



Canary Islands

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The Atlantic migration route, particularly from **Africa to [Spain's Canary Islands](#)**, which has become a gateway to Europe, has emerged as one of the deadliest migration paths in the world. In 2024, over **10,000 migrants lost their lives** attempting this journey.

- The route is fraught with dangers, including **strong ocean currents**, overcrowded and poorly equipped boats, and adverse weather conditions. These factors contribute to the high fatality rate.
- The Canary Islands, an **autonomous Spanish archipelago** in the **Atlantic Ocean**, are located about 62 miles west of Morocco (Africa), and are one of the **[European Union's outermost regions](#)**.
 - The main Canary Islands are Lanzarote, Fuerteventura, Gran Canaria, Tenerife, La Gomera, **La Palma**, and El Hierro.
 - The Islands have a subtropical climate with warm temperatures and mild seasonal variation.
- The **Canary Current** is a **cold ocean current** flowing southwest along Africa's northwest coast, named after the Canary Islands. Its presence contributes to the rainless conditions in the **[Sahara Desert's](#)** coastal region.

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