

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Granadilla-Las Palomas Circular (Granadilla)

Route Summary

A very pleasant introduction to the town of Granadilla and its rural surroundings, with a beautiful section of wild countryside when walking through a part of Barranco Affife at Las Palomas. The uphill return to Granadilla is quite steep in places.

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 416 from Los Cristianos. Parking beyond church off main road.

Length: 7.810 km / 4.88 mi

Height Gain: 337 meter

Height Loss: 337 meter

Max Height: 656 meter

Min Height: 387 meter

Surface: Mostly smooth, rough in barranco section.

Child Friendly: Yes.

Difficulty: Moderate.

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: Cafes/bars in Granadilla.



Description

This is a very pretty and engaging walk that takes in three different environments. It provides an introduction to the old town of Granadilla and its pleasant outskirts, then the terraced rural landscape below the town with many sympathetically converted fincas and their colourful gardens. At the lowest point on the walk, after passing through the hamlet of Las Palomas, we experience the completely wild environment of Barranco Affife before returning uphill again on a rural road to Granadilla. Apart from the barranco section, most of the walk is on very quiet local roads and streets. The uphill return section is steep in places and requires some effort! Make sure you have plenty water with you if the weather is hot.



Waypoints

(1) Start at car-parking area beyond church

(28.12633; -16.57615)

The walk starts at the church of San Antonio de Padua in the upper part of Granadilla. The original ermita was built around 1570 by the founder of the town, the Portuguese settler Gonzalo González Zarco. The main body of the present church was built in 1711 and the tower in 1885. After checking out the church and its surroundings head down the main street.



(2) Left off main road into Plaza Gonzalez Mena

(28.12266; -16.57743)

After about 500 m you will come upon the Plaza Gonzalez Mena on your left-hand side. Here, in this shady spot, there is walk information for the old 'royal road' (Camino Real) route to San Miguel, a statue of Hermano Pedro, and a number of public buildings associated with the Ayuntamiento. (474 m)



(3) Left down Calle Arquitecto J Marrero

(28.12282; -16.57691)

When you are ready, facing the main Ayuntamiento building, leave the plaza on your left-hand side, taking the old street Calle Arquitecto J Marrero as it winds gently downhill. There are many interesting and attractive old buildings, including the Casa Rural - 'Casa El Traspatio'. (540 m)



(4) Right onto Calle El Pino

(28.12373; -16.57568)

In just over 300 m, passing the interesting hairdresser's building on your left, turn right onto Calle El Pino at the t-junction. (879 m)



(5) Turn left down lane by tobacco building

(28.12347; -16.57532)

Very soon, in just over 30 m, turn left off Calle El Pino down the lane beside the abandoned Secadero de Tabaco (tobacco drying) building. There is a small information sign lying broken at the front of the building. (925 m)



(6) Turn right at tarred road

(28.12523; -16.57447)

Following the old cobbled lane, passing houses and gardens, you will arrive at a narrow tarred road in about 275 m. Turn right here to follow the road. (1.2 km)



(7) Sharp left then right by cross

(28.12567; -16.57335)

The narrow tarred road turns left and downhill before ascending, in around 200 m, to a junction where you will turn sharp left then immediately turn right onto Calle La Cruz, passing the shrine on your left side. Continue down this quiet street with pretty converted houses and well-kept gardens. (1.4 km)



(8) Right and down here

(28.12612; -16.57022)

In 400 m, or so, turn right at the x-roads to follow the attractive Calle Cueva La Mora downhill, with pleasant rural views opening up on your left. Continue walking downhill after the road meets up with Calle Vicacaro at a y-junction. (1.8 km)



(9) Turn left off tarred road here

(28.11215; -16.55895)

In 2.1 km, after passing through the rural community of Las Palomas, the narrow tarred road carries on to El Salto, but you turn left onto this rough access road for a very short distance. (3.9 km)



(10) Down path into barranco

(28.11223; -16.55845)

In just 50 m, take this path by the wall down into Barranco Afife as it wynds left so that you start to face upwards to the mountains. Continue in that direction walking along the path on the bed of the barranco, gradually moving from the left side of the barranco to the right side. (3.9 km)



(11) Up this path out of barranco

(28.11620; -16.55918)

In around 500 m, take this uphill path on the right side of the barranco as it twists and turns its way out of the barranco, sometimes on rough steps. (4.4 km)



(12) Left along this access road

(28.11640; -16.55817)

In 200 m, or so, emerging out of the barranco, turn left onto this narrow concrete access road, facing towards the mountains. (4.6 km)



(13) Left and by side of house

(28.11747; -16.55878)

In just 200 m, or so, veer left past the solitary house. Continue past the house and follow the path into, then out of the barranco. (4.8 km)



(14) Left on re-joining tarred road

(28.11643; -16.56043)

You will emerge out of the barranco onto the tarred road that you descended on from Granadilla. Turn left here as the road immediately twists to the right round a bend. (5.2 km)



(15) Veer right off tarred road at pink house

(28.11613; -16.56108)

In just 100 m, or so, leave the tarred road just as it twists left past a pink house. Go straight ahead on the rough road for a short distance. (5.3 km)



(16) Veer left down path following pipe

(28.11606; -16.56146)

In less than 40 m, veer left to take the path down into the barranco following the steel pipe. Continue on this path as it descends into the barranco, then out again. (5.3 km)



(17) Turn left at road

(28.11413; -16.56291)

Upon emerging out of the barranco after about 400 m, veer left up the tarred road, Calle El Toscan. (5.7 km)



(18) Right and uphill here at El Draguito

(28.11309; -16.56411)

In 200 m, at this junction in El Draguito, turn sharp right and uphill to ascend on the road to Granadilla, very steep in places. At the top of the road (now clearly marked as Calle Los Cuervos), after walking uphill for about 1.5 km, turn right into Calle Jose Reyes Martin, and continue proceeding up into Granadilla in the direction of your starting point at the church, passing the tobacco drying building again along the way, as the street changes name to Calle El Pino. (5.9 km)



(19) Turn right onto main road at church

(28.12562; -16.57665)

In 2 km from El Draguito, at the t-junction at the top of Calle El Pino, with the church clearly in view across the main road, turn right. (7.9 km)



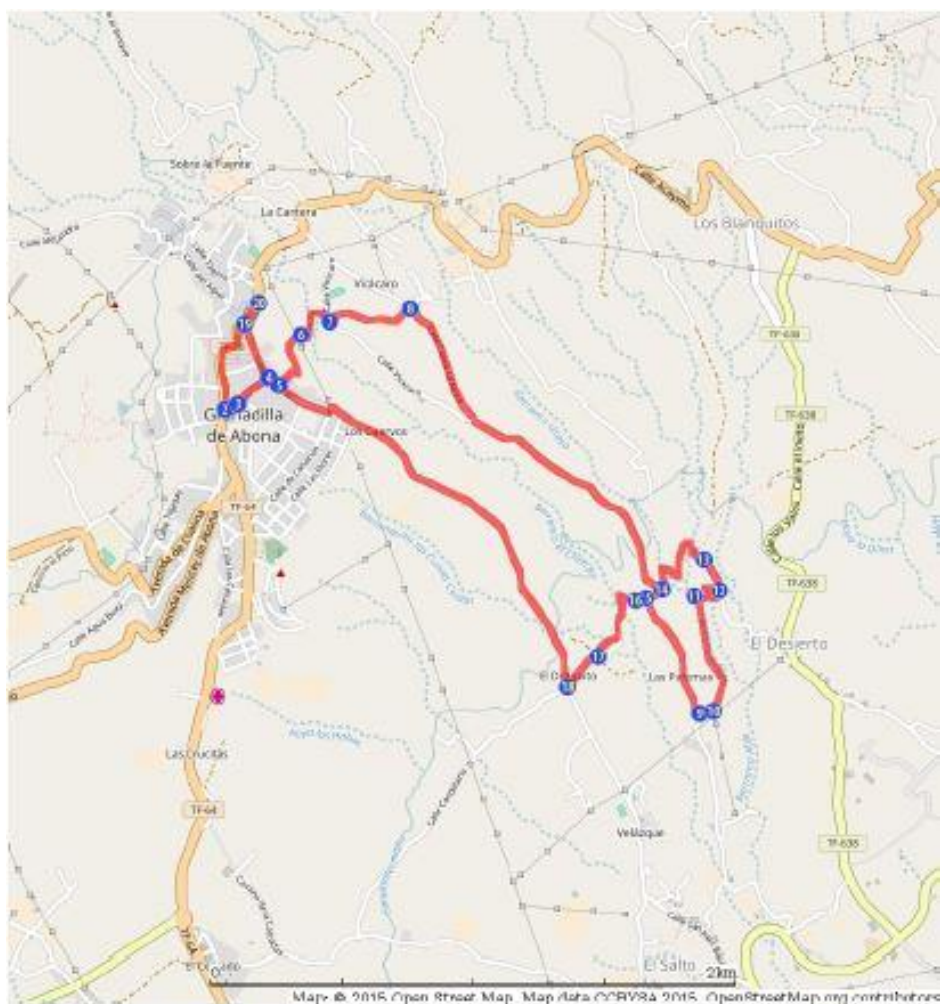
(20) Finish at start-point beyond church

(28.12632; -16.57607)

Very soon, in around 100 m, you are back at the start point where you can admire the view of the area you walked in, and if it is a clear day, see Gran Canaria 'floating' on the distant horizon. (8 km)



Route Map



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