

# Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

## Playa San Juan Clifftop Trail Return (Guia de Isora)

### Route Summary

You are sure to enjoy this short walk above the cliffs at Playa San Juan. There are fine coastal views and of the mountains. You can visit a ruined building in a rocky cove and, near the end, the large "Alcaraván" sculpture on the headland overlooking the bay at Playa San Juan.

Duration: 1.5 hours.



### Route Overview

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**Transport/Parking:** Titsa 477 from Los Cristianos, 473 from Adeje. Parking is difficult at the old town, near the harbour and beach. Easy parking in the newer part of town, towards the north west.

**Length:** 2.930 km / 1.83 mi

**Height Gain:** 125 meter

**Height Loss:** 125 meter

**Max Height:** 26 meter

**Min Height:** 2 meter

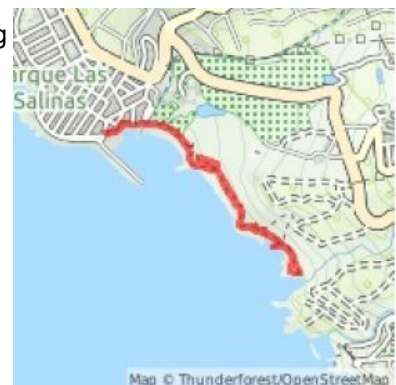
**Surface:** Smooth. Mostly on paved surfaces. A short section on a moderately rough path in the middle of the walk.

**Child Friendly:** Yes, but see highlighted notes at Waypoint 4.

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Dog Friendly:** Recommend dogs on lead at all times.

**Refreshments:** Numerous options in Playa San Juan.



### Description

This is a short cliff-top walk from the pleasant harbour and beach area of Playa de San Juan. The small Canarian town and fishing port of Playa San Juan is always an enjoyable place to visit for its fine coastal and beach promenade, busy harbour and many pavement cafes and restaurants. The walk is mostly on paved surfaces apart from a short section over flat abandoned agricultural terraces near the turning point overlooking the Punta El Roque. On the outward section there is an optional diversion, down steep steps, to a ruined building in a rocky cove. On the return leg we visit the imposing "Alcaraván" sculpture by Tenerife sculptor, Roberto Martinon. There is a great view of the little bay and harbour of Playa San Juan from here.



## Waypoints

### (1) Start walk at tourist info kiosk

(28.18027; -16.81582)

We start the walk at the tourist information kiosk near the harbour in Playa San Juan. Facing the harbour, turn leftwards and follow the beach promenade towards the old lime kiln and cliffs.



### (2) Climb steps at end of beach

(28.17877; -16.81101)

In 600 m, after passing the old lime kiln, take these steps to the cliff-top path. Turn right at the top of the steps and follow the paved pathway. (600 m)



### (3) Down steps to ruined building

(28.17596; -16.80805)

After 500 m on the paved pathway, you have the option to descend the steps at this opening to the ruined building on the rocks below. The steps are steep and in a poor state of repair in places. (1.1 km)



### (4) Ruined building at sea-front

(28.17572; -16.80831)

If you descend the steps to the ruined building you will be rewarded by fine views of the coastline and the nearby little bay and rock formations on the cliffs. The original function of the building is unclear. Guia de Isora Ayuntamiento have indicated that it may have been used by fishermen although the rocky access from the sea might suggest otherwise. It is close to a water source at the Galería de Aqua Dulce so perhaps its purpose lay in that direction? When you ascend the steps turn right at the top and follow the, now, rough path as it continues along the cliff-top into an area of abandoned terraces.



**BE VERY CAREFUL AS YOU SET OUT ON THIS PATH. JUST AS YOU PASS THE END OF THE WALL WITH GRAFFITI THE PATH NARROWS A LITTLE AND THERE IS A STEEP DROP!** (1.1 km)

### (5) Return point - view of El Roque

(28.17468; -16.80707)

In another 200 m, having reached an impassable barranco, veer to your right to take in the view of the El Roque point. Now, turn to your right and walk a short distance in the direction of Playa San Juan along a wide abandoned terrace. (1.4 km)



### (6) Steps and path to re-join main path

(28.17471; -16.80758)

In just 50 m, take these rough steps up to the next terrace level and continue upwards to the main path you were on before. There are some good views of the abandoned building here. When you reach the main path turn left to re-trace your route along the cliff-top. When you arrive back at the point where the steps descend to the Playa San Juan beach promenade, divert upwards to the large and imposing sculpture on the cliff-top. (1.5 km)



### (7) View Alcaravan sculpture by Roberto Martinon

(28.17913; -16.81145)

In 700 m you will have arrived at the 'Alcaraván' sculpture by Tenerife sculptor, Roberto Martinon. There is a good view of Playa San Juan from here. (2.2 km)



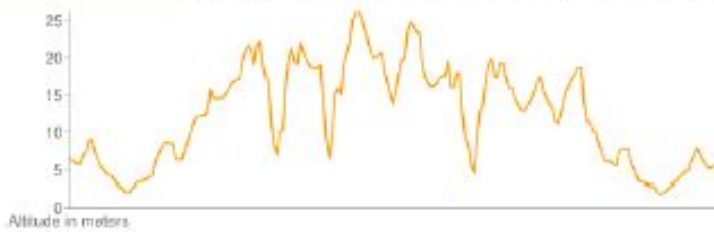
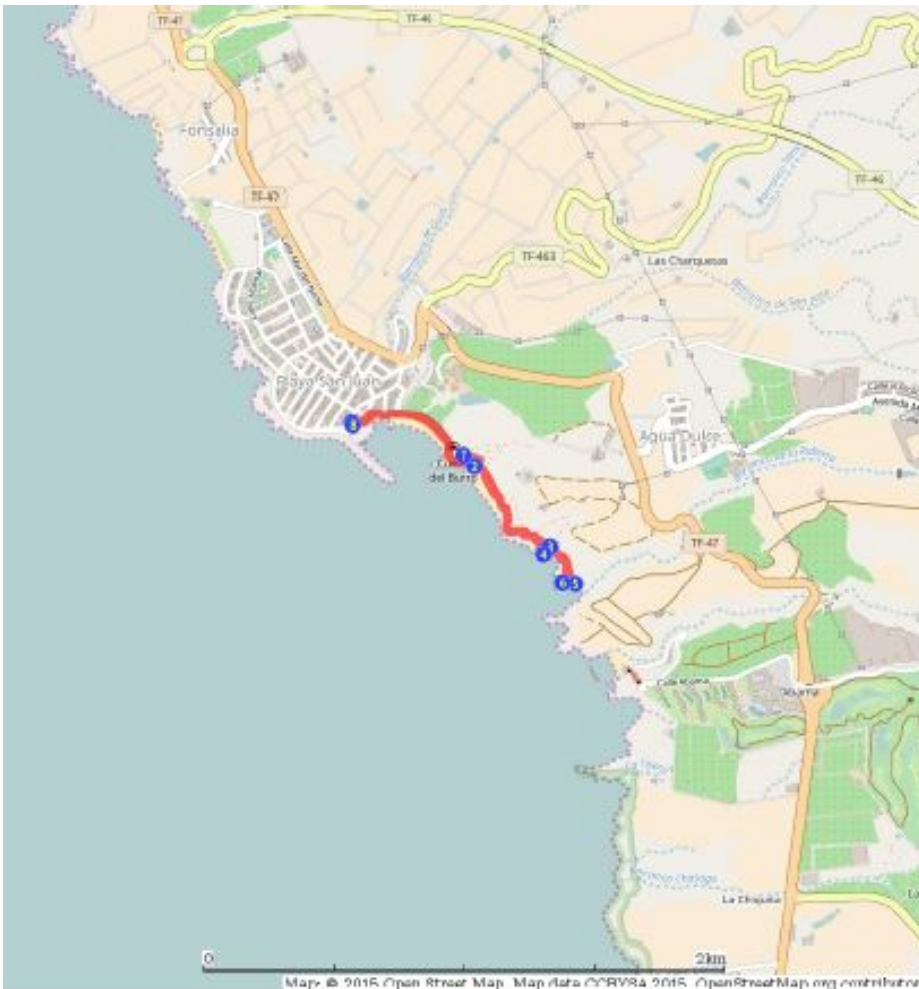
### (8) Return to information kiosk along promenade

(28.18019; -16.81578)

Having taken the steps down to the beach promenade, in 700 m you will have arrived back at your start point at the information kiosk. (2.9 km)



## Route Map



### Links:

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