

# Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

## Vento-Camino Viejo Adeje Circular (Arona)

### Route Summary

There are marvellous views on this walk – of the surrounding ancient volcanic landscape, the pleasant rural countryside around Arona, and down to the coast. However, the mid-section is rough walking on an, at times, unclear path, so is not recommended for inexperienced hikers.

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### Route Overview

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**Transport/Parking:** Titsa 480 from Los Cristianos. Walk from Arona to Vento (500 m). On-street parking in Vento.

**Length:** 4.730 km / 2.96 mi

**Height Gain:** 255 meter

**Height Loss:** 255 meter

**Max Height:** 648 meter

**Min Height:** 468 meter

**Surface:** Very rough in places. The path in the mid-section of the route can be difficult to follow in places although mostly marked by red paint. The return section is on a quiet tarred road.

**Child Friendly:** Yes, but only if children are used to hikes of this distance and overall ascent on very rough paths.

**Difficulty:** Hard in places.

**Dog Friendly:** Yes. On lead in built-up areas and public roads.

**Refreshments:** Cafes in Arona.



### Description

Setting out from Vento, a suburb of Arona that sits directly under the towering mass of Roque del Conde (also called Roque Ichasagua, after a Guanche king who threw himself off its cliffs rather than succumb to Spanish rule), this walk offers some fantastic views in all directions. The highlight of the first section of the route is the descent into and ascent out of the deep and rugged Barranco del Rey. From there, and throughout most of the walk there are mesmerising views of the conical peak of Roque Imoque, between Arona and Ifonche. Passing a ruined finca on the Roque del Conde hillside, and between two eras (stone-floored threshing circles), the walk diverts from the main path to traverse the abandoned terraces under Roque Centinela (not to be confused with the peak of the same name near San Lorenzo), another of the many look-out points for the ravaging bands of pirates that plagued the south coast of the island hundreds of years ago. At the mid-point the route joins the Camino Viejo of Adeje (the old path between Adeje and Arona) as it crosses a couple of barrancos before climbing back up the very scenic minor road to Vento.



## Waypoints

### (1) Start at monument in Vento

(28.10155; -16.68712)

Start the walk at the monument (with the figure of Christ atop) at the junction of Calle Mazape and Calle Vento. Go downhill on Calle Vento, looking for a walks-signed lane on your right very soon.



### (2) Right and down lane at signs

(28.10104; -16.68759)

In about 80 m, turn right down the lane that is signposted for Roque del Conde. Follow the path at the end of the lane into and out of a couple of shallow barrancos. (82 m)



### (3) Left for Roque del Conde at signpost

(28.10156; -16.68982)

In 300 m, or so, from Calle Vento, after emerging from the very shallow (at this point) Barranco Media, go left for Roque del Conde at the walks signpost. Follow the path into and out of the deep and dramatic Barranco del Rey. (373 m)



### (4) Veer slightly left as signed after emerging from barranco

(28.10097; -16.69164)

In another 350 m, or so, emerging out of the depths of Barranco del Rey, veer slightly left, following the green/white painted sign on the rock ahead of you. Continue on this path as it winds uphill past a ruined finca building. (735 m)





### (5) Veer left off main path between 2 threshing circles

(28.09958; -16.69267)

In another 250 m, after passing a stone-floored threshing circle (era) on your left, and as the path ascends to a bigger threshing circle, veer left off the main path to follow a narrow path that will make its way around the lower hillside of the Centinela peak above you. The path is very narrow and indistinct in places. However, it is well marked with spots of red paint on rocks and plant stems, and also some stone cairns. The path will take you around the hillside, always with Barranco del Rey well below you on your left. As views of Los Cristianos start to open up the rocky path starts to descend towards an irrigation channel, becoming very steep and stony. (978 m)



### (6) Over water channel and down

(28.09401; -16.69485)

In 700 m you will have dropped down to the Aguas del Sur Canale, with running water. Cross the stone channel and descend past a disused water reservoir on a very indistinct path. Keep the old reservoir on your right as you turn to your right after it. You will see a building with surrounding tree(s) above you on your right in the middle distance. Your objective is the access road to that building, clearly visible because of its white stone base. Descend gently to the access road. There is no single clear path that we could find. The situation is confused by goat tracks. However, if you are careful you should soon reach the access road. (1.7 km)



### (7) Left down rough road

(28.09320; -16.69685)

In about 300 m, upon reaching the white-based rough access road, go left and downhill. (2.0 km)



### (8) Left towards finca

(28.09073; -16.69712)

In just over 200 m, at a y-junction, take the rough road on your left, towards a finca. Pass the finca on your right and continue on the rough road (formerly the Camino Viejo de Adeje, connecting Adeje with Arona) as it descends into and ascends out of Barranco del Rey, then Barranco Mara. (2.2 km)



### (9) Across main road onto old camino

(28.09202; -16.68993)

In 1.2 km you will have arrived at a junction with the main TF-51 road to Arona. Cross this busy road with extreme care and take the old camino climbing gently uphill, with the road on your left. Very soon, the old camino seems to end, so continue uphill on the verge of the road (do not walk on this busy road!), towards a house with a pretty garden on your right side. (3.4 km)



### (10) Cross road and up minor road to Vento

(28.09243; -16.68755)

In 200 m, at the house with the pretty garden, cross the road with extreme care and go up the minor road signed as Calle Real a Vento. (3.6 km)



### (11) Continue uphill to Vento

(28.09496; -16.68760)

In another 300 m, a road goes off to your left. Ignore this dead-end access road and continue uphill on Calle Real a Vento. (3.9 km)



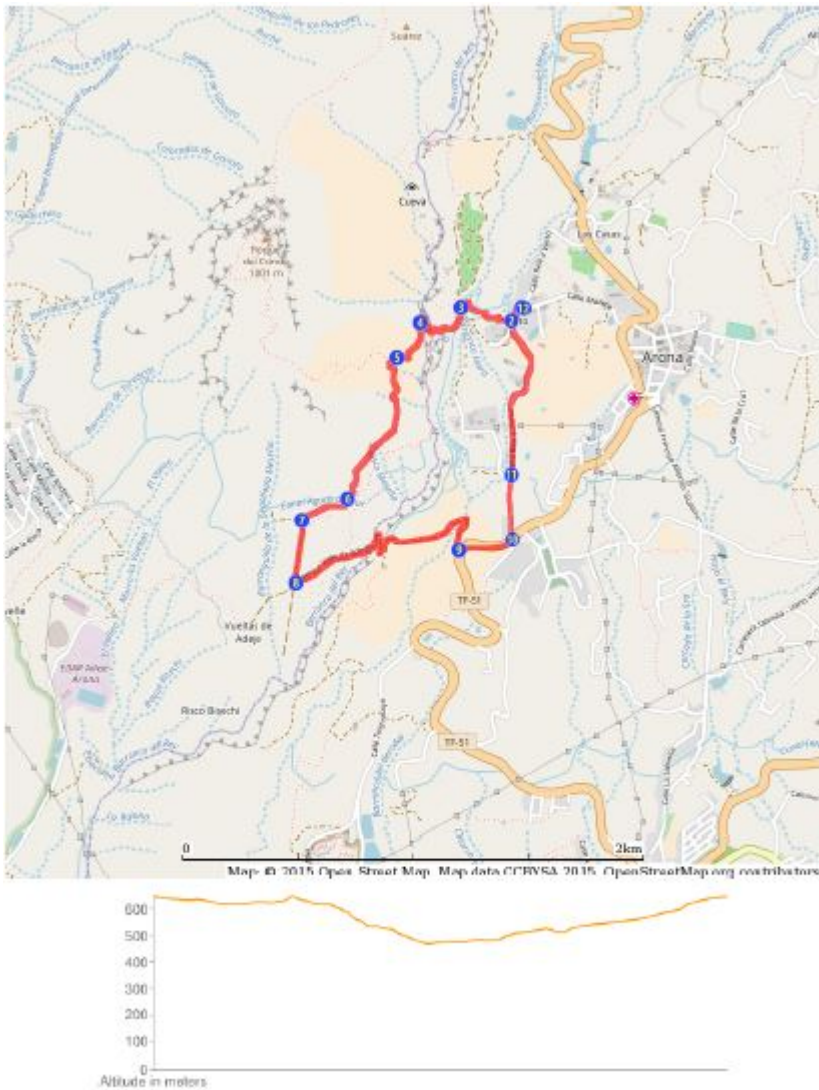
### (12) End walk back near monument in Vento

(28.10154; -16.68704)

After 800 m ascent on the minor road, Calle Real a Vento, it joins Calle Vento and you will have arrived back at your start point at the road junction with the monument to Christ. (4.7 km)



## Route Map



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