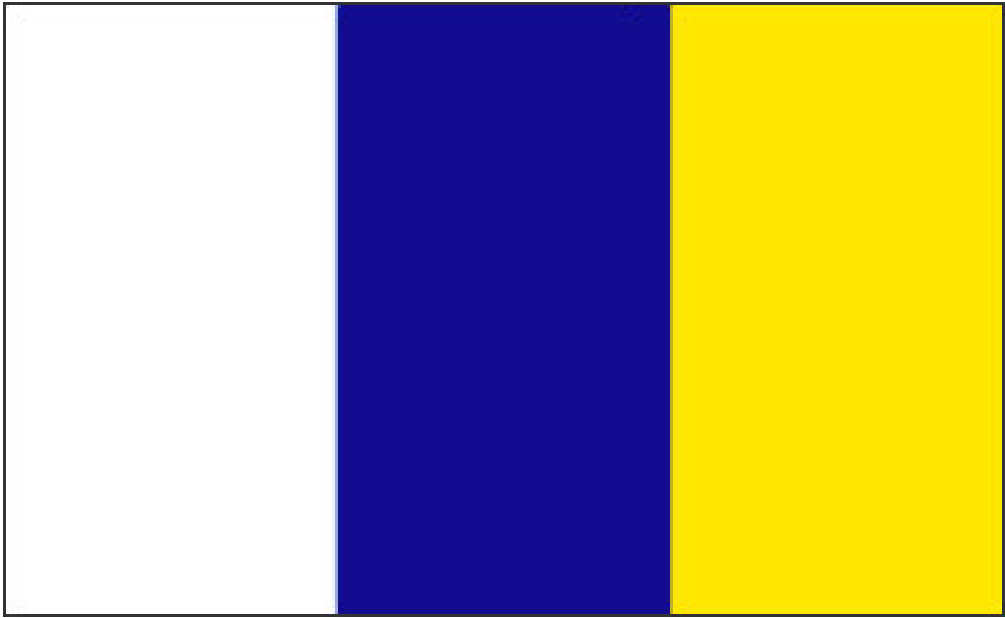




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Once known to the ancient Romans as the *Fortunate Islands*, the Canary Islands were named after the large dogs (*Canes*) found living on the islands.

Located off the northwestern coast of Africa, the Canary Islands are one of the most popular tourist destination on the planet, especially with Europeans.

The Canary Island's archipelago includes (7) major islands, all remnants of very steep, extinct volcanoes. Weather conditions here are considered perfect, and the beaches - some of the best on the planet.

The Canary Islands' maps and information pages are currently being revised, and will be posted soon.

Official Name Canary Islands, an autonomous region of Spain

Major Cities Las Palmas, Santa Cruz de Tenerife

Languages Spanish (official), English, German

Latitude/Longitude 28° 06'N, 15° 24'W

Official Currency the Euro

Religions Roman Catholic, others

Population 1.6 million

Land Area 7,770 sq km (3,000 sq miles)

Landforms The islands are the remaining cones of long-extinct volcanoes, some very steep. The highest point (*the highest point in all of Spain's territories*) is the Pico de Teide Mountain, located on Tenerife. It's 12,195 ft., (3,718m) tall.

Climate Because of their tropical location just off the coast of Africa, the Canary Islands enjoy permanent spring-like conditions.

The weather is dry (often windy), with year-round high temperatures near 72 degrees. 100% sunshiny days are commonplace. Rainfall is sparse, with most falling in the winter months.

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