

CANARIES IN SPRING ON A LUXURY SAILING CRUISE

Meet whales and dolphins in their natural habitat: The marine mammals love the food-rich waters off La Gomera. Leave the Canaries' hustle and bustle behind: pine forests and quaint villages on the pristine Canary Island of El Hierro. The pinnacles of a World Natural Heritage Site: meter-high lava tongues and bizarre rock formations in the Teide National Park. Fascinating natural contrasts: the lush green cloud forest of Garajonay and Lanzarote's black lava deserts. A renowned lecturer accompanies the trip and entertains with exciting talks and stories about the destination.



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Day 1 Las Palmas/Gran Canaria

Departure 22.00 With its black volcano almost 2,000 meters (6,561 foot) high and endless white beaches along the coastline, the island of Gran Canaria displays a huge variety of landscapes. A "continent in miniature" with rugged rock formations, dense pine forests, dry valleys and reservoirs in the interior, lush vegetation in the north, shimmering dune landscapes in the south and weirdly shaped cliffs in the west. Almost half the island has been registered by UNESCO as a



Biosphere Reserve. The capital, Las Palmas, is no less colorful, with its port and history stretching back 500 years. The showpiece of this historic old town is the magnificent Santa Ana Cathedral.

Day 2 At Sea

Climbing the rigging, untying ropes, setting sails – today is all about sailing. Time to lean back and relax in the deck chair and watch the passionate crew hoisting the sails by hand.

Day 3 San Sebastián/La Gomera

Arrival 08.00, Departure 19.00 Many people consider La Gomera to be the most wildly romantic island in the Canaries. Rugged gorges, craggy hillsides, fertile valleys and evergreen cloud forests characterise the landscape. The Garajonay National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, embraces the whole central mountain area and is an unusual little spot. Ancient bay trees, heather bushes as high as trees and meter-high ferns form a cloud forest where treemoss hangs from the trees and mosses cling to gnarled branches – a truly mystical natural spectacle which has existed for millions of years.

Day 4 Puerto de la Estaca/El Hierro

Arrival 13.30, Departure 19.00 Volcanic activity has created a wildly romantic and varied natural landscape. A black lava desert and strange rock formations with oddly shaped, wind-defying juniper trees in the south, orchards, vineyards, fig and almond groves in the north, lush green meadows and pastures in the high plateaus, and perhaps the most beautiful pine forests in the archipelago. El Hierro, the smallest and newest of the Canary Islands, is almost completely edged with steeply sloping, rugged cliffs and the spray from the surging

ocean. UNESCO has designated it a Biosphere Reserve.

Day 5 Santa Cruz/Tenerife

Arrival 09.00, Departure 19.00 Santa Cruz is the perfect starting point if you want to discover Tenerife's diverse mix of beach, nature, and avant-garde culture. The capital and port city in the northeast of the island is not only decked out with historic buildings but also features a lively art scene and spectacular modern architecture by Calatrava or Herzog, and De Meuron. Santa Cruz is also not far from other highlights in the north. For example, the lively colonial town of La Laguna, with its impressive mansions, or quaint Taganana in the Agana Landscape Park, which has retained the charm of an old mountain village.

Day 6 At sea

Enjoy fitness, cosmetics, massage or sun and sea with a good book in the deck chair. This day beneath full sails gives you all the options for your perfect personal wellness program.

Day 7 Arrecife/Lanzarote

Arrival 08.00, Departure 14.00 The "Island of Fire", a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, has been continually recreated by volcanic eruptions. A third of Lanzarote is a bizarre lunar landscape of barren, beige-grey lines of hills and "fire mountains". In sharp contrast to this are the snow white houses, golden beaches and sparse green vegetation. Its quaint wine-growing areas of La Geria have been declared an all-embracing art form by the Museum of Modern Art. The painter, sculptor and architect César Manrique understood art as the link between man and nature and made a vital contribution to the look of his island home through his artistic creations.





Day 8 Las Palmas/Gran Canaria

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

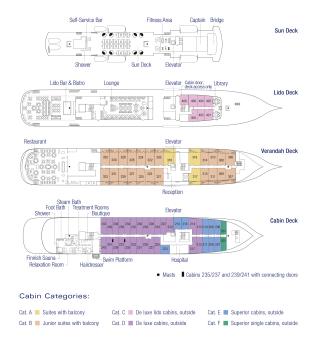
BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Building a three-mast full-rigged ship with traditional rigging in the 21st century may seem a little unusual. For SEA CLOUD CRUISES it is a commitment to true passion for sailing. With her clear, classic line she follows the example of her elegant windjammer sisters, but goes completely new ways. An entire deck with balcony cabins, an exclusive wellness and SPA area, a fitness room with sea view, a bistro on deck as an evening alternative to "fine dining" in the restaurant - the youngest member of the SEA CLOUD family offers plenty of room for individuality in addition to genuine windjammer romance. The SEA CLOUD SPIRIT combines traditional windjammer experience with 21st century comfort with up to 136 passengers. Cabins Even more comfort: of the 69 cabins from the owner suite to the superior outside cabin, almost half have balconies or windows to open. Public areas Spacious decks, a generous wellness and SPA area, fitness with sea view and much more: on board the SEA CLOUD SPIRIT, one does not only enjoy the freedom under sails.





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