

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

(083) Tamaimo-Puerto Santiago Linear (Santiago del Teide)

Route Summary

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 325 or 461 from Puerto Santiago to start in Tamaimo. There is a pay-to-park underground car-park on Calle la Hondura close to the end of the walk. You may consider parking in the close-by Lidl car-park?

Length: 8.250 km / 5.16 mi

Height Gain: 201 meter

Height Loss: 618 meter

Max Height: 569 meter

Min Height: 3 meter

Surface: Rough. The walking surface is rough on the 4 km initial section on the old Camino Real from Tamaimo. Otherwise, on smooth paved surfaces.

Child Friendly: Yes. But only if children are used to hikes of this distance on rough surfaces.

Difficulty: Easy

Dog Friendly: Yes. On lead in Tamaimo, Los Gigantes and Puerto Santiago.

Refreshments: Numerous options in Tamaimo, Los Gigantes and Puerto Santiago.



Description

This is a relatively easy one-way linear walk, mostly downhill, taking in two very different sets of surroundings – rural and seaside holiday resort. The walking surface is rough on the 4 km initial section on the old Camino Real from Tamaimo. There are marvellous open views down to the coast and of the surrounding countryside and hills. There are also close-up views of banana plantations to enjoy. The second section of the walk, upon reaching the Archipenque Mirador viewpoint above Los Gigantes, is effectively a short tour of Los Gigantes and Puerto Santiago, taking in some of the best viewpoints in the linked holiday resorts. This second part of the walk could be extended to take in further aspects, e.g. the beach and harbour at Los Gigantes, or the seaside gardens, plaza and “strip” at Puerto Santiago. Equally, the walk may be shortened to cut out the “tour” of Los Gigantes and Puerto Santiago.

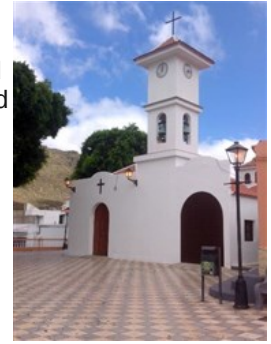


Waypoints

(1) Leave from church plaza

(28.26816; -16.82063)

Leave the church plaza and go left and downhill on Calle Real. Very soon take the road veering to your right downhill. Carry on downhill, ignoring the fork to the right. At the end of the road, take the path into the bed of the barranco and go left, downhill towards a walks signpost.



(2) Onto the old Camino Real

(28.26767; -16.82282)

In about 330 m from the start you will pass a walks signpost for Puerto Santiago on your right. Keep following this old Camino Real path downhill for more than 3.5 km, passing a number of similar signs. (333 m)



(3) Right onto main road and down

(28.23991; -16.83495)

In 3.67 km from the first walks signpost you encountered at Waypoint 2 you will arrive at the main TF-454 road. Turn right here and continue downhill, taking care to stay on the verge and off the busy road itself. (4.0 km)



(4) Pass fishing boat and Archipenque viewpoint

(28.24034; -16.83687)

In 300 m, or so, you pass the popular Archipenque viewpoint for the Los Gigantes cliffs. When you are ready to move on, continue on down the roadside. (4.3 km)



(5) Pass viewpoint then onto Avenida Jose Gonzalez Forte

(28.24097; -16.83798)

In another 400 m, having negotiated the hairpin bend on the road, take care in crossing the road at a y-junction. Here, there is another viewpoint of the cliffs and Los Gigantes. After taking in the views go right and downhill a small distance, looking for an entrance to a path with steps down. (4.7 km)



(6) Down steps

(28.24140; -16.83742)

In less than 100 m, you will encounter a path with steps on your left which winds down to Calle Flamboyant under a number of large eucalyptus trees. (4.8 km)



(7) Right and up Av Jose G Fortes

(28.24329; -16.83902)

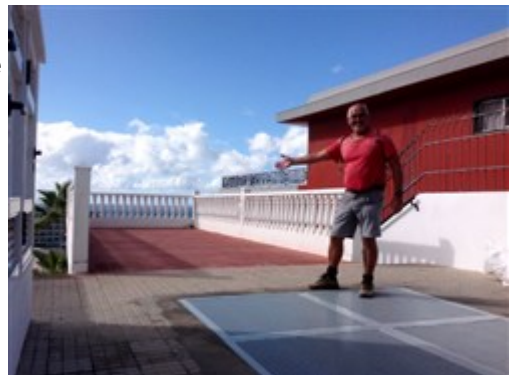
In 400 m, at the end of Calle Flamboyant, go right and up Avenida Jose Gonzalez Fortes a short distance, crossing the road when it is safe to do so. You are looking for an opening with a small terrace and two sets of steps downhill. (5.2 km)



(8) Left and down steps

(28.24403; -16.83891)

In less than 100 m, you will come across a opening with a small viewpoint terrace and two sets of steps downhill. Take either of the sets of steps and carry on downhill until you arrive at the Los Gigantes church and plaza, with cafe/bars. (5.3 km)



(9) Los Gigantes church square

(28.24408; -16.84067)

In just over 100 m you will have arrived at the church and plaza. Walk through the plaza to the end and face the doors of the church. Go right from here taking the closest lane leaving the plaza. (5.4 km)



(10) Left to main street

(28.24397; -16.84102)

In about 40 m, the lane opens up into a small plaza. At the tree, and sign for the Michelin star Juan Carlos restaurant, veer left on another lane that will take you out onto the main street. On the main street go left and uphill. At the upcoming y-junction on the road go straight ahead towards the bus station ignoring the uphill turn on your left. (5.4 km)



(11) Right along lane past Topsy Terrace

(28.24239; -16.83931)

In 300 m, before you reach the Topsy Terrace restaurant and bus station, turn right and take the steps down to follow a lane past the Topsy Terrace gardens. Veer right soon to follow the path towards the street where you turn right to follow Calle del Hibisco towards the sea. (5.7 km)



(12) Carry on down Calle el Hibisco

(28.24198; -16.84118)

In 200 m, or so, carry straight on ahead, ignoring the turn to the right. (5.9 km)



(13) Left up Calle Magnolia

(28.24189; -16.84196)

In just another 100 m, or so, turn left up Calle Magnolia and keep left, walking towards the dead-end where there are steps up to the viewpoint. (6.0 km)



(14) Mirador Los Gigantes

(28.24053; -16.84239)

In 200 m you will ascend the steps to the Mirador Los Gigantes where there are great views of the cliffs, and rock pool below. When you are ready, move on towards the Puerto Santiago exit from the viewpoint, on your left side. (6.2 km)



(15) Right down Calle Hondura

(28.24042; -16.84208)

In less than 40 m you will arrive at the signpost on Calle la Hondura in Puerto Santiago. Turn right here and go downhill, following the road as it soon goes right towards the Barcelo Santiago hotel. (6.2 km)



(16) Right up steps at Barcelo Santiago

(28.23952; -16.84444)

In another 300 m, go right up the steps at just before the Barcelo Santiago sign. These steps and another downward set will take you to the seaside promenade around Puerto Santiago. Keep following the promenade for about 700 m. (6.5 km)



(17) Playa Chica beach

(28.23722; -16.84256)

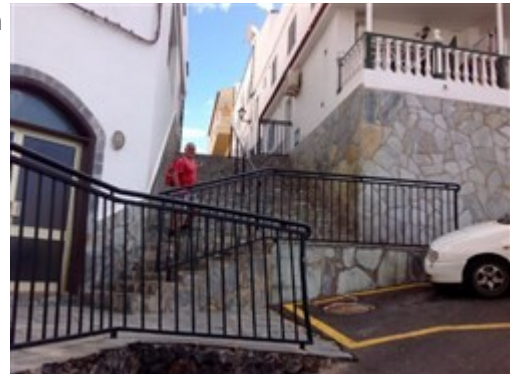
In 700 m, or so, you will pass the little beach at Playa Chica where the promenade starts to rise up to the town. (7.2 km)



(18) Left up steps after beach

(28.23675; -16.84258)

In about 55 m, on the promenade just above Playa Chica beach take the steps guarded by rails on your left. Look out for a little plaza on your left as you ascend up this lane. (7.3 km)



(19) Lighthouse pillar sculpture

(28.23644; -16.84233)

In about 50 m, turn left up a short flight of steps onto a small plaza where there is an interesting pillar sculpture representing a lighthouse. Exit from the little plaza and carry on up the little lane, turning left and ascending at the top past a couple of cafes/bars on your left. (7.3 km)



(20) Fishermens museum

(28.23623; -16.84211)

In less than 70 m, carefully cross the road opposite the interesting wall sculptures at the Fishermens Museum. Facing the museum wall, go right then follow the pavement uphill on Calle Sol. (7.4 km)



(21) Left off Calle Sol onto Calle Virgen del Carmen

(28.23601; -16.84138)

In just another 100 m, or so, take the first road left onto Calle Virgen del Carmen. Proceed up the street and follow it as it soon makes a sharp right turn. (7.5 km)



(22) Left again up Calle la Iglesia

(28.23656; -16.84113)

In just over 100 m, go sharp left and up Calle la Iglesia, following the handrails as you ascend the little street towards the church. (7.6 km)



(23) Puerto Santiago church

(28.23673; -16.84176)

In 100 m, you are the church. From here proceed along the lane to the left of the church for a very short distance. (7.7 km)



(24) Left down steps past church

(28.23682; -16.84185)

In less than 15 m from the church, go left and down the steps which will take you back to the main street ascending into Puerto Santiago centre. Here, cross the road with care and proceed up the pavement with the sea on your left shoulder. (7.7 km)



(25) Viewpoint overlooking Playa Chica

(28.23789; -16.84255)

In 200 m from the church, stop at the La Gomera Mirador to take in the views down to the Playa Chica bay and the faraway island of La Gomera. When you are ready, proceed uphill again. (7.9 km)



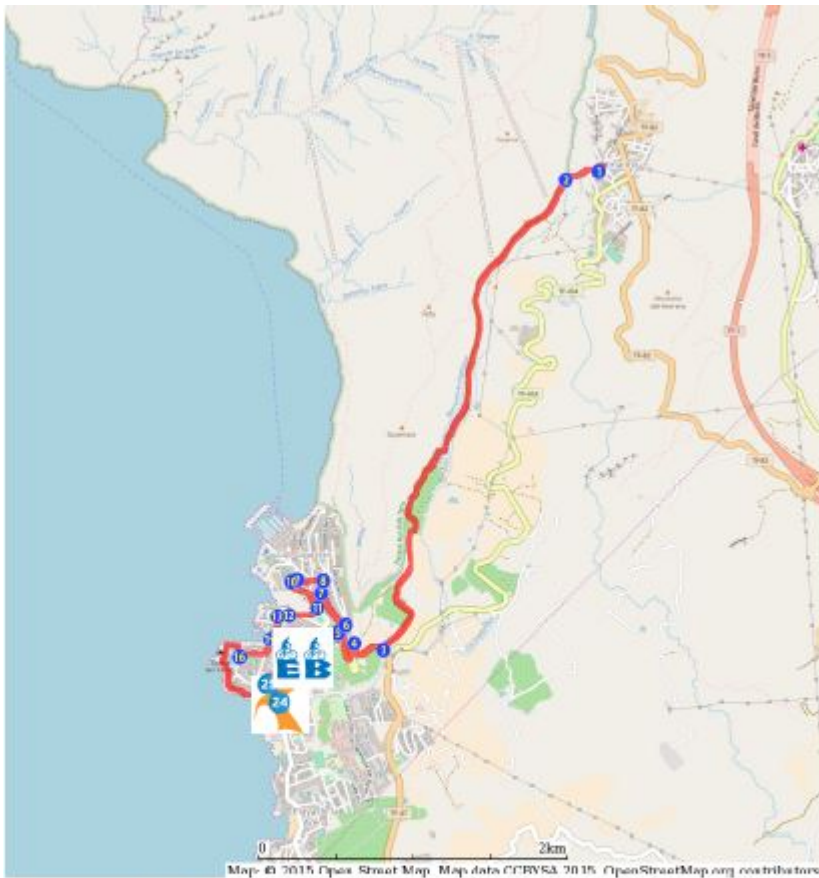
(26) End walk at Correos bus-stop

(28.23945; -16.84026)

In another 400 m you have arrived at the end of the walk at the Correos bus-stop in the bustling centre of Puerto Santiago. (8.3 km)



Route Map



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