A comfortable life for one in Santa Cruz de Tenerife costs about €1,500 a month

That is our estimate for the Canary Islands capital, against about €2,000 in Madrid. On the mainland, Seville gets about 3,089 hours of sun a year.



€1,500

a month for one person in Santa Cruz de Tenerife, our estimate

Capital	**Madrid**
Languages	**Spanish, Catalan, Galician**
Currency	**Euro**
Population	**49,128,297 (2025)**
Price level 2024 (EU = 100)	**91**
Minimum wage	**€1,221 a month**
Tax	**47% top income tax, 21% VAT**
Years to	**PR 5, citizenship 10**
English (EF index 2025)	**#36 in the world**

★ Capital ● City we cover ● Other city

Off the map: Santa Cruz de Tenerife.

WAYS TO MOVE

Digital Nomad Visa	**€2,442/mo**
Non-Lucrative Visa	**€2,400/mo**
Entrepreneur Visa	**€600/mo**
Golden Visa	**closed**

Income or funds asked for one person

COST FOR ONE, A MONTH

Madrid	**€2,000**
Barcelona	**€1,900**
Valencia	**€1,700**
Seville	**€1,600**
Malaga	**€1,750**

Our estimate for a comfortable life

EAT LIKE A LOCAL

Tortilla de patatas

EMERGENCY
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PLUGS
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EU AND SCHENGEN
EU, Schengen

WORK-DAY OVERLAP
2 hours with New York

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Sources: Population, price level and minimum wage: Eurostat. English: EF English Proficiency Index 2025. Peace: Global Peace Index. Visas and tax: official government pages, as listed on each of our guides. Europe-wide comparisons: Tax Foundation 2026 and Eurostat. City costs are our estimates. Dishes: Wikipedia, National dish. Map: Natural Earth. Rules change, so confirm with the immigration office. Checked 7 October 2026.