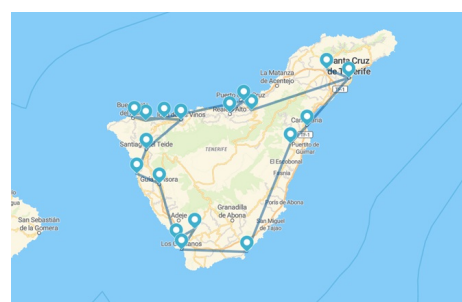




Spain (Canary Islands - Tenerife), 9 Days · Tailor-made by car

## Route through the 9 Wonders of the Island

Travel to Tenerife and enjoy a unique holiday on the "Island of eternal spring". From the north to the south, this exciting Driving Route will allow you to discover Tenerife's most emblematic localities and most stunning natural landscapes, all at your own pace. Bathed by the North Atlantic, Tenerife is known for its countless beaches and brilliant sun all throughout the year as well as unique enclaves such as Anaga Rural Park, Teno Rural Park or Teide National Park. Dotted with lunar-like landscapes, lush vegetation, beautiful gardens, magnificent coasts with mineral-rich white and black sand of volcanic origin, the sheer diversity of Tenerife makes it a standout destination. Walk through its cobblestone streets and breathe in the history exuded by its cities, towns and fishing villages with beautiful old centres recognised as World Heritage Sites, such as that of San Cristobal de La Laguna, also an Asset of Cultural Interest. The route is punctuated by ancient churches and distinctive mansions that reveal history and legends to the traveller. Immerse yourself in its ponds and natural pools, formed when boiling lava met the infinite ocean. On the horizon: the imposing Mount Teide, the third largest volcano on the planet. Take the cable car which stops near the top of the volcano at 3500 metres and take in one of the most impressive landscapes of the island, recognised by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.



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**Departure date:** Departures from August 2026 till July 2027

**From:** London

## Travel details

### DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE

Flight departure from the city of origin to Santa Cruz de Tenerife. Arrival and rental car pick-up. You'll have the rest of the day to start discovering the charms of the capital at your leisure. Cheerful, bright and by the sea, Santa Cruz de Tenerife will surprise you with its individuality. Here tradition blends perfectly with modernity while its distinct island character intermingles with a genuine cosmopolitan air. Versatile, dynamic and easy to walk around, the city seduces visitors with its traditional old town, boulevards, squares and streets full of history. Santa Cruz is a lively city which offers many cultural and leisure activities and a pedestrianised shopping area where shopping becomes a real pleasure. This is a port of great importance where geography, history and commerce have combined to turn this exceptional land into a key point of convergence between Europe, Africa and America. Feel like hitting the beach? We recommend you visit the coasts of Taganana and Benijos, with hidden coves of black sand and Las Teresitas beach, a special place with fabulous palm trees and golden sand from the Sahara. Next to the beach, the neighbourhood of San Andrés is always an excellent choice to savour the island's fresh fish. Overnight stay in Santa Cruz de Tenerife.

## ● DAY 2 · (CENTRAL ZONE) SANTA CRUZ - ANAGA RURAL PARK - SAN CRISTOBAL DE LA LAGUNA - SANTA CRUZ

An exciting day awaits you today. During your drive around the island, fascinating places like the Anaga Rural Park await you. This fascinating Biosphere Reserve will amaze you with its rich landscape featuring steep cliffs and breathtaking valleys full of indigenous vegetation that stretches towards the sea, creating an environment of rare beauty. Let's get going! The itinerary departs from Santa Cruz de Tenerife in the direction of Las Teresitas beach, from where you can go up the Anaga Mountains to the Bailadero, then go down to Taganana and from there head to the beautiful beaches of Roques de las Bodegas, Almaciga and Benijo, where besides enjoying the good weather you can try some delicious fish dishes. After recharging your batteries, you can climb back to Bailadero towards the Pico del Inglés viewpoint and the Cruz del Carmen interpretation centre. (Note: To see beautiful views of the Roques de Anaga, we recommend stopping at the Amogoge viewpoint on the TF-134 road that goes down to Taganana, from where you can admire them from afar). Any must-dos once here? A quiet stroll along the "path of the senses" will allow you to discover the special atmosphere of the wonderful Laurisilva forest. We then continue the drive to San Cristobal de la Laguna, former capital of the Canary Islands, which has one of the most valuable historical sites in Tenerife and has been recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. San Cristóbal de La Laguna was the first colonial city without walls that still preserves all its architectural features dating from the 15th century. It has also been used as a model for many American cities. Discover its exquisite gastronomy, historic buildings picturesque houses and the variety of leisure activities available. It's time to take a stroll and discover the charm of a unique Spanish city. Proof of this are its stately homes, famous churches and convents such as the churches of La Concepción and Santo Domingo, the former convent of San Agustín or the Catedral de Nuestra Señora de los Remedios... Discover the life and delight to be found in picturesque squares such as Adelantado, La Concepcion, the Cathedral... Try tasty rabbit with salmorejo, bubangos (zucchini) stew or desserts such as frangollo, torrija de carnaval (bread pudding) and macerated fruit. After the visit, head back over to the capital. You can end the day by taking a stroll along Playa de las Teresitas and enjoying a delicious seafood dinner in San Andrés. Overnight stay in Santa Cruz de Tenerife.

### ● DAY 3 · (CENTRAL ZONE) SANTA CRUZ - LAS LAGUNETAS/MONTE DE LA ESPERANZA - TEIDE NATIONAL PARK - LA OROTAVA - PUERTO DE LA CRUZ

From the capital, take the TF-24 road to head to Las Lagunetas on the Monte de la Esperanza, then go on to the Teide National Park (a UNESCO World Heritage Site and considered one of Spain's 12 Treasures). Along the way you will find spectacular viewpoints where you can marvel at the landscape, in addition to good Canarian food restaurants and nearby recreational areas. You will no doubt find yourself in front of one of the icons of this beautiful Canary Island. Did you know that Mount Teide is the highest peak in Spain? This magnificent volcano is 3718 metres high and visited annually by about three million tourists who come from all over the world. Located in the Teide National Park, it is the best example of the volcanic phenomena found in Tenerife. Interestingly, the environmental and geological conditions of this National Park and Mars are so similar that the park is used to carry out research to better understand the red planet. We'll ascend the most iconic peak of Spain by taking the TF 24 road. This stunning drive almost reaches the foot of Mount Teide and will allow you to explore picturesque places and unusual viewpoints, like the Montaña Grande, Ortuño and Ayosa viewpoints. From here Mount Teide will already be the star of your trip, a dominating presence emerging majestically above forests and distant bleak volcanic rocks. From the Parador Cañadas del Teide, numerous hiking trails can be followed. Nearby you can take a cable car and go up to the magnificent volcano. (Note: Remember that to go to the top of Mount Teide you must obtain a free permit and which must be ordered online well in advance). Continuing our journey, we descend by the captivating TF21 road, full of imposing precipices and rugged landscapes of unusual beauty. Now we're heading over to La Orotava with its important old town, less than an hour away. La Orotava is known internationally for its colourful flower and sand carpets which are made to celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi. These vast and widely renowned works of art can reach up to 3000 square metres. A truly unique show! If you won't be in La Orotava on this date, then don't miss the informative Museo de las Alfombras (Sand and Flower Carpet Museum). Any other recommendations? Visit the church of San Benito and the old convent, now converted into the Museo de Artesanía (Craft Museum). Casa Torrehermosa, a stately building dating from the 17th century, and the church of La Concepción, with its unusual Canary-style baroque facade. This is, of course, a land with close links to America and naturally with its art too, as reflected in this amazing church. Inside you'll find a real treasure. Our tour continues through the famous stately buildings of La Orotava, such as Casa Lercaro with its architecture typical of the island including elegant balconies and baroque façades, or Casa de los Balcones, which dates back to the 17th century. A visit to the Casa del Turista is another good option. Here you can admire authentic local carpets, buy souvenirs or take in the beautiful landscape from its interior viewpoint. If you have more time, you can visit the surroundings of the Town Hall, the Plaza de la Constitución or the pretty botanical garden known as "La Hijuela", where you can see the fascinating Canary Islands dragon tree. And finally, from the beautifully terraced Victoria Gardens you can enjoy magnificent views of the sea and the imposing marble mausoleum of Diego Ponte del Castillo. If you would like to find out more about Tenerife, don't forget to visit the Telesforo Bravo Visitor Centre. Here you can discover the history of the island and get to know the Teide National Park first-hand. (Note: At the town hall you can book interesting guided tours around the town and surrounding area based on history and science, or dramatised accounts, in addition to tours on horseback, among others).

Thus we continue our journey through what is known as "Lucky Island". Our next stop will be the town of Puerto de la Cruz a few kilometres away from La Orotava and internationally renowned for its popular festivals and celebrations such as Carnival and Oktoberfest which attract thousands of visitors each year.

Overnight stay in Puerto de la Cruz.

#### ● DAY 4 · (NORTHERN AREA) PUERTO DE LA CRUZ - LOS REALEJOS - PUERTO DE LA CRUZ

Did you know that since olden times, Puerto de la Cruz has been a key destination for travellers interested in improving their health? Its spectacular countryside, favourable climate and extraordinary sky captivated European scientists and botanists. The town is blessed with charming streets, a picturesque historic centre and delightful walks and beaches. Discover its traditional buildings such as the Casa de la Real Aduana, now a tourist office; the Casa de los Iriarte, birthplace of the great Spanish fable writers; beautiful green spaces like the Botanical Garden and tourist complexes including Costa Martiánez, located in an exceptional landscape. "El Lago", as the Puerto de la Cruz inhabitants call it, is one of the best examples of coastline development and a global aesthetic benchmark in landscape integration for leisure purposes; featuring basalt rock, emerald waters, gardens and sculptures, with stunning views of Mount Teide. The large lake is a bathing area of about 27,000 cubic metres of seawater surrounded by several swimming pools for adults and children and as it's also a leisure park there are five islands with bars, restaurants, grills and party and meeting rooms. The tourist complex of Costa Martiánez was designed by the painter, sculptor and designer César Manrique - World Prize of Ecology and Tourism 1978 -, using elements of traditional Canary Island architecture and endemic flora. It is considered an outdoor museum of contemporary art; inside the enclosure six spectacular sculptures of Manrique are dotted around: "Los Alisios", "La Jibia", "Barlovento", "Raíces al Viento" (Roots in the Wind), "Homenaje a William Reich" (Homage to William Reich) and "Monumento al Mar" (Memorial to the Sea). Looking for fun family activities? Don't miss the famous Loro Parque, with hundreds of animals from all kinds of climates and latitudes: birds, mammals, reptiles and fish from all over the planet will make your visit unforgettable. The shows with orcas and dolphins are incredible! If you have more time, stroll through the hermitage of San Telmo and its surroundings or the Playa Jardín complex, full of black sand beaches and gardens. Altogether an idyllic natural environment. The Punta del Viento viewpoint offers exceptional views of the endless ocean and the churches of Nuestra Señora de la Peña and San Francisco will delight you with their rich heritage. Last but not least, you can visit the Municipal Archaeological Museum, where interesting collections are exhibited. Afterwards, set off for Los Realejos, less than thirty minutes' drive away. Its beach, Playa del Socorro, is surrounded by magnificent countryside and is a real haven for surfers. Along the Rambla de Castro walkway you can take a laid-back stroll in a beautiful setting surrounded by palm trees. With the sea as a backdrop and the fort of San Fernando silhouetted on the horizon, you'll have plenty of wonderful photo opportunities. For a perfect end to the day, have bonita potatoes, black pig or try the area's famous white wine. Overnight stay in Puerto de la Cruz.

● **DAY 5 · (NORTHERN AREA) PUERTO DE LA CRUZ - CUEVA DEL VIENTO - ICOD DE LOS VINOS - GARACHICO - LOS SILOS - BUENAVISTA - ICOD DE LOS VINOS**

Next we'll leave Puerto de la Cruz and drive to the famous Cueva del Viento in Icod de los Vinos, less than half an hour from Los Realejos. The Cueva del Viento cave is one of the best preserved and longest lava tubes in the world. In fact, its 17-kilometre length make it the longest lava tube in the European Union. Go on an authentic journey to the centre of the earth! This volcanic cavity will surprise you with its labyrinths of lava, incredible rock formations and peculiar animals, unique in the world, which have adapted to this barren terrain. (Note: Before visiting the cave it is important to check the opening hours and buy the ticket in advance by phone, online or by email. Entrance is usually restricted to small groups of up to 15 people. The visiting hours are only visible when you access the online ticket shop on the website. There you can also see how many places are available. The schedules of the visits vary and are organised according to the language in which the tour is provided). After this terrific experience, you can get to know the picturesque town of Icod de los Vinos and its connections with wine. In this town you'll have the chance to savour its exquisite cuisine including delicious broths, fish, grilled meats, potatoes and delicious cheeses... In addition, you'll be able to enjoy some incredible views of Mount Teide. Icod de los Vinos was founded in the 16th century and offers visitors a rich architectural heritage to explore. Discover its stately homes, hermitages, churches, old palaces or convents, such as the church of San Marcos, the Plaza de la Pila square and the Museo Sacro (Sacred Museum). It is also worth stopping by the Town Hall, the church of San Agustín or the Virgen de los Afligidos hermitage. Of course, you can't leave without getting a photo of the town's icon: a centuries-old dragon tree, an authentic natural monument fifteen metres high and eight hundred years old. Later if you have more time, you could set off for San Marco beach and relax while you look out at the endless sea. Next, we'll take a trip to Garachico. Just a few kilometres away from Icod de los Vinos, its historical heritage has been declared an Asset of Cultural Interest. This idyllic town offers excellent views of the sea and is set in a unique natural enclave: cliffs, volcanic landscapes, nearby pine forests and banana plantations... Not only that, it has a rich heritage of buildings dating from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. You can't miss the palace of the Marquis of Adeje, the church of Santa Ana, the fortress of San Miguel... If you prefer, you can stroll along its beach and lively harbour. It is also worth taking a dip in the natural pools of El Caletón. The tragic volcanic eruption that ravaged the village in the eighteenth century created these unique pools of volcanic origin. The charming villages of Los Silos and Buenavista are well worth a visit, strolling through their streets is a real delight. If you have time and if it's possible you can drive to the Teno Lighthouse. Return journey and overnight stay in Icod de los Vinos.

● **DAY 6 · (SOUTHERN AREA) ICOD DE LOS VINOS - CHINYERO VOLCANO RESERVE - SANTIAGO DEL TEIDE - MASCA HAMLET - LOS GIGANTES CLIFF - PUERTO DE SANTIAGO (OPTIONAL BOAT TRIP TO SEE WHALES AND DOLPHINS)**

Our trip continues as we enter the amazing Natural Reserve of the Chinyero volcano, one hour away from Icod de los Vinos. You will definitely be surprised by this natural landscape covering 24 square kilometres and found between the municipalities of El Tanque, Santiago del Teide and Garachico. Its ecosystem called "aeroliano" is conditioned by volcanic flows. From the top of Mount Chinyero, which rises to more than 1500 metres, you can admire amazing views, not only of Mount Teide, but of the whole Island. Next, you can go to Santiago del Teide, a town about forty minutes drive from the Chinyero Volcano Reserve. It is a delightful town devoted to agriculture, pottery and tourism. Its natural environment is truly unique. From the outskirts of this town a peculiar landscape fusion is observed: the vineyards seem to merge with the volcanic areas of Chinyero, creating a landscape of singular beauty. If you wish, you can go to the nearby town of Arguayo, where it is possible to visit the Pottery Centre and the Cha Domitila Ethnographic Museum. Half an hour from Arguayo, the hamlet of Masca stands impressive with its structures rising over one of the highest cliffs of the island, a reflection of the rural architecture of Tenerife. (Note: Currently, the Masca trail is closed). At the next stop we find the dramatic cliff of Los Gigantes. Here the vertical mass of stone, reaching almost 600 metres in height, plunges down to the sea, creating an epic setting. (Note: From the port of Los Gigantes it is possible to take a boat to see cetaceans and view the magnificent cliffs from the water. Look for boats which are included in the sustainability charter). The coast of Tenerife is an excellent place for observing the natural world. Its location near the coast, only about three miles away, and its variety of species, 21 of the 79 existing worldwide inhabit the island, have made Tenerife the European region that receives the most visits to see cetaceans. As an alternative to sea excursions, from the viewpoint of Achipenque you can see the cliffs of Los Gigantes). And finally we arrive in Puerto de Santiago! Surrounded by rugged mountains, craggy sea cliffs, striking volcanoes and quiet sandy beaches, Puerto de Santiago has carried on a long fishing tradition that the Museo del Pescador (Fisherman's Museum) bears witness to. The pleasant sandy beach of La Arena with spectacular views of La Gomera and the parish church of San Fernando are just some of the points of interest in an area that continues to keep alive an artisan tradition based on the use of purple and black clay made from volcanic ash. Near Puerto Santiago are the natural pools of La Jaquita, in Alcalá (Guía de Isora), ideal for travellers who wish to spend a quiet day on the coast produced by more recent volcanic formations. (Note: You can also visit these natural pools tomorrow). At dusk, you can enjoy a pleasant walk around the marina area, where you will find excellent restaurants. Overnight stay in Puerto de Santiago.

## ● DAY 7 · (SOUTHERN AREA) PORT OF SANTIAGO - GUÍA DE ISORA - COSTA ADEJE - ARONA - LOS CRISTIANOS BEACH (OPTIONAL VISIT TO BARRANCO DEL INFIERNO AND CALDERA DEL REY)

From Puerto de Santiago we'll go to the beaches of the south of Tenerife. Our day will be full of great experiences: nature, beautiful beaches, excellent water parks and culture. Let's get going! From Puerto de Santiago you can go to Costa Adeje, half an hour by car. On the way, you make a stop at the Guía de Isora, where you can wander in the beautiful old town and its mid-elevation slopes declared an Asset of Cultural Interest. Your next stop will be Costa Adeje. Stroll unhurriedly through the historical centre of Adeje, where you can see the Casa Fuerte which began to be built in the 16th century to avoid English or French piracy, and the church of Saint Ursula, which has an interior Mudejar-style roof. The Adeje coast encompasses unique enclaves such as Barranco del Infierno, where it's possible to enjoy an amazing hiking trail through this exceptional countryside. (Note: The hike takes about three hours. Remember that it is essential to make the reservation in advance, since it is a protected area with a limited capacity. Don't forget to bring your I.D.). In addition, this town has many beaches featuring a wide range of colours and textures. You can take a dip any day of the year thanks to its spectacular climate of 'eternal spring' and its never-ceasing brilliant sunshine. In five of its beaches (Troya I and II, Fañabé, El Duque and Torviscas) flies the prestigious blue flag, attesting to the quality of its waters and the excellent infrastructure that surrounds them. What's more, if you feel like having fun in one of the most important water parks in the world, you're in luck. Visit the fantastic Siam Park. Its attractions are one-of-a-kind and guarantee hours of fun for everyone. On the other hand, nature lovers are also in for a treat. If you wish to continue relishing the outdoors, you can head to the phreatomagmatic crater of the Caldera del Rey, considered a Natural Monument. The environment there is magnificent and unique. To get there, you need to take the TF-1 motorway and turn off at the San Eugenio exit in Las Américas. The end of today's itinerary will take you to the municipality of Arona, where you'll find the famous beaches of Las Vistas and Playa de los Cristianos, considered two of the most beautiful in Tenerife. Playa de los Cristianos town is famous for its wide range of entertainment and lively nightlife. Practically connected to the Playa de las Américas, this seafaring land has experienced spectacular growth in recent decades, giving way to crowded streets, full of atmosphere and visited by thousands of tourists from all over the world who seek to enjoy the special southern climate of Tenerife in one of its most international areas. Its wide promenade is flanked by restaurants, cafes, stores and smaller shops... (Note. From the marina you can take a ferry to the neighbouring islands of La Gomera, La Palma and El Hierro. Not included. From Puerto Colón or Los Cristianos it is possible to take a boat to see whales and dolphins and view the magnificent cliffs from the water. Look for boats which are included in the sustainability charter). Overnight stay in Playa de los Cristianos.

## ● DAY 8 · (SOUTHERN/NORTHERN AREA) LOS CRISTIANOS BEACH - EL MÉDANO - MALPAÍS DE GÜÍMAR - CANDELARIA - SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE (OPTIONAL VISIT TO THE PYRAMIDS OF GÜÍMAR)

Today we'll head north to Santa Cruz de Tenerife. Your first stop could be the spectacular beaches of El Médano. With calm and shallow waters, it has a coastline 1150 metres long with grey sand. Located in the picturesque tourist resort of El Médano in the municipality of Granadilla de Abona, it boasts excellent infrastructure and a family atmosphere. In the extreme south its long path concludes with the impressive Montaña Roja, an incredible volcanic cone recognised as a protected natural area due to its high ecological value. With intense winds, the beach is an absolute must for surfing, windsurfing and kite surfing. In addition, you'll have the choice of a wide range of nautical, diving and snorkelling activities either on the beach or in the specialised companies located on the seafront. We'll continue the drive to the north of the island. On the way, we suggest you stop by the Malpaís de Güímar with more than 300 hectares of Special Nature Reserve with a stunning volcanic landscape. In the centre stands the Montaña Grande mountain. Another option could be a visit to the Pyramids of Güímar, just 26 kilometres from Santa Cruz de Tenerife. Here you'll find five structures in the form of stepped pyramids ordered astronomically by the summer and winter solstices. An area of considerable importance, the Pirámides de Güímar Ethnographic Park is also considered an Asset of Cultural Interest. Mystery has always surrounded this enclave whose origin, even today, continues to divide scientists' and public opinion. The charming fishing village of Candelaria appears along the road a few minutes away. There you'll find the famous Basilica of Our Lady of Candelaria, a pilgrimage destination for Canary Islanders for centuries. Our Lady of Candelaria has in fact been the official patron saint of Tenerife since 1914. (Note: The image of Our Lady is surrounded by religious devotion and legends. They say that in the fourteenth century, a Gothic style sculpture of Our Lady appeared miraculously on the shores of the Güímar valley, just before the conversion of the island to Catholicism). We'll wind the day down in Santa Cruz de Tenerife. Dedicate the last few hours of the trip to whatever you'd like to do most: stroll and go shopping in its lively pedestrian streets; discover green areas such as the García Sanabria park or the exotic Palmetum botanical garden; wander through picturesque markets such as Nuestra Señora de África, full of top quality local products... It is definitely worth going to the Museum of Nature and Archeology (MUNA), visiting the Castle of San Juan Bautista or dropping by the César Manrique Maritime Park, a paradise within the city and full of incredible saltwater pools. Overnight stay in Santa Cruz de Tenerife.

## ● DAY 9 · TENERIFE - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

## Your trip includes

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- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Santa Cruz De Tenerife.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Santa Cruz De Tenerife.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Puerto De La Cruz.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Puerto De La Cruz.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Icod De Los Vinos.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Icod De Los Vinos.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Los Gigantes.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Los Gigantes.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Playa de los Cristianos.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Playa de los Cristianos.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.
- ✓ Insolvency protection.

### Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Possible toll charges.

# Destinations Visited

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Santa Cruz De Tenerife



San Cristobal de La Laguna



La Orotava



Puerto De La Cruz



Los Realejos



Garachico



Los Silos



Buenavista del Norte



Icod De Los Vinos



Santiago Del Teide



Los Gigantes



Guía De Isora



Costa Adeje



Arona



Playa de los Cristianos



El Médano





Güímar



Candelaria



## Important remarks

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- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far as possible.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.