

# Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

## Tijoco Alto-Casa Icerse Circular (Adeje)

### Route Summary

Mostly in pine forest, but with opportunities for great views, this is an interesting walk with almost 400m overall ascent, to the desolate finca at Icerse, almost 1,300m above sea level, looking down on Taucho, just off a rough road that eventually reaches the Teide National Park.

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### Route Overview

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**Transport/Parking:** New bus stops have been installed in Tijoco Alto but there is no Titsa bus-service at time of writing. Check, if required. Probably parking on-road by bins just below the Tasca.

**Length:** 5.320 km / 3.33 mi

**Height Gain:** 384 meter

**Height Loss:** 384 meter

**Max Height:** 1275 meter

**Min Height:** 955 meter

**Surface:** Moderate. Mostly on reasonably good forest paths and roads.

**Child Friendly:** Yes, but only if children are used to vigorous uphill hiking and rough surfaces.

**Difficulty:** Medium.

**Dog Friendly:** Yes.

**Refreshments:** Neither the bar below the start point nor the Tasca above the plaza appeared to be open the day we visited.



### Description

The tranquil little village of Tijoco Alto (also called Tijoco de Arriba) is about one kilometre east of Vera de Erques, separated by the mighty Barranco de Erques. At about 950 metres above sea level, it sits just below the start of the band of pine forests that make up the Corana Forestal surrounding the island of Tenerife. Although its busy municipal capital of Adeje is not far away as the crow flies, there is a sense of remoteness about the place. This walk initially skirts Barranco de las Moradas, to the west of the village, to take in a view of the spectacular ravine (a continuation of Barranco de Erques) on the skyline between Montaña Gangarro and Roque de Ucanca, on the perimeter of the National Park. The walk proceeds through pleasant pine forest trails up to the abandoned finca at Icerse where there are grand views over Taucho and La Quinta down to the south-western coast and Las Americas. A gushing open water channel on the fringe of the pine forest accompanies much of the return route.



## Waypoints

### (1) Start at plaza in Tijoco Alto

(28.16887; -16.73354)

The walk starts from the little plaza in Tijoco Alto, adjoining the Tijoco Alto Bar. Walk uphill on the road from here.



### (2) Continue on road

(28.17014; -16.73182)

In just over 300 m, ignore the access road on your right and continue proceeding uphill. (308 m)



### (3) Left up path

(28.17096; -16.73118)

In another 115 m, turn sharp left up a fairly indistinct path on a steep slope, looking back towards Tijoco Alto until the top of the rise when the path goes right, looking uphill again. The Barranco de las Moradas is below you now, on your left side. (423 m)



### (4) Veer right and on

(28.17162; -16.73123)

In about 130 m from the road, veer slightly right and onwards, ignoring the path that descends to cross the ravine. (551 m)



### (5) Veer right towards white building

(28.17181; -16.73063)

In just another 65 m, or so, veer right away from the Barranco de las Moradas towards the white building behind the trees in the middle distance. The path is very indistinct here until you reach the trees. Here it descends into a low wooded ravine, with the white building above you. The building is the new public drinking water storage tank and treatment works (Nuevo Deposito) for Tijoco Alto. (616 m)



## (6) Right and up towards new Deposito

(28.17230; -16.72885)

In under 200 m, turn right and uphill on the rough road up to the Deposito. Follow the road part-way round the building and turn left onto the narrow tarred road (the same road you left earlier at Waypoint 3. Continue uphill on the tarred road. (820 m)



## (7) Go past gate

(28.17223; -16.72782)

In just under 300 m, as the tarred road ends, carry on past the gate into the forest. (1.1 km)



## (8) Veer left onto path and stay left

(28.17235; -16.72633)

In 100 m, or so, just before a sharp bend to the right on the forest road, veer left onto a rough path ascending into the trees. (1.2 km)



## (9) Veer left and up

(28.17252; -16.72627)

In about 20 m, the path divides into a y-junction. Take the path on the left that veers uphill towards a large rock formation. You will continue on this path for 500 m, eventually it will become wider with low walls on either side (now called the Camino de la Yuega (Mare, as in horse) de Don Tomas), ignoring any turn-offs to right or left. (1.2 km)



## (10) Left onto forest road

(28.17180; -16.72231)

In 500 m, the track reaches a t-junction with the main forest road. Go left here onto the forest road as it continues to ascend. (1.7 km)



### (11) Left to stone walls and picnic area

(28.17375; -16.71816)

In 600 m, veer left past an old stone walled enclosure to a picnic/fiesta area under a large tree. (2.3 km)



### (12) Over water channel and down to road

(28.17385; -16.71773)

In 100 m, passing through the picnic area, cross the water channel (the Bajante de Fyffes, heading for some banana plantations, perhaps?), descending the slope to the nearby road. (2.4 km)



### (13) Left and up on road

(28.17374; -16.71769)

In a few metres, upon reaching the rough road, go left and uphill. (2.4 km)



### (14) Right and down in front of era

(28.17326; -16.71743)

In another 100 m, or so, go right and down in front of the threshing circle (era), off the main forestry road. This access road will soon take you to the abandoned Casa Icerse. (2.5 km)



### (15) Casa Icerse

(28.17233; -16.71767)

In less than 150 m from the road you will have arrived at the abandoned finca of Icerse (also Iserse). Here, there are some interesting old outbuildings and great views down to Taucho, La Quinta and along the coast from Marazul to Las Americas. When you are ready, turn back, re-tracing your steps towards the picnic area. (2.7 km)



### (16) Veer left and down off road

(28.17371; -16.71808)

In just over 250 m, or so, passing the picnic area and large tree on your right, take a path veering down to your left into the trees. (2.9 km)



### (17) Cross channel - left and down path

(28.17323; -16.71918)

In 100 m, cross the water channel and take the path to your left running downhill parallel with the watercourse (don't go on the forestry road!). Ignore the first turn-off to your right in about 350 m. Your right turn is in about 700 m. (3.0 km)



### (18) Sharp right onto forest path

(28.16943; -16.72402)

In 700 m, with the water channel still on your left, take a turn to the right onto a forest track. (3.7 km)



### (19) Follow path across road

(28.16987; -16.72516)

In about 100 m, where the track crosses the forest road, go straight across the road to re-join the track. (3.8 km)



### (20) Left and up to La Casilla

(28.17041; -16.72571)

In another 100 m, or so, follow the path up to the abandoned house called La Casilla. When you are ready, continue following the path behind the house. (3.9 km)



### (21) Left down path

(28.17110; -16.72598)

In just another 100 m, take the path left and down (under the fallen tree if still there!). Ignore the steep path down to the forest road in about 300 m, staying on the clear path as it gently descends to the road on a slightly longer route. (4.0 km)



### (22) Follow road down

(28.17237; -16.72624)

In about 400 m, upon reaching the main forest road, veer right to follow the road down towards the village of Tijoco Alto. (4.4 km)



### (23) Left down to old Deposito

(28.17058; -16.73023)

In 500 m, now on the narrow tarred road, go left off that road to go down past the old water Deposito. The tarred road some becomes an old camino. Carry on down this rough path, with houses on your right, until you reach the tarred road again, continuing heading down towards your start point in the village. (4.9 km)



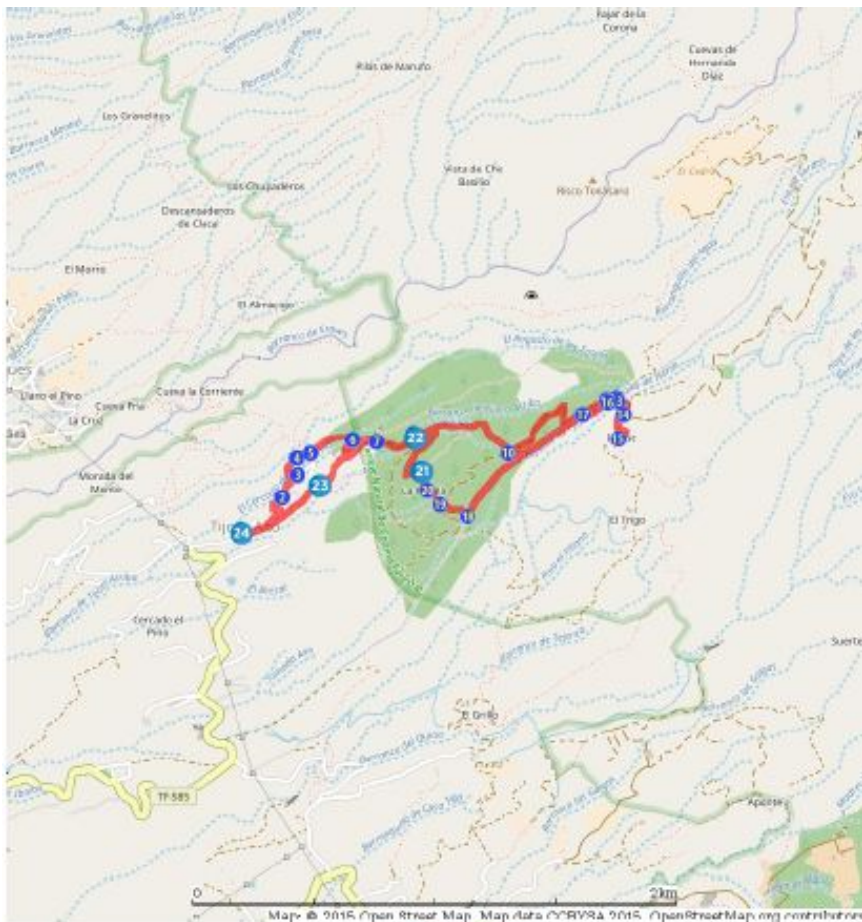
### (24) Finish walk back at plaza

(28.16880; -16.73354)

In 400 m you are back at your start point in the little plaza. (5.3 km)



## Route Map



### Links:

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