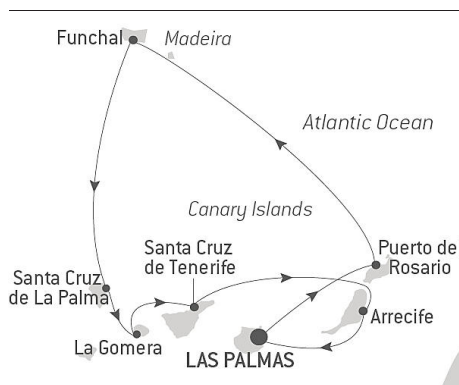


Splendours of the Canaries and authentic Madeira

From **04/04/2023**
to **13/04/2023**

Ship: **LE DUMONT-D'URVILLE**

From **Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Canary Islands**
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PONANT invites you to discover spectacular places on this cruise between Spain's Canary Islands and Portugal's Madeira Islands. Succumb to the charms of this unforgettable **10-day** trip aboard *Le Dumont d'Urville*, combining stunning landscapes, emblematic volcanic cones, and stretches of black-sand beach.

Your cruise will begin on the island of **Gran Canaria** in **Las Palmas**, where *Le Dumont d'Urville* will take to the sea, sailing west to reach **the neighbouring island of Fuerteventura**. In **Puerto del Rosario**, you will be able to admire the old town and its Canarian-style houses protected by high walls, the narrow streets and the **long, sandy beach**.

Your ship will then set a course northward to carry you to **Madeira**, a paradise for hiking enthusiasts. On this steep island covered in **luxuriant vegetation**, the variety of landscapes, including **sheer cliffs**, *levadas* (Madeiran aqueducts), banana plantations, and the laurel forest – Laurisilva – listed with UNESCO, never ceases to amaze visitors.

Here you will discover **Funchal**, the capital of the Madeira Islands. Its magnificent **botanical gardens** overlooking the city, its churches and its ancient **fortress** are sure to win you over.

After a call in Santa Cruz de La Palma, *Le Dumont d'Urville* will then drop anchor at **La Gomera**. This tiny island with lush vegetation is a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its biosphere reserve. This island is also renowned for its whistling language, *Silbo*, that the inhabitants use to communicate from one valley to another.

Your cruise will continue in **Santa Cruz de Tenerife**. Dominated by Spain's tallest peak, **Mount Teide**, and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this charming volcanic island offers a great variety of landscapes.

You will then discover **Lanzarote**, also called 'island of fire'. You are sure to be surprised by its quasi-lunar landscapes, before sailing to the island of **Gran Canaria** and **Las Palmas**, the end of your trip.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA, CANARY ISLANDS

Embarkation 04/04/2023 from 16:00 to 17:00

Departure 04/04/2023 at 19:00

A stopover of sunny climes, Las Palmas is located on the north-east coast of Gran Canaria. A few streets away from Puerto de la Luz port, you'll discover the vast Las Canteras beach, bordered with the town's characteristic palms. You'll find these palms are all over Las Palmas, in the streets and squares, especially on the **plaza de Santa Ana** in the heart of the historical district. It feels like you've travelled back in time here, as you stand looking at the tall houses beside the Santa Ana cathedral. Very close by, you can visit the **Casa de Colón**, a museum dedicated to the famous explorer. The museum is housed in the palace belonging to the island's former governor. Chances are, you'll be drawn to the covered Vegueta market to partake in some daily life along with the locals and taste some unfamiliar dishes.

PUERTO DEL ROSARIO, CANARY ISLANDS

Arrival 05/04/2023 early morning

Departure 05/04/2023 late afternoon

Surrounded by turquoise waters of the Atlantic Ocean, the capital of Fuerteventura island is located in the autonomous community of the Canary Islands. Harbour city, **Puerto Del Rosario** will charm you with its storekeepers, its white houses and picturesque sea front.

AT SEA

Arrival 06/04/2023

Departure 06/04/2023

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

FUNCHAL, MADEIRA

Arrival 07/04/2023 early morning

Departure 08/04/2023 early afternoon

This attractive capital of Madeira is located on the southern coast of the island. The walkways of the old town are lined with **azulejos**, or multi-coloured mosaics. If you follow these patterns, they'll lead you to the appetising Mercado dos Lavradores market stands, the **Frederico de Freitas** museum, and the golden panelling of the Cathedral de la Sé. Along the waterfront, the palm tree-shaded promenade leads you to the **teleféricos de Monte**, Madeira's cable cars. Its panoramic cabins transport you over the city to top of Monte, where you can see the picturesque botanical garden.

SANTA CRUZ DE LA PALMA, CANARY ISLANDS

Arrival 09/04/2023 midday

Departure 09/04/2023 early evening

The capital of the island of Palma, **Santa Cruz de la Palma** is the pearl of the Canaries. Founded in 1493 by the conquistador Alonso Fernandez de Lugo, the city has preserved a large and atypical architectural heritage from its colonial past, with its traditional Canarian houses adorned with brightly coloured wooden balconies, its cobbled streets, its sumptuous palaces and its numerous religious buildings. The **Santa Catalina Castle** is the symbol of the city. This 16th century military fortification helped defend the city from repeated attacks by French privateers.

SAN SEBASTIAN DE LA GOMERA, CANARY ISLANDS

Arrival 10/04/2023 early morning

Departure 10/04/2023 early evening

La Gomera rises from the water like a mirage. This volcanic island in **the Canaries** features jagged cliffs, valleys covered in palm trees, and beaches of black sand bathing in crystal-clear waters. But its greatest treasure lies at its heart: an exceptional *laurisilva*, a laurel forest whose prehistoric vegetation has been preserved thanks to the microclimate on the island. This unique ecosystem, common a few million years ago in the tropics, forms the **Garajonay National Park**, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Like the birds, the Guanches contribute to the poetry of the island too, with their whistled language called **Silbo**. This magical-sounding, melodious language is also listed as World Heritage by UNESCO.

SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, CANARY ISLANDS

Arrival 11/04/2023 early morning

Departure 11/04/2023 late afternoon

The capital city of Tenerife is located on the north-east coast of the island. Close to the port is the monumental **Plaza de España**, bedecked with a fountain and plant sculptures. Around the plaza, you can admire the white marble Triunfo de la Candelaria obelisk, the historic casino of Santa Cruz and the majestic Guimerà theatre. Not far from here, the picturesque **Iglesia de la Concepción** church features the characteristic traits of Canaries architecture.

ARRECIFE DE LANZAROTE, CANARY ISLANDS

Arrival 12/04/2023 early morning

Departure 12/04/2023 late afternoon

Established on a coast sprinkled with cliffs, **Arrecife** has a pleasant beach and a lagoon full of charm, **Charca of San Ginés**, where the fishermen anchor their boats. The city also proposes places fed by history and culture, such as the **castle San Gabriel**, former fort of defense of the city.

LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA, CANARY ISLANDS

Arrival 13/04/2023 early morning

Disembarkation 13/04/2023 at 08:00

A stopover of sunny climes, Las Palmas is located on the north-east coast of Gran Canaria. A few streets away from Puerto de la Luz port, you'll discover the vast Las Canteras beach, bordered with the town's characteristic palms. You'll find these palms are all over Las Palmas, in the streets and squares, especially on the **plaza de Santa Ana** in the heart of the historical district. It feels like you've travelled back in time here, as you stand looking at the tall houses beside the Santa Ana cathedral. Very close by, you can visit the **Casa de Colón**, a museum dedicated to the famous explorer. The museum is housed in the palace belonging to the island's former governor. Chances are, you'll be drawn to the covered Vegueta market to partake in some daily life along with the locals and taste some unfamiliar dishes.