

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

El Jaral-Las Tres Cruces Circular (Guia de Isora)

Route Summary

Over a short distance there is a reasonably demanding overall ascent of almost 250 m that makes the route feel longer than it is. Wedged between two impressive barrancos, this hike above pretty El Jaral offers fine views in all aspects.

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Transport/Parking: No Titsa bus service. You will likely get parked close to the start-point in El Jaral.

Length: 2.710 km / 1.69 mi

Height Gain: 234 meter

Height Loss: 234 meter

Max Height: 1015 meter

Min Height: 830 meter

Surface: Rough.

Child Friendly: Yes, but only if children are used to hikes of this distance and overall ascent on rough paths.

Difficulty: Moderate.

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: Traditional guachinche “Ventorrillo El Jaral”, if open, or cafes in Tejina or Guia de Isora.



Description

This is a short circular walk from the pretty hill village of El Jaral, high above the west coast of Tenerife, not far from Guia de Isora. The focal point of the walk is an imposing set of three wooden crosses on a hilltop above the deep and rugged Barranco Ramallo. The first half of the walk involves a fairly steep ascent, passing some well-tended farm terraces with vines and vegetable crops. On the morning we walked the route the farmer was calling to his herd of goats as they climbed in and out of Barranco Ramallo. He told us they return of their own accord in the early afternoon! At the mid-point of the walk, heading south-east by then in the direction of El Choro and Las Fuentes we are confronted by another spectacular barranco – named El Pozo or Achatay depending on which map you read. Here, a partly overgrown and, at times, indistinct path takes us back to El Jaral, with marvellous views looking down on the village from an abandoned era (stone threshing circle). Despite the proximity of El Jaral at all times, the walk feels quite wild and remote in places.



Waypoints

(1) Start walk at info board beside Calle Niagra

(28.20390; -16.75540)

Start the walk on Calle Santiago Apostol near the junction with Calle Niagra where there is a walks information board and signs. With the info board at your back, go right (north westerly) along Calle Santiago Apostol for about 135 m as it winds down and up again, looking for a junction on your right.



(2) Right and gently downhill

(28.20432; -16.75595)

In 135 m from your start point at the walks info board, go right and gently downhill, with farmed terraces appearing on your left. (135 m)



(3) Veer left and up narrow path

(28.20563; -16.75654)

In just over 200 m, leave the rough road to veer left and up a narrow rocky path. This is the path for Guia de Isora. You will leave this path in about 300 m. (328 m)



(4) Right and uphill towards crosses

(28.20688; -16.75763)

In about 300 m, as you cross a raised section of the path, go right and uphill towards crosses you will see on the skyline. (525 m)



(5) Carry on uphill past crosses

(28.20737; -16.75678)

In 100 m, or so, ascending the hillside you will arrive at the imposing site of three wooden crosses (actually there is now a fourth (small) cross, too). You will notice the imposing depth of Barranco Ramallo on your left side. Do not take the path on your left into the barranco. Instead, carry on uphill past crosses towards a lone pine tree. Keeping the barranco on your left and a low dry-stone wall on your right, continue uphill. The path is indistinct and overgrown in places. Soon, you will reach a little finca/goat-farm. Carry on uphill on the partly concreted road with the terraces of the finca on your right and the barranco on your left. (627 m)



(6) Keep going uphill on tarred road

(28.20750; -16.75352)

In 330 m, or so, the rough road meets the narrow tarred road (Camino la Cumbre). Keep going uphill on this tarred road. (959 m)



(7) Keep following tarred road downhill

(28.20685; -16.75027)

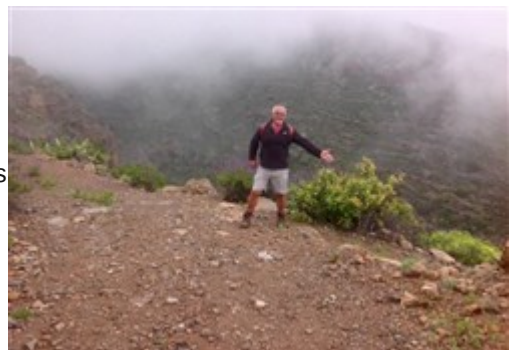
In 350 m you will arrive at a x-roads, with a rough path going uphill for Tagara/Chirche and a rough path going downhill to El Jaral. Keep following the tarred road as it winds gently downhill, then up, ahead of you. (1.3 km)



(8) Right onto path at barranco

(28.20551; -16.74789)

In another 400 m, the tarred road finishes at Barranco Pozo but carries on as a rough road climbing along the side of the barranco. You leave the road here to return downhill towards El Jaral. Go right to take a narrow path but do not take the well-used diversion veering to your left towards an area with some bee hives above the barranco. (1.7 km)



(9) Follow over-grown path

(28.20535; -16.74813)

In just 30 m from the tarred road ensure that you follow an, at times, indistinct and overgrown path between low dry-stone walls. There is a prominent cairn of stones marking the entrance to this path. Follow this path, with a minor ravine on your right, as it, at first, ascends a little then starts to descend towards El Jaral. There are occasional cairns to re-assure you that you are on the path! (1.7 km)



(10) Down past era to ruined buidings

(28.20335; -16.75340)

In about 600 m, you will arrive at a prominent circular era (old threshing circle). Carry on past the era towards some ruined building which lie close below you now. (2.3 km)



(11) Veer right at pipe and pass ruins onto wider path

(28.20283; -16.75371)

In about 100 m, walking downhill, veer right briefly at a steel water pipe and follow a path, passing an old stone oven and ruined farm building on your left to arrive at a wider path, with another ruined building on the other side of the path. Go right here to follow the widening track as it descends into the outskirts of El Jaral. Carry on into the centre of the village. (2.4 km)



(12) Right onto Calle Santiago Apostol

(28.20342; -16.75584)

In 300 m, or so, leave Calle las Escuelas to turn right onto Calle Santiago Apostol. (2.65 km)



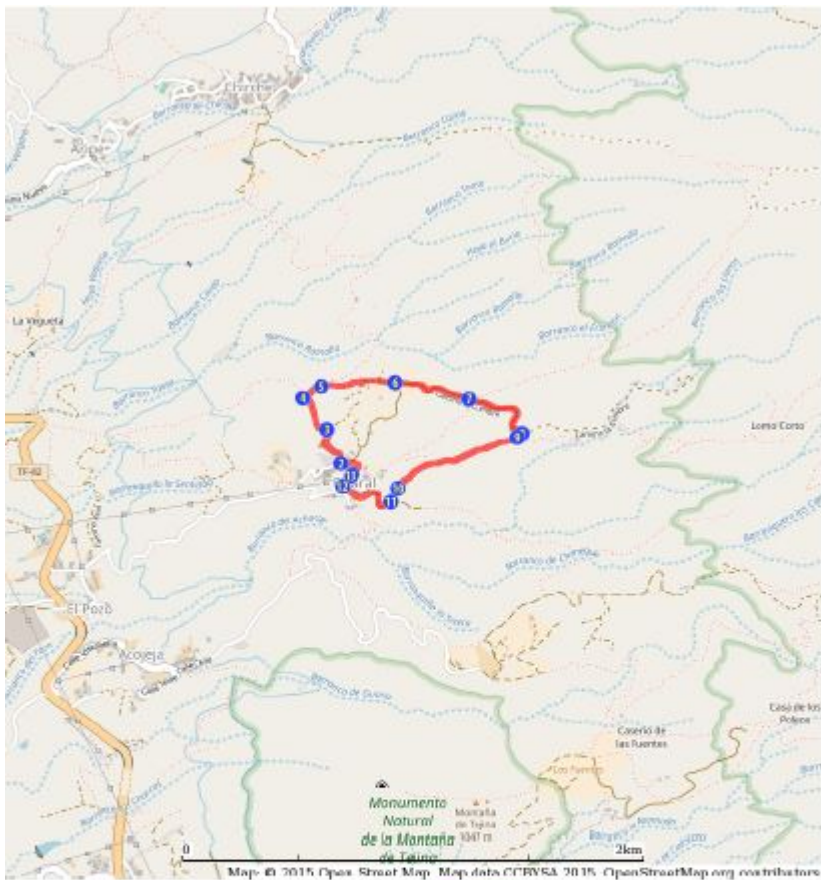
(13) End walk at start point

(28.20383; -16.75544)

In 50 m, you will have arrived back at your start-point by the walks information board on Calle Santiago Apostol. (2.7 km)



Route Map



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