

Santa Cruz de Tenerife

Distance to town:

Around a 10 to 15 minute walk

Shopping:

Head to Plaza de Espana, with both international stores and local souvenirs available

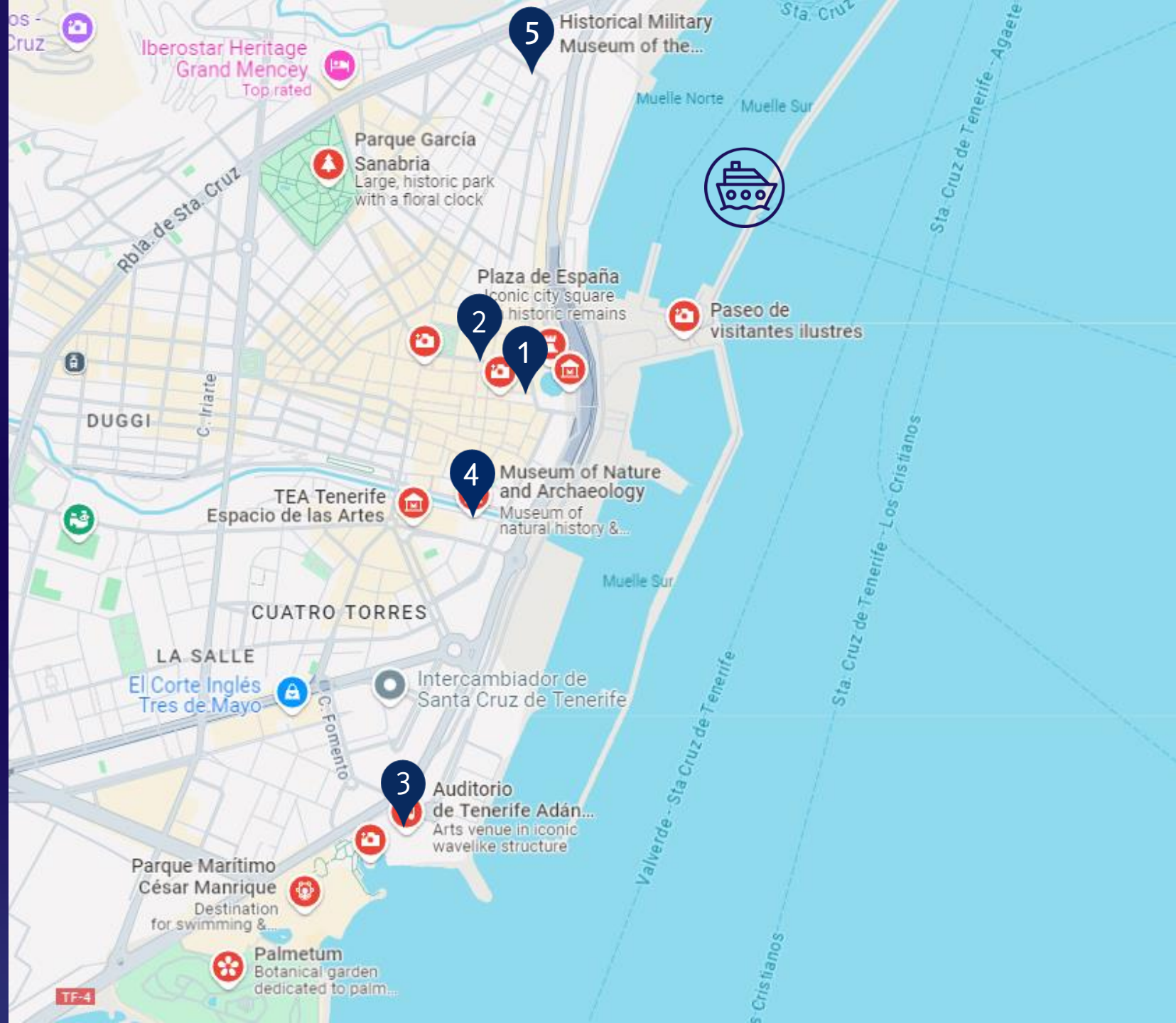


Docking Location

Top Sights:

- 1 Plaza de Espana – Shopping District
- 2 Town Centre
- 3 Adan Martin Auditorium
- 4 Museum of Nature and Archaeology
- 5 Historical Military Museum

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USEFUL INFORMATION



CURRENCY
EURO



LANGUAGE
SPANISH



DISTANCE TO TOWN
AROUND A 20 MINUTE WALK

AT A GLANCE

Tenerife is the biggest Canary island and is well known for housing Spain's largest mountain, Mount Teide. In Tenerife there are lots of little scenic villages that you can visit.

The majority of Santa Cruz's sights are within easy walking distance of the waterfront Plaza Espana. This square serves itself as a memorial to the fallen of the 1936-39 civil wars.

The town centre is around a 15 to 20 minute walk from the ship. Follow the blue signs for directions to the centre. The local bus station is about a 25 minute walk from the port, or taxis are available within the port. They are generally not metered so ensure that you agree a price with the driver before getting in.

OUT AND ABOUT

Museum of Nature and Archaeology: Set inside a former civil hospital, this museum features natural science and archaeology. The highlights are most definitely the Guanche mummies and skulls. Signage is only in Spanish however translation cards are given at the entrance. Audio guides are also available in English.

St. John the Baptist Castle: Built in 1644, this fort defended Santa Cruz and is now one of the few fortifications preserved in the city. It is located in the heart of the capital behind the Auditorium.

Tenerife Auditorium: This Opera House was built back in 2003 and is designed in the shape of a wave. Located on the waterfront, this is the home of the Symphonic Orchestra of Tenerife.

BEST BEACHES

Playa Teresitas near the capital of Santa Cruz is a very popular man-made beach. With gorgeous views of the city and skyline, it is the epitome of postcard perfect beaches in Tenerife. You can easily spend hours at this beach marvelling at its beauty. It's around a 15 minute drive from the port to Playa Teresitas.

SHOPPING

Perhaps the best thing about shopping on Tenerife is that it has the lowest tax rate in Europe - which means cheaper goods. From open air markets to international brands, you'll be spoilt for choice. You'll find an array of shops and gift shops within the main centre. The port area usually has a gift shop for small purchases too.

DO IT LIKE THE LOCALS

Want to eat like a local? Papas Arrugada with mojo salsa - wrinkled potatoes with a selection of spicy red and green pepper sauces, are served with almost every meal. These make for a great side dish. Why not try local fish like vieja and sama, lightly grilled with a generous helping of garlic - it's delicious. Locally produced varieties of cheese and honey are also well worth sampling too, Tenerife's microclimate gives a flavour you won't find anywhere else. Got a sweet tooth? Why not try a traditional almond and raisin pudding known as Frangollo.

JUST SO YOU KNOW

As with all tourist destinations, pick-pockets can operate in crowded areas so please be mindful of your possessions. It's illegal to smoke on beaches in the Canary Islands.

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