



LAVA CHARTER CRUISING GUIDE

A SAILORS CRUISING GUIDE TO EUROPE'S VOLCANIC PARADISE





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1 INTRO

A. LAVA CHARTER



„LAVA CHARTER stands for the development and natural preservation of Lanzarote and the Canary Islands as a wonderful sailing district. LAVA CHARTER wants to attract guests who wish to experience the rugged and attractive interplay between weather and tides, to appreciate nature in its pristine form and to advocate for its protection“.

The passion for sailing and pure experiences surrounded by breath-taking nature are the core business foundations of LAVA CHARTER. The German charter base was established in April 2015 in Marina Lanzarote, and its' fleet of 8 brand new Bavaria Sailing Yachts provide you with the ideal means of traveling around the islands of the Canary Archipelago - Engine off, experience on...

In April 2017, Lava Charter is setting up its second base on Tenerife, creating the ideal jump-off point for exploring the westerly Canary Islands aboard one of 6 brand-new DUFOR Yachts.



1 INTRO

B. LANZAROTE - Land of Fire & Ocean

The Canary Islands with their rich and colorful history, have always been defined by the ocean. The islands seduce with their beauty, each of them in its' unique way. Not without reason have they always been a magnet for seafarers and ocean enthusiasts.



Island biosphere reserves such as many places on the Canary Archipelago, can be seen as microcosms of the entire planetary biosphere, which underlines their importance as a global biodiversity hotspot. Surrounded by the crystal blue waters of the Atlantic, caressed by north-easterly trade winds all year round, the "fortunate Islands" between N 29.28° and N 27.63° are a unique natural enclave unlike anywhere else in the world.



Thanks to their geographical position, the Canary Islands offer the unique qualities of a temperate climate, year round sunshine and constant winds - simply an all-year round sailing paradise second to none...



The cruising grounds are extensive and within a day's sail lie the beautiful islands of the Chinijo archipelago up north of Lanzarote - La Graciosa, Alegranza, Montaña Clara, Roque del Este, Roque del Oeste and the cliffs of Famara. The southern end of the island and its East facing shores have sheltered calm bays where clients can enjoy snorkeling and overnight Anchoring.



In the opposite direction, off Lanzarote's southern tip lies the small nature reserve „Isla de Lobos“ - just 2 remote and spectacular getaways that need to be enjoyed as they are: PURE.

C. CHARTER INFO

Welcome to the Canaries! We are delighted that you have chosen Lava Charter. To arrange a smooth Check-In.

1. CHECK-IN / CHECK-OUT

For 7 day charters (Saturday - Saturday), the usual procedure and times are as follows:

Check-In: Saturday starting 16:00 h

Boat back at Marina Arrecife: Friday until 16:00 h

Overnight + Check-Out: until Saturday 08:00 h

Should your plans deviate from this cycle, get in contact and we will together see how to create an individual offer for you.

2. GETTING HERE

If you wish so, we can organize a Taxi transport to and from the Marina for our guests. Simply ask us upon booking and we will happily organize a relaxed transport to our base.

- All Directions / Mon.-Sat. (6 a.m. - 10 p.m.): 1 - 4 Pers. = 12 € incl. luggage - one way. Bikes and Surfboards 3 € additional. 4 € extra for every further person.
- All Directions / Mon.-Sat. (10 p.m. - 6 a.m. 1 - 4 Pers. = 13 € incl. luggage - one way. Bikes and Surfboards 3 € additional. +¼ of above mentioned price extra for every further person.

3. INSURANCE

Our partner Hamburger Yachtversicherung, has a waterproof insurance for your charter cruise! Whether Skipper Insurance or Deposit Insurance - get in contact with us to start your holiday with a feeling of safety.

[LINK www.schomacker.de/en/charter-insurance.html](http://www.schomacker.de/en/charter-insurance.html)

4. SHOPPING SERVICE

MERCADONA is taking care of groceries for your sailing trip

[LINK http://en.lavacharter.com/shopping-service/](http://en.lavacharter.com/shopping-service/)

5. THE TEAM

Our Base team will be here to welcome you and cater for every wish you might have.

BASE TEAM

Uwe Krambs (Base Management)



Christine Wagner (Base Assistance).



MARKETING & SALES TEAM

Markus Mutter (Sales Management)



Karina Unganz (Sales Consultant)



Lindsay Laverty (Sales Consultant).



6. PERMIT PROCEDURE LA GRACIOSA

1. Upon Booking, please inform your operator (Markus, Karina or Lindsay) whether you would like to anchor at Playa Francesa or go to the Marina Caleta de Sebo on La Graciosa.
2. Your Lava Charter operator will send you the necessary forms which you please complete with all the necessary data. (For direct contact to Puertos Canarios or Cabildo Lanzarote please check chapter 3A "Pure escape - La Graciosa" of this guide).
3. Send back completed forms to booking@lavacharter.com and we will take it from here.

2 SAILING

A. WEATHER

Lanzarote's position, close to the Western Sahara and Morocco, makes it the hottest of the Canaries and its relatively flat topography means there is little regional variation in weather conditions. The lack of high mountains also means that cloud coverage and rainfall is less intense in Lanzarote, resulting in more sunshine hours all-year-round.



The north of Lanzarote is usually cloudier and windier than the south and is often characterized by a more humid climate, resulting in more lush plant growth and an overall greener appearance.

The south of Lanzarote is known for its drier, hotter and more moderate climate which boasts around 2,500 hours of sunshine each year.



Despite the island's relatively low topography, there are two low mountain ranges which do somewhat block the cool northeast trade winds and the hot westerly winds coming over from mainland Africa. As a result, the western side of the island is typically hotter and drier than the eastern side. This has created a stark contrast in landscape from one side of the island to the other - the western side is desert-like, often compared to the alien surface of Mars, while the eastern side is quite green.



Summer



From April to November, Lanzarote is mostly hot and dry. The average high temperature climbs from 24°C in April to a peak of 29°C in August, getting back down to 24°C by November. Nights cool down pleasantly to around 17°C but the peak months generally stay around 20°C. Luckily, sea breezes which blow freely across the island and low humidity ease the heat. However, as mentioned, if the sirocco wind is blowing from the east, from Africa and

the Sahara, temperatures can soar to 40°C and a drought can set in. This is especially true because rainfall is pretty much negligible throughout the season though the fringes of the season might see the odd brief downpour. Generally, clear skies are uninterrupted and Lanzarote sees long hours of daily sunshine.

Winter



December to March remains warm with mildly cool nights. The average high temperature drops to around 21°C for most of the season, creeping up to 23°C in March. Night time lows fall to 15°C in December, 14°C in January and February, getting back up to 15°C by March. This means temperatures are never as chilly as elsewhere across Europe. In fact, daytime temperatures in the low 20s will be preferable to the summer highs for many

and the cool nights can come as a relief. Therefore, winter is a very popular season with sailors visiting the Canary Islands to escape colder and damper weather.

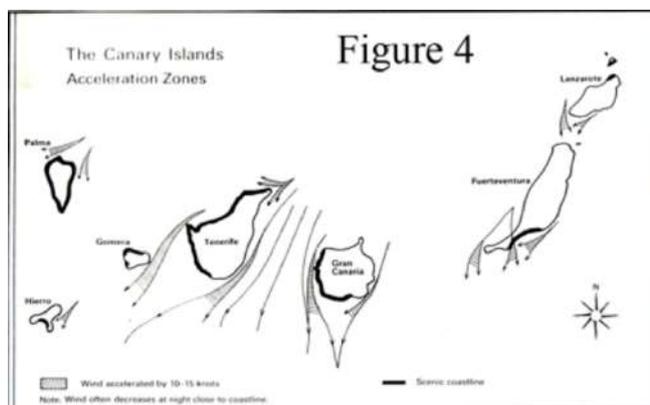
Rainfall does increase in this season but downpours are only expected on around two to four days in each month and they do not tend to last for very long. These brief bursts of rain leave plenty of time for sunshine and most days see at least seven hours of it. The sea temperature drops to its coolest between February and March, but at 18°C, it's still just warm enough for swimming.

2 SAILING

WINDS

ACCELERATION ZONES

The principal feature of the Canary Islands weather system, and the factor which governs the life of yachtsman cruising this archipelago, is the network of acceleration zones and wind shadows which form around and amongst the islands. In and around the acceleration zones, wind speeds tend to increase by 10-15 knots.



TRADE WINDS Most constant wind in the Canaries, predominant during spring and summer (most intense in July. N.NE). Sometimes the easterly component is stronger producing a wind strength of up to 3-4 Bft during the hottest hours of the day (12-17), creating short, steep seas. In the evening hours, usually more northerly winds settle the sea a bit providing perfect sunset sail conditions.

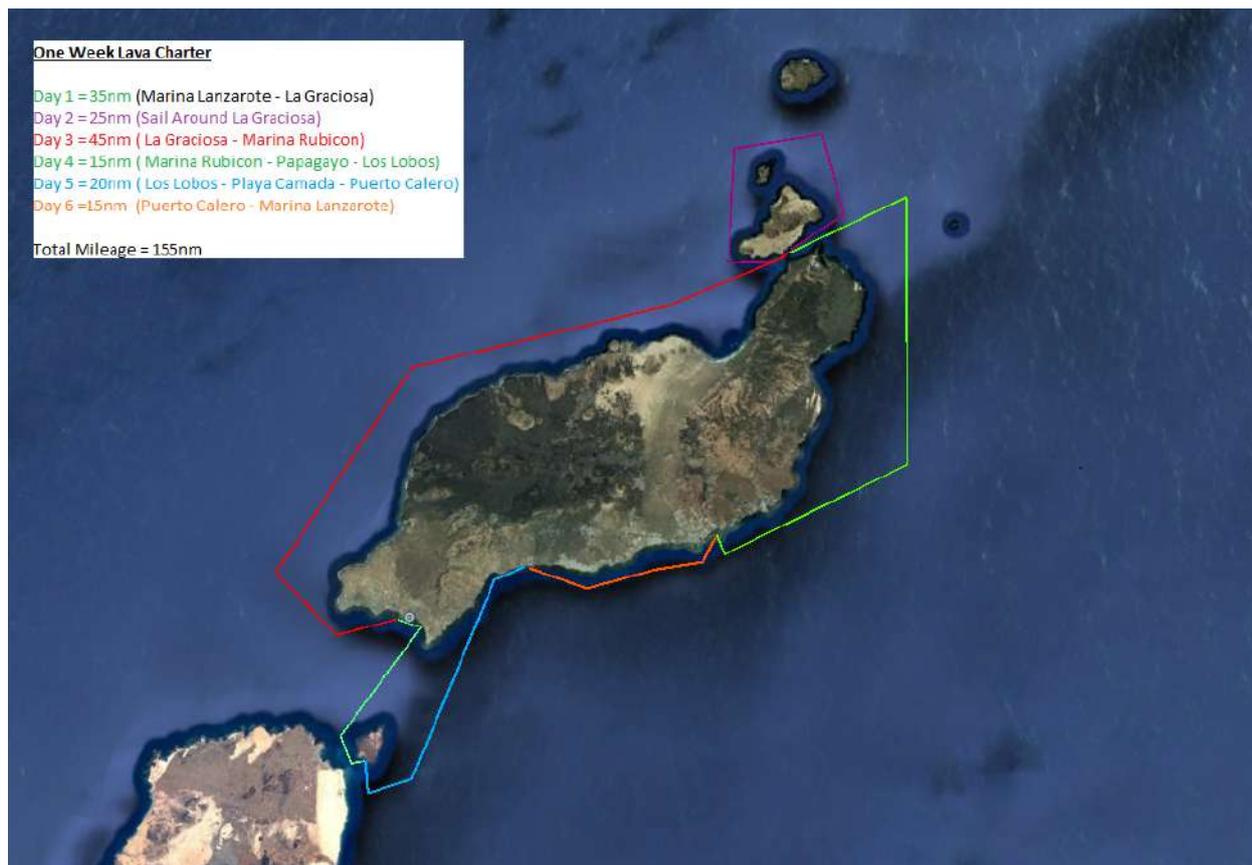
SCIROCCO (SE) Hot, dusty winds from Africa, called **CALIMA** here on the Canaries. Most common in autumn and winter. This south-easterly is very light on the east coast (Arrecife- Puerto Calero) but can reach wind speeds of up to 9 Bft on the west coast. Due to altitude the wind mass touches down in the middle of the island, descending gustily towards the west coast creating the offshore winds. Variable in strength during day and night.

2 SAILING

B. ROUTES

Our most common charter period is between 7 and 14 days. Our clients have the opportunity to explore most of the Canary Islands during a 14 day charter while a 7 day charter will allow them to discover 4 islands. La Graciosa, Los Lobos, Fuerteventura and Lanzarote are all within reach of a weeks charter.

One Week Charter



Above is the proposed route set out by Lava Charter. This passage has been used by several clients and the feedback has been fantastic.

Day One - Marina Lanzarote to La Graciosa (Approx. 35nm)

There are 2 considerations to take into account when planning a trip to La Graciosa. You can choose from Staying in the Marina or Anchoring at Playa Francesa. Both will require permission from the Canary Island Port Authorities. Lava Charter recommends at least a week's notice to allow for your berth or anchorage request to be processed, we can take care of the paperwork for you on request. Please note that there is no electricity provided with a berth, however there is fresh water which is included in the price.

Leaving from Marina Lanzarote you will set sail heading towards the north of the island passing the beautiful bay of Arrieta. The prevailing NE trade winds will require you to beat the 35nm to La Graciosa. The passage will allow for all the crew to familiarise themselves with the yacht as tacks will be plentiful. Sailing towards La Graciosa will expose the yacht to

the moderate seas of the Atlantic. When sailing through the channel between Lanzarote and La Graciosa, you will find refuge in the calm waters and enjoy the spectacular panoramic views of the Famara Cliff face. We recommend that you plan your passage to arrive during daylight hours.

Day Two - Sail Around La Graciosa (Approx. 25nm)

After spending a night in the sleepy marina of La Graciosa or Playa Francesa, you will be keen to explore the coast of the island. Sailing around the Chinijo Archipelago is one of the treasures of the Canary Islands. It is a protected UNESCO marine reserve which stretches a total of 70,000 square kilometers, making it the largest marine reserve in Spain.

It is not permitted to fish in this protected reserve as the rich marine ecosystem is unique and essential to local inhabitants of the islands. The cruising ground is extensive with beautiful landscapes which will keep you mesmerized for the duration of your passage. Wildlife is plentiful with sightings of Cetaceans a regular occurrence.

Upon completion of your island sail, you again have the option subject to availability, to stay overnight in the marina or anchor at Playa Francesa before beginning your third day of sailing.

Day Three - La Graciosa to Marina Rubicon (Approx. 45nm)

Leaving La Graciosa always leaves you with a feeling of doubt. You may wish to extend your stay for another night as many of our clients fall in love with the tranquility of the island and its peaceful bays.

Your passage to the south of Lanzarote will take you along the rugged coastline of Lanzarote. Along the way you are highly likely to encounter dolphins, who tend to play on the bow of our Bavaria's for long durations allowing you to take videos and pictures.

The passage along the west coast allows for some downwind sailing with the prevailing wind coming from the NE. Lee of the land comes into effect once passing the lighthouse at Playa Blanca. You will have the option of staying in Marina Rubicon, an exceptionally well equipped marina with Wifi, Showers, Toilets, Water and electricity. This is often a place of refuge after either staying at the Marina of La Graciosa or Anchoring at Playa Francesa as you may want electricity to charge your electronic devices and fully charge your yachts batteries. If you are looking for another quiet night at anchor, we highly recommend an overnight stay at the beautiful bay of Papagayo. The waters are pristine and you will have ample shelter from the NE winds. A sandy seabed makes for a peaceful night's sleep.

Day Four - Marina Rubicon / Papagayo to Los Lobos (Approx. 15nm)

The island does not have any inhabitants, only an information center exists with no shops or supermarkets. The Anchorage can be quite crowded with day charters coming from Fuerteventura, however as the sun begins to set, most of the boats head back to port leaving you with your own private island.

Whether you have chosen to stay at anchor in Papagayo or in the Marina Rubicon, a must see is the tranquil island of Los Lobos.

With just a short passage of 15 nm, this day can be used to enjoy being at anchor and having

a lazy day. Los Lobos has an anchoring point on the southern side of the island. There is a bay that looks tempting to anchor at, however there is a shallow reef that does not permit entry via boat.

Day Five - Los Lobos to Puerto Calero (Approx. 20nm)

After a night at anchor, your next port of call is the exclusive Marina Puerto Calero. You will travel along the south east of Lanzarote where you can enjoy the calm waters due to the lee of the land, with plenty of wind.

This passage is breathtaking and comfortable. At the halfway mark, you find a black sandy beach called Playa Quemada. This is an ideal Anchorage for a quick swim before heading into Puerto Calero Marina.

The area is known for whale watching. Among the many species, Pilot Whales and Common Dolphin are most likely to be seen. Puerto Calero has fantastic restaurants and all the amenities you could expect from a world class Marina. Before departing the next day for Arrecife, be sure to fill up gasoline in Puerto Calero as there is currently no gas station at Marina Arrecife.

Day Six - Puerto Calero to Marina Lanzarote (Approx. 15nm)

This passage again offers the lee of the land, protecting you from the atlantic swell while enjoying the trade winds. The route passes the coast of the tourism town of Puerto Del Carmen, where you will find long stretches of golden sand and clear blue waters.

As you make your way back to your starting point you will also pass the island's capital Arrecife. The natural reefs and small fishing port will get you in the mood to explore them on dry land after arriving for your final evening in Marina Lanzarote.

All of our Yachts are due back at 1600, you will be greeted by the Lava Charter base team who will assist with your berthing. Our staff are always wanting to hear about your trip and your feedback is always welcomed. On arrival we will ensure you have a great final night on board before departing the following day.

DISCLAIMER - The Passage Plans contained in this guide are merely a recommendation of the preferred route to be taken by vessels when navigating in the indicated areas. Any Skipper or Master should exercise their own discretion and be prepared to depart from the Passage Plan when circumstances dictate. LAVA CHARTER S.L.U shall not be liable for any losses, liabilities or damages arising whether or not due to any form of reliance on or usage of any Passage Plan or deviation thereof.

2 SAILING

C. MARINAS

1. MARINA LANZAROTE

Here is your starting point with LAVA CHARTER. A strategic port of call for sailors traveling south from Europe, Marina Lanzarote is the first fully serviced marina upon arriving in the Canaries. The city of Arrecife maintains much of its historical maritime charm with shops and activity centred around the pretty waterfront and two natural harbours. Seventeenth and eighteenth century forts, once required to defend the city from pirates and marauders now house museums celebrating the island's art and history.



MARINA LANZAROTE

28° 57' 41.13" N 13° 32' 29.48" W

www.marinalanzarote.com

T: +34 928 663 263

M: info@marinalanzarote.com

VHF: 09 / 16

No of berths: 400

Max. LOA: 60m

Max. Draught @ Low Tide: 5m

2. PUERTO CALERO

Puerto Calero is a recreational port on the island of Lanzarote, an oasis of peace and tranquillity in an area that is noted for its great natural beauty owing to its volcanic origins that all together will make your stay an unforgettable experience. Puerto Calero is also notable for the careful attention paid to its security and cleanliness.



PUERTO CALERO

29° 54' 93" N 13° 42' 29" W

www.puertocalero.com

T: +34 928 510 850

M: reservas@puertocalero.com

VHF: 09 / 16

No of berths: 446

Max. LOA: 70m

Max. Draught @ Low Tide: 5m

3. MARINA RUBICÓN

Marina Rubicón is a unique setting, in the south of Lanzarote, between the natural monument of los Ajaches and Playa Blanca. In this magnificent setting, in the heart of the tourist centre of Playa Blanca and enjoying the temperate climate of the area, Marina Rubicón has since 2003 complemented and improved its facilities to become a sports, commercial and leisure centre of the very highest level accessible to everyone.

Just 1 Nautical Mile from Rubicón, you will find the beautiful beaches of Papagayo, a cove of white sand, reduced size and great beauty. In the shape of a bay or shell (some locals prefer to call it the latter), Papagayo wins you over with its crystal clear, emerald green water which remains still all day long just like in a swimming pool. It's perfect for taking up snorkeling. Furthermore, you have a stunning view of the small island „Isla de Lobos“ and Fuerteventura from Lanzarote's southern tip.

MARINA RUBICON

28° 51' 5" N 13° 49' 0" W

www.marinarubicon.com

T: +34 928 519 012

M: info@marinarubicon.com

VHF: 09 / 16

No of berths: 487

Max. LOA: 70m

Max. Draught @ Low Tide: 4,5m



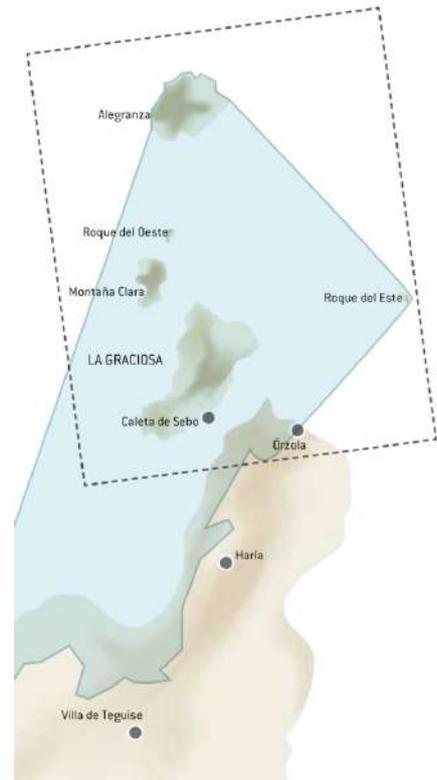
3 LAVA EXPERIENCE

A. PURE ESCAPES - LA GRACIOSA

Present day over 40% of the surface of Lanzarote is under some category of protection. For us it is essential to give our clients the possibility to explore some of the purest places & experiences during their time with us, so we cannot go without recommending the little Chinijo Archipelago north of Lanzarote. This spectacular getaway is formed by the small islets of La Graciosa, Alegranza, Montaña Clara, Roque del Este, Roque del Oeste and the cliffs of Famara. Being the largest marine reserve in Europe and one of the most diverse and rich ecological areas in the whole Canaries, we want to encourage our customers to pay particular attention to the ecological sensitivity of those special places.

The island's capital, Caleta de Sebo, offers the only place to berth within the small archipelago.

Authorisation must be requested in any case before arriving for a berth in Caleta de Sebo, or for anchorages off Alegranza and La Graciosa.



CALETA DE SEBO

29° 13' 35.91" N 13° 30' 05.40" W

www.puertoscanarios.es

T: +34 928 842 104 / 618 797 190

M: solicitudeslp@puertoscanarios.es

VHF: 09

No of berths: 216

Max. LOA: 15m

Max. Draught @ Low Tide: 5m



PLAYA FRANCESA & ALEGRANZA (EL VERIL)

29° 13' 08.76"N 13° 31' 44.23"W

29° 23' 06.64"N 13° 30' 55.87"W

www.cabildodelanzarote.com

T: +34 928 810 100 / - 2279 / - 2280

M: medioambiente3@cabildodelanzarote.com



RECOMMENDATIONS

Living on this beautiful archipelago, on a biosphere reserve island like Lanzarote, means also educating our customers about unique features of this place. We furthermore want to connect with and promote people and initiatives that contribute to protecting the island and its surrounding waters.

1. Sea Safaris Lanzarote - Whale Watching, Sunrise, Daytime, Sunset Excursions.

T: +34 606 334 911

M: powerboatlanzarote@yahoo.com

2. Submarine Safaris SL - Submarine Dive Tours

T: +34 928 512 898

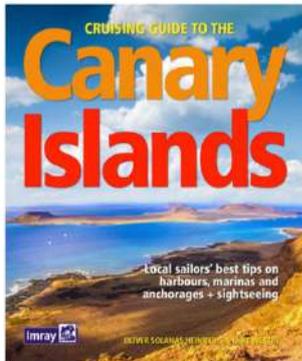
M: info@submarinesafaris.com

3. MUSEO ATLÁNTICO - Marine Conservation & Education via contemporary underwater art

T: +34 928 51 73 88

M: museoatlantico@centrosturisticos.com

4. CRUISING GUIDE TO THE CANARY ISLANDS - Oliver Solanas Heinrichs & Mike Westin



For everybody who wants in-depth navigational and cruising information about the Canary Islands. Our friend Oliver Solanas, himself Vice-president for the Spanish Cruising Association, has written a new "Cruising Guide to the Canary Islands" which in conjunction with the prestigious publishing house IMRAY will be published globally in January 2017.

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