

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Tijoco Bajo-Vera de Erques Circular (Adeje/ Guia de Isora)

Route Summary

A tough but rewarding walk up the edge of the wild and wonderful Barranco de Erques to the charming village of Vera de Erques, then back to the tidy little Canarian settlement of Tijoco Bajo.

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 460 from Adeje. Parking in Tijoco Bajo.

Length: 9.630 km / 6.02 mi

Height Gain: 619 meter

Height Loss: 619 meter

Max Height: 845 meter

Min Height: 381 meter

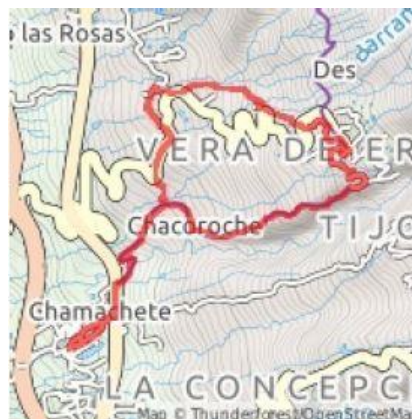
Surface: Very rough, in places.

Child Friendly: Only if used to arduous hiking.

Difficulty: Moderately hard, to hard

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: A small number of cafes/bars in Tijoco Bajo and Vera de Erques.



Description

On the border between the Adeje and Guia de Isora council areas, this is a demanding hike with an unrelenting and considerable ascent (overall height gain of 630 metres/ 2,067 feet) on a very rough and stony path. For the ordinary walker, this has to be edging into the harder end of the spectrum. To compensate, there are some amazing views of the undoubtedly spectacular Barranco de Erques, Montaña Tejina, La Gomera, and the western slopes of West Tenerife as a whole. The quaint little hamlets that make up the mountain village of Vera de Erques (845 m), separated by little barrancos, are also a joy to behold. The flowers and vegetables there were in glowing health and abundance when we visited. Also, in mid April, the path for this hike was still embroidered by a delightful array of wild flowers all the way. However, it's clear that the grasses were calling it as day, drying out to wispy brown as the warmth of Spring had started to give way to Summer heat. Overall, well worth the effort for the willing walker!



Waypoints

(1) Start at church in Tijico Baho

(28.16021; -16.76698)

From the church in the centre of Tijico Bajo, walk up Calle San Antonio to the junction with the main TF-82 road to Guia de Isora. Turn left there and walk towards the bridge.



(2) Join old camino before bridge

(28.16501; -16.76300)

In just over 750 m from the church, just before the bridge over the barranco, cross the road and negotiate your way around the barriers in order to start ascending on the old camino at the edge of Barranco de Erques. (756 m)



(3) Left and down into barranco

(28.16570; -16.76202)

In just over 100 m from the start of the rocky path, turn left, over the pipe and take the path to the other side of the barranco. At the other side, continue to take the rocky path as it ascends, with the barranco now on your right-hand side. (882 m)



(4) Veer right up by wall

(28.17059; -16.75925)

In just over 900 m from starting to cross the barranco, at this junction veer right and uphill with the wall on your right. You will return to this point in the final section of the walk from the alternative direction on your left. On this outward section of the walk, the path rises uphill and then turns right, heading for the edge of the Barranco de Erques again. (1.8 km)



(5) Turn left and uphill at barranco

(28.16888; -16.75678)

In another 300 m you will arrive at the edge of the impressive Barranco de Erques again. Turn left here and continue the ascent, with the barranco on your right shoulder, all the way up to the outskirts of the Vera de Erques settlement. (2.1 km)



(6) Go straight up Calle La Morra

(28.17189; -16.74373)

After a 1.5 km ascent up the edge of Barranco de Erques you will arrive at the outskirts of one of the hamlets that make up Vera de Erques. Walk up the steep road. (3.6 km)



(7) Take first left and downhill

(28.17233; -16.74243)

In 100 m turn left and downhill. Follow the narrow road down as the tarred surface gives way to concrete. Quite soon, turn right and follow the path over the little barranco, passing under an impressive Vivenda Vacaciones (registered holiday home) to re-join another narrow tarred road. Carry on walking along that road. (3.7 km)



(8) Veer right and up Calle Puerto Rico

(28.17460; -16.74540)

In 600 m, veer right and up Calle Puerto Rico here. (4.3 km)



(9) Divert along path to church

(28.17495; -16.74423)

In just 100 m, before Calle Puerto Rico reaches the Carretera de Vera a Erques and bus-stop, turn right along a narrow path that takes you to the church, plaza and viewpoint. When you are ready to move on, walk up the narrow Calle Santo Domingo and walk left along Carretera de Vera a Erques past the bus-top. After passing the entrance to Calle Puerto Rico (where you entered the path to the church) take the next road, Calle Los Parederos, on your left, downhill. Carry on walking down this road as it eventually crosses over the Carretera de Vera a Erques. (4.4 km)



(10) Veer right and down path

(28.17668; -16.74839)

In 900 m from the church, soon after Calle Los Parederos crosses over the Carretera de Vera a Erques, follow this path veering right and downhill. (5.3 km)



(11) Sharp right and down into barranco

(28.17787; -16.75134)

In another 400 m, just after the path joins a tarred cul-de-sac at houses, take this sharp turn right and downhill on the narrow path into the small Barranco Bicacaro. There are hens and a chained dog in the first downhill section. The chained dog cannot reach you on the path if you ensure you keep to the right-hand side. Carry on across the barranco. (5.7 km)



(12) Straight on over these boulders

(28.17927; -16.75388)

In another 400 m, carry on straight ahead over the top of the boulders shown in the photo. Do NOT turn right and downhill into the barranco. Follow the path as it becomes a rough road past some buildings until it reaches the main road, where you turn right. (6.1 km)



(13) Veer right and down road

(28.17887; -16.75850)

In another 500 m, after a brief section on the main road downhill from Vera de Erques, veer right at the junction, taking the road signposted for Tejina. (6.6 km)



(14) Sharp left off road

(28.17930; -16.75983)

In just 100 m, or so, turn very sharp left at the white wall and follow the old rough road at a slightly higher level than the tarred drive to a cluster of modern houses. Pass an abandoned finca on your right and carry on ahead not deviating left or right until you reach the tarred road at the next waypoint in 400 m. (6.7 km)



(15) Left towards main road

(28.17653; -16.75946)

In 400 m, upon reaching the narrow tarred road, turn left in the direction that will take you to the main road to/from Vera de Erques where you will turn right and start walking downhill at the side of the road until you come to a hairpin right-hand bend. (7.1 km)



(16) Left off main road

(28.17260; -16.75981)

In 500 m, at the tight right-hand bend in the road, take the rough track on the left going down and up, past an inhabited plot area on your left. Rise up out of the small barranco at the Y-junction where you took your route uphill at Waypoint 4 on the ascent. Carry on past there and downhill, now re-tracing your steps to the main TF-82 road and to the outskirts of your starting point at Tijico Bajo. (7.6 km)



(17) Veer right down steep one-way street

(28.16209; -16.76432)

In 1.7 km, upon entering the outskirts of Tijoco Bajo, veer right and down this one-way street. Near your starting point at the church you will pass Calle El Granero on your left where there is an interesting old building that is now an ethnographic museum which you want to visit if it is open. (9.3 km)



(18) Pass Ethnographic Museum on way back to church

(28.16029; -16.76693)

In 300 m, you will have arrived back at your starting point at the church in Tijoco Bajo. (9.6 km)



Route Map



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