

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Las Eras-Acantilados de La Hondura Circular (Fasnia)

Route Summary

A short but probably bracing walk along the wind-blown cliffs north of Las Eras in the east coast area. This is an area of scientific interest, most notably for the rare and endangered sea pineapple plant. There are great sea views, and of the mountain areas above Fasnia.

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 111 from Los Cristianos, and 10 minute walk to Las Eras from autopista TF1 bus-stop. Easy parking in Las Eras.

Length: 4.250 km / 2.66 mi

Height Gain: 141 meter

Height Loss: 141 meter

Max Height: 46 meter

Min Height: 2 meter

Surface: Mostly fairly smooth paths but there are rougher sections.

Child Friendly: The cliff-top sections may not be appropriate or safe for your children.

Difficulty: Easy

Dog Friendly: Recommend dogs on lead at cliff-top sections.

Refreshments: You may find a cafe open in Las Eras. Otherwise, Los Roques, Poris or Abades?



Description

This short walk along the cliffs north of Las Eras, on the Fasnia area of the east coast, takes you into a place designated as one of scientific interest by the Canarian government. The rugged coastal environment has been formed by the accumulation of lava flows and explosive pyroclasts. The impressive cliffs reach a height of 50 metres along a 2.5 kilometre coastline sprinkled with small coves and ravines. The rare and endangered sea pineapple plant (*Atractylis preauxiana*) is found here (not by us!), alongside many fine examples of typical plants of the Canarian coastline. You may also see birdlife in the form of the Scopoli's Shearwater, the Yellow Legged Gull, and the Plain Swift. The walk is mostly undemanding, but with a couple of short rougher sections. At a couple of points, walkers who suffer greatly from vertigo may want to retreat a little, off the path, and away from the cliff-top. Unsurprisingly there are great sea views and of the mountain areas above Fasnia. This will typically be a bracing walk, with a strong NE wind in your face in the outward section.



Waypoints

(1) Start walk at church and main plaza

(28.19478; -16.42319)

From the signpost beside the church, walk down through the square, turn right, then left to arrive at a small esplanade area overlooking the beach.



(2) Beach viewpoint on little promenade

(28.19386; -16.42313)

In about 150 m, having arrived at the small esplanade, take in the views of the beach and Las Eras. (150 m)



(3) Up ramp from small promenade

(28.19387; -16.42296)

Turning away from the view of the beach you will spot this ramp. Ascend here, and follow the path, as it swings up and veers a little left. Take Calle Los Banquitos on your right. (160 m)



(4) Right turn onto Calle Charco Los Linos

(28.19440; -16.42244)

After just 175 m from the small esplanade, turn right off Calle Los Banquitos onto Calle Charco Los Linos. Soon after this street bends left in about 100 m, take the first opening on your right which will take you to a large area of open ground at the eastern outskirts of the village. Turn left here and head uphill across the open ground towards the bank of refuse bins you will see about 100 m away from you. (334 m)



(5) Pass bins and head for white house

(28.19570; -16.42308)

In just over 200 m from Waypoint 4, arriving at the waste bins, go right on the rough track towards the white house. (547 m)



(6) Take path veering right past house

(28.19662; -16.42288)

After 100 m, passing the white house on your left, veer right along the narrow path heading towards the sea. (654 m)



(7) Scramble up rocky section

(28.19804; -16.42174)

In 200 m, or so, the path requires you to scramble over a small rocky ridge. Immediately on climbing over this obstacle, you turn to your right, towards the sea, and you will see the path continuing, much more clearly defined, now, by stones at either side. Keep following this cliff-top path as views of the Acantilados (cliffs) de La Honduras open up. (850 m)



(8) Divert to cliff-top viewpoint

(28.20242; -16.42553)

After 650 m, divert onto the narrow path leading to the cliff-top in order to get a good view of the cliffs. When you are ready, re-trace your steps to the wider path, turning right and proceeding onward. (1.5 km)



(9) Veer right onto narrow path

(28.20413; -16.42505)

After another 300 m, veer right onto a narrow path lined by stones. (1.8 km)



(10) Take narrow path right of gate

(28.20529; -16.42487)

After another 100 m, take the narrow path to the right of the metal gate. (1.9 km)



(11) Take right fork at y-junction on path

(28.20632; -16.42312)

After 300 m from the gate, again veer right at the y-junction on the path. (2.2 km)



(12) Cross barranco

(28.20685; -16.42281)

In approximately 70 m from the y-junction follow the now indistinct path down into the low barranco and out again on the other side. After ascending out of the barranco veer right towards the sea to pick up the cliff-top path again. (2.2km)



(13) Sharp left and take indistinct path inland

(28.20762; -16.42213)

In just 200 m from entering the barranco, turn sharp left at a t-junction with a break in the stones lining the path, and take the now more indistinct path inland. (2.4 km)



(14) Over gap in wall and left

(28.20804; -16.42310)

In just 100 m, walk through the break in the stone wall and go left, inland, along a rough access road. (2.5 km)



(15) Left onto main track

(28.20807; -16.42425)

Very soon, in just 100 m, turn left onto the rough road. Now follow this road all the way back to its junction with the main road into Las Eras, where you join the pavement and walk down to your starting point in the village. (2.6 km)



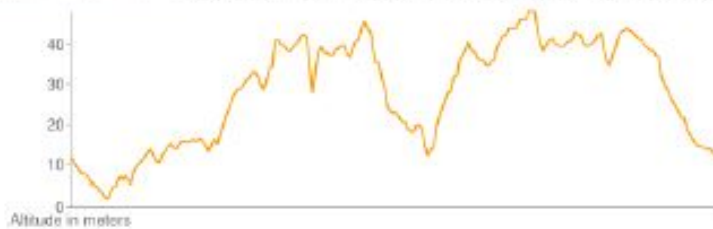
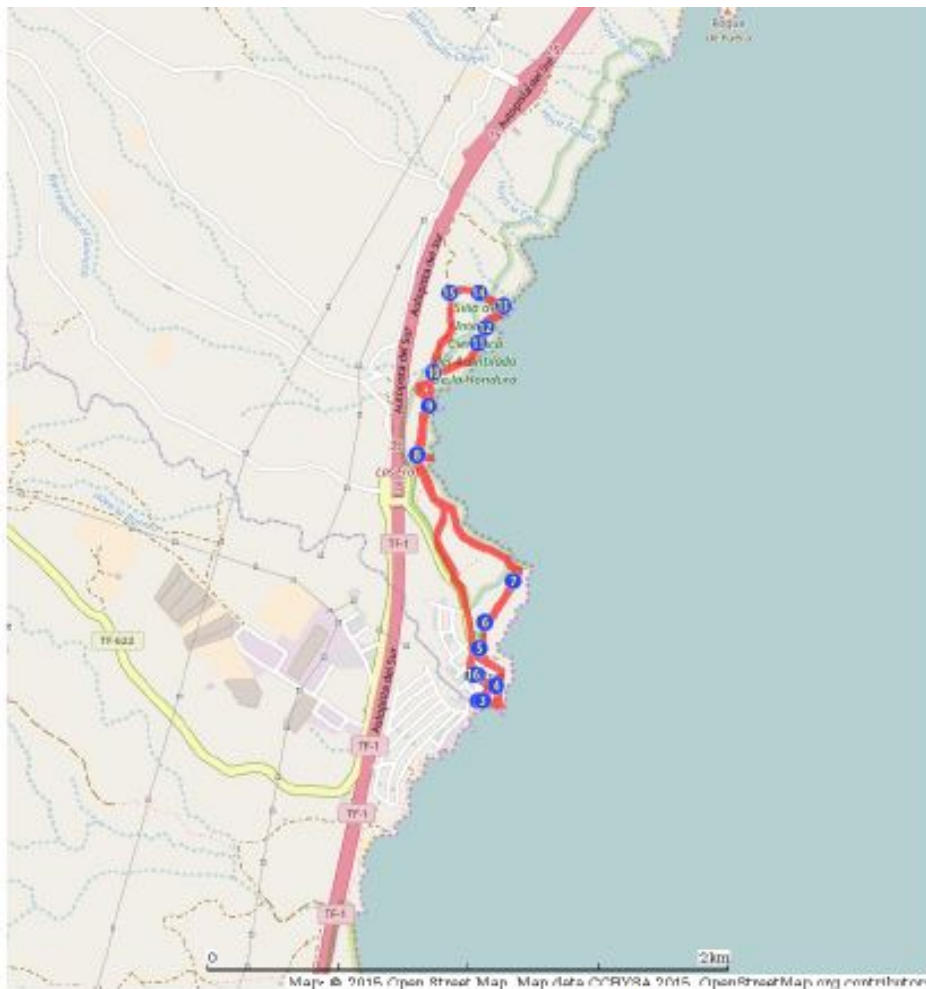
(16) Finish walk back at church and plaza

(28.19477; -16.42330)

After 1.6 km, you have arrived back at your start-point by the church and plaza in Las Eras. (4.25 km)



Route Map



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