

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Granadilla-Ermita Santa Ursula Circular (Granadilla)

Route Summary

A relatively short walk, at just under 5 km, with a moderately strenuous overall ascent of 224 m, that combines interesting historical aspects of the town of Granadilla with the immediately adjoining countryside and pleasant suburbs. Great views in all directions along the way.

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 416 from Los Cristianos. Parking just beyond church at side of main road.

Length: 4.500 km / 2.81 mi

Height Gain: 224 meter

Height Loss: 224 meter

Max Height: 853 meter

Min Height: 644 meter

Surface: Rough. Some of the route is on paved surfaces.

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 built-up areas.

Refreshments: There is a selection of cafes, restaurants and bars in Granadilla.



Description

We devised this walk on an impromptu basis after abandoning plans for a much higher walk that would have been in cloud. Uncertain as to how attractive or, indeed, feasible, the route was, we were very happy with the end result. It's a walk that combines the history and culture of the town of Granadilla and immediate surrounding area with rural charm, and fine scenery. In late Spring, wild flowers, especially yellow poppies, bedeck the route. From the iconic church, Iglesia de San Antonio de Padua, the route takes in the main town square, the Plaza de Gonzalez Mena, before climbing steeply out of the town to join a very old stony camino. As you then gradually ascend, great views open up down to the coast at the new Port of Granadilla, and Montaña Roja at El Médano. A change in direction brings a great sweeping open view towards the San Miguel area, and up towards the pine-forested Montaña Colorada. Gardens and terraced plots are then the main feature as you descend back to the centre of Granadilla, enjoying, along the way, encountering the little plaza of Ermita de Santa Ursula, and the Granadilla Gofio Mill in the charming little triangular plaza of St Peter.



Waypoints

(1) Start walk at church

(28.12576; -16.57676)

Start the walk from the main church in Granadilla - Iglesia de San Antonio de Padua. With your back to the main doors, set off downhill on Calle Isaac de Vega, passing a bust of the man himself outside the nearby social security office.



(2) Explore Plaza Gonzalez Mena

(28.12281; -16.57753)

In just over 200 m, cross the road at the pedestrian crossing outside the Bar Roque in order to explore the adjacent Plaza Gonzalez Mena. This is the main public square in Granadilla with the Council HQ and interesting historical buildings. We suggest you visit the library building (the entrance is near the main street) which has an interesting, if not tragic, history (see info plaque) and a fine internal courtyard. When you are ready, take the pedestrian crossing back across the main street and continue your previous route, looking for a street called Calle las Aquillillas very soon on your right. (388 m)



(3) Right and up Calle las Aquillillas

(28.12220; -16.57763)

In about 100 m from the pedestrian crossing outside Bar Roque, turn right up Calle las Aquillillas. Be prepared for a steep climb! Carry on up this street, eventually following the road as it bends to your right past a short row of houses and the tarred surface ends. (598 m)



(4) Go left and uphill after houses

(28.12200; -16.58036)

In about 320 m from turning off the main street in Granadilla, leave the tarred road after a short row of houses on your left, walking towards an electrical sub-station on waste ground, then go left and uphill. (919 m)



(5) Veer left and uphill

(28.12216; -16.58106)

Very soon, in about 80 m, veer left and uphill where the rough track divides. In a short while it will be clear that you have joined an old stony camino with low walls on either side. Carry on uphill. (997 m)



(6) Carry straight on by finca gates

(28.12161; -16.58324)

In another 200 m, as you pass the gates for an organic finca on your right, ignore the turn-off to you left and carry straight on. (1.2 km)



(7) Sharp left by abandoned buildings

(28.12605; -16.58544)

After 700 m, or so, gradually ascending, go sharp left by some abandoned buildings on your right. (1.9 km)



(8) Veer right and uphill here

(28.12413; -16.58820)

In 300 m, as the rough rural road you are on starts to descend steeply towards the TF-21 Vilaflor road, go down a little then veer right and uphill to follow the rough road around the hillside. There are great views on your left, in the San Miguel direction, and up towards Montaña Colorada. (2.2 km)



(9) Pass around gate here and straight on

(28.12719; -16.58881)

In 400 m, or so, you will arrive at a steel gate. Pass around the gate here and go straight on, gently downhill. (2.6 km)



(10) Right and go round gate

(28.12788; -16.58914)

Soon, in just over 100 m, you will see another steel gate on your right. With Montaña Cruz de Tea on your left, above you, go right and around the gate to join a narrow tarred road. Follow this road downhill towards the road to Cruz de Tea from Granadilla. (2.7 km)



(11) Right and downhill

(28.12907; -16.58691)

In about 300 m, reaching a t-junction with Calle la Cruz, go right and downhill as it descends towards Granadilla, becoming Calle Alejandro. (3.0 km)



(12) Ermita Santa Ursula

(28.12806; -16.57941)

In 900 m, walking steadily downhill, you will have arrived at the historic little plaza containing the Ermita Santa Ursula. Once you have checked out the plaza, return to the road you were on (Calle Alejandro). (3.9 km)



(13) Carry on down Calle Tagoro

(28.12827; -16.57905)

Leaving the area of the Plaza de Ermita de Santa Ursula, carry on down Calle Tagoro as it veers to your left, going downhill. (4.0 km)



(14) Right and downhill on Calle Tagoro

(28.12882; -16.57858)

In around 100 m, go right and downhill to continue following Calle Tagoro until it reaches another small plaza. (4.1 km)



(15) Molino de Gofio

(28.12704; -16.57722)

In 200 m you will have arrived at shady little Plaza San Pedro where there is an important gofio mill with interesting information boards outside. (4.3 km)



(16) Leave Plaza San Pedro down Calle de Carmona

(28.12695; -16.57713)

Leave Plaza San Pedro by going down Calle de Carmona, now heading back towards your start-point at the church. (4.3 km)



(17) Left off Calle de Carmona down to church

(28.12618; -16.57732)

Soon, in about 100 m, go left off Calle de Carmona and down a charming old street to the church where you started the walk. (4.4 km)



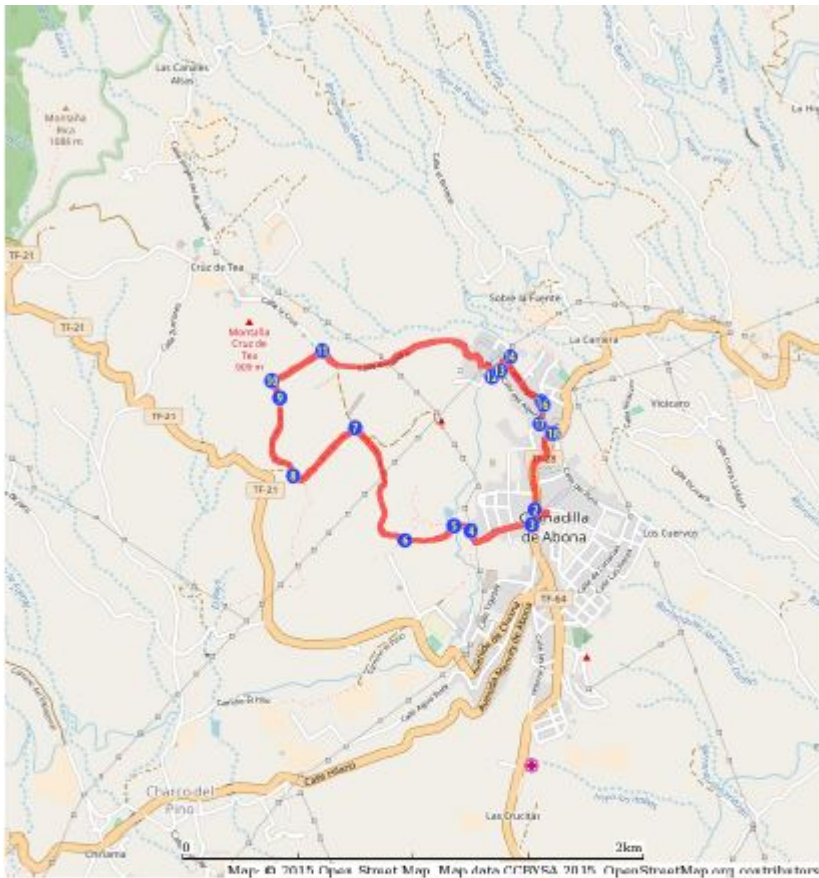
(18) End walk back at church

(28.12579; -16.57668)

In 100 m, you are back at your start-point at the Iglesia de San Antonio de Padua. (4.5 km)



Route Map



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