

Santa Cruz de La Palma

Distance to town:

Around a 10 to 15 minute walk

Shopping:

Head to Calle Real, also known as O'Daly Street, and is lined with Colonial style buildings

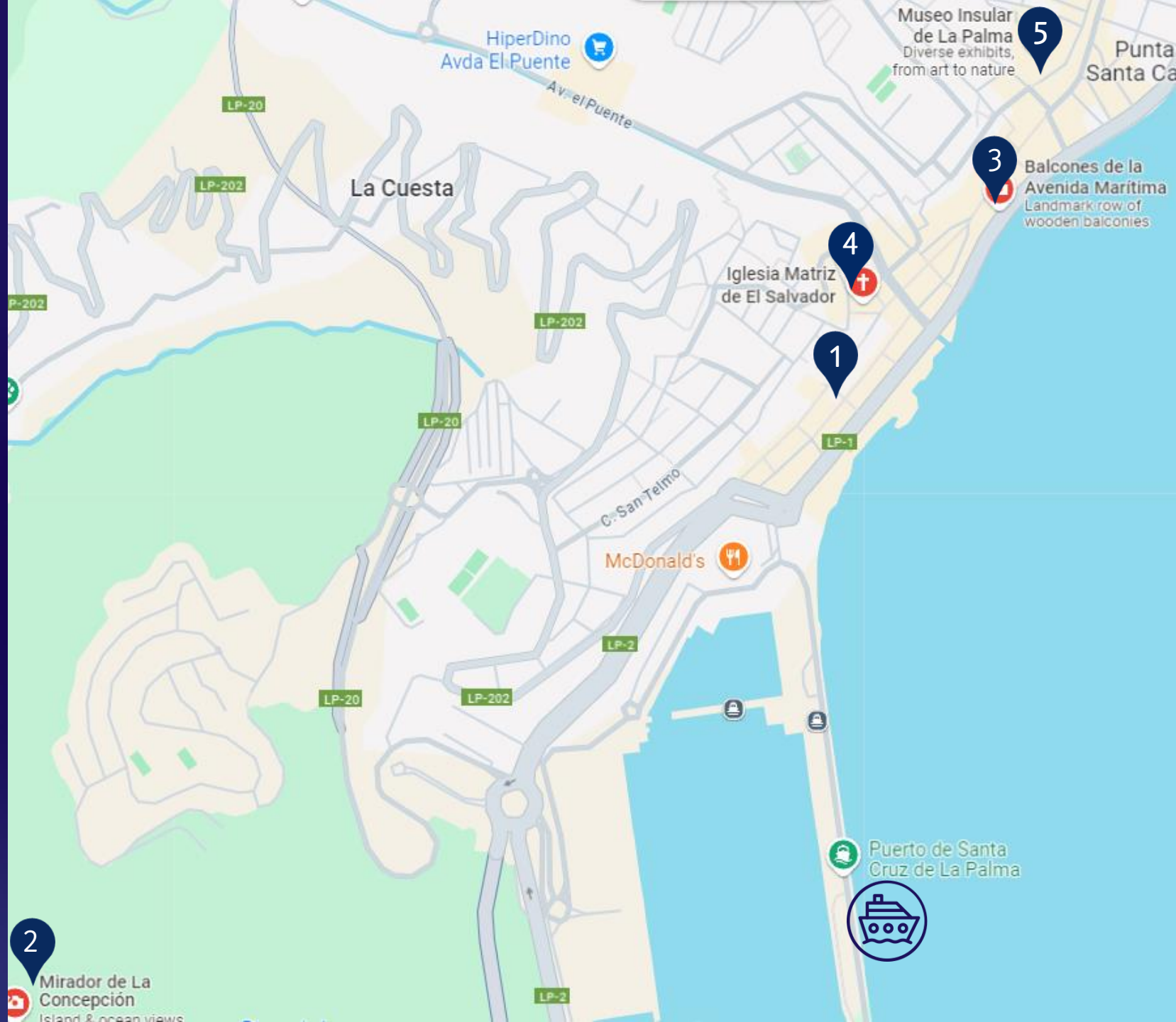


Docking Location

Top Sights:

- 1 Town Centre
- 2 Mirador de La Concepcion – View Point
- 3 Balconies
- 4 El Salvador Church
- 5 Art and Nature Museum

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AT A GLANCE

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. Rolling mountains, plunging valleys and sweet-smelling pine forests means that the little island certainly isn't short on breath-taking scenery. It's no wonder the locals call it La Isla Bonita – the beautiful island.

Things are just as good looking along the coast, where dramatic black-sand beaches give way to hidden coves.

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, which is around 10 to 15 minutes away. Taxis are usually 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.

OUT AND ABOUT

Avenida Marítima Balconies: Admired by many travelers who visited La Palma along the nineteenth century, these balconies are often painted using dip pen and in oil painting, as well as in watercolour by local artists.

Santuario de la Virgen de las Nieves: For great views over Santa Cruz, take the relatively easy 2km hike north of town to La Palma's main object of pilgrimage, the 17th-century Santuario de la Virgen de las Nieves with its fabulously ornate interior.

La Concepcion Viewpoint: This viewpoint offers the best views of Santa Cruz from above. At over 400m high up, this viewpoint overlooks the port and the mountains, offering some great photo opportunities.

BEST BEACHES

Relax at Playa de Santa Cruz, a picturesque black-sand beach perfect for sunbathing and swimming. For a quieter spot, head to Playa de Los Cancajos, known for its calm waters and scenic views—ideal for a laid-back day by the sea.

SHOPPING

Explore the quaint streets of Santa Cruz de La Palma for local boutiques and artisan shops. Be sure to visit the Mercado Municipal for fresh produce, traditional cheeses, and handcrafted souvenirs that showcase the island's unique culture and craftsmanship.

DO IT LIKE THE LOCALS

Indulge in "Papas Arrugadas" with mojo sauce, a Canarian classic that locals love. These wrinkled potatoes are boiled in salt water and served with the spicy red or green sauce. Enjoy them at a local eatery for the full experience.

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.

For more information on what to do ashore, speak to the Destination Services team on Deck 5