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A man has died and 27 others were injured after a bus carrying British tourists veered off a mountain road and crashed into a ravine in Spain's Canary Islands.

About Canary Islands

- The Canary Islands are an archipelago located off the **northwest coast of Africa** in the **Macaronesia region** of the **North Atlantic Ocean**.
- **Geographically**, the archipelago is **part of continental Africa**, but **politically and economically** it is **part of Europe**.
- The archipelago is a **Spanish territory** and is **its southernmost autonomous community**.
- It is approximately 100 km from Morocco and **southwest of Spain**.
- It is **Macaronesia's largest and most populated archipelago**.
- Some of the **largest islands** in the archipelago are **Lanzarote, Fuerteventura, Gran Canaria, and Tenerife**.

- **Tenerife** is the **largest island**, spanning 2,034 sq.km. It is the second-largest island in Spain and also **Spain's most populated** island.
- The Canary Islands' **capital, Santa Cruz de Tenerife**, is **located on the island**. Tenerife also **hosts Teide, Spain's highest point**.
- The Canary Islands **formed** millions of years ago **through volcanic eruption**, and **some of the volcanoes** are **still active**.
- The archipelago is the **only Spanish region** where a **volcanic eruption has taken place in the modern era**.
- **Most beaches** along the Canaries have **black sand due to their volcanic composition**.
- **Climate: Desertic and tropical, moderated by trade winds** and the **surrounding sea**.
- The islands' location in the Atlantic Ocean and their **proximity to four continents** (Africa, Europe, and the Americas) make them a **popular tourist destination**.

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