

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Arona-Las Casas-Altavista-La Hondura-Tunéz Circular (Arona)

Route Summary

This is an enjoyable walk in the rural landscape above the historic town of Arona. A fairly steep ascent of 350 m is followed by a level traverse with wonderful views down to the coast. An ancient shrine kicks off a very scenic descent through terraced farmland.

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 480 from Los Cristianos. On-street parking in Arona.

Length: 7.100 km / 4.44 mi

Height Gain: 420 meter

Height Loss: 420 meter

Max Height: 958 meter

Min Height: 616 meter

Surface: Rough. The walk is partly on quiet country roads and partly on rough and stony old caminos.

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 in Arona.

Refreshments: Cafes in Arona.



Description

The first section of this interesting and varied walk involves a continuous ascent, at times with steep inclines, as it rises from the historic centre of Arona at just over 600 m above sea level to over 950 m. The rewards are marvellous views of Roque del Conde and Roque Imoque and down to the resorts on the south coast. At the time of writing the whole area is amazingly green with new growth after winter rains. During the walk there are many reminders of the importance of this area for agriculture, both historically and in current times. Before beginning the descent to the outskirts of the village of Tunéz the walk passes the shrine "Capilla Cristo de Tacoronte". Apparently, after the Spanish Conquest this was a resting place for funeral parties carrying the dead from the Arona area to the only nearby consecrated ground at the time, in Vilaflor. The walk is partly on quiet country roads and partly on rough and stony old caminos.



Waypoints

(1) Start walk in Arona Plaza

(28.10032; -16.68076)

Start the walk in the historic Plaza Cristo de Salud in the historic centre of Arona.



(2) Go uphill from the plaza

(28.10049; -16.68071)

Go uphill from the plaza, up Calle Cruz de San Antonio. It's on the right-hand side of the plaza, facing uphill. You will pass the Correos on your left as you start ascending up the narrow street, then an old round lime kiln building at a sharp right-hand bend. Keep going as the slope gets steeper, initially passing a row of houses on your left. (20 m)



(3) Left onto Camino Fermin Reyes

(28.10441; -16.67980)

After approximately 500 m steep ascent, turn left onto Camino Fermin Reyes. Follow this road as it descends into the hamlet of Las Casas where you will turn right in the centre to start taking the road that exits the settlement, heading for the TF-51 main road from Arona. (507 m)



(4) Veer right off Calle la Casas

(28.10543; -16.68432)

In about 600 m, as you descend out of Las Casas towards the TF-51 main road, veer right up a side road that passes the entrance for the little church ahead of you and on your left. Keep going up this road, passing some houses on your right. (1.1 km)



(5) Go right off Calle Campo Tiro and uphill

(28.10631; -16.68387)

After 200 m, or so, turn right off Calle Campo Tiro onto a rough road and immediately turn left to go uphill with a high fence on your left. Soon, the path becomes an old stone camino. Carry on uphill with a low barranco on your left. (1.3 km)



(6) Left onto narrow tarred road

(28.10970; -16.68084)

In about 500 m, the old camino meets a narrow tarred access road. Go left and continue uphill. (1.8 km)



(7) Keep straight on up Camino Las Casitas

(28.11077; -16.67918)

In another 200 m, or so, just after passing a house on your right with a large garden, ignore the turning on your right and keep straight on up Camino Las Casitas. After passing some houses, the narrow road becomes an old path. (2.0 km)



(8) Left upon meeting tarred road

(28.11016; -16.67660)

In another 200 m, or so, go left and uphill upon meeting a tarred road. (2.2 km)



(9) Turn right for Casas de Altavista

(28.11067; -16.67586)

In about 100 m, turn right at the walks signpost to take the narrow tarred for Casas de Altavista. (2.3 km)



(10) Left and uphill past houses

(28.10972; -16.67410)

In 300 m, or so, upon reaching the walks signpost (and damaged information board), carry on, veering left and uphill past some houses on your left. Soon, the tarred road gives way to an old stony camino. (2.6 km)



(11) Carry on uphill on tarred road

(28.11294; -16.67169)

In 400 m, or so, the old path meets a tarred access road by a house. Carry on uphill on the tarred road for a short distance. (3.0 km)



(12) Turn right onto Calle Camino Real de Altavista

(28.11328; -16.67170)

In just 100 m, or so, turn right and uphill to join Calle Camino Real de Altavista in the outskirts of La Escalona. (3.1 km)



(13) Turn right here

(28.11407; -16.67055)

In 100 m, or so, turn right to follow a street with houses and apartments to your left. Keep going as you leave the buildings behind. (3.2 km)



(14) Carry straight on here

(28.11320; -16.66669)

In 400 m, at a x-roads, carry straight on, with a plantation on your left side. (3.6 km)



(15) Veer left onto rough road

(28.11302; -16.66601)

In about 100 m, just after passing a house on your left, veer left onto a rough road with a wall on your left side. (3.7 km)



(16) Right and down for Tunez

(28.11304; -16.66238)

After about 400 m, turn sharp right and down at the walks signpost in the direction marked Tunez. (4.1 km)



(17) Shrine Cristo de Tacoronte

(28.11266; -16.66246)

In less than 100 m you come across the little shrine dedicated to 'Cristo de Tacoronte'. Apparently, this was a resting place in times gone by (300 years ago+ ?) for funeral parties carrying dead bodies in their coffins to consecrated ground at Vilaflor. Near here is a good spot take a break and a sit-down on some smooth rocks beside the path, and admire the view down to the faraway coast. When you are ready carry on downhill. (4.2 km)



(18) Right at t-junction

(28.11135; -16.66380)

In about 200 m, at a t-junction, take the path to the right. This soon joins a tarred road where you carry on downhill (4.4 km)



(19) Carry on downhill on path

(28.11101; -16.66427)

In just 60 m, or so, at a x-roads carry on downhill on the old stony path. (4.4 km)



(20) Right and uphill here

(28.11042; -16.66462)

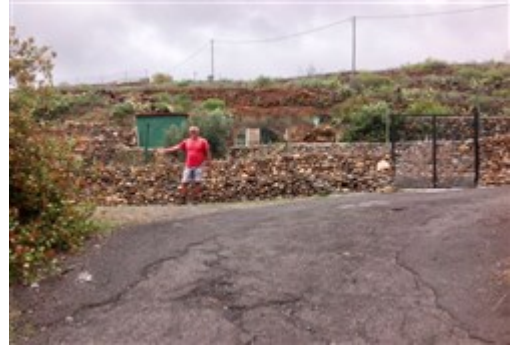
Soon, in 100 m, or so, the path meets another section of tarred road. Go right and briefly uphill here, past a closed gate to control vehicular access to an area of rural plots and terraces. (4.5 km)



(21) Left and down path

(28.11060; -16.66482)

In less than 30 m, upon reaching a level area, take the path to your left and follow it gently downhill, with a terrace above you. (4.5 km)



(22) Right at tarred road

(28.10931; -16.66642)

In 300 m the path meets a section of tarred road where you veer left towards an obvious walks signpost. (4.8 km)



(23) Take downhill path for Tunez

(28.10909; -16.66703)

In about 70 m you will have reached the walks signpost. Take the downhill path signed for Tunez. (4.8 km)



(24) Right for return to Arona

(28.09970; -16.67082)

After a descent of around 1.3 km on the rough and stony path, take a right turn at the Tunez road, to make your return to Arona. (6.1 km)



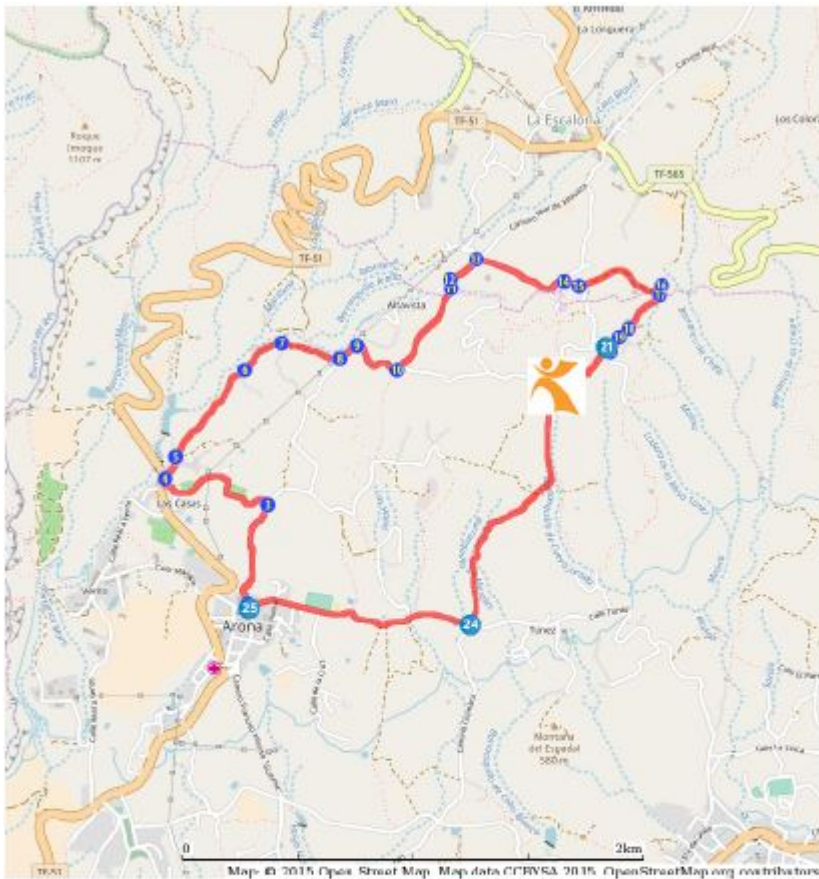
(25) End walk at Arona Plaza

(28.10032; -16.68063)

In another 1 km you will have returned to the main plaza in Arona where you can admire the fine old trees, the church and Ayuntamiento buildings, and the statues of local saint, Hermano Pedro. (7.1 km)



Route Map



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