

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Santiago del Teide-Valle de Arriba Circular (Santiago del Teide)

Route Summary

A very scenic rural walk from Santiago del Teide involving a moderate ascent, and taking in fine views of Valle de Arriba, Teide and the Teno mountains. The walk takes you to a shrine which marks the place where the flow of lava from the Chinyero eruption stopped in 1909.

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 460 from Adeje. Marked spaces on roads behind the church.

Length: 7.930 km / 4.96 mi

Height Gain: 319 meter

Height Loss: 319 meter

Max Height: 1206 meter

Min Height: 927 meter

Surface: Rough.

Child Friendly: Yes, if used to hiking.

Difficulty: Moderate.

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: Cafes and bars in Santiago del Teide.



Description

This is a balanced and varied walk in the hills above Santiago de Teide. Starting at the church square, the walk soon diverts to examine two well-preserved wooden grape presses in the courtyard of La Casona del Patio hotel. From there we take a paved route on the quiet road to the village of Valle de Arriba, passing many vineyards, fields and the village church along the way. In season, you will see small hay-rucks surrounded by vivid patches of red poppies. The winding ascent on an old rocky "camino" from the village is rewarded with spectacular views of Mount Teide and smaller volcanic cones, both near and far. Soon after, the walk takes you to the El Calvario de los Baldios shrine which marks the place where the flow of molten lava from the nearby Chinyero eruption stopped in 1909. The downhill return route, passing many fig and almond trees, provides wonderful views of the Teno mountain range and the fertile valley below Valle de Arriba.



Waypoints

(1) Start at church square

(28.29752; -16.81577)

Start walk at the church of San Fernando Rey at the northern end of the town. Turn right and walk away from the town under the avenue of trees as you begin to approach the La Casona del Patio hotel on your right.



(2) Detour to see grape presses

(28.29829; -16.81539)

In about 150 m, turn right into the entrance drive for the La Casona del Patio hotel and walk 50 m to the open area with two well-preserved grape presses. After checking out the scene, re-trace your steps and turn right on reaching the main road. Carry on along the pavement, leaving Santiago del Teide. (222 m)



(3) Take road to Valle de Arriba

(28.30032; -16.81476)

In about 300 m from the grape presses veer right to follow the road to Valle de Arriba. Cross the road to walk on the pavement that will take you all the way to the village. (516 m)



(4) Check out church

(28.30657; -16.80804)

In another 1 km you pass the little church and plaza for Valle de Arriba and carry on walking towards the village. (1.5 km)



(5) Turn right up Calle San Fernando

(28.30771; -16.80403)

In 400 m from the church, turn right up Calle San Fernando. (1.9 km)



(6) Turn right past water taps

(28.30729; -16.80254)

After a further 200 m, turn right off Calle San Fernando past the public water taps on your right. (2.1 km)



(7) Left uphill on Calle el Reventon

(28.30682; -16.80240)

In just 100 m, or so, turn left and uphill past houses on Calle el Reventon. (2.2 km)



(8) Carry on past sign and bins

(28.30715; -16.80075)

In 170 m, at the top of the street, continue on past the (unreadable) walk sign and large waste bin. (2.3 km)



(9) Veer right onto old camino

(28.30731; -16.80040)

In just 40 m veer right and down onto the old stony camino. Carry on walking on the camino as it twists and turns uphill out of the village. (2.4 km)



(10) Turn left back onto old camino

(28.30652; -16.79736)

In 400 m, after reaching the tarred road and walking uphill a few metres, turn left to return to the old camino. Continue walking on the camino as it twice more crosses the tarred road on its ascent. (2.8 km)



(11) Left and uphill on road

(28.30477; -16.79570)

Finally, after a further 300 m, the old camino ends and you again arrive at a junction with the tarred road. Turn left here and proceed along this very quiet dead-end road. (3.1 km)



(12) Arrive at shrine

(28.30122; -16.78984)

In another 700 m the tarred road ends at a large open area at the El Calvario de los Baldios shrine. The shrine marks the place (at the far side of the open area) where the flow of molten lava from the nearby Chinyero eruption stopped in 1909. Understandably, the villagers of Santiago del Teide and Valle de Arriba had invoked God's intervention to save their homes and fields. Each year, the apparent success of their prayers is commemorated here. (3.8 km)



(13) Follow sign for Santiago del Teide

(28.30117; -16.78980)

Having checked out the shrine and the lava field opposite, proceed with the walk as follows. With your back to the lava, swing round to your left and go past the walk's sign following the direction for Santiago del Teide. You soon leave the open area and take the rough track between the dry-stone walls as it at first veers a little left towards Montana Bilma, above you, then bends right and downhill to start the descent towards Santiago del Teide. Stay on this road, between the dry-stone walls, avoiding any tracks to right or left. (3.8 km)



(14) Carry on straight ahead at x-roads

(28.29916; -16.79504)

In 800 m from the shrine you arrive at a x-roads with options to right and left. Carry on straight ahead downhill. (5.3km)



(15) Right and straight on

(28.30142; -16.80196)

In another 700 m, you arrive at a staggered junction. Turn right then, ignoring the sign and path for Santiago del Teide on your left, carry on straight ahead to walk around the hillside back in the direction of Valle de Arriba. Initially, the path is fairly level with the valley below you on your left shoulder. (5.3 km)



(16) Left and up rough road

(28.30553; -16.80207)

In 500 m, walking around the hillside, the path descends steeply with the village of Valle de Arriba ahead of you. Turn left at this point to almost immediately arrive at a rough road by some small fields. Turn sharp left to follow this rough road away from the village. (5.8 km)



(17) Straight on up to water station

(28.30415; -16.80332)

After 300 m on the rough road, ignore the option to go right, and follow the road up to the water supply buildings. This is the site of a horizontal bore-hole to extract water from under the mountains. It is called the Galeria el Senor de Valle. (6.1 km)



(18) Follow narrow-gauge rails

(28.30392; -16.80318)

After taking in the scene with channels, pipes and flowing water, pass by the front of the water buildings to an embankment where there are the remains of some kind of narrow-gauge rails installation. Follow these rails for a short distance, heading broadly in the direction of Santiago del Teide. (6.1 km)



(19) Left onto narrow path

(28.30380; -16.80367)

After only 50 m from the Galeria buildings, before the rails end, veer left to take a narrow path heading towards another white-walled water utility building on the hillside ahead of you. After you pass the building on your left, turn right and follow the track downhill. (6.2 km)



(20) Veer left down to water tank

(28.30264; -16.80525)

In 300 m, after passing the white water utility building, turning right and walking downhill, veer left and down to the water irrigation tank. (6.5 km)



(21) Follow signed path to left of tank

(28.30254; -16.80551)

In just 30 m, go left at the irrigation tank and follow the signposted path for Santiago del Teide that passes through an ancient lava field heavily colonised by a variety of plants. In around 1 km you reach a road at the outskirts of the town where you turn right and head for the nearby junction by a children's play park. (6.5 km)



(22) Past play park then right

(28.29688; -16.81461)

In 1.3 km from the water tank, go down this short street by the children's play park then turn right onto Calle La Placeta which will shortly take you to the church and ayuntamiento (council) HQ. (7.8 km)



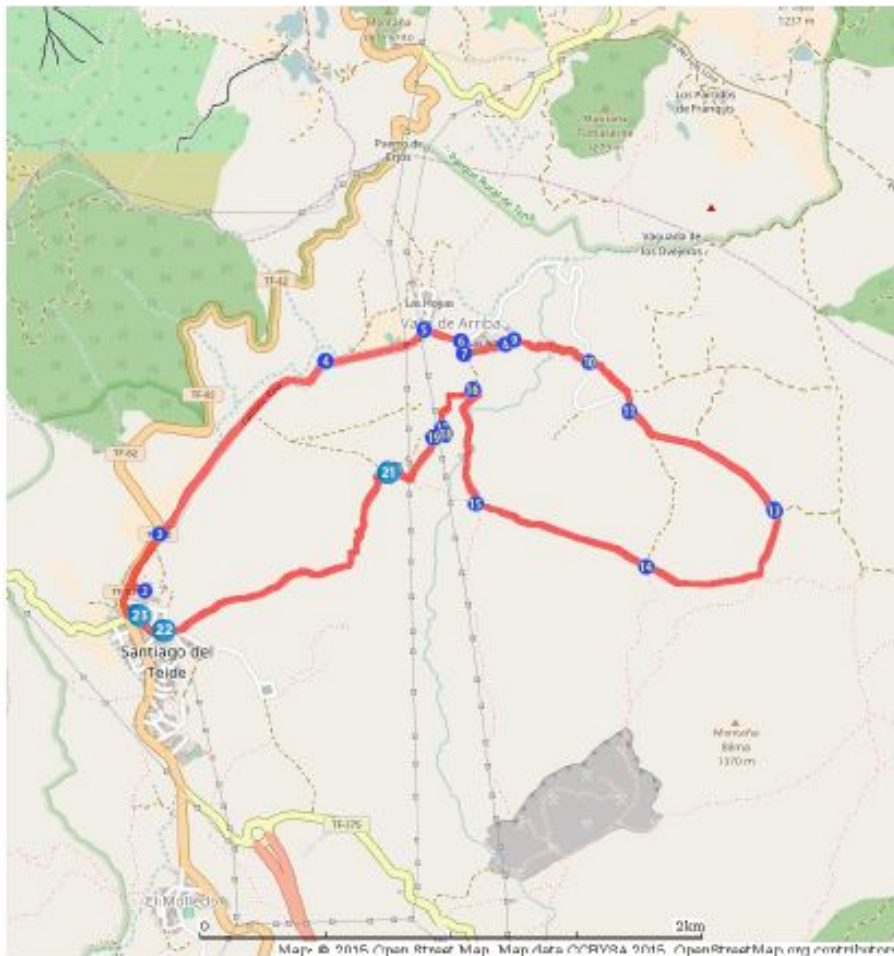
(23) Return to start at church

(28.29741; -16.81560)

As you proceed up Calle La Placeta the church is clearly seen ahead of you, marking the end of the walk. (7.9 km)



Route Map



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