

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Aldea Blanca-Hoya Circular (Arona)

Route Summary

From a modest and unassuming start-point in Aldea Blanca, this soon becomes a very scenic and interesting walk, much of it on an ancient track that connected both Guanche and Spanish communities in times past.

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 111, 450, 470, 483 to Las Chafiras, then taxi to Aldea Blanca. Parking spaces at church.

Length: 7.030 km / 4.39 mi

Height Gain: 376 meter

Height Loss: 376 meter

Max Height: 492 meter

Min Height: 209 meter

Surface: Rough.

Child Friendly: Yes.

Difficulty: Moderate.

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: Agora Cafe in Aldea Blanca.



Description

This walk is guaranteed to surprise and delight you. There are some amazing views of the stirring volcanic landscape of the Arona area, and beyond. Following an old "royal road" (Camino Real), you will obtain an insight into agricultural practices, old and new. Information boards on the route cover the geology, social, economic and cultural history of the surrounding environment, including pre-Conquest Guanche art. At the mid-point in the walk you will pass the fascinating and beautiful spring (Fuente) underneath the settlement at La Hoya, with its echoes of how rural life was conducted in previous centuries. A thoroughly enjoyable hike, stimulating insights into times past, and some 5-star vistas – what's not to like!



Waypoints

(1) Start at church in Aldea Blanca

(28.06895; -16.62728)

Start the walk at the pretty little church on Calle La Tosca in Aldea Blanca. From there walk away from the church door down Calle La Tosca towards the main road.



(2) Cross main road and left after Cafe Agora

(28.06733; -16.62786)

In 200 m, turn right at the main road, cross at the zebra crossing, go right then turn left down Calle La Valeria after Cafe Agora. (200 m)



(3) Follow walk sign at plaza

(28.06633; -16.62908)

In about 180 m you will arrive at a plaza on your right-hand side. After taking in the pleasant scene, follow the direction on the walk signpost and climb the steps out of the plaza onto a rough path. (378 m)



(4) Turn right at junction near house

(28.06655; -16.63025)

Very soon, in about 150 m you will pass a post painted with a white/green band. At the t-junction beyond the post, turn right. (513 m)



(5) Left at junction near main road

(28.06878; -16.63186)

After another 300 m, or so, after passing a masonry yard and building, approaching the main road, turn left. (820 m)



(6) Left at y-junction amongst fields

(28.06863; -16.63384)

In another 180 m, turn left at the y-junction amongst fields. (1 km)



(7) Right at junction near stables

(28.06745; -16.63422)

In 200 m, as you approach the stables/riding centre buildings, go right at the junction. (1.2 km)



(8) Follow path towards hillside

(28.06742; -16.63515)

In only another 100 m, or so, follow this path through the low walls. (1.3 km)



(9) Right at paths x-roads under hillside

(28.06706; -16.63519)

Very quickly, in just 40 m, you arrive at a x-roads of paths. Turn sharp right along the rough path which soon starts to rise up the hillside ahead of you. (1.3 km)



(10) Go right at old road section

(28.07019; -16.64111)

In 700 m, the rough ascending path meets an old unused section of tarred road with interesting markings demonstrating someone's love for "Sofia"! Ahead of you are three wooden crosses beside a walk information board. Turn right here along the unused road to the verge of the adjoining main road. (2 km)



(11) Cross main road and take path uphill

(28.07073; -16.64093)

Veer right across the main road (take care!) towards the path on the other side, only 100 m, at most, from the crosses and info board. Start ascending on the path. Marvellous views open out in all directions as you start to climb higher. (2.1 km)



(12) Continue straight on under Centinela

(28.08131; -16.63715)

In 1.6 km you will arrive at a junction with the path to/from the Centinela viewpoint and restaurant. Ignore that path unless you wish to make a detour to the Centinela Mirador (a further 100 m ascent, 1.8 km there and back). Carry straight on ahead as the path soon descends into Barranco Arujo, under the hugely impressive Roque de Jama. You will pass information boards, the abandoned finca at Casa el Gata (House of the Cat), and the fascinating fuente (spring) below La Hoya before passing the delightful La Hoya Casa Rural on your way to the next Waypoint at Caserio de La Hoya. (3.7 km)



(13) Right at Caserio del Hoya down minor road

(28.08527; -16.63096)

After 2.2 km from the Centinela junction, turn right here at Caserio de La Hoya onto the minor road from El Roque to Aldea Blanca. Carry on down this quiet road, past the old tile kiln, as views soon open out down to the coast. Although the road has little traffic keep to the correct (left) side, with oncoming traffic. (4.9 km)



(14) Take opening on right at Aldea Blanca

(28.07110; -16.62708)

After descending on the tarred road for 1.9 km, veer left through this opening at the outskirts of Aldea Blanca and follow the pavement into the village. (6.8 km)



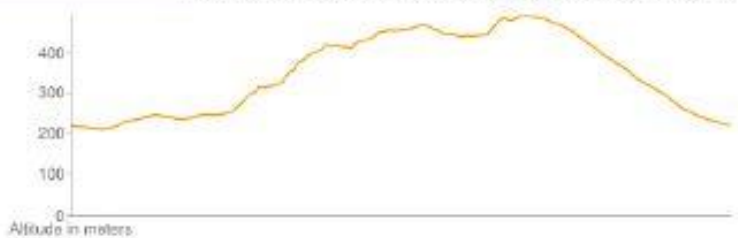
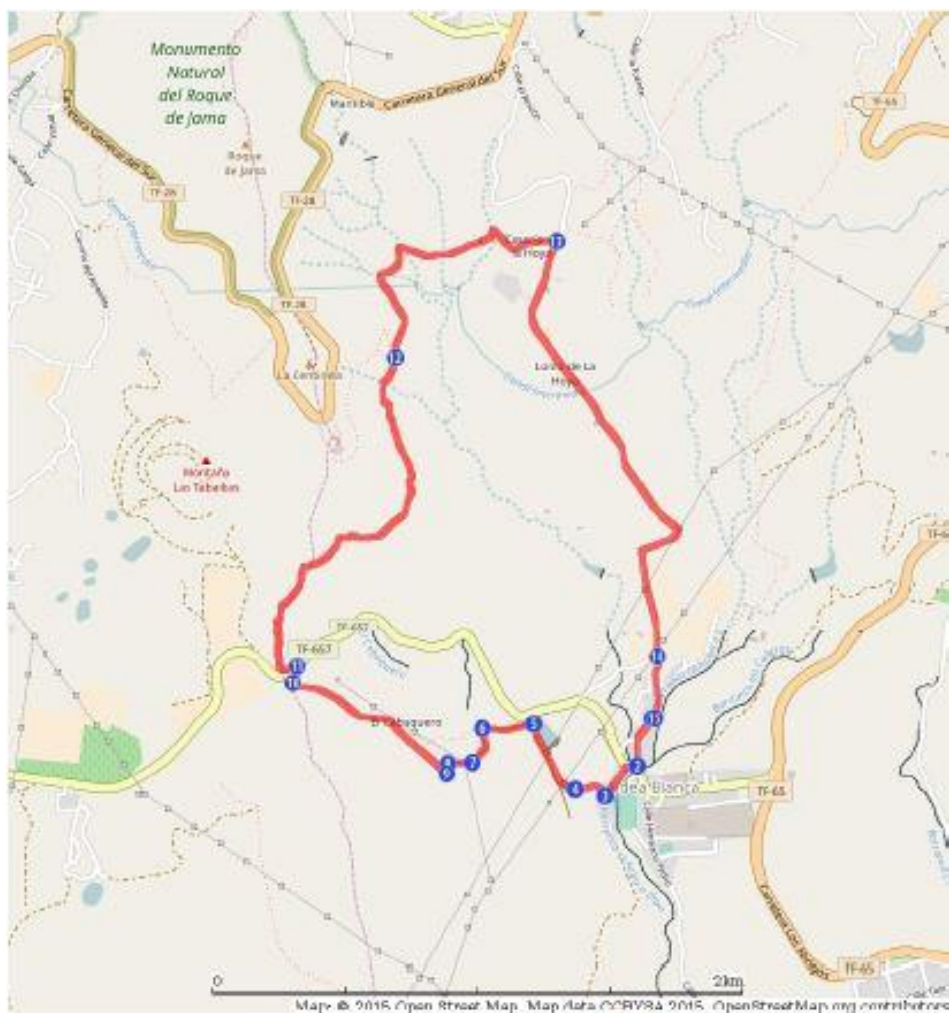
(15) Return to church square in Aldea Blanca

(28.06898; -16.62718)

Soon, in 200 m, or so, you arrive back at your starting point in the church square. (7 km)



Route Map



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