

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Granadilla-San Miguel Linear (Granadilla)

Route Summary

This is a downhill linear walk on the ancient “camino real” (royal road) connecting Granadilla and San Miguel. Wide open views are a feature of the route and there are some interesting places to check out along the way.

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 416 from Los Cristianos. Or take car to San Miguel then Titsa 416 or 484 to Granadilla. Parking at church in San Miguel.

Length: 7.780 km / 4.86 mi

Height Gain: 268 meter

Height Loss: 303 meter

Max Height: 715 meter

Min Height: 567 meter

Surface: Rough.

Child Friendly: Yes, if used to hiking.

Difficulty: Moderate.

Dog Friendly: Yes. However, dogs cannot travel on Titsa buses unless in travel cage or basket.

Refreshments: Cafes in Granadilla, Charco del Pino and San Miguel.



Description

This linear walk from Granadilla to San Miguel follows the old “camino real” (royal road) that, once upon a time, connected the agricultural villages in the south of Tenerife with each other, and the main settlements in the north of the island. There are great open views to be had all along the way but particularly at the commanding Chiñama viewpoint in Charco del Pino. Granadilla has some interesting and attractive old buildings, complemented by eye-catching gable-end wall paintings depicting scenes from the traditional culture of the area. In Charco del Pino we take a detour to visit the water pool (“charco”) that gives the place its name, and was so important to the village in previous times before the current water supplies were put in place. Although the walk takes an overall downhill route, be prepared for some rough walking and some energetic ups and downs as you negotiate the barrancos between Charco and San Miguel. You also pass a well-preserved threshing circle (era) and 16th Century farm-house in the final section of the walk.



Waypoints

(1) Start walk at bus station

(28.11876; -16.57736)

Assuming you have taken the bus to Granadilla, start the walk by ascending the pedestrian walkway out of the bus station area onto Calle Las Calzades and continuing to walk uphill. N.B. If not arriving by bus (using 2 cars, say) then you may wish to start the walk at Waypoint 4, the main plaza (Plaza Gonzalez Mena)



(2) Turn right onto main street

(28.11924; -16.57774)

In 70 metres from the bus station, turn right for a very short distance, onto Calle El Calvario. (70 m)



(3) Cross to pedestrian street with model train

(28.11947; -16.57756)

In just 30 m, or so, cross Calle El Calvario at the pedestrian crossing, go uphill briefly and turn right into the pedestrian street with model train. Continue downhill past the little church, before eventually veering left and re-joining the main street, Calle El Calvario. (100 m)



(4) Check out main plaza

(28.12275; -16.57743)

In 400 m from the pedestrian crossing at Waypoint 3 you will arrive at the main plaza with shady trees, Plaza Gonzalez Mena. At the far end of the square is the main council (ayuntamiento) HQ building. At the main street end is the old convent building now used as a library and exhibition space. It is interesting to check out the old cloisters and the library before moving on. When ready to proceed, re-join the main street, cross at the pedestrian crossing and turn left, walking for a short distance along the pavement. (500 m)



(5) Right and up Calle Las Aquillas

(28.12222; -16.57759)

In 100 m, or so, from the plaza, turn right up Calle Las Aquillas. Be prepared for a steep ascent! (650 m)



(6) Left onto camino real

(28.12150; -16.58019)

After almost 300 m, on an open section near the top of Calle Las Aquillas, before the road turns right, veer left onto the old track (camino real) as it goes down then uphill. (940 m)



(7) Cross road and join rough road

(28.11834; -16.58297)

In 460 m, after passing the football stadium cross the main road to Vilaflor (take care!) and carry straight on ahead on the rough road, passing the walks signpost. (1.4 km)



(8) Ignore road to left and carry on

(28.11599; -16.58533)

In 400 m from the main road, ignore the rough road to you left where your route bends right and carry on. (1.8 km)



(9) Sharp right and uphill

(28.11506; -16.58757)

In another 200 m, the old Camino Del Pino track takes a sharp right uphill over some smooth rocks. In this next section you will soon pass the old church buildings at Casa El Pino. (2.0 km)



(10) Downhill to Charco del Pino

(28.11428; -16.59333)

In 600 m, turn left on the tarred road to go downhill into Charco del Pino. (2.6 km)



(11) Veer right and uphill

(28.11286; -16.59404)

After walking downhill for 200 m, take the right fork at the junction with walks signs and information board. (2.8 km)



(12) Take left fork here

(28.11201; -16.59560)

In another 100 m, after a short rough section, ignore the road going uphill to your right here. Carry on, veering slightly to your left. (3.0 km)



(13) Go left to main road

(28.11118; -16.59556)

In another 100 m, you emerge onto this tarred piece of road and turn left towards the nearby main road. (3.1 km)



(14) Cross main road and down Calle Charcay

(28.11084; -16.59483)

In just 100 m, cross the road at the pedestrian crossing and immediately go downhill, down Calle Charcay. Continue walking downhill, avoiding any turn-offs to the left. (3.2 km)



(15) Turn right down lane to steps

(28.10918; -16.59252)

After a 300 m descent on Calle Charcay, take a sharp right down the lane with yellow post-box then take the steps down into the barranco. (3.5 km)



(16) Check out Charco del Pino viewpoint

(28.10870; -16.59273)

In just 100 m, you will arrive at a viewpoint area for the Charco del Pino, an historic source of water for the village ("charco" means pool in Spanish). After taking in the scene, re-trace your steps up Calle Charcay to return to the main road. (3.6 km)



(17) Left across bridge at main road

(28.11081; -16.59491)

At the main road, turn left to cross the bridge over the barranco and proceed. (3.9 km)



(18) Left and uphill to Chiñama viewpoint

(28.10971; -16.59653)

After 200 m, just before the church, turn left and uphill to the Chiñama viewpoint. (4.1 km)



(19) Check out Chiñama viewpoint

(28.10764; -16.59440)

There are marvellous views of the surrounding agricultural area, and to the coast from this vantage point on top of a volcanic cone. At a mid-point in the walk, this is a good spot to take a break! When ready, re-trace your steps to the church and main road. At the main road, turn left and walk carefully on a slightly downhill gradient along the verge for a short distance. (4.5 km)



(20) Left off main road to join old camino

(28.10960; -16.59824)

In 500 m from the high viewpoint at Chiñama, take the path on the left just past the signpost for leaving Charco del Pino. (5.0 km)



(21) Left and down on narrow path

(28.10854; -16.59971)

In around 150 m, the path having joined a rough road, take the narrow path downhill. (5.2 km)



(22) Follow rough road to left of goat farm

(28.10531; -16.60444)

After a tough 900 m, having negotiated the downs and ups of both Barranco Del Ancon and Barranco de la Orchilla, continue on up this rough road past a goat farm. (6.1 km)



(23) Veer left and down

(28.10630; -16.60650)

Having joined a well-used agricultural road, after 300 m from the goat farm, you veer left and downhill here by the fenced area on your left side. Soon, after a bend to your left you will start an ascent on the now broad camino, passing an old threshing circle (era) on your left-hand side on the way uphill. (6.4 km)



(24) Through x-roads towards old house

(28.10464; -16.60860)

After another 300 m, go straight through the x-roads with the tarred road, towards the old house. As you pass this historic old building (Casa Viña Vieja) you will want to check out the information board and peer into the locked-off courtyard. (6.7 km)



(25) Turn right to outskirts of San Miguel

(28.10172; -16.61302)

In 600 m from the x-roads, veer right onto the tarred road on the outskirts of San Miguel. (7.3 km)



(26) Veer left and downhill

(28.10173; -16.61367)

In just 100 m, veer left and downhill onto Calle La Deseada. On a gentle descent, mostly, this will take you to the church and plaza of San Miguel in about 400 m. (7.4 km)

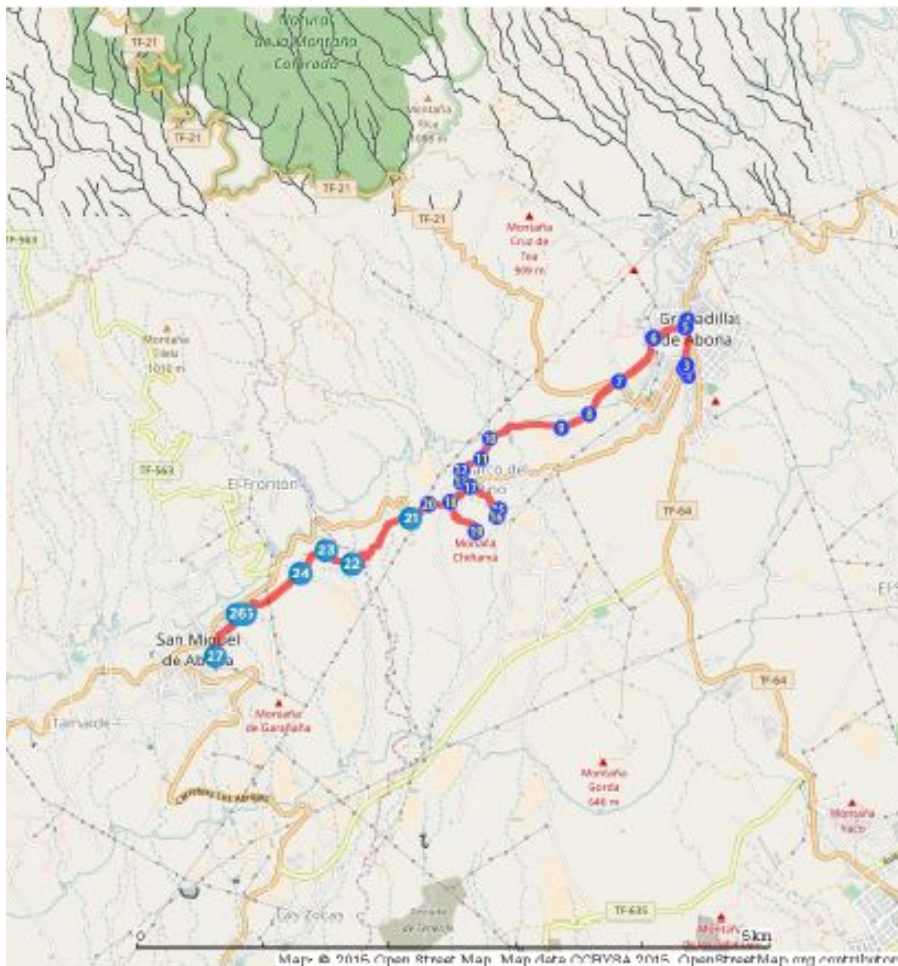


(27) Finish walk at church

(28.09872; -16.61545)

In 400 m from the start of Calle La Deseada you finish the walk at the interesting and pretty church square of San Miguel. There is a good viewpoint, some interesting buildings and information boards to check out. After the rigours of negotiating the barrancos between Charco del Pino and San Miguel you may well be in the market for a cool refreshment at a cafe on San Miguel's high street about 100m away, uphill. We can recommend an arepa or empanada at the Cafe Guajojo, and a cool beer, of course! (7.8 km)

Route Map



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