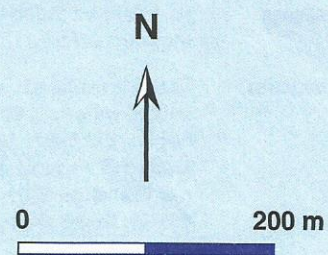




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### Port information

<b>Currency</b>	The currency in La Palma is Euro. Foreign exchange is available from reception onboard on Deck 5. Major credit & debit cards are widely accepted.	<b>Language</b>	Spanish. German is also widely used.
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### Getting around

<b>Distance to town centre</b>	The town centre is around a 10 minute walk away.	<b>Main highlights</b>	Wander north along O'Daly Street and you will come to the <b>Plaza de España</b> , considered the most important examples of Renaissance architecture in the Canary Islands. It is the historical centre of the town, flanked by the <b>Town Hall</b> with its interesting portico, carved ceilings and colonnaded façade.
<b>Getting about</b>	The quickest and easiest way to reach the town is by foot. Walk along the quay, which will lead you to the start of the town.		
<b>Taxis</b>	Taxis are available from outside the terminal. 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 will cost approximately €15.		Along one of side of Plaza de España, stands the <b>Church of El Salvador</b> . It started being built back in the 16th century. Highlights on the outside of the church include the adjoining tower built of volcanic stone blocks. The building is divided into three naves covered in Mudéjar-style patterns. The main feature on the altarpiece of the high chapel is a painting of the Transfiguration by the Sevillian painter Antonio María Esquivel.
<b>Main highlights</b>	The capital of La Palma, Santa Cruz claims to be one of the most attractive towns in the Canary Islands, with its tree lined squares and elegant houses. The most north-westerly of the Canary Islands, La Palma benefits from the moisture bearing northeast trade winds, which enable the island to live up to its sobriquet 'La Isla Verde', or the Green Island. Hills surround the town on the landward side, and the main shopping and the commercial area, Calle Real, lies just behind the waterfront. Sometimes known as O'Daly street after an Irish trader and prominent politician, this street is lined by fine old buildings with elaborately carved balconies.  On the seafront, stands the <b>Castillo de Santa Catalina</b> , built in the 17 <sup>th</sup> Century to fend off pirate raids. Across the ravine is the smaller <b>Castillo de la Virgen</b> .		The Salazar Palace stands between the port area and Plaza de España. Near at hand is the Municipal Theatre of 'Circo de Marte' of the Virgen de la Luz.  At the northern end of Santa Cruz, just off the Plaza de la Alameda in the Avenue de las Nieves, you will find the Naval Museum built as a full sized stone replica of Columbus' 'Santa Maria'.

### Essential information

<b>Internet access</b>	Wi-Fi can be found in several of the cafés and bars in the town centre.	<b>Useful phrases</b>	<b>Hello</b>	Hola
<b>Nearest beaches</b>	The nearest beach is La Caldereta, which is a 30 minute walk or a €5 taxi ride from the ship. This beach has black volcanic sand. The beach at Los Cancajos is located in a tourist area 4km away from Santa Cruz. It is a 15 minute drive away and will cost approximately €15-20 to get there.		<b>Goodbye</b>	Adios
<b>Shopping</b>	The main shopping area is situated on Calle Real, also known as O'Daly Street and is lined with Colonial style buildings.		<b>Yes</b>	Si
			<b>No</b>	No
			<b>Please</b>	Por favor
			<b>Thank you</b>	Gracias
			<b>How are you?</b>	Como estas?
			<b>Beer</b>	Cerveza
			<b>Coffee</b>	Café
			<b>Toilets</b>	Banos
			<b>Do you speak English?</b>	Hablas ingles?
			<b>Where is...?</b>	Donde esta...?
			<b>How much is this?</b>	Cuanto cuesta esto?
		<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> 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 Santa Cruz de La Palma.