RICARDOTOURS EXCURSION LA GOMERA



I will meet you (usually between 8:30 am and 8:45 am) near the ship's dock at the entrance of the port building in San Sebastián de La Gomera, the small island capital in the south-east, to then go to the tour bus in the adjacent car park.

We will first head into the green north with its numerous terraces and impressive stone walls. After route with many tunnels, we will first arrive in **Hermigua**, in a fertile long valley abundant with water, with green banana fields and terraces. From there, we will continue along the coast to the island's **Visitor Centre**, which offers plenty of interesting information about the island and/or the opportunity for a coffee break.





Agulo



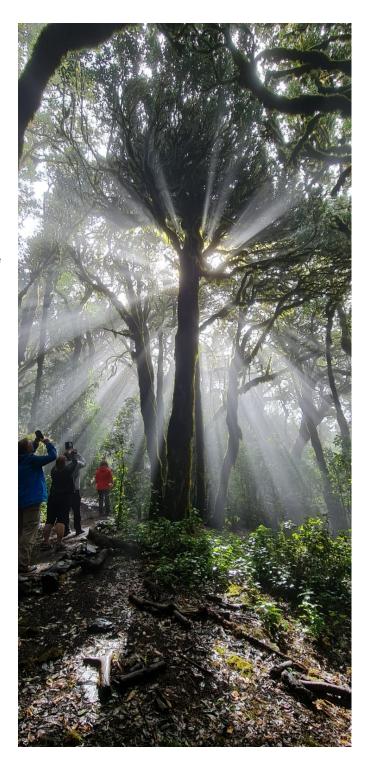
Nearby is the viewpoint Mirador de Abrante ("Skywalk"), which unfortunately is currently not accessible for buses and is closed on Mondays. For tours excluding Mondays, a separate shuttle service from the visitor centre is included in the total price, which takes you to the Skywalk and back in a few minutes. The visit is interesting for the view and the red earth, even if you don't want to step on the glass platform. If the "Skywalk" cannot be visited, e.g. due to weather conditions or construction work, the final price will be reduced. However, if someone does not wish to use the offered shuttle service, there will be no change in the final price.





You don't necessarily have to walk on the glass floor to enjoy the view.

Next we drive via Vallehermoso to **Garajonay National Park**, where there is an opportunity to participate in a walk – depending on the weather and the preferences of the group (see note at the end of this description) – during which one can directly experience why the park, with its partly primeval vegetation, is often referred to as a fairy tale forest. Due to the generally rather cool temperatures in the forest, it is advisable to bring along some warmer clothing.



Valle Gran Rey: The drive goes through a beautiful landscape with vineyards, almond trees, cacti, and palm trees. At the end of the valley of the municipality of Valle Gran Rey, in the district of Playa de La Calera, there is about an hour of free time, to eat in one of the many restaurants and/or to swim, for example. If you like, you can also take a walk along the coast to the other southern districts Borbalan and Vueltas (with the port of Valle Gran Rey, from which there is a ferry connection to San Sebastián); but please discuss this with Ricardo beforehand.





Valle Gran Rey (continued)

Even for Valle Gran Rey rather unusual: swimming in the sea at the end of January (excursion 25.1.25)



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The return is made on all tours via "Los Roques" - majestic lava rocks solidified in volcanic craters and revealed by erosion. Depending on the available time and the influx of other buses, there will be additional stops, e.g., at Laguna Grande. The trip ends again in San Sebastián, where you can, if you wish, get off for a visit very close to the centre or go back to the ship. From the city centre, the ship can be comfortably reached on foot in about ten minutes. The walking path is even marked in blue from the promenade.

The **duration of the longer day trip** is about seven and a half hours. For smaller groups, it is usually a bit shorter. For somewhat larger groups, breaks may be extended due to coffee orders, for example. Additionally, any delays due to road construction cannot be precisely calculated. Therefore, please plan a little extra time just in case. The **duration of the shorter trip** is about 5 to 6 hours, depending on the ship's docked time.

The ship's docking times and 'all aboard' are of course strictly observed.

Videos:

Forum Pooldeck24 -

Link: November 2024 - tour on a Monday, therefore without "Skywalk"

Daniel's Video on Youtube about a whole day trip. The group was unusually small and the weather good despite a forecast to the contrary.

Link: Trauminsel La Gomera

Remarks:

Depending on availability, there will be a brief demonstration of "El Silbo Gomero," the whistled language of La Gomera.

Along the way, we can stop at additional or other interesting viewpoints and places depending on the time available and the respective opening times or bus crowds. Depending on the weather, traffic situation, and to avoid congestion at the viewpoints, the route may be slightly altered (for example, including the viewpoint La Fortaleza) and may also be driven in reverse order if necessary. The walk in the national park can be tailored to individual wishes and the weather within the time constraints, as it leads back to the starting point and a separate driver is available. Everyone can therefore walk as far as they are able or desire, in order to directly experience the atmosphere of the laurel forest and not just through the bus windows. Detailed departure information with a photo of the meeting point (located directly in front of the port building, which is easily reachable on foot through the port control gate) can be found at the end of the continuously updated event calendar on gomera24.ricardotours.com or separately in the menu. The regular meeting time before departure at the entrance of the port building is 8:45 AM and applies to cruise ships that are in port from 8 AM to 6 PM. Any deviations will be communicated.

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