

The Canary Islands

Tenerife, La Palma and Gran Canaria

21st December 2020 to 27th February 2021



Beach side parking, Tenerife

68 nights of winter warmth, exploration & relaxation

Located 100km off the West African coast the Canaries are already known by many for their warm winter climate but are usually overlooked for their culture and heritage interests. Throughout this tour there will be opportunities to see all the major sights, socially distanced and as chosen by you, whilst having plenty of time for relaxation.

You will be escorted to places seldom reached by others whilst enjoying the very best European winter weather. With an eternal spring expect blue skies and daytime temperatures of low 20's, evenings of 15, considerably warmer than Southern Spain.

Whilst being Spanish the Islands retain a strong individual identity with many islanders considering themselves Canarian and only secondly Spanish. Maintaining a duty-free status, the islands are exceptionally good value for shopping & eating out, and with fuel well below European prices you won't be spending much on Diesel.

Get away from the cold, take yourself and your motorhome away for 68 nights of warmth and relaxation. A mix of campsites, camper stops, and private parking is used throughout the tour requiring the use of your motorhomes facilities at times. The trip will take you to some wonderful places requiring a confident driving approach at times and will be best enjoyed by those with a sense for adventure & an open mind to camping facilities.

68 Nights

Day 1 - Monday 21 Dec 2020

We meet at a good quality campsite on Spain's south coast near the port of Cadiz. The site is ideally located close to the beach, supermarket and town centre. This afternoon the Tour Directors will give a tour briefing and you have the opportunity to meet your fellow travellers.

Day 2

This afternoon we board our ferry to the Canary Islands, the port is just 15 miles from our campsite. On board we've included en-suite cabins and throughout the voyage breakfast, lunch and dinners are included; it's only drinks you'll pay for. **15 miles**

Day 3

Today is at sea.

Day 4 - Thursday 24 December 2020

This morning we arrive in Tenerife and drive to our campsite in the very south of the island. Our site boasts good facilities including swimming pool, tennis court, shop, bar & restaurant and benefits from the good weather that attracts so many people to this part of the island. **50 miles**

Days 5 to 10

An opportunity to enjoy the facilities of the campsite as we spend the Christmas period in the south of the island. Expect to be able to eat Christmas lunch outdoors, almost certainly the sun will be shining.

Day 11 - Thursday 31 December 2020

Today we move to the very north of Tenerife for the New Year period. Geographically this is the oldest part of the island and the land where the mountains meet the sea. Our campsite is on the coast. **75 miles**



Days 12 & 13

Free days to relax with the locals; it's unlikely you will hear anything other than Spanish around here. You may take a swim in one of the many lido pools dotted close to our camping, have a stroll along the coast and eat in one of the sea front restaurants.

Day 14 - Sunday 3 January 2021

Our drive today takes us along the west coast to Puerto de la Cruz. Receiving guests since Victorian times Puerto is the elder statesman of Tenerife and retains a superior charm. Our camping is a dedicated motorhome parking area right in the heart of the resort, anything it lacks in facilities it makes up for with location. **25 miles**

Days 15 to 21

Time to enjoy the many attractions in Puerto; shops, restaurants, promenades and good beaches are all next to our camping. Puerto's botanic garden established in 1788 and containing thousands of plants from all over the world is worth a visit.

Day 22 - Monday 11 January 2021

Return to the south of the island. **55 miles**

Days 23 to 29

Las Galletas is the nearest resort to our camping and can be reached by foot or short taxi ride. Here, as well as the beach, you will find pleasant pedestrian streets and sea front promenades with restaurants & coffee bars plentiful.

At the end of our stay take the opportunity to catch up on chores and prepare to move on for 13 days on the smaller island of La Palma.

Day 30 – Tuesday 19 January 2021

We take the ferry from Tenerife to La Palma (2.5 hours). La Palma is affectionately known as 'Isla Bonita' (The Pretty Island) and you will soon see why. Arriving in La Palma, during our drive of just 15 miles take a break at some of the many view points on route to our overnight stop at Rum Destilerías Aldea (no facilities). This evening we will have the opportunity to participate in rum tastings. **10 miles, Ferry, 15 miles**

Day 31

Move to a mountain recreational camp in the north of the island. Our campsite is located on the edge of the rain forest and has a traditional mountain restaurant attached. **10 miles**

Days 32 & 33

Two free days. You may join the tour directors on a 3 to 4 hour walk through the wonderful rain forest of the Los Tilos biosphere reserve.

Day 34

A drive of just 40 miles today but expect it to take the majority of the day. The scenery is simply stunning passing almond trees in full blossom and avocado, orange & lemon trees all laden with fruit. Our stop tonight is at Bodegas Noroeste (Wine Cellar) where we have a Wine & Tapas evening. We spend the night parked around the Bodegas Heli pad, this being one of the few flat spots to be found in this part of the island. **40 miles**



Day 35 – Sunday 24 January 2021

We leave the mountainous north of the island for the more coastal south. Our stop for the next 7 nights is a basic private coastal camping area set up by caravanning enthusiastic islanders for like-minded people.

25 miles

Days 36 to 41

Our camping area is on the coast with Puerto Naos, the largest tourist resort on the island, being 2km's away. In Puerto Naos you will find full facilities of shops, restaurants and a large beach.

There are walks along the coast from our camp and over the weekend mix with the locals who make good use of this camping facility.



Day 42 – Sunday 31 January 2021

Today we travel to the most southerly point of the island and park under the lighthouse. Here is home to traditional salt pans where salt is still extracted from the sea by hand. Take time to also have a walk across the large volcanic lava fields that dominate this area. **30 miles**

Day 43

We make our way to Santa Cruz de La Palma in preparation for our late afternoon ferry back to Tenerife (2.5 hours). Once in Santa Cruz you may take the opportunity to visit this interesting island capital before catching the ferry. **25 miles**. Arriving in Tenerife we have an easy drive to our campsite. **10 miles**

Days 44 & 45

Free days and an opportunity to use the campsite facilities in preparation for the next part of the tour, Gran Canaria.

Day 46 – Thursday 4 February 2021

Today we take the ferry (1.5 hours) from Santa Cruz de Tenerife to Gran Canaria. Upon arrival be ready for a dramatic drive on a stunning coastal road. **55 miles, Ferry, 25 miles**

Days 47 & 48

Free days. Within 10 minutes walk of our camp is the lovely harbour hamlet of Playa de La Aldea with a handful of traditional restaurants overlooking the sea and its cove beach.

Day 49

We continue our journey today with another very scenic drive. En-route take time to visit Cactualdea containing 1,200 different species of cactus. We now spend time in the National Park with our motorhome on the Park Rangers mountain camping area's with great views. **25 miles**

Days 50 & 51

Free days to relax and take in the views. Also possible to enjoy some great walking, ranging from easy to more long distance.

Day 52

Move to a second Park Rangers campsite, set almost at the highest point of Gran Canaria. As you make your way, stop off in some of the most remote villages of the island. **30 miles**

Day 53

Opportunity to spend some time in a very remote part of the island.

Day 54 – Friday 12 February

We travel today to a coastal campsite on the east of the island; ideally located for exploring this coastline and into the north. Our campsite has its own restaurant with views out to sea. En-route take time to visit Arucus Cathedral. **40 miles**



Days 55 to 57

Time to see some of Gran Canarias north including its capital Las Palmas, where with a mix of architecture and cultures you may well feel like you have left Europe for the day.

Day 58

Travel to the south of the island and our final campsite. The campsite is well appointed with its own restaurant. **30 miles**

Days 59 to 68

Set in the base of a valley our campsite has wonderful mountain views and tranquility in abundance, it also boasts full facilities including on-site swimming pool & boules pitch.

Throughout the time we are here take the opportunity to enjoy the Canarian weather whilst also exploring the southern part of the island.

In addition, you may choose to wander into the local village with its one stop shop & bar.



Day 69 – Saturday 27 February

Our tour comes to an end this morning.

Included in the tour is your flexible return ferry crossing to Cadiz, Spain. On board the ferry your en-suite cabin and the ships full board menus are included. The return crossing will be set for today, however this can be extended if you wish to stay in the Islands longer.

For those travelling back today it's an easy journey to Las Palmas port ready for the afternoon ferry. **50 miles**. The ferry arrives back in Cadiz, Spain on Monday morning.

PRICE

6m Motorhome with 2 people - £2,599 per person

6m Motorhome with 1 person - £3,999

Supplement for motorhomes above 6m - £250 per metre or part metre

Deposit £2,000 due 02/12/2020

Balance payable 11/12/2020

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- Cadiz to Canaries return ferry with inside en-suite cabin and ships full board menu
- Inter-island ferries throughout the itinerary
- 43 campsite nights with hook-up
- 20 camper stop nights without hook-up
- 3 overnight private parking stops without hook-up
- 2 nights on ferry
- Services of two experienced Tour Directors in their own motorhome
- Tour Information Pack including GPS co-ordinates
- Michelin Islands Map
- DK Guidebook
- **Meals Included – These will be socially distanced and mostly held outdoors**
- Full board ships menu on Spain to Canaries ferry both ways
- 7 Dinners/Lunches with wine
- 1 Rum tastings
- 1 Wine & Tapas evening

EXCURSIONS & TRIPS - To be offered as optional (chosen and payable locally throughout the tour)

- Tenerife
- Excursion to Masca and Garachico villages
- Transport for day visit to Los Cristianos and Playa Las Americas
- Visit to local banana plantation
- Excursion of Mount Teide National Park
- Visit to the balcony town of La Orotava
- La Palma
- Walk in rain forest with Tour Directors
- Internal island excursion
- Visit to salt pans
- Gran Canaria
- Visit to Las Palmas city
- Transport to Arguineguin market
- Day in Arguineguin & Puerto de Mogan including boat trip
- Transport to Maspalomas Dunes



Masca village overlooking Teno National Park, Tenerife

The starting point for this tour is southern Spain. For those who would like to travel with the Tour Directors from the UK, an optional package for this will be offered. The details of this will be available in early December, when more up to date information covering the journey to southern Spain will be available. The expected departure date from the UK is 14/12/2020.