

Master in Tourism and Sustainable Development

Where Strategy Meets
a Changing World

Welcome to the International Master's in Tourism and Sustainable Development

University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria · Tafira Campus

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Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

Before the Castilian conquest in 1478, the island was inhabited by the **Canarii**, a people with their own culture and traditions. The city became the first Castilian settlement in the Atlantic and a strategic port between Europe, Africa, and America—shaping a unique cultural heritage.

Today, it is the largest city in the Canary Islands, known for its vibrant urban life, the historic neighborhoods of Vegueta and Triana, and the iconic **Las Canteras Beach**, where tradition and modernity meet.



The University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

Founded in **1989**, ULPGC is one of Spain's youngest public universities — and also one of the most dynamic. It stands out in research, international cooperation, and innovation, with a strong presence in marine sciences, computer engineering, and health sciences.

The **4 campuses** in Gran Canaria: **Tafira** (home to TIDES–EMOTUR), El Obelisco, San Cristóbal, and Montaña Cardones.

 [+ Information about ULPGC here](#)

Getting to Tafira Campus

Tafira Campus is **10 km from the city center**. There are several public transport options and practical alternatives for everyday use.



Yellow Buses (Municipal)

Routes 7, 25, 26 and 48

Blue Buses (Global)

Routes 026, 301, 302, 303, 311, 313, 323, 324, 325, 327 and 328

Internal Shuttle (Free)

Connects the different faculties within Tafira Campus

Carpooling

Coordinate with classmates and share the ride!



3 · ACCOMMODATION

Coastal Area: Guanarteme · Las Canteras · Santa Catalina

Ideal for those who want to be close to the beach and enjoy a vibrant atmosphere. The area offers cultural activities, restaurants, and a lively nightlife. Prices tend to be higher, but bus connections to the campus and other parts of the city are excellent.



Beach

Las Canteras just steps away



Food

Wide range of restaurants



Transport

Excellent connections to the campus

Historic Center: Triana · Vegueta · San Telmo



Located close to the historic and administrative center, this area offers **excellent bus connections to the Tafira Campus**. Triana and Vegueta are known for their historic charm, vibrant cultural life, and traditional shopping streets.

Prices vary depending on the exact location, with **more affordable** options compared to the coastal area.

León y Castillo

San Telmo

Triana & Vegueta

San José

What to Know Before You Arrive



Mild Climate

Temperatures between 20°C and 28°C for most of the year. Little rain — bring light clothing and sunscreen.



Public Transportation

Guagua Card for affordable travel. Frequent buses connect the whole island.



Cost of Living

More affordable than major Spanish cities. Housing ranges from €400 to €800/month depending on the area.



Local Cuisine

Try *papas arrugadas* with *mojo*, fresh fish, and Canarian tropical fruit.



Student Support Network

ULPGC and the EMOTUR program offer comprehensive support to make your academic and personal integration in Las Palmas easier.



 Official Website

www.ulpgc.es

 Academic Support

EMOTUR Master's Coordination / TIDES

 University Services

Registry, library, and support for international students at the Tafira Campus

We Are Very Happy to Have You Here!

This master's program is a unique opportunity to grow academically and personally in one of the most culturally rich, nature-filled, and diverse environments in the Canary Islands.

Learning

Sustainable tourism with a global perspective

Connections

International network of peers and researchers

Impact

Training to transform the tourism sector

