



**Do you want to
learn more about
Canary Islands??**





Some info about the region



The Canary Islands are a Spanish Atlantic archipelago near Africa with about 2.25 million people.



Tourism drives their economy thanks to their sub-tropical climate and volcanic scenery.



It is comprised by eight main islands and several smaller islets.



The capital status is shared between Santa Cruz de Tenerife and Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.

Economic activity in the region



The services sector—especially tourism—drives the Canary Islands' economy, accounting for nearly 40% of GDP and employment.

Millions of visitors each year make it one of the world's leading tourist destinations.



While not industrially heavy, the islands host key energy-intensive activities, notably desalination.

Supplying fresh water to residents, agriculture, and tourism consumes over 10% of total electricity, making it a top priority for energy efficiency and renewable integration.



Innovation interests

Innovation interests in the region

- Renewable Energy and Sustainable Water Management
- Aerospace and Earth Observation
- Biotechnology and Health Sciences
- Tourism Innovation
- Astronomy and Space Research





Priorities of the regional RIS3 strategy

1. Smart & Sustainable Tourism
2. Blue Economy (Marine-Maritime)
3. Astro-space & Aeronautics
4. Circular Economy & Bio-sustainability
5. ICT & Digitalisation
6. Agroindustry
7. Health & Wellbeing

Main RTOs / R&D Centres in Canary Islands

The region is strengthening its innovation ecosystem, led by institutions such as:

- University of Las Palmas
- University of La Laguna
- PLOCAN
- Astrophysics Institutes
- Technological Parks
- SPEGC
- ACIISI
- PCTT



Innovation Achievements

The Canary Islands stand out as front-runners in:

- Renewable Energy and Sustainable Water Management
- Aerospace and Earth Observation (Canary Islands Geo Innovation Program 2030)
- Tourism Innovation
- Astronomy and Space Research
- Algae development



