

## THE FOOTPATHS OF TENERIFE, A GUIDE To The Natural Treasures Of This

Tenerife has a world of natural beauty within its shores. With microclimates that change every ten kilometres, Tenerife is a landscape of contrasts: a volcanic island, with stunning beaches and coastal paths that run alongside mountain tracks, woodland paths and watercourses that cross the lush terrain.

The island brings together an enormous variety of landscapes and ecosystems and over 47% of the territory is classified as protected in one way or another. These protected natural spaces have a rich legacy of history and natural beauty, and each footpath offers surprising insights into the heritage of the island and each step, brings visitors closer to discovering the real Tenerife, whether meandering along ancient watercourses, treading woodland paths, or enjoying a variety

are rehabilitated and put back into use, offering an increasing variety of opportunities to experience the natural world first hand. Many of the ERA (European Ramblers Association) which guarantees the quality of the signage and levels of safety. As time goes on, the island becomes more populated with local footpaths, short routes and longer routes which will soon make it possible for visitors to walk from one side to the

This network of footpaths means that visitors can increasingly enjoy the natural treasures of Tenerife in safety. We invite you to walk these paths

The selection of these itineraries has been carried out with the supervi-





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- Use the indicated pathways and respect the way of life, the privacy and the property of the local inhabitants.
- If you avoid making unnecessary noise, you will be able to discover much more life around you.
- Take all your refuse away with you, including organic waste. In this way, you will be contributing to maintaining the beauty of the landscape and you will avoid the proliferation of rodents. Take special care with cigarette ends.
- Gathering of plants, animals and other objects from the environment may lead to the loss of irreplaceable resources.
- Those responsible for these Protected Natural Spaces will thank you for advising them of any incidents you may have noticed.
- Please contact the Environment Department at the Cabildo Insular de Tenerife

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The natural scenery of the island is both unusual and surprising and care should be taken to ensure it is enjoyed in a responsible

To avoid any incidents, please follow the signs and ask for information on the state of the footpaths during adverse weather conditions. www.webtenerife.com

### FOR YOUR SAFETY...

- When you prepare your rucksack, do not forget to include: a mobile telephone, solar protection, a hat, an overcoat, acagoule, sufficient water and food.
- Check the weather forecast and make sure that it is suitable.
- Wear suitable clothing and footwear for hill walking.
- Always walk in company and only on the marked pathway.
- Inform your relations or friends of the route you are going to take.
- Take into account the hours of light that you will need to complete your route.
- It is prohibited by Order to enter the water shafts (galerías de agua). Many of them give off lethal gases. Along your way, you will see warning signs reminding you of this regulation.











Plaza del Cristo de la Salud (Arona) – Vento – Barranco del Rey – La Centinela – Roque del Conde – La Centinela – Barranco del Rey – Vento – Plaza del Cristo de la Salud (Arona)

**Starting and finishing point:** Plaza del Cristo de la Salud

Borough: Arona and Adeje. **Public transport:** Yes

**Taxi Adeje:** 922 71 44 62 **Taxi Arona:** 922 74 75 11

Length: 7 Km Height: Maximum: 1000 m

Minimum: 600 m **Starting Point:** 665 m Finishing Point: 665 m

**Route:** 342, 480

**Duration:** 5 hours (round trip)

Level of difficulty: Medium. Despite the fact that this is a short walk, there is a pronunced slope in the final part of the ascent to Roque del

**Description of the route:** The footpath begins in the square of the Cristo de la Salud, in the urban district of Arona. From here, the route takes you to the Barrio de Vento and continues along a narrow path which crosses the ravine of Las Casa, del Ancón and, finally, el barranco del Rey, the frontier between the municipal districts of Arona and Adeje. Then the footpath becomes broader as it climbs upwards, between stone walls and former agricultural terraces. The final section is a narraw path wich culminates at the top of the Roque del Conde, a plateau once used to grow cereals, and offers stunning panoramic views of the south of the island.

Visitors then retrace their steps and descend by the same path.





TF-57. EL PALMAR - LOS BAILADEROS (TENO ALTO)

**Starting point:** Finca Los Pedregales (El Palmar)

Borough: Buenavista del Norte

**Public transport to the starting point:** Yes **Route:** 355, 366

**Taxi Buenavista:** 922 12 71 30 Finishing point: Los Bailaderos

Borough: Buenavista del Norte

the route before you begin.

**Public transport at the finishing point:** No. It is recommended that you agree to be picked up in a taxi or that you leave a vehicle at the end of

Length: 4,8 Km **Duration:** 3,15 h

Height: Maximum: 830 m Minimum: 540 m Starting Point: 540 m Finishing Point: 775 m

**Level of difficulty:** Medium. The difficulty derives from the steepness of the path at the beginning of the itinerary from El Palmar, with areas that can be slippery when damp. Sudden changes of temperature and rain is

**Description of the route:** The footpath begins at the crossroads of TF-436 and gains height quickly, to offer a spectacular panoramic view of the Valley of El Palmar. Once the steep ascent is complete, the landscape changes: areas of woodlands are interspersed with small fields of crops before arriving at the village of La Abejera, where houses are clustered together on the rocky crest.

From this point the path is even, right through to Los Bailaderos, a scenic, rural hamlet, which marks the end of the route





La Caldera – Choza Chimoche – Camino Forestal – Casa del Agua – Barranco de La Arena – Umweltzentrum AGUAMANSA – LA CALDERA

#### TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Alternative Route PR - TF 35.1: La Caldera – Casa del Agua. **Alternative Route PR - TF 35.2:** Casa del Agua - Llano de Los Corrales

**Starting point and finishing point:** La Caldera, Centro Ambiental de Aguamansa o Plaza de Pinolere.

Borough: La Orotava

**Public transport:** Yes Route: 345, 348

**Taxi La Orotava:** 922 32 37 37

**Length:** 13,3 Km (Variant 4.2 Km; Diversion 3.9 Km)

**Duration:** 6 h Variant 2 hours; Diversion 1 hour and a half)

Height: Maximum: 1560 m Minimum: 760 m Starting point:1200 m Finishing point:1200 m

footpath is clear and it has a good surface, it is quite long and there are considerable contrasts in the gradient. **Description of the route:** The main walk (PR-TF-35) begins at La Cal-

**Level of difficulty:** Medium–High. Despite the fact that the route of the

dera, and follows a forest path to Choza Chimoche and then onwards to El Portillo del Topo. The path then meanders past the Pista de Mamio, towards the Casa del Agua and alongside the watercourse in the La Arena Ravine, culminating at the Aguamansa Environmental Centre. Visitors then

A variation on this walk (PR-TF-35.1) follows the Pista de Mamio from La Caldera to Casa del Agua, incorporating an insight into the history of the

An alternative variation (PR-TF-35.2) links the main walk with the traditional district of Pinolere, located at the foot of the mountainside of the same name. This route follows the Pista de Mamio from Casa del Agua to Llano de Los Corrales, where the path descends through a wood of chestnut trees.





Cruz del Carmen – El Batán – Punta del Hidalgo

**Starting point:** Restaurante Cruz del Carmen

Borough: La Laguna

Public transport to the starting point: Yes Route: 073, 075, 076,

Finishing point: Punta del Hidalgo

Borough: La Laguna

Public transport at the finishing point: Yes Route: 050, 105

**Taxi La Laguna:** 922 62 13 13

**Duration:** 4 h

Height: Maximum: 950 m Minimum: 35 m Starting point: 950 m Finishing point: 35 m

has intermediate slopes along the route, unsuitable for some visitors. **Description of the route:** The footpath begins at the Cruz del Carmen Restaurant and proceeds along the wide fire-break in the trees before joining a footpath through the woodland. The woodland path crosses the tracks of Las Hiedras and el Lomo de Los Dragos before reaching the watercourse of the Del Rio or Del Batán Ravine.

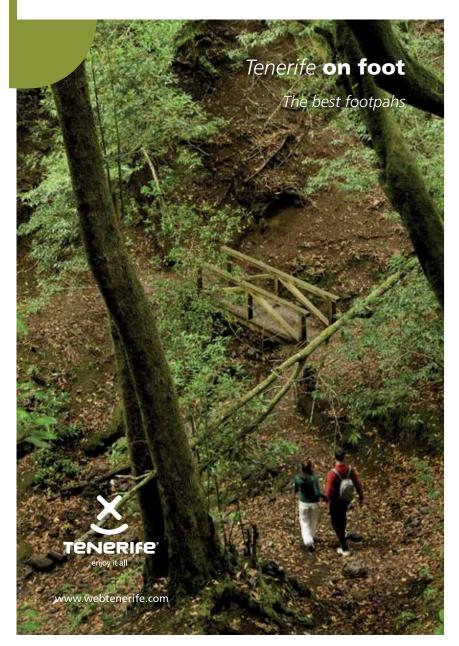
**Level of difficulty:** Medium. The path is of a considerable length and

From here on, the footpath ascends to Bejía, crossing the Hamlet of El Batán, and then descends again to the village of El Peladero. The path crosses little ravines on its re-ascent to Lomo del Morro, which offers a broad panoramic view of the surrounding area.

From this point, the shady woodland paths make way for wider, unsheltered, walkways surrounded by local heather that grows well at altitude and, as the path approaches the coast, arid vegetation, such as euphorbias, is more prevalent. The walk ends at Punta del Hidalgo.

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## 22 PARADOR-ALTO DE GUAJARA-PARADO "A BALCONY WITH A VIEW OF MOUNT TEIDE"

Centro de Visitantes de Cañada Blanca – Alto de Guajara – Centro de Visitantes de Cañada Blanca

**Starting and finishing point:** Cañada Blanca Visitors Centre, Mount

Route: 342, 348

Teide National Park **Borough:** La Orotava y Granadilla **Public transport:** Yes

**Taxi La Orotava:** 922 32 37 37

**Taxi Granadilla:** 922 39 51 77 **Length:** 6,5 Km (Round trip) **Duration:** 5 hours

Height: Maximum: 2718 m Minimum: 2150 m Finishing point: 2150 m **Starting point:** 2150 m

**Level of difficulty:** High. This route incorporates steep slopes and is

Capricho and then upwards to the Cañada del Montón de Trigo, before

located at high altitude. Unsuitable for those unused to walking in such **Description of the route:** The walk begins at the Cañada Blanca Visitors' Centre. The Siete Cañadas track, (footpath number 4 according to the footpath system of the National Park) runs towards Cañada del

continuing to Degollada de Guajara. Following footpath number 15 towards the Montaña de Guajara, the path then ascends the Mountain. The summit, at 2,715 m, is the third highest point on the island. Here, visitors can enjoy an outstanding view of Mount Teide, El Barranco del Río, Pico Viejo, Llano de Ucanca, Las Cañadas and the south of the island.

From here, retrace your steps and return to the Cañada Blanca Visitors



# 48 LOS REALEJOS (MARITIM)-RAMBLA DE CASTRO "OASIS ON THE NORTH COAST OF THE ISLAND"

Hotel Maritím – Playa de Los Roques – Urbanización La Romántica II – Rambla de Castro – Mirador de San Pedro

**Starting point:** Behind the Hotel Maritím

Borough: Los Realeios **Public transport to the starting point:** Yes

Route: 339, 353, 354 (Camino Burgado bus stop)

**Taxi Los Realejos:** 922 34 60 45 Finishing point: San Pedro viewing point Borough: Los Realejos

Public transport at the finishing point: Yes

Route: 107, 108, 325, 363 (Tunnel bus stop) Length: 4 Km **Duration:** 2 h Height: Maximum: 150 m Minimum: 40 m

Starting point: 40 m Finishing point: 150 m **Level of difficulty:** Low. This is a short and gentle path with a safe and

**Description of the route:** The footpath begins behind Hotel Maritim (Los Realejos), leaving Playa de Los Roques behind and heading for the La Romántica II development. Crossing over this, the footpath continues in the direction of La Romántica I, before continuing down to a wooden bridge, from which the ruins of the old water elevator of Gordejuela can be seen: a construction that is over a century old and which housed the first steam engine that was installed on the island.

The footpath continues into the Protected Natural Space of Rambla de Castro, and passes the Hacienda de los Castro, Ermita de San Pedro, a building from the 18th Century which offers another spectacular view of the coastline from the terrace, and the Fortín de San Fernando. The final section of the route is the ascent to the San Pedro viewpoint, adjacent to the TF-15





"In the footprints of an agricultural past"

Starting point: Plaza de Dimas Coello

Starting point: 180 m

**Borough:** Candelaria

Route: 131 **Public transport to the starting point:** Yes Finishing point: Plaza de Araya

Borough: Candelaria **Taxi Candelaria: 902 205 002** 

**Public transport at the finishing point:** Yes Length: 6,8 Km Duration: 3.30 h Height: Maximum: 800 m Minimum: 180 m

**Level of difficulty:** Medium. Although the route is relatively short, with a good surface and well signposted, it includes a continuous ascent up to the uppermost point of La Mesa.

Finishing point: 350 m

**Description of the route:** The footpath begins in Dimas Coello Square, n Igueste de Candelaria, and follows the watercourse of the Chacorche Ravine. The earth track leads to the Casa de La Mesa, a 19th Century building which was used communally by the country people who worked the land. Outside, the hole for the wooden wine-press is still visable. The wine press itself was taken to the district of Igueste de Candelaria and is on display in Plaza Dimas Coello.

The ascent finishes at el Cabezo, a natural viewpoint which allows panoramic views of the Valley of Güímar. The route then continues down the Chafa mountainside to the Finca de Las Haciendas en Araya and then the Plaza de Araya, where the walk ends.





Garachico - San Juan del Reparo - Garachico

**Starting and finishing point:** Plaza de Juan González de la Torre

**Borough:** Garachico **Public transport to the starting point:** Yes Route: 325,

**Taxi Garachico:** 922 83 00 56

**Borough:** Garachico

Public transport at the finishing point: Yes

**Length:** 2, 7 Km (Round trip) **Duration:** 1.30 h Height: Maximum: 500 m Minimum: 20 m

Starting Point: 500 m

**Level of difficulty:** Low. Despite the fact that the footpath runs down

Finishing Point: 20 m

a steep slope, the path is a continuous descent along a wide single track. **Description of the route:** The walk begins at the church of San Juan del Reparo, where the buildings soon make way for the countryside, as the route enters the protected landscape of the La Culata Cliffs along an ancient path which zig-zags down through the scenery. This path provides an outstanding vantagepoint, from which to take in the fantastic views of the town and port of Garachico.

The path descends along the route of the lava flow of the Arenas Negras Volcano, which in 1706 destroyed much of the prosperous nucleus of Garachico and buried the port. Pinewoods now grow on the fertile hillside and the path continues down into Calle El Volcán.

The walk culminates in Plaza de Juan González de la Torre, where the Puerta de Tierra is, the only vestige of the Port of Garachico that remains.



Plaza de Vilaflor – Casa Galindo – Casa Marrubial –

Paisaje Lunar – Los Llanitos – Plaza de Vilaflor

Starting and finishing point: Plaza de Vilaflor

**Borough:** Vilaflor-Granadilla

Public transport: Yes **Route:** 342, 474, 482 **Taxi Vilaflor:** 922 70 90 47

**Taxi Granadilla:** 922 39 51 77 Length: 13 Km **Duration:** 7 h

Height: Maximum: 1950 m Minimum: 1420 m Starting Point: 1420 m Finishing Point: 1420 m

the ascending part of the walk. Otherwise, it is a comfortable and even route. **Description of the route:** The walk begins in the square of Vilaflor. On leaving the village, the route then crosses the watercourse of a ravine before turning towards Camino del Atajo. The footpath passes a large farm called

**Level of difficulty:** Medium – High. The main challenge lies in the length of

Casa Galindo and follows a track that is over 500 years old, before descending towards the spectacular Paisaje Lunar viewpoint, or Lunar Landscape. Rest a while here and take in the views before following the path back down

to the town of Vilaflor.