

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Vera de Erques-Las Fuentes Return (Guia de Isora)

Route Summary

A great return walk up to the pretty hamlet of Las Fuentes, abandoned by its residents in the 1970s. We walk from the hill village of Vera de Erques, which is decked in flowers all year round. The paths are rough and stony but the walk is a hugely satisfying all round experience.

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 490 from Guia de Isora. Easy parking in Vera de Erques.

Length: 6.000 km / 3.75 mi

Height Gain: 386 meter

Height Loss: 386 meter

Max Height: 990 meter

Min Height: 813 meter

Surface: Mostly rough.

Child Friendly: If children are used to robust hiking and rough surfaces.

Difficulty: Medium.

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: There are a couple of cafe/bar/restaurants in Vera de Erques.



Description

This is a very satisfying walk following an old stony track, the Camino Montiel, to the "lost village" of Las Fuentes, sheltered behind Montaña Tejina at around 1,000 metres above sea-level. This moderately strenuous walk passes abandoned farms, old threshing circles (eras), stone ovens, washing areas (lavaderos) on its way to the numerous ordered yellow stone terraces of Las Fuentes decked out with their white jable stone dressing. Some of the terraces and plots are still farmed for potatoes, vegetables and vines. The last permanent inhabitants of Las Fuentes departed in 1973, whilst a half-century before that, the population is estimated to have been around 200 hardy, hard-working country folk. There is a stunning view of the magnificent cliffs of the Barranco de Guaria at Las Fuentes, and wonderful 360° panoramas unfold in all directions throughout the walk.



Waypoints

(1) Start at walk info board in front of school

(28.17474; -16.74367)

Looking at the walks signpost in Vera de Erques, outside the primary school, turn to your left and walk back along the access road, Carretera a Vera de Erques.



(2) Turn right to join path

(28.17745; -16.74602)

In almost 400 m, where the road bends left and goes down hill, turn right onto a paved roadway where there is another walks signpost. (389 m)



(3) Left and down narrow concrete path

(28.17797; -16.74589)

In 60 m, as the paved drive starts to ascend, take the path veering left and down past a fenced off garden area and garden building. Follow this path down then up as it becomes an old stony camino. (452 m)



(4) Divert briefly left here to era

(28.18034; -16.74686)

In another 320 m, where the path turns right and ascends by a narrow water pipe, divert briefly to your left, heading for a nearby threshing circle (era) and viewpoint. (873 m)



(5) Era at Los Goros finca

(28.18044; -16.74737)

In 50 m you will have arrived at the era circle. Behind you are the abandoned Los Goros farmhouse buildings. In front, a grand panorama unfolds of the coast, from Callao Salvaje to Alcalá. When you are ready, re-trace your steps to Waypoint 4, turn left uphill, and continue following the main path, the Camino Montiel. (925 m)



(6) Uphill towards buildings

(28.19151; -16.74608)

After many ups and downs on the stony path, in almost 1.8 km you arrive at an area with farmed terraces and plots. Ignore the access path to the right, and continue straight ahead to the first of the Las Fuentes buildings above you. (2.7 km)



(7) Right at walk signs

(28.19198; -16.74717)

In just over 100 m you reach a paved concrete road, facing a little house and walk signs. After you've exercised your curiosity in respect to the house and plot ahead of you, turn right here, along the paved road. (2.8 km)



(8) Straight on towards hillside

(28.19286; -16.74538)

In 200 m, ignore the path to El Choro and El Jaral to your left at the walks info board and proceed onwards. You will likely want to take some time exploring around and about in the area of the old Las Fuentes hamlet, also taking in the magnificent views of the wild and rugged Barranco de Guaria. (3.0 km)



(9) Right towards white house

(28.19278; -16.74473)

When you are ready, in just 100 m from Waypoint 8, turn right up the paved driveway towards a white-painted house. Pass the house on your right and carry on downhill between terraces. (3.1 km)



(10) Right onto rough path

(28.19128; -16.74385)

In 200 m, as the road flattens out briefly after descending from the white house, turn right onto a narrow rough path. (3.3 km)



(11) Right and down stony path

(28.19056; -16.74430)

In just over 100 m, after passing some old buildings on your left, turn right and downhill at the water pipe. (3.4 km)



(12) Left and re-trace steps on outward route

(28.19010; -16.74572)

In another 200 m, you will have descended to a junction with the Camino Montiel. Turn sharp left here to re-trace your steps on your outward journey. (3.6 km)



(13) Left and up at this junction

(28.18669; -16.74736)

In 500 m, make sure you turn left and up, following the Camino Montiel back to Vera de Erques, rather than heading for the nearby vehicular access road to Las Fuentes. (4.1 km)



(14) Right down Calle Santo Domingo then left

(28.17499; -16.74410)

In 1.7 km, having returned to Vera de Erques, turn right down Calle Santo Domingo, just before the bus-stop, then turn left to take a lane to the church and plaza. (5.8 km)



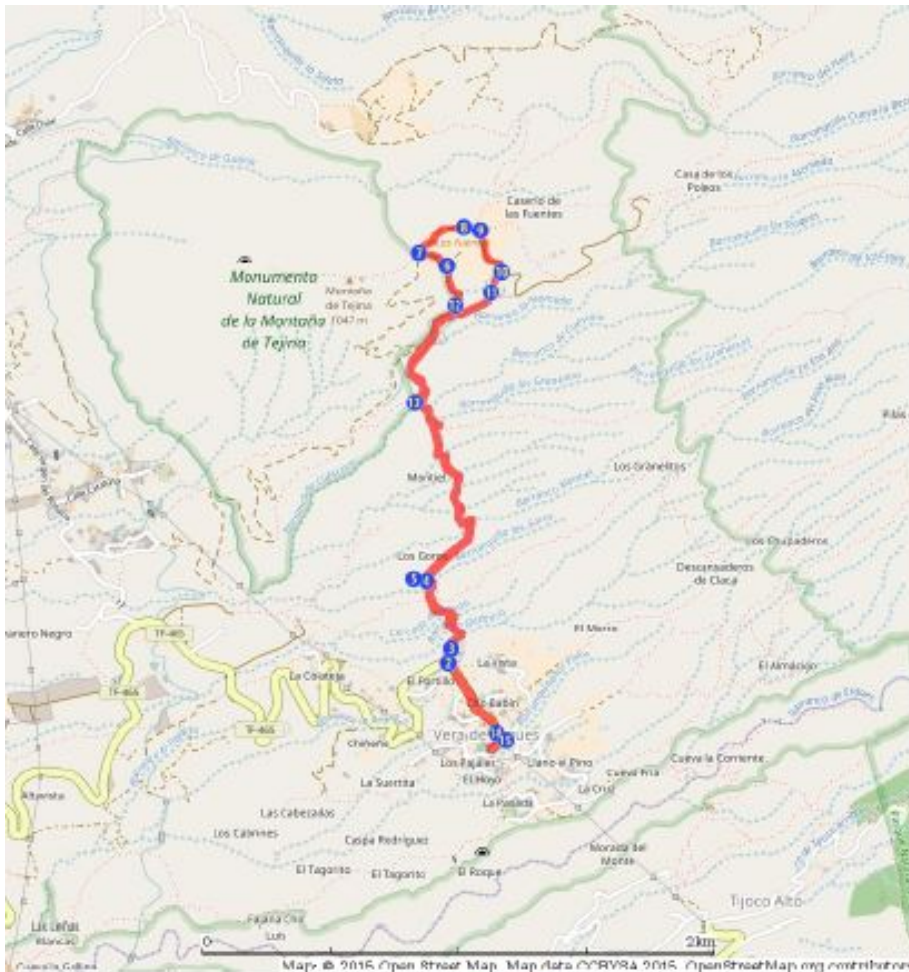
(15) Divert to church for view and then return to start

(28.17472; -16.74371)

The church plaza provides an excellent viewpoint, down to the coast and over sections of the village running down the hillside to your left. When you are ready, turn left out of the plaza and ascend the short lane to your start point, in front of the school. (6.0 km)



Route Map



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