

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Ifonche-Barranco del Agua Circular (Adeje)

Route Summary

A short but satisfying walk from the highland hamlet of Ifonche with exposure to rugged barrancos, pine forest, and rural farm terraces. The mid-section includes a steady ascent of over 200 m through the forest. There is a handy traditional bar/restaurant at the start/end point.

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Transport/Parking: There is no Titsa bus service to Ifonche. Park on the verge of the road leading uphill from Bar/Restaurante El Dornajo.

Length: 4.220 km / 2.64 mi

Height Gain: 222 meter

Height Loss: 222 meter

Max Height: 1211 meter

Min Height: 1013 meter

Surface: Rough. Some of the route is on paved surfaces.

Child Friendly: Yes, but only if children are used to hikes of this distance and overall ascent on rough paths.

Difficulty: Moderate.

Dog Friendly: Yes. On lead on public roads and at start/finish.

Refreshments: Popular traditional Bar/Restaurante El Dornajo in Ifonche at start/finish point of walk.



Description

This is a short and pleasant excursion into the pine forests and barrancos (ravines) surrounding the rural hamlet of Ifonche, perched high above Adeje. Starting and finishing outside the popular Bar/Restaurante El Dornajo, the route passes through agricultural terraces and open pine forest near to the Casa de Benítez overlooking the cavernous Barranco del Infierno (a short diversion is possible to a viewpoint). Departing from the busy hiking route to La Quinta, the walk climbs up through the pine forest, with some interestingly artistic stone cairns to guide the way. The overall ascent is just over 220 m, so be prepared for some exertion on the way through the forest to the highest point between the deep ravines of the Barranco Hoya el Pozo and Barranco del Agua (note that OpenStreetMap wrongly, in our opinion, identifies "del Agua" as Barranco Seco. The



Canaries official map says "Barranco Agua", and, following the line of the barranco back to Fanabe, that seems to be correct). The final 2 km descent leads you back through the pines to Ifonche, emerging at the Ifonche Deposito building (drinking water reservoir). From there, the route carries on down the quiet rural road past some terraces, houses and farm buildings towards your start-point outside the very traditional Canarian Bar/Restaurant El Dornajo where a cool refreshment, and maybe something more substantial, may await.

Waypoints

(1) Start walk at walks information board

(28.13499; -16.68993)

The walk start at the Bar/Restaurante El Dornajo. With your back to the entrance door, turn left and follow the road downhill, around a bend, then uphill towards an obvious walks signpost on your right about 100 m from the Bar El Dornajo.



(2) Turn right at info board and signs

(28.13533; -16.69081)

In about 100 m from the Bar/Restaurante El Dornajo, turn right onto the signposted path marked for La Quinta. (113 m)



(3) Carry straight on at a x-roads

(28.13940; -16.69389)

In another 800 m, carry straight on at a x-roads near to the Benitez house*. (813 m)

N.B. A short 400 m diversion (there and back) to the left is possible here. The rough road past the Benitez house will take you to an old era (threshing circle) where there are breath-taking views into the Barrancos del Agua, and del Infierno.



(4) Right off main path

(28.14186; -16.69409)

In another 200 m, or so, go right and off the main La Quinta path to follow a narrow raised path. (1.1 km)



(5) Take path going uphill

(28.14224; -16.69377)

In 100 m, you arrive at a clear area. Take the wide path going uphill within a shallow ravine (named the Mesita de Benitez). As you ascend you will observe some interesting tall stone cairns. (1.2 km)



(6) Sharp left and up narrow path

(28.14380; -16.69237)

In 300 m, or so, go sharp left and up a narrow path. Keep following this path as it climbs up and around the hillside. There are occasional cairns, but the path is quite clear. (1.4 km)



(7) Right and downhill at y-junction

(28.14867; -16.69136)

After 800 m steady ascent, with the Hoya el Pozo barranco on your left you will arrive at a y-junction. Go right and downhill here as the path heads down into Barranco del Agua* before rising out again on the other side. Carry on following this path downhill which will eventually lead you back to Ifonche, emerging at the Ifonche Deposito building (drinking water reservoir). Carry on down the road past some terraces, houses and farm buildings towards your start-point outside the El Dornajo bar/restaurant. (2.2 km)



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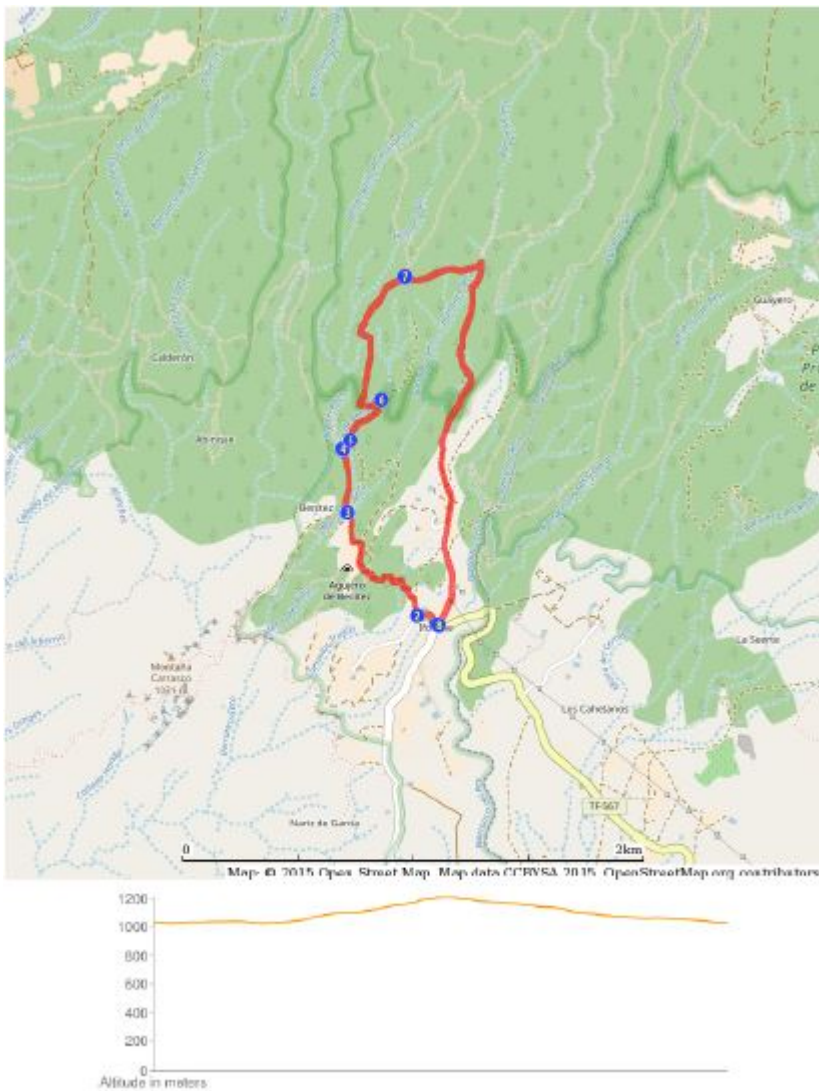
(8) End walk back at El Dornajo restaurant

(28.13497; -16.68986)

In 2 km you will have arrived back at your start-point outside the El Dornajo bar/restaurant. (4.2 km)



Route Map



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