

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Playa de San Juan-Alcala Linear

Route Summary

A short walk along the coast, connecting the attractive harbour and seaside promenade areas of Playa de San Juan and Alcalá.

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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: 4.640 km / 2.90 mi

Height Gain: 103 meter

Height Loss: 94 meter

Max Height: 24 meter

Min Height: 2 meter

Surface: Smooth. Mostly on paved surfaces. A 1 km section on a moderately rough path in the middle of the walk.

Child Friendly: Yes, but some steep drops in the mid-section of the walk.

Difficulty: Easy

Dog Friendly: Yes. On leads in built-up areas.

Refreshments: Numerous options in Playa San Juan and Alcalá.



Description

This undemanding walk connects the pretty promenades and harbour areas of the neighbouring west coast towns of Playa de San Juan and Alcalá. Due to the likelihood of gentle sea breezes, this route is an excellent choice in summer when more demanding hikes are more or less ruled out. Note, however, that the mid-section of the walk is along a rough, and sometimes narrow, cliff-top path. This is a linear route, and we suggest you take a very short trip on the Titsa bus to return to your starting point. You can always re-trace your steps, of course, if inclined.



Waypoints

(1) Start at information kiosk

(28.18016; -16.81574)

With the information kiosk near the harbour in Playa San Juan at your back, walk past the gates to the harbour then turn right to join the coastal promenade. Walk along the promenade in a roughly north-westerly direction for about 1.4 km.



(2) Turn right for Fonsalia

(28.18844; -16.82260)

After 1.4 km from the information kiosk, just after the promenade ends and becomes a tarred road, turn right here for the small village of Fonsalía. (1.4 km)



(3) Left down Calle los Tarajales

(28.18985; -16.82096)

After 200 m, leave Calle La Barrera and turn left onto Calle los Tarajales. (1.6 km)



(4) Left at Ermita Santa Lucia

(28.19099; -16.82165)

After 150 m, at the end of Calle los Tarajales, as you pass the Ermita Santa Lucia, turn left and head down towards the coast again, passing the desalination plant on your left. (1.75 km)



(5) Right along clifftop path

(28.19045; -16.82310)

After another 200 m, at the Playa de Barrera cove, turn right to follow the rough road along the coast bordered by banana plantations. The road soon ends and you ascend to a narrow path along the cliff-tops. Follow this path, hugging the cliff-top, all the way to the outskirts of Alcalá. (1.9 km)



(6) Take path to right of building

(28.19730; -16.82725)

In another 1 km, continue to follow the cliff-top path as it leads you past this "blockhouse" building to the houses and street at the eastern end of Alcalá. Then, follow the pavement at the cliff-top into the town. (2.9 km)



(7) Carry on along cliff-top

(28.19964; -16.82746)

After 300 m, veer left here to leave the Calle de Virgen de Candelaria, as the cliff-top pavement continues down Calle Alfonso Cañadas. The street will lead you down to Calle Blasco Ibáñez where you turn left and are led down to the plaza in Alcalá. (3.2 km)



(8) Alcalá Plaza

(28.20105; -16.82833)

In 200 m from Waypoint 7 you have arrived at the tree-lined main plaza in Alcalá. There is some interesting architecture at the plaza, and you may want to stop for a refreshment before heading out of the square and continuing along the coastline, passing the harbour and slipway. (3.5 km)



(9) Leave slipway area onto promenade

(28.20121; -16.82977)

In 200 m, having crossed the slipway at the harbour area, take these steps to re-join the coastal promenade. (3.7 km)



(10) Right up Calle Carero

(28.20153; -16.83166)

In another 200 m, turn right at the cash and carry shop to walk up Calle Carero. You will see the extensive Gran Melia de Isora hotel complex on your left as you ascend the street towards the main coastal road. (3.9 km)



(11) Right onto Avenida de los Pescadores

(28.20357; -16.82973)

In 300 m, you arrive at a large roundabout and turn right to follow the main street, Avenida de los Pescadores, into the shopping centre of Alcalá. (4.2 km)



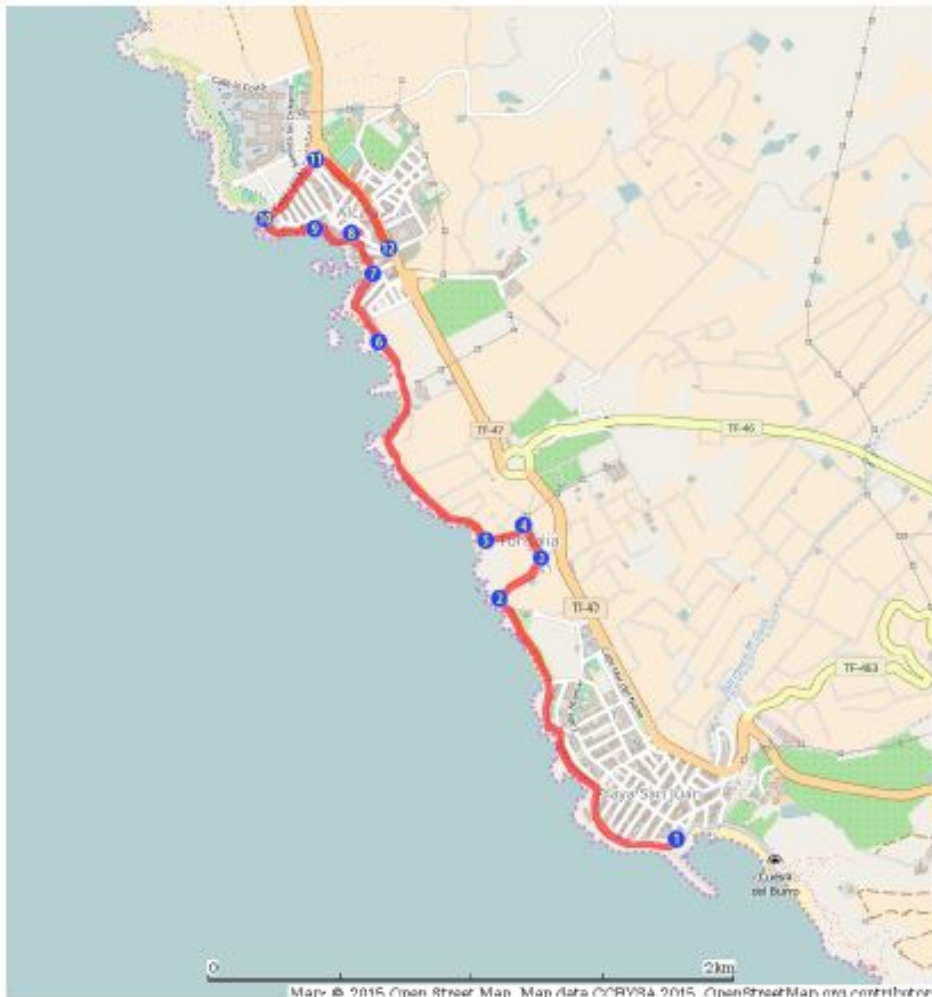
(12) Finish at bus-stop

(28.20051; -16.82688)

After 400 m, you arrive at the bus stop where the Titsa 473, 477, 493/4 will take you back to Playa de San Juan. (4.6 km)



Route Map



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