

Since the Castilian conquest, the islands have maintained fluid and regular relations with Africa. Exchanges have been constant throughout history; slavery, privateering and colonialism have been part of this link. The archipelago has become one of the main African gateways to the European Union and a place of settlement for people.

Representations of Africans, fortresses that were distinguished in the Barbary corsair attacks, material from the colonies, African masks and art, Canarian representations of Africa, documentation and audiovisual centres, cartographic records about the continent, all form part of the Africa-related material located in the islands, to such an extent that we can affirm that it is the richest community in Spain concerning this type of elements.

In La Palma, the heritage related to Africa is manifested in places and themes. Its abundance allows the creation of an African heritage route: Santa Cruz de La Palma, El Socorro, Gallegos, Fuencaliente, Los Llanos de Aridane, El Paso, Puntallana and Tijarafe.

Among the must-see treasures of the island, we highlight the statue of St. Benedict of Palermo in St. Francis Church, the minerals and animals in the Insular Museum of La Palma, the Adoration of the Magi in the Chapel of the Venerable Third Order, in the Church of Our Lady of Candelaria in Tijarafe and in the Hermitage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the statue of Baby Jesus in the Church of La Encarnación, Las Negras' alley, the seafaring ex-voto on a corsair attack in the Real Santuario Insular de Nuestra Señora de las Nieves (Royal Island Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Snows), the Balthazar's statues in the "Camarín de la Virgen de las Nieves" Sacred Art Museum, the statue of Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre in Gallegos, the Hermitage of St. Martin de Porres in El Paso and the black devil in the Hermitage of Our Lady of Piety and St. Bartholomew.

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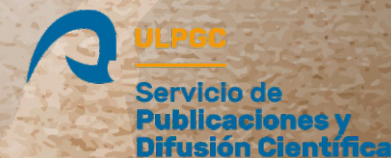


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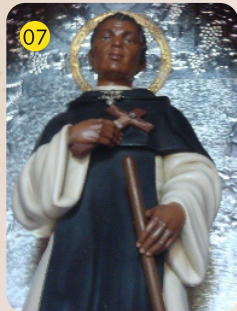
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