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## Ceuta as a perfect destination for cruises

Cruises Tourism Dossier











**CEUTA** is a Spanish and European city located in North Africa. It is the anchorage point for an imaginary bridge that joins two continents; a natural refuge in the middle of the Strait of Gibraltar, where the waters of the Atlantic and the Mediterranean converge. The port of Ceuta is an obligatory crossing point for all incoming and outgoing traffic, which is why it has become a modern port to receive cruise ships from many latitudes.





Playa Benítez  
y Calamocarro

Muelle de Poniente

COCHES · CAR · FERRY

Estación Marítima  
Ferry Station / Gare Maritime

Barrio  
El Sardinero

Barriada Polígono Virgen de África

ZONA INDUSTRIAL · ALMACENES · COMERCIOS

Bahía



Longitude (Greenwich) 5° 18 'W

Latitude 35° 53 'N



With its privileged location at the northern tip of Africa and at the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea, Ceuta is an ideal stopover for ships sailing to the western Mediterranean, the Atlantic coast, Morocco and on itineraries to Madeira and the Canary Islands.

Despite being a Spanish city within the European Union, Ceuta has a special tax regime that offers many advantages to visitors:



No VAT



Ceuta is a tax free port



# WITH ALL THE COMFORTS OF A MODERN PORT



## KEY ADVANTAGES

- Excellent location and cruises ship facilities.
- Top quality passenger facilities.
- Well protected natural harbor.
- Large capacity cruise ship pier.
- A wide range of visitor attractions.
- Tax advantages.
- No VAT.
- Top quality port services.
- Very competitive fuel prices.



## EASY ACCESS

- Great ease of access to the port without difficulty in maneuvering.
- Protected by two docks and an entrance of 416 m wide and a depth of 14 m.
- It has 2 terminals: Muelle de España (Pier of Spain) and Muelle de Poniente (Western pier).
- *Muelle de España (Pier of Spain)*, only 100 m from the city center, with a berth length of 300 m and a draft of 9 m.
- *Muelle de Poniente (Western pier)* with a length between 270 and 525m and a draft between 9,5 m and 10,5 m.





## ● PASSENGER AMENITIES



Tourist information



Bus parking and transfer service



Taxi



Public telephones



Starting point for excursions



Port security and police



## AVAILABLE PORT SERVICES

- Open 24h 365 days a year.
- Port pilots.
- Tugboats.
- Fuel.
- Drinking water.
- Waste removal (Marpol).
- Supplies.



## MAIN DISTANCES

- City center: 100 m.
- Commercial area: 100 m.
- City of Tetouan (Morocco): 40 min by bus.
- Tangier city (Morocco): 50 min by bus.
- Airport: Málaga is connected by helicopter in only 30 min. and Algeciras in 10 min.
- Frequent ferries that cross the Strait of Gibraltar in only 45 min.



## SECURITY AND COVID

At present, several cruise lines operate in the Port of Ceuta: Princess Cruises, Holland America Line, Saga Cruises and P&O Cruises. The city's port facilities are specifically prepared to offer the best service to cruise ships, with a new cruise terminal (Pier of Spain) close to the city center.

In addition to having optimal facilities for the reception of cruise ships, Ceuta is an attraction-filled enclave: its location, its gastronomy, its climate, its cultural mix, the coexistence of religions, its competitive prices and its cultural richness. All these are values that the Port Authority, together with Ceuta Tourist Services, wants to promote and show to the main leaders of the sector in order to attract new business to the city. Likewise, they are provided with information about the fiscal advantages of the Port of Ceuta, understanding that this aspect can be essential when choosing our port as a stopover for cruise ships.

Ceuta is a quiet and very safe city, that despite being in another continent it is still a European city that has all the necessary infrastructures, both health and health protection and security. Its small surface is perfectly controlled by the security forces of the Spanish State: Local Police, National Police, "Guardia Civil" (Spanish Security Force) and the Army.

In addition to all this, the Port Authority of Ceuta is fully committed to being a completely secure space in the face of COVID-19. In fact, the Port has adopted Royal Decree Law 21/2021 on urgent prevention, containment and coordination measures to face the current situation.







## RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF CEUTA



The entry and exit of the ship will be staggered, avoiding the formation of groups and crowds of people.



It is recommended to strictly follow the hygiene measures for the prevention of coronavirus infection, insisting on the importance of frequent hand hygiene, covering the mouth and nose with a flexed elbow when coughing or sneezing, as well as avoiding touching the eyes, nose and mouth at all times.



The use of a mask is mandatory at all times.



Hydroalcoholic gel will be available for tourists at the dock at the dockside.



An interpersonal safety distance of 2 meters will be maintained between tourists.



# CEUTA, A DESTINATION WHERE EMOTIONS COME TOGETHER.

It is really surprising that, being a small city, it has so many attractions for tourists, both its heritage value and the activities that can be enjoyed in this way.



## NAUTICAL AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Thanks to its strategic enclave location, Ceuta is a place where the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean intermingle, which is why we can enjoy the sea in all its splendor. It has interesting seabed in which to practice scuba diving and frequent sightings of cetaceans. In its waters, there are many sailing, windsurfing, kayaking or motorboating enthusiasts. Among the main tourist attractions we highlight the Royal Moat and the coasts of Ceuta, which can be visited through attractive nautical excursions, organized by local companies specialized in the nautical sector. But if you prefer walking or cycling, you can enjoy wonderful trails that run in plain nature.



## AUTHENTIC AND TASTY GASTRONOMY

The gastronomy in Ceuta has a clear Mediterranean character with the exotic influence of the neighboring country Morocco. The fish and seafood are of excellent quality and great variety. The city has a wide range of both tapas bars and restaurants offering more elaborate dishes. An enjoyment to the palate and at very competitive prices both Spanish and Arabic cuisine.





## HISTORICAL AND MONUMENTAL HERITAGE

Ceuta has always been a strategic point at the entrance and exit of the Mediterranean Sea. A multitude of civilizations have passed through here, leaving a great cultural legacy in the city, of which we can highlight the following places of interest: The **Royal Walls** (declared of Cultural Interest) impregnate an indisputable defensive character to the city along with the **Royal Moat**, which is the only navigable saltwater moat in Europe. Inside the Walls, we find the **Caliphate Gate**, the old entrance door to the Medina of the Arab Ceuta, built in the 10th century by the Cordovan Caliph Abderramán III. The **Merinid Walls**, built in the 14th century, during the Merinid dynasty as part of an ancient citadel. The **Arabian Bath**, dating from the 12th-13th centuries, the preserved remains correspond to a medieval bath of medium size, is located in the vicinity of what must have been the northern boundary of one of the suburbs of the Islamic medina.

## MEDITERRANEAN MARITIME PARK

Located very close to the Port, it is one of the great tourist attractions of Ceuta's modern architecture, offering the visitor a very rewarding experience. The Mediterranean Maritime Park was designed by the Canary Island artist César Manrique,. This 56,000 m<sup>2</sup> complex is an oasis located in the heart of the city and consists of three spectacular blue saltwater lakes, cascades and waterfalls with a solarium area. It is necessary to emphasize the great botanical wealth that its gardens have as well as the great gastronomic offer. A true paradise, in the heart of the city, suitable for both Ceuta and all tourists who come to visit Ceuta, and can enjoy the park throughout the year (taking into account that the use of the lakes for bathing is limited to the spring and summer months).





## A SHOPPING DAY IN CEUTA

In the Plaza de la Constitución (Constitution Square) begins the Paseo del Revellín (Revellin Promenade) which, continued by the Paseo de Camoens (Camoens Promenade), the Plaza de los Reyes (Kings Square) and the Calle Real (Royal Street), constitutes the main artery of Ceuta's commerce. These three streets are jointly called "the Royal Street" by the people of Ceuta and it is a great attraction for our visitors.

The commercial offer of the city is quite wide. You can find fashion boutiques, leather goods and shoe stores where you will find the best known brands. There are also many electronics stores where there is no shortage of the latest technology. Fans of jewelry and luxury find in Ceuta interesting pieces that make the difference. And there is also a good variety of craftsmen and craftswomen who offer their products.

### COMPETITIVE PRICES AND WITHOUT TAXES

In Ceuta there is no VAT, so the items you find here are always at very competitive prices, in addition to a great variety and top quality.







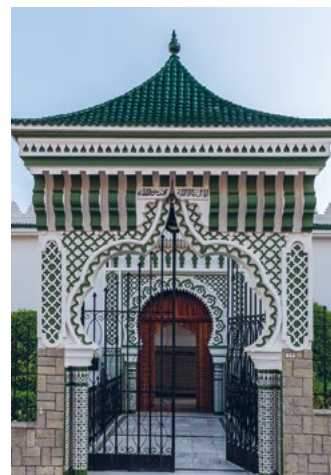
## MYTHOLOGICAL CEUTA ROUTES (2H BY BUS)

Mythology has always been closely linked to Ceuta. In this tour the visitor has the possibility to know the city from a panoramic point of view. It begins in the Dock driving to the “Elisabeth II” Viewpoint, one of the most beautiful places in our city. Then, it goes to the “Plaza de Africa” (Africa Square) in the center of our city and ends at the viewpoint of “San Antonio” on Mount Hacho, from where you can appreciate the beauty of our coasts and at the same time have a panoramic view of Gibraltar, Algeciras and Morocco. From there we will be in one of the columns Non Plus Ultra, one of the two columns that Hercules raised when he was fighting with Antaeus in a blow with a mace separated the European continent of Africa thus creating the Strait of Gibraltar. Mount Hacho corresponds to the Abyla column and the other column, Calpe, corresponds to Gibraltar.

## ROUTE OF THE 4 CULTURES (3 - 4 H, ON FOOT AND BY BUS)

In this visit we will know the religious and cultural background of the city of Ceuta. Our city is a melting pot of cultures, so for those who are interested in knowing part of our cultural heritage, with this tour you will have the opportunity to visit 4 different temples in one day: a Catholic cathedral, a Hindu temple, a Jewish synagogue and a Muslim mosque. A very interesting visit in which you will enjoy the harmony of the coexistence between cultures.

There are many possibilities of routes and excursions without leaving the city. Here we wanted to reflect only two of them but in the Information and Tourism Office of Ceuta you can find more information.





## MOROCCO: HISTORIC CHEFCHAOUEN (8H - 9H BY BUS)

When cruise passengers get off the ship they are immediately transferred to Chefchaouen, in comfortable 53-seater buses. Once in the city of Chefchaouen they enjoy a guided tour of the city accompanied by lunch with a folk music performance.



## MOROCCO: TETOUAN TODAY (5H - 7H EN BUS)

The neighboring city of Tetouan, which is 45 minutes away by bus. Tourists get off the cruise and upon arrival in the Moroccan city enjoy a panoramic tour of the modern part of the city and will have free time to get to know the exotic Arab culture as well as its handicraft stores and gastronomy.











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