Las Palmas and Bandama

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE** 

Depart from the ship to the "Pueblo Canario," a collection of houses inspired by the Canarian traditional architecture. Enjoy the square that is surrounded by stores of local crafts and a hermitage. You will then visit the Casa Museo de Colón (Columbus House Museum). Casa Colón is dedicated to the study of the history of the Canary Islands and its relations with America. Then you will visit the Plaza Santa Ana (Saint Anne's Square) that is the heart of the old district of Vegueta. Nearby, stands the Museo Canario (Canary Island Museum) mainly devoted to the island's pre-Hispanic culture. The museum boasts the world's most extensive collections of Cro-Magnon remains. You will have an opportunity to see Altavista and the "Crater de Bandama." It is called "Caldera" in the Canary Islands and in this beautiful place there is an inactive crater of about 2,625 feet diameter that is 656 feet deep. It is one of a few craters of the world whose ground is inhabited and cultivated. The Caldera de Bandama is the result of a great explosion about 5,000 years ago. From the interior of the crater molten lava came out and formed Mount Bandama from where you will have an amazing panoramic view. You will stop for photos and admire the scenery before being driven back to the ship.

<u>Please note</u>: This tour is not recommended for people who have difficulty walking or climbing or who are confined to a wheelchair. Wear comfortable shoes and bring your camera.

PRICE<sup>\$</sup>79

Las Palmas, Arucas & the City of Teror

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE** 

Your tour will begin at **Santa Brigida**, known for its clay pots and other bowls. You will stop at a landmark restaurant dug into the hillside which is surrounded by beautiful gardens and caverns connected by passages. Your next stop will be **Teror**. See the **Basilica** located in the town square **Plaza del Pino**, with its beautiful stained glass windows showing the Mysteries of the Rosary. Continue on to the city of **Arucas**. The city center, declared a site of historic-artistic interest, is a must see. You will also see the **Parish Church of San Juan Bautista**, built entirely in Arucas stone by local master masons. There are also more beautiful stained glass windows here, the works of Canary Island painter Cristobal Hernandez de Quintana, and an extraordinary carving of the Reclining Christ, by Manuel Ramos. You will see **Plaza de San Juan**, the unfinished neo-classical building of the **Teatro Nuevo**, **Plaza de la Constitucion**, and the **Municipal Market**. Another of the main sites in Arucas is the **Casa y Jardín de la Marquesa** (The Marquise's Palace

and Gardens). The house was built in 1880 and the spacious Romantic style gardens around the house can also be toured.

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### PRICE\$99

Las Palmas, Full Day Private Car

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY** 

Explore at your leisure with a private vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. This exclusive tour will allow you to **customize your time ashore** and explore the most interesting sites in the comfort and privacy of your own car. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore. See the iconic sites of the city, or **create your own personal stops** to make the experience your own.

<u>Please note</u>: Capacity: 1-2 guests. Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person). This tour includes transport in a private car, driver and English Speaking Guide. Itinerary can be adjusted with tour guide as long as it's in the area and does not exceed the duration of 8 hours. Recommended for physically challenged guests.

## PRICE\$1699

Las Palmas, Full Day Private Van

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY** 

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<u>Please note</u>: Capacity: 3 - 6 guests. Private vans are ordered per vehicle (not per person). This tour includes transport in a private van, driver and English Speaking Guide. Itinerary can be

adjusted with tour guide as long as it's in the area and does not exceed the duration of 8 hours. Recommended for physically challenged guests.

#### PRICF\$1799

Las Palmas, Half Day Private Car

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY** 

Explore at your leisure with a private vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. This exclusive tour will allow you to **customize your time ashore** and explore the most interesting sites in the comfort and privacy of your own car. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore. See the iconic sites of the city, or **create your own personal stops** to make the experience your own.

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# PRICE\$929

Las Palmas, Half Day Private Van

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY** 

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#### PRICF\$999

Las Palmas, Panoramic Las Palmas

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE** 

Depart from your ship to have a look in the **Tafira** area, the exclusive residential district of Las Palmas city and home of the University. After a short time to explore, reboard your coach and journey to the "Crater de Bandam." This area is characterized by an inactive volcanic crater that is approximately 2,625 feet in diameter, and more importantly, is now inhabited and cultivated! The Crater de Bandama is the result of a great explosion that occurred approximately 5,000 years ago. From the interior of the crater erupted lava came out and formed **Mount Bandama**, where you will have a spectacular view of the surrounding countryside. Then, continue to Teror, situated in a strategic position on the slopes of a mountain valley that links the north with the center of the island and is a treasure trove of Canarian architecture – cobbled streets and handcrafted carved wooden balconies. In Teror there is a Basilica which houses the Virgen del Pino, the island's patron saint. The Basilica itself is constructed in the traditional Canarian design. Next, it's off to Arucas. The city is mainly an agricultural center on the foot of the Mountain of Arucas, a dormant volcano. Agriculture is very important to Arucas, the third largest town in Gran Canaria. You will see the large banana farms that contribute to the commerce of this area. Arucas' historical center has a distinctly 19th century flavor and is rich in buildings with carved stone façades. After a photo stop here, you will continue the drive towards **Altavista**, with amazing views of the surroundings and return to your Windstar ship.

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PRICE<sup>\$</sup>69