

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Alcalá - Punta Blanca Return (Guía de Isora)

Route Summary

A short and very pleasant walk along the coast from the plaza in Alcalá to Punta Blanca where the high Los Gigantes cliffs form just one part of the wonderful panorama that unfolds.

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Route Overview

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 477/473 from Los Cristianos. Parking in Alcalá.

Length: 4.370 km / 2.73 mi

Height gain: 64 meter

Height loss: 64 meter

Max Height: 14 meter

Min Height: 1 meter

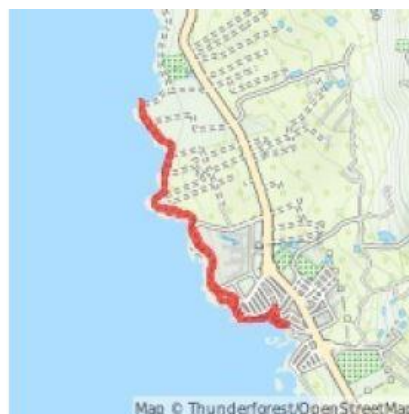
Surface: Mostly very smooth, one section with gravel-type path.

Child Friendly: Yes.

Difficulty: Very easy.

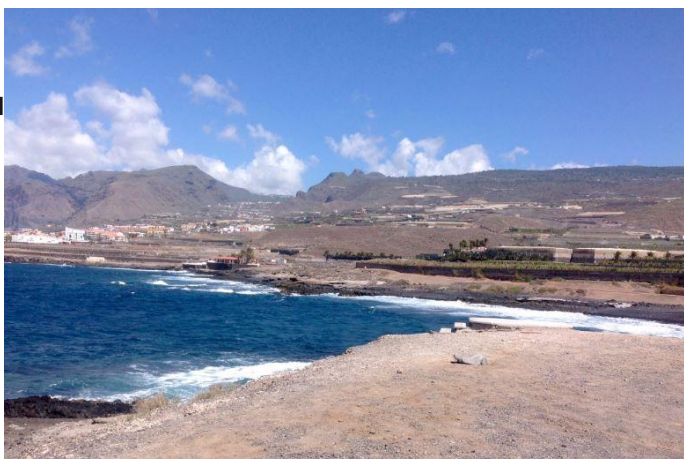
Dog Friendly: Yes

Refreshments: Options along the way and in Alcalá.



Description

A pleasant stroll along the sea-front from pretty Alcalá to the headland at Punta Blanca, part-way to the neighbouring resorts centred around Puerto Santiago. Great coastal views and of the Los Gigantes cliffs. Also a marvellous perspective opens up to the hill towns of Guía de Isora and Santiago del Teide. There a number of interesting information boards along the way. The walking surface is mostly smooth and flat with a slightly rougher middle section that is not paved.



Waypoints

(1) Leave Alcalá plaza

(28.20082; -16.82847)

Leave the plaza at the seafront end, taking the promenade walkway as it rises uphill. Continue on the promenade, ignoring steps down to the harbour/slipway area. After walking downhill, turn left towards the harbour/slipway and walk towards the sea, keeping to the right.



(2) Re-join promenade here

(28.20119; -16.82971)

After about 250 m, walk towards the right-hand seafront of the harbour/slipway area and climb the steps onto the promenade. Continue on the promenade as it passes the large all-inclusive hotel village (Gran Melia Palacio de Isora) on the right-hand side before passing the tidy, modernised Playa Jacquita area before reaching the end of the paved pathway. (256 m)



(3) Ascend onto rough path

(28.20765; -16.83691)

After 1.25 km you will have reached the end of the paved promenade under some villas. Here you will join the rough path as it veers right past the villas. You will see the Los Gigantes cliffs, and the resorts centred around Puerto Santiago, in the distance (1.5 km)



(4) Ignore works in progress signs

(28.20816; -16.83623)

After just another 100 m you will encounter (Mar 2017) barriers and signs indicating that works on the pathway are going on (no sign of work actually taking place, Mar 2017). Walk around the barriers and carry on, eventually reaching a new paved pathway. (1.6 km)



(5) Turning point at Punta Blanca

(28.21318; -16.83767)

In another 700 m you arrive at the Punta Blanca where there are some grand views to take in along the coast to Punta de Teno, and up to the mountains (where you will spot Santiago del Teide, amongst other hill towns and villages). When you are ready, this is your turning point on this walk. You could, of course, choose to proceed to the resorts in the middle-distance and, perhaps, take a bus back to Alcalá. Otherwise, re-trace your steps back to Alcalá from here. (2.3 km)



(6) Return to Alcalá plaza

(28.20069; -16.82856)

In around 2.1 km you will have arrived back at your starting point in the plaza at Alcalá where there are some interesting buildings and a number of options for a refreshment. (4.4 km)



Route Map



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