

Puerto de la Cruz

A seaside North city on the island, Puerto de la Cruz has been looked as a traditional holiday destination for European citizens, fascinated by its magnificent weather, beautiful landscapes and local familiar attention. A charm, small and cosy city.

Now tourism has an important role in the city but not always has been so. During the arrival of the Irishmen forced by the Orange, William III, King of England, many Catholics merchants run away from Ireland to Puerto de la Cruz, under the protection of the Spanish Monarchy provided they were allowed to trade in the West Indies routes, a right only reserved to Catholics.

The names MacCogan, White, Walsh, Power, Murphy, Cullen, Read, Molowny, Fitz-Gerald and many other came to Puerto de la Cruz fleeing far from the persecution, where they established since then.

In 1927 the world famous writer Agatha Christie came on holidays with her daughter Rosalind and her secretary Charlotte Fisher to stay in Puerto de la Cruz at the Grand Taoro Hotel for ten days. An Agatha Christie Festival is held every two years in her memoriam and Mr. Mathew Prichard, her grandson pays tribute to her grandmother by attending it.