

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Boca Tauche-Chavao-El Cedro Return (National Park)

Route Summary

This easy walk in the Teide National Park runs close to a huge lava field. There are opportunities to enjoy stunning views of surrounding mountains and the hillside immediately above you. In May and June expect to see some marvellous examples of the Tajinaste Rojo in flower.

Duration: 3 hours.

(This is National Park Sendero 18)



Route Overview

Duration: 3 hours

Transport/Parking: Titsa 342 from Los Cristianos, once a day service there and back. Parking at Juan Evora museum car-park, at start of walk.

Length: 7.020 km / 4.39 mi

Height Gain: 238 meter

Height Loss: 238 meter

Max Height: 2085 meter

Min Height: 2048 meter

Surface: Moderate. There is a 500 m section through the lava field where the surface is very rough.

Child Friendly: Yes.

Difficulty: Easy.

Dog Friendly: No. The National Park rules prohibit the introduction of dogs to the whole area.

Refreshments: Cafe at Parador.



Description

This is an easy but hugely satisfying walk surrounded by spectacular mountain scenery. It starts and finishes at the car-park of the Juan Evora ethnographic museum just off the TF-21 road up to the Teide National Park from Vilaflor. Driving there from a coastal resort in the South only takes an hour or so. At a height of 2,000 metres, if the weather on the island is generally settled, you can be almost guaranteed to be above any clouds, under crystal-clear blue skies. The walk runs close to the huge lava flow emitted from the side of the Pico Viejo volcano. At the turning point for the walk you have a clear view of the vents where the lava flowed from just over 200 years ago in 1798. These are called Las Narices del Teide (Teide's nostrils). There are many opportunities on the walk to enjoy stunning wide-open views around the mountainous perimeter of the Teide Caldera. On the aspect away from the lava field there is an almost Alpine feel, with steep hillsides peaked by rocky precipices, covered with open sections of Canarian pine, billowing grasses, and flowering plants and shrubs. If you are lucky enough to do the walk in May and June you are bound to see a number of majestic Tajinaste Rojo bugloss specimens (a plant unique to this area in the island) close to the path, in various stages of their biennial life and flowering cycle, with blossoms covered in honey bees.



Waypoints

(1) Start walk at Juan Evora car-park

(28.21290; -16.68108)

Start walk from the car-park at the the Juan Evora ethnographic museum in the Teide National Park just off the TF-21 road from Vilaflor, near the Baca Tauce junction. Take the path marked "Sendero 18".



(2) Do not go right here

(28.22342; -16.69546)

After 2 km, under Montaña El Cedro, the path veers left and uphill. Do not take the alternative path leading off to the right here. (2 km)



(3) Divert left and up hill

(28.22295; -16.69601)

In just 80 m, going uphill, turn left and climb the small hill above you. (2.1 km)



(4) Viewpoint at top of hill

(28.22255; -16.69532)

In another 80 m, at the top of the small hill, there are marvellous views in all directions. If there is cloud on the south-western side of the island you will have a good view of the "sea of clouds" beneath you. When you are ready, re-trace your steps back to the rough road at the base of the hill. (2.2 km)



(5) Right and along road

(28.22287; -16.69607)

After descending the small hill, turn right and follow the rough road.
(2.3 km)



(6) Turning point

(28.23343; -16.69798)

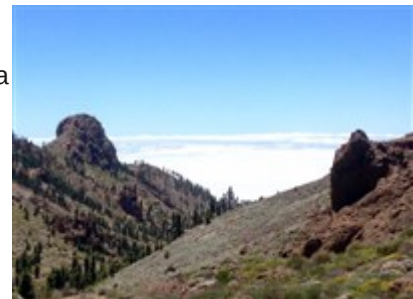
In 1.3 km you will reach a forked junction with a walks signpost. The rough road you have been following veers right where it soon meets the TF-38 main road to Chio. A narrow path veers slightly left. This is your turning point. From here re-trace your steps back to the car-park where you started, missing out the climb to the small hill you made at Waypoint 3. (3.6 km)



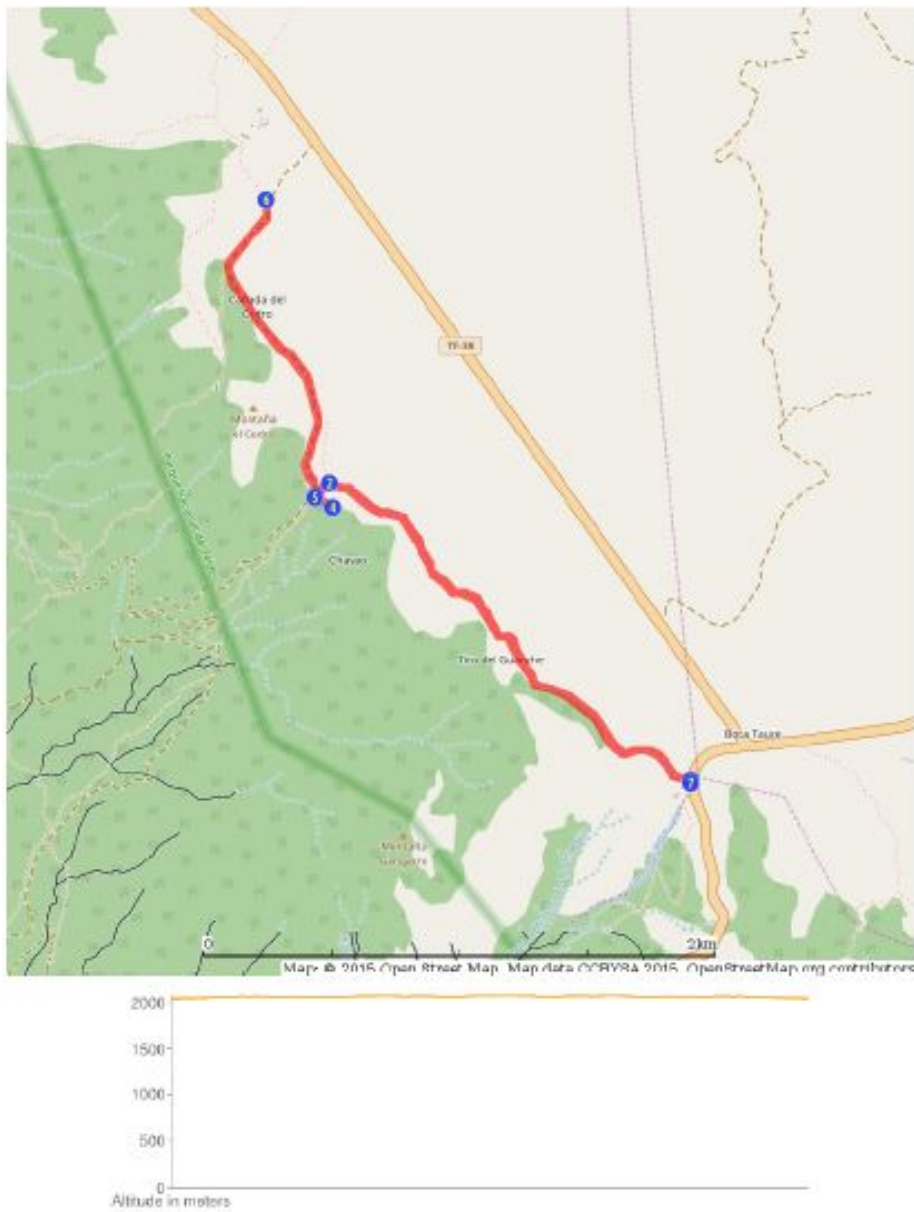
(7) Back at car-park to finish

(28.21278; -16.68110)

In 3.4 km you will have returned to the Juan Evora Ethnographic Museum car-park where you started the walk. If you haven't already done so the little museum is worth a visit. It provides a glimpse of how a goat-herder's life was lived in the high mountains in times past. (7 km)



Route Map



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