

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Villa de Arico-Teguedite Circular (Arico)

Route Summary

A short circular walk from the interesting old town of Villa de Arico on an old Camino Real and on minor roads. It provides an intimate experience of rural activity around an old Canarian hill town. Great views of wide-open landscapes too.

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 111 to San Isidro, then 408 to Granadilla, then 35 to Guimar (1.5 hour journey). There is a public car-park a couple of hundred metres down Calle El Carmen, off the main street by the Ocho climbing school building.

Length: 5.040 km / 3.15 mi

Height Gain: 221 meter

Height Loss: 221 meter

Max Height: 620 meter

Min Height: 423 meter

Surface: Moderate. The first section of the walk is mostly on an old camino real and rough roads. The second section is mainly on paved minor roads.

Child Friendly: Yes.

Difficulty: Easy.

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: We suggest the Bar/Restaurante Jeronimo on the main street, down from the church.



Description

It's always a pleasure to walk amongst the golden stone terraces and dry stone walls in the Arico area. The first section of this short walk is mostly on the old Camino Real (Royal Road) linking the main Arico settlements. After traversing around the Lomo de Teguedite hillside, the second section passes through the Los Gavilanes area, and is mainly on a paved minor road passing numerous rural plots and terraces. Gushing water channels, reservoirs and aqueducts are everywhere. In addition to enjoying the rural detail, there are many "big sky" views to enjoy along way. The small town of Villa de Arico feels authentically Canarian and has many old buildings, including the fine church, built in the mid 18th Century.



Waypoints

(1) Start at church

(28.16615; -16.50103)

At the front of the church in Valle de Arico, with your back to the main doors, go down the steps and turn left. Take the unnamed cobbled lane down hill. Cross the street at the bottom of the lane and take the wide path down towards an interpretation board (blank), turning to your right at the board towards the main road.



(2) Cross main road and go down and left

(28.16685; -16.50003)

In about 140 m from the church, carefully cross the main road to Arico Nuevo and Arico Viejo. At the signpost go left and down onto the stony camino. (136 m)



(3) Go right here

(28.16838; -16.49638)

In another 650 m, or so, having ascended from the valley beneath Villa de Arico, veer right for a short distance on the tarred road, by the yellow/white signed post. (779 m)



(4) Then quickly sharp right

(28.16843; -16.49606)

In just 30 m, take the road on your right at the junction. (810 m)



(5) Left and down at signs

(28.16698; -16.49207)

In about 300 m, walking gently downhill, go left at the walks signs, down the narrow path into the little ravine. (1.3 km)



(6) Up and left from ravine bed

(28.16712; -16.49059)

In 100 m, or so, take the path up and left out of the bed of the ravine. (1.4 km)



(7) Carry on veering right here

(28.16734; -16.48994)

In another 100 m, veer a little to the right at the yellow/white signed post. (1.5 km)



(8) Left and up off the main path

(28.16927; -16.48890)

In 300 m, break off from the main path to take the rough road uphill on your left. (1.8 km)



(9) Cross main road and go left

(28.17076; -16.49326)

In 500 m, the rough road you are on descends to the Carretera General del Sur main road. Carefully cross the road and go left, following the pavement. (2.3 km)



(10) Veer right and up at church

(28.17143; -16.49653)

In another 400 m, passing the little church, veer right to take the minor road uphill. (2.7 km)



(11) Sharp left down Calle El Calvario

(28.17286; -16.50794)

In 1.3 km, turn sharp left and down Calle El Calvario which will take you back into Villa de Arico. (4.0 km)



(12) Veer left and down

(28.16789; -16.50279)

In 800 m, having re-entered Villa de Arico, veer left and down at the y-junction. (4.8 km)



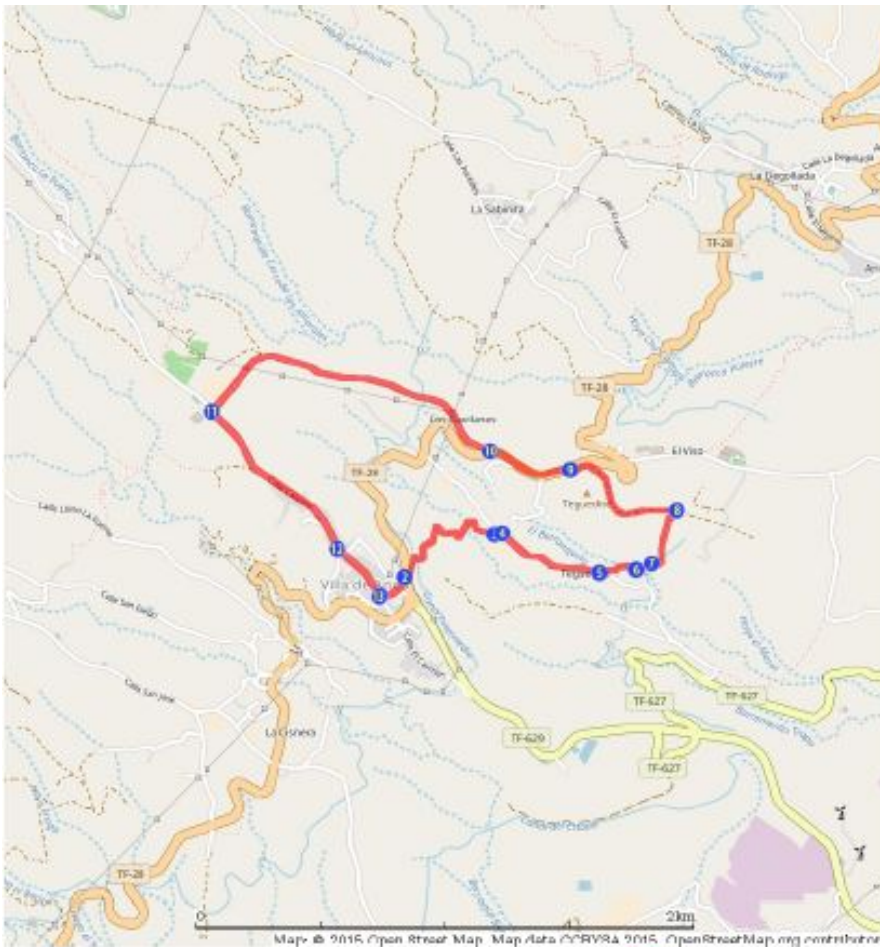
(13) Back to start at church

(28.16613; -16.50110)

In another 200 m, you will have arrived back at your start point at the church. (5.0 km)



Route Map



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