

Personal Tour

Exclusive Tailored-Made Tours



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Our Vision

This is a service designed from a different tourism concept: a customised, personal experience where the main purpose is to discover and enjoy yourself with all your senses, at your own pace and free from the stressful schedules of mass tours. Our tailor-made trips will not only let you design a bespoke tour based on your tastes and interests, but you will also have the possibility to get to impressive spots that remain unknown and/or cannot be accessed by bus or with mass tours.

Choose when to start, the spots to visit or among several tasting experiences and even the restaurant to have lunch. The following pages are just some exemples of customised tours, but you can combine spots and tasting experiences as you prefer. Our official tour guide will help you to get the best private bespoke tour.

Experience, explore and enjoy Gran Canaria a you have never imagined!!!

CANARIAN HERITAGE

The ancient canarios, the Guayadeque ravine & more

TELDE

Before the island was conquered, some Majorcan friars were established next to Telde and tried to christianize the first canarios. What happened to them afterwards? We will discover the fascinating history of this town, visiting the San Juan Basilica and its interesting Christ made with corn paste by the Mexican Indians.

THE GUAYADEQUE RAVINE

The ancient canarios used to live in prehistoric caves in this ravine. We will see a chapel inside a cave and may be able to visit a Canarian family who still lives in a cave. If desired we can have some local food in a cave restaurant.

AGÜIMES

This is one of the most charming villages in Gran Canaria. It was a present given by the Spanish Monarchs to the bishop for its support during the Conquest. Discover its history, its traditional architecture and its sculptures. You can also enter in a artisanal workshop and see how they work.

DURATION From 4



las Palmas city, the volcano and the Canarian Garden

LAS PALMAS.

OLD TOWN. This was the first city created by the Spanish Monarchs in the Atlantic Ocean and its main square (Plaza Santa Ana) was taken as a model for the new main squares in America. Discover its fascinating history from the Conquest passing through the corsair attacks or the Cristopher Columbus stops (museum visit optional). Discover also its rich architecture from gothic, passing through renaissance, neoclassic and even modernism.

THE MARKET. It is a must to stop and be amazed by all the tropical fruits grown in the volcanic soil of the island. A nice place to have a real coffee from our Agaete Valley plantation, a Canarian cup of wine or some jamón ibérico.

THE BRITISH QUARTER. The trade between England and Gran Canaria was very fluent from the XVI century with sugar, wine and afterwards tomatoes and bananas. At the end of the XIX century British families settled in front of the new port and played a very important role to develop the island economy. We will see the area, the British style houses and the British Club.



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THE BANDAMA CALDERA. An awesome crater created by the last volcano eruption 2000 years ago. Enjoy the views and see the volcanic ashes which provide minerality and fertility to the soil. Flemish Daniel Van Damme used to grow the vines inside the basin and still today all the volcano surrounding area is planted with vineyards.

THE CANARIAN GARDEN. With your guide, learn how the first canarios used the native plants. Gran Canaria offers a myriad of microclimates which allows a huge variety of flora: over 500 Canarian species, but also over 1000 which were introduced from America, Asia or Africa. Walk in the laurel forest, the original forest there was in Europe before the last ice age.

From: 4 hours (5 with the Canarian Garden)



LIGHT HIKING: 1 HOUR

ABORIGEN TOUR

Pre-hispanic caves, and amazing ravines carved by water

El Barranco de las Vacas is undoubtedly one of the places that is arousing the greatest interest among travelers and visitors to the island. It is a channel through which water circulated hundreds of years ago and its volcanic tuff has been molded creating capricious shapes and interesting water marks. We will visit the place and explain how it could be formed before discovering another interesting space still unknown to the general public: the Temisas caves. This place was used by the ancient Canarians to live and as a granary. It is a strategic spot with beautiful views from where they could see the arrival of the enemies both from the Ocean and from the interior of the island. To get there we will walk for 30 minutes (one way), and 30 minutes on the way back. We will also observe endemic flora of the island and enjoy of gorgeous views of the surroundings, while learning about the life and customs of the ancient Canarians. If we had time, we will also stop and visit the charming Agüimes village.



SUGGESTION Combine this tour with an artisan salt/cheese factory visit or the Guayadeque ravine.



THE UNKNOWN AND EXUBERANT NORTH

History, nature, Run and bananas

Coming to Gran Canaria without visiting the north is getting an incomplete view of the island as this area is far more green and fresher than the south (4-5 celsius degrees colder).

TEROR. One of the most charming villages of Gran Canaria with its colorful colonial houses and its wooden balconies. A place of pilgrimage as its Basilica hosts the patron saint of the island, the virgin of the pine. Discover its legend and the village connection with America.

FIRGAS. The smallest village of the island, famous for water staircase and its colorful tiles, is very quite and peaceful. Visit also its old water mill.

ARUCAS. A wealthy city due to its banana plantations and sugar cane. We will see the imposing San Juan Church, built by hand and in volcanic stone with some influences from Antonio Gaudí's Sagrada Familia. If desired the Arehucas Rum Factory can be visited (monday to friday mornings).



DURATION From 4/5 hours

AROUND THE ISLAND The most unknown part of Gran Canaria

Discover the west part of the island, the wildest and most isolated area of Gran Canaria, with its interesting "azulejos" (volcanic layers with different colours) and an amazing viewpoint before reaching Puerto de las Nieves and its beautiful natural pools (possibility of swimming if desired).

Enjoy fresh local fish and seafood in one of the restaurants in front of the beach before enjoying a coffee in a family plantation in Agaete Valley.

Finally, what about a stop in Arucas town? Its imposing church combines neogothic and modernism style and was completely build by hand.

Attention: This tour involves winding mountain roads.



DURATION 8 hours

THE AMAZING CENTER OF GRAN CANARIA

Magnificent views and a wide range of microclimates

Known as the "miniature continent", this island offers spectacular views, great contrasts and endless microclimates. We will enter the peaks of the island, sacred to the ancient Canaries and a Biosphere Reserve, to discover the singularity of a unique island, from its most arid areas to the Canarian pine forests. We will cross the Fataga canyon, passing through the town of San Bartolomé de Tirajana and then we can decide whether to go to the town of Tejeda or reach Pico de las Nieves, the highest point on the island. We will stop at the best spots to enjoy the magnificent views. Also possibility of visiting a winery at more than 1000 meters above sea level with a tasting of 3 wines (under request: ask conditions and supplement).

Attention: This tour involves winding mountain roads.

DURATION From 6 hours



SOUTHERN DELIGHTS

Discover why some many visitors choose Gran Canaria to enjoy their holidays!

The amazing dunes with the ocean behind is a must if you are visiting Gran Canaria. Enjoy of the breathtaking views and take some pictures before going ahead to Puerto Mogan by the road coast, passing through abandoned tomato plantations and banana crops. This village, also known as "Litlle Venice" because of its bridges and canals, is one of the most picturesque resort of Gran Canaria. Enjoy of some free time and discover its narrow streets full of colorfull bougainvilleas and little charming white washed houses.



DURATION From 4 hours

SAILING EXPERIENCE

An unforgettable day sailing along the coast of Gran Canaria

In a private sailboat we will enjoy sailing along the coast of Gran Canaria admiring its orography and some of the most outstanding places of the territory. We will learn about sailing and steer the boat helm. We will also stop for a swim if desired. The sailing trip can be booked for 4 or 7 hours and we can depart from different ports of the island. Cheese, ibérico jamón and a Gran Canaria wine bottle is included on board. Other services can also be booked if desired (on request). Enjoy an unforgettable day!

INCLUDES

Private transport from & back to you hotel, official tourist guide and Civil liability insurance, private sailing experience, cheese, iberico ham and a bottle of Gran Canaria wine, soft drinks.

DURATION 6-7h (Up to 4 hours sailing)







Wine Tours by personal tour

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EXCLUSIVE WINE TOUR

An experience with all your senses!



WITH AN OFFICIAL TOURIST GUIDE CERTIFIED BY LA RUTA DEL VINO DE GRAN CANARIA (RVGC)

The 2023 Parker List (the most important worldwide) has included some Gran Canaria wines for its quality and uniqueness. Discover wines that remain unknown to the mainstream but that are receiving both national and international awards. Uncover their secrets, touch the volcanic soil, take a walk through the vineyards, talk to the local winemaker and taste wines that will turn your tour into a memorable experience.

Cultivated on steep slopes and terraces, the island's wine farmers work, on the volcanic soil, unique local varieties such as Malvasia Volcanica or Listán Negro. We will privately visit a vineyard with its cellar and it will be the winemaker who will receive us (exclusively) and make us discover the secrets of a still traditional way of producing excellent wines. Tasting of 3 wines paired with local cheese included.

DURATION 5 hours

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CITY WINE TOUR A walking tour & wine tasting





"A perfume for our blood", with these words William Shakespeare described the famous and aromatic wines he loved from the Canary Islands that were exported to England during the 16th and 17th centuries. A walking tour in Las Palmas city old quarter focused in the trade history: sugar, wines, tomatoes, bananas... We will discover why Canarian wines were replaced with Portos and Madeiras before tasting two excellent wines from Gran Canaria. We will identify their aromas with the Aroma Wheel! A voyage to the golden age of Canarian most famous wines!

DURATION 4 hours

SUGGESTION Combine this tour with a visit to the British quarter, the Bandama Caldera or the Canarian garden.



LIGHT HIKING: 2 HOURS

Volcano Walk and Wine Tasting

Walk along the volcano, discover its unique nature and visit a winery



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Walk along the rim of the Bandama Crater (2 hours, good physical condition is required), where the island's last volcanic eruption took place 2000 years ago, and get the best panoramic view of the surrounding ravines, as well as part of the coast of Gran Canaria. Our guide will interpret the path, the flora and the history of the place from an ethnographic point of view before arriving at the Bodega Mondalón, a few meters from the Caldera, where its owner, Tamara, will receive us to enjoy a tasting of wines from this fertile volcanic soil, accompanied by cheeses and homemade mermelade.

DURATION 5/6 hours

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Gastro Experiences

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SALT, OLIVES AND Cheese experience

Get in touch with the local producers and taste excellent traditional products

SALT

Discover a traditional saltworks which produces natural salt by evaporation as hundreds of years before. Uncover its secrets and learn about the different qualities of salt.

CHEESE

Enter in an artisan cheese factory, where you will be able to meet the animals and learn the special characteristics of Gran Canaria's cheese. Possibility of learning and doing a cheese workshop (under request).

OLIVE OIL

There is a small production of artisanal olive virgin oil of excellent quality. Visit the plantation and enjoy of this not filter "gold liquid".

Uncover the hidden treasures of Gran Canaria land!!!

DURATION From 4-5 hours



THE COFFEE EXPERIENCE

Appreciate your daily coffee like never before!

A truly experience

Did you know that high quality coffee plants are grown in Gran Canaria? In a specific subtropical area, we will visit a small an artisanal plantation and enjoy a real coffee experience! Walk among coffee plants, and take, peel and taste the fruit before roasting it yourself. Discover its best kept secrets: how the fruit is collected, dried and how its roasting level and the type of grinding will affect the final result.

An exotic coffee

Due to a special microclimate Arabica Tipica varietal coffee plants are grown further north than its usual latitude and at a considerably lower altitude than usual, making this coffee more aromatic, sweet and smooth.

DURATION From 4 hours from Las Palmas /6 hours from Maspalomas

SUGGESTION

Combine this tour with a Bandama Crater Volcano Photoshooting stop or with a Las Palmas old quarter visit.



THE GASTRO TOUR

A local experience in the market and a private lunch in a winery

Visit one of the most interesting markets in Las Palmas and learn about the best local quality products: cheeses, fresh fish, tropical fruits, etc. and taste several tropical fruits grown in Gran Canaria (mango, papaya, dragon fruit, pittaya, passion fruit...) and a plate of the best Iberian ham. Our second stop will be a private and exclusive visit in one of the smallest and most interesting wineries of the island, which besides vineyards, grow oranges, olives, avocados, mangos and some coffee plants. The family will cook for us using the products of their farm, which we will pair with their 3 wines (white and red), made with the local varieties Tintilla, Listán Negro and Malvasía Volcánica.

MENU (some products depending on season): -Starters: tomato salad with avocado, olives cheese, orange or mango marmalade, piquillo peppers stuffed with morcilla and homemade mojo, croquettes.

-Main course: risotto with prawns and mushrooms.

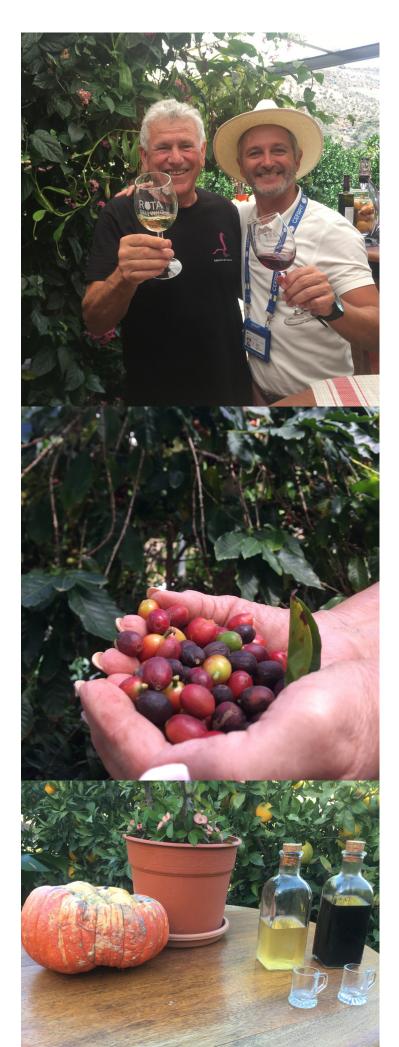
-Dessert: orange cake.

-Coffee: from the plantation.

-Liqueurs: coffee liqueur and limoncello home made.



THE GASTRO TOUR





My name is Marc. I love learning history and telling stories. That is why I took and completed Journalism studies at Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona in 2001. I also had the happy chance to spend one year at University of Florence, Italy, and at University of Monterrey, Mexico. These experiences ignited my passion for travel, other cultures and other flavours.

From that moment, I visited many countries and I finally found one small island that I immediately fell in love with — Gran Canaria. A small piece of land with a wide range of microclimates, unique autochthonous flora, breathtaking landscapes, an impressive history and heritage, high-end local products and open-minded, friendly people.

While I was working as a journalist in Gran Canaria, I became imbued with its history, culture and food products and it was then I decided to apply for the Official Tourist Guide certificate, awarded by the Government of the Canary Islands. Besides, I am a partner and a certified guide of the Gran Canaria Wine Route (Ruta del Vino de Gran Canaria). I have also been awarded the statutory Tourism Intermediation Licence, so I am authorised to arrange and offer my own tours and excursions. My tours are conducted in French, English, Italian and Spanish.

Gran Canaria is full with treasures: experience and discover the best that this island has to offer!!!

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About me



