

## Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

### Las Vegas-Lomo Grande-Barranco Geñiga Circular (Granadilla)

#### Route Summary

This is a moderate half-day hike, with a very manageable overall ascent of 345 metres. Taking in the lovely village of Las Vegas (with many old buildings), rural terraces, ravines (barrancos) and pine forest, you are guaranteed a variety of walking environments.

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#### Route Overview

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**Transport/Parking:** No Titsa service. We suggest parking down Calle Nuestra Señora de la Esperanza, past the two Casa Rurals.

**Length:** 6.730 km / 4.21 mi

**Height Gain:** 345 meter

**Height Loss:** 345 meter

**Max Height:** 794 meter

**Min Height:** 606 meter

**Surface:** Rough. There is a 1 km section on a narrow tarred access road.

**Child Friendly:** Yes, but only if children are used to vigorous uphill hiking and rough surfaces.

**Difficulty:** Moderate.

**Dog Friendly:** Yes.

**Refreshments:** Highly recommended – the charming and friendly Las Tasquita de Las Vegas.



#### Description

The area around the picture-postcard hamlet of Las Vegas, near Granadilla, is wonderful for walking – amongst rural terraces, open pine forest and rugged barrancos. There are great views down to the coast and up to the high hills.

There are a number of options to take different routes, and variations on routes. This walk initially heads west, following the old Camino Real de Granadilla (a very old “Royal Road”) before heading inland up a narrow tarred access road to ascend the geographical feature called Lomo Grande ( a “lomo” is a raised area of land between two ravines). The walk then crosses the Barranco de Geñiga de Las Vegas before continuing uphill into pine forest and crossing the Barranco Risco del Muerto (loosely translated – “The Crag of Death” - don’t worry, the crag is much further up the barranco!), before returning downhill through the pines to Las Vegas. Overall, the area is well

served with walks signposts and information boards. Needless to say, the views are tremendous at every turn on the track. The charming and friendly ambience of the “La Tasquita de Las Vegas” makes it the perfect place to rest up with a cool beer and, perhaps, a tapas, afterwards!



## Waypoints

### (1) Start walk at cross near Casas Rural

(28.14469; -16.54672)

With your back to the cross at the small parking area near the Casas Rural on Calle Nuestra Senora de la Esperanza in Las Vegas, turn right and start walking gently downhill with the eastern coastline ahead and far below you.



### (2) Right and down this path

(28.14428; -16.54605)

In about 80 m, follow the walk signs indicating you should go right and down the path. (77 m)



### (3) Veer left and downhill

(28.14421; -16.54643)

In just another 40 m, or so, again follow the walks yellow/white indicators as they guide you to veer left and continue downhill. Now follow this rough path as it passes signs indicating a Guanche cave. You may deviate to your left very briefly here to take in the view of the barranco but beware - there is a steep fall over rock. The cave is not accessible. Continue as the path bends right, then left and climbs out of the ravine. Soon it re-joins the original rough road you crossed earlier. (115 m)



### (4) Turn left and take path gently ascending

(28.14295; -16.54734)

In just over 200 m, as you approach a fallen (but still growing) Eucalyptus tree, go left and take the narrow path gently ascending in the direction of the faraway east coast. (324 m)



### (5) Era de Tejar

(28.14201; -16.54677)

In 120 m, you arrive at a large threshing circle, the Era de Tejar. There are good views from here down to the Granadilla coastline and especially the new (2017) Port of Granadilla. The large berthing area is likely to contain oil rigs that are 'resting' or undergoing maintenance. When you are ready, turn from the coastal view and take that is slightly to the left of the path you emerged from. (444 m)



### (6) Left at walks signs

(28.14264; -16.54764)

In about 115 m, as you reach a walks signpost, go left and follow the original path you were on before deviating for the era (threshing circle). You are following the old Camino Real (Royal Road) for Granadilla, dating back hundreds of years. (557 m)



### (7) Veer right and up

(28.13673; -16.54904)

In about 850 m, veer right and up a rough road that will almost immediately connect you with a narrow, very quiet, tarred road going uphill. Don't worry if you miss this turn-off as you will connect with the tarred road anyway, just a little downhill. (1.4 km)



### (8) Right and up tarred road

(28.13667; -16.54936)

In about 30 m, turn right and up the narrow, and very quiet, tarred access road. (1.45 km)



### (9) Continue uphill

(28.14359; -16.55349)

In 900 m, ascending up the tarred road on the raised strip of land called Lomo Grande, ignore the junction on your left with walks signs. Carry on uphill on the road. (2.4 km)



### (10) Continue past gate

(28.14494; -16.55450)

In 200 m, ignore the 'no go' signs on your right for Finca de la Luz and walk past the barred gate, continuing to walk up the now concreted access road to a large un-named house/finca surrounded by terraces with vines. Eventually you will pass the house on your right. (2.6 km)

**Note:** if you wish to slightly shorten the walk by a few hundred metres, or experience access issues passing the house, in about 150 m going uphill to the house, take the rough gated road veering off downhill to your right. This will connect you with Waypoint 16 in about 330 m, reducing the walk by about 750 m.



### (11) Right after buildings

(28.14644; -16.55581)

In 300 m, after passing, on your right, the large modern house, and a more modest house with chickens and goats in a below-ground pen, turn right towards some terraces. (2.9 km)



### (12) Take this track

(28.14662; -16.55562)

Almost immediately, in less than 30 m, take the track veering slightly left, with a dry-stone wall on the left side and a terrace on the right. (2.9 km)



### (13) Walk along disused water channel

(28.14786; -16.55640)

In about 100 m, leave the rough road to descend into a dry, unused water channel, originally part of the old Canal Aguas del Sur network that irrigated much of southern Tenerife. Walk along the bed of the water channel. (3.0 km)



### (14) Veer right and follow cairns

(28.14915; -16.55611)

In 300 m, after bending around the end of a little ravine (Barranquillo Lome el Huron) leave the water channel and start walking over rough ground in the general direction of the faraway coastline, with the high hills behind you. You should find and follow a set of cairns to mark the rough and indistinct path. In about 250 m, after passing through a small group of pine trees, start veering to your left as you approach some abandoned terraces. You should see a white stone ahead of you, on your left. Go for it. (3.3 km)



### (15) Pass white stone and head for access path

(28.14790; -16.55402)

In 300 m, or so, pass a white stone on your left and head for an access path to the abandoned terrace on your right. Briefly follow this access path downhill. (3.6 km)



### (16) Left down here

(28.14738; -16.55375)

In 100 m, or so, go left and down at a t-junction. Follow the rough path down into the barranco (Barranco de Geñiga de Las Vegas). (3.7 km)



### (17) Sharp left here

(28.14728; -16.55264)

In about 200 m, go sharp left at a junction to follow a narrow path inland towards the bed of the barranco. (3.9 km)



### (18) Veer right and up from barranco bed

(28.14874; -16.55203)

In 300 m, as the path follows a route through quite dense vegetation, you will reach the bed of the barranco. Walk forward a little, veering leftwards and inland along the bed of the barranco for a few metres. You will see, and take, a rough path ascending out of the barranco on the other side. Follow the path as it winds uphill out of the barranco. (4.2 km)



### (19) Sharp left and up after chained access

(28.14858; -16.55129)

In 100 m, turn sharp left and up after passing an access chain between oil barrels. Follow the rough road uphill and inland along the edge of the barranco. (4.3 km)



### (20) Right and down path at signs

(28.15265; -16.55540)

In 600 m, go right and down the path at a junction with walks signs. You will now descend to the bed of the Barranco Risco del Muerto then ascend out again, now facing in the direction of Las Vegas, with the high hills behind you. Follow the path downhill through the open pines. (4.9 km)



### (21) Take left fork downhill

(28.15105; -16.55168)

In about 800 m, walking downhill, take the left fork marked with a white/yellow cross. This path is a little rougher and less well-maintained. If you miss this waypoint, don't worry, as you will just enter Las Vegas at a different point. Follow the path down to the bend in the road below the village where you will turn right to ascend towards the houses, initially on a rough path (you may take the road if you wish) (5.7 km)



### (22) Right and up to village

(28.14774; -16.54723)

In 600 m, reaching the bend in the access road below Las Vegas, find and follow the rough path up towards the houses. Soon, you will emerge onto the verge of the road above a recreation area. Alternatively, walk along the verge of the road all the way up to the village. (6.3 km)



### (23) Left down Calle Nuestra Senora de la Esperanza past Casas Rural

(28.14537; -16.54688)

In 300 m, or so, turn left down Calle Nuestra Senora de la Esperanza past two Casas Rural on your right. A little before this, you may wish to visit the little church and plaza on your left, and/or the charming Tasquita de Las Vegas for a refreshment/some sustenance. (6.6 km)



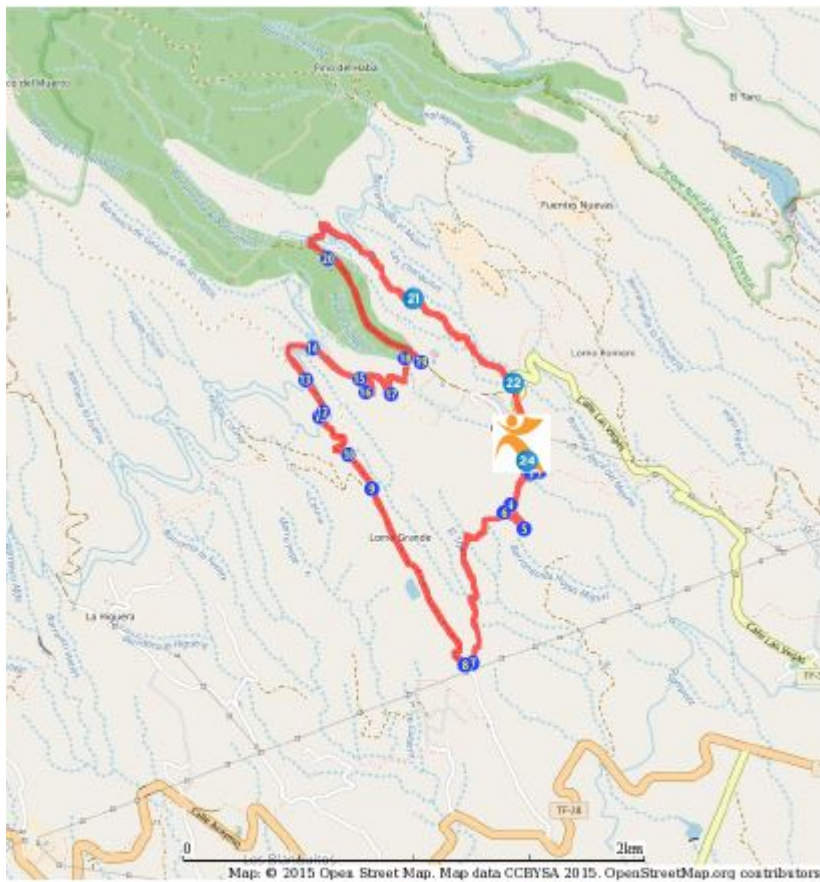
### (24) Finish back at start near Casas Rural

(28.14469; -16.54663)

In about 100 m, you are back at your start point by the cross. (6.73 km)



## Route Map



### Links:

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