

## Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

### Las Casas-Degollada del Roque Imoque Circular (Arona/Adeje)

#### Route Summary

This walk, encircling the imposing pinnacle of Roque Imoque, near Ifonche, has some very special views. There is a constant, gradual ascent to the turning point overlooking Barranco Fañabe at 977 m high. Echoes of rural life from times gone by are everywhere along the route.

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#### Route Overview

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**Transport/Parking:** Titsa 480 from Los Cristianos. Parking at start point near to church in Las Casas.

**Length:** 7.280 km / 4.55 mi

**Height Gain:** 464 meter

**Height Loss:** 464 meter

**Max Height:** 977 meter

**Min Height:** 677 meter

**Surface:** Mostly rough stony paths and rough roads.

**Child Friendly:** Yes, but only if children are used to strenuous uphill hikes on rough surfaces..

**Difficulty:** Moderate.

**Dog Friendly:** Yes.

**Refreshments:** Cafes/bars in Arona. El Refugio restaurant at Waypoint 13 if open (not summer months, not Saturdays).

#### Description

On a good clear day most of our walks in the south of Tenerife provide marvellous open views in all directions. This walk is no exception, but also provides particularly stunning landscapes between Waypoints 8 and 10 when the path reaches the point where it overlooks the rugged glory of Barranco Fañabe and proceeds gradually up, along the edge of the deep ravine for about 1.5 km. Here there are great views of Roque del Conde, Roque Imoque, Montaña de los Bresos and the Picachos de Fañabe, not to mention an eagle's eye view of a significant coastal stretch of Costa Adeje. The viewpoint, from an old era (threshing circle) at Waypoint 10, the Degollada del Roque Imoque, provides a quite remarkable and unforgettable outlook from the highest point on the route. During the walk we pass 5 different abandoned old farm buildings, most notably at Casa Suárez and El Topo. The walk has a reasonably strenuous 464 m overall ascent and twice crosses Barranco del Rey, the second time, at Waypoint 11, providing the opportunity for a short optional detour to the verdant spring at Fuente de las Pilas.



## Waypoints

### (1) Start at church in Las Casas

(28.10626; -16.68410)

Set off from the little church at Las Casas, a hamlet on the outskirts of Arona. Walk to the access road, turning right and downhill.



### (2) Right and down to main road

(28.10544; -16.68437)

In about 100 m you arrive at a junction. Left and uphill takes you into Las Casas, but you are going downhill and right to meet the main road to Vilaflor, the TF-51. Taking due care, cross the road, walk uphill alongside the drainage channel on the TF-51 for about 300 m. (97 m)



### (3) Off road left, to follow trail

(28.10758; -16.68601)

In 300 m, turn left away from the TF-51 road at an opening where there is a walks information board. Carry on past the info board, following the rough road. (395 m)



### (4) Through gate and up at signposts

(28.10835; -16.68731)

In another 300 m, veer left past the gate at the signed junction, as the rough road gently ascends. (603 m)



### (5) Follow path past right side of old house

(28.10805; -16.69043)

In 360 m you will arrive at an abandoned old house. There is a well-preserved stone oven on your left side, near the house. Carry on past the right side of old house. Keep following the path as it soon begins to descend gradually into Barranco del Rey. (967 m)



### (6) Go right, inland on barranco floor

(28.10813; -16.69138)

In about 230 m from the old house you will reach the bed of the barranco. Turn right here for about 25 m, looking for the path on your left that ascends out to the other side of the barranco. (1.2 km)



### (7) Left and up from barranco floor

(28.10830; -16.69123)

In about 25 m from descending to the bed of the barranco, take the steep path on your left to ascend to the other side. Keep following the path once you reach the top. (1.2 km)



### (8) Veer right at t-junction

(28.10983; -16.69650)

In about 900 m you will reach a t-junction. You must veer right here. Keep following the path as it gradually ascends away from Roque del Conde. (2.1 km)





### (9) Carry on uphill, passing old farm at Casa Suarez

(28.11520; -16.69292)

In another 900 m, with the impressive drop into Barranco Fañabe on your left, you will have passed some terraces and the abandoned Casa Suarez on your right. Keep on the path as it gradually climbs higher and higher with Roque Imoque dominating the view ahead of you. (3.0 km)



### (10) Follow downhill path from the era for Fuente las Pilas

(28.12211; -16.69006)

In another 1 km you will have achieved the highest point on the walk at the Degollada del Roque where there is a well-preserved era (threshing circle). After taking in the very impressive views down Barranco Fañabe, turn around and take the path signed for Fuente las Pilas. The path, heading towards another abandoned house is badly eroded in places. After passing the old house, follow the increasingly narrow path into Barranco del Rey. (4 km)



### (11) Veer left and up, signed El Refugio

(28.12369; -16.68750)

In 400 m, or so, from the era and viewpoint at the Degollada del Roque, in the bed of Barranco del Rey, you will encounter a wooden sign indicating that you veer left and up to the 'El Refugio' restaurant at the other (inland) side of the barranco. Take this route now unless you wish to divert right (400 m, or so, in total, there and back along the bed of the barranco) to the Fuente de las Pilas, a pretty little spot where spring water seeps out of the wall of the barranco. (4.4 km)



### (12) Right along rough road

(28.12398; -16.68619)

In 200 m you will emerge out of the barranco. Go right here past the old building on your left to follow the rough road to the El Refugio restaurant. (4.6 km)



### (13) Pass El Refugio restaurant

(28.12153; -16.68476)

In 400 m you will pass the interesting and attractive El Refugio buildings and gardens. Note that the restaurant is not open in summer months, or on Saturdays in winter months. (5 km)



### (14) Carry on downhill

(28.12118; -16.68446)

Soon after the restaurant, in about 50 m, continue straight ahead and downhill, ignoring the rough road to your left. (5.05 km)



### (15) Carry on, following pipe

(28.11669; -16.68443)

In another 550 m, carry straight on downhill, ignoring the path veering to your right. Barranco del Medio is now on your left side. (5.6 km)



### (16) Pass old farmhouse buildings at El Topo

(28.11450; -16.68555)

In 300 m, keep following the path downhill as you pass the abandoned El Topo farmhouse and farm buildings. (5.9 km)



### (17) Left for main road

(28.10840; -16.68738)

In 800 m you arrive at the junction with gates that you encountered at Waypoint 4 near the start of the walk. Go left here to re-trace your steps back to the TF-51 road, and from there down to your start point at the Las Casas church. (6.7 km)



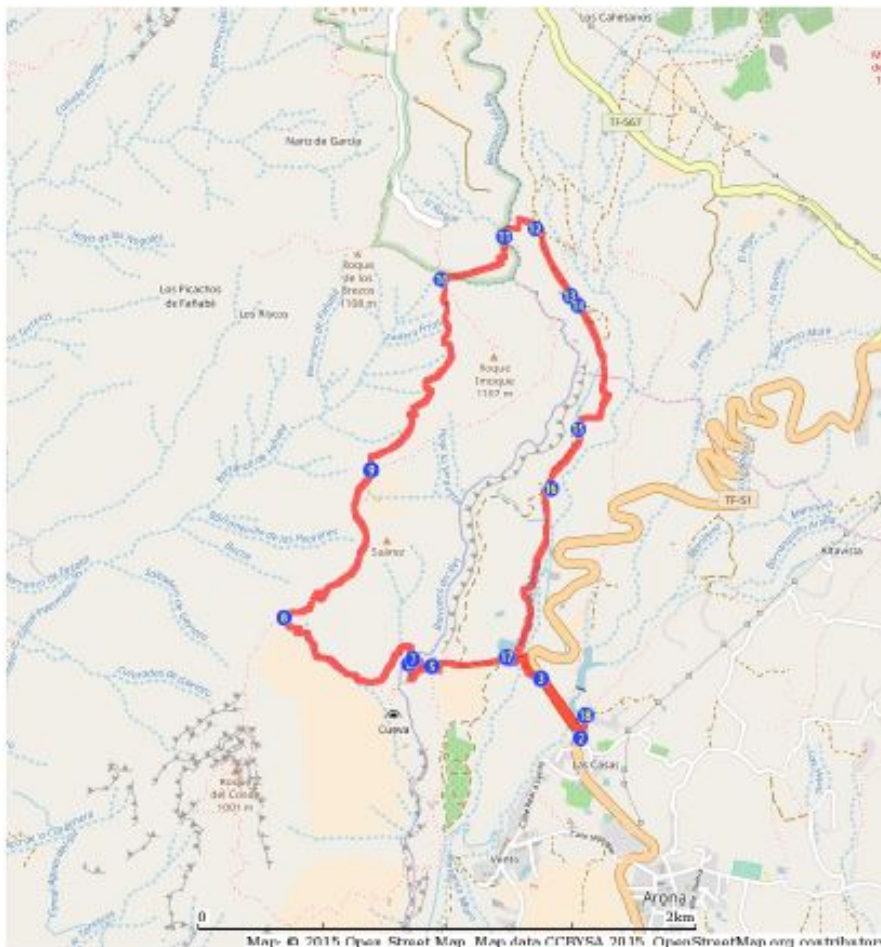
### (18) End walk back at church

(28.10626; -16.68417)

In a final 600 m, you have arrived back at your start point at the church. (7.3 km)



## Route Map



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