

# Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

## Old Vilaflor Town-Pino Enano Circular (Vilaflor)

### Route Summary

A fascinating walk through the flower-bedecked and historic mountain village of Vilaflor, also taking a short uphill hike into the surrounding pine forest to see a very special tree, the Pino Enano, and the marvellous views from the rocky outcrop it inhabits.

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 342, direct from Los Cristianos. Other options via Granadilla. Carpark in Vilaflor behind church.

Length: 5.600 km / 3.50 mi

Height Gain: 289 meter

Height Loss: 289 meter

Max Height: 1601 meter

Min Height: 1385 meter

Surface: Path to the Pino Enano requires appropriate walking shoes.

Child Friendly: Yes.

Difficulty: Easy to moderate.

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: Cafes/bars in Vilaflor.



### Description

This walk captures the essence of the delightful and historic small town of Vilaflor. At an altitude of 1,500 m it is one of the highest settlements in all of Spain, and is surrounded by agricultural terraces and pine forests. On a clear day, there are marvellous views up to the mountains behind (you can't miss El Sombrero), and down to the south-east coast of the island centred on Montaña Roja. Flowers, especially roses, seem to be a permanent feature of the pretty townscape. In Spring, brightly coloured wild flowers carpet the surrounding road verges and uncultivated areas. During the month of May, the imposing and magnificent Red Tajinaste, with its communities of buzzing honey bees, can be found growing wild all through the town, which makes for a fabulous sensory experience. In the first section of the walk, leaving the San Pedro church in the historic centre of the old town, we take a hike into the pines above the town to a stunning viewpoint where the highly unusual Pino Enano (dwarf pine) is found, clinging to life on a rocky outcrop, and overlooking its giant cousins, the Pino Gordo and Pino de los Dos Perales in the valley below. Returning to the town we take a tour of the most evocative sights, reminding us of the life and centuries old history of this special place.



## Waypoints

### (1) Start at church

(28.15977; -16.63724)

Start the walk from the church. First, check out La Casa del los Soler at the rear of the church, behind the market square. This is a fine example of a 17th Century nobleman's house. Then, divert down a set of steps at the western end of the church building. These steps take you down past the old El Cubo water mills where there is an information board.



### (2) Divert down steps to Los Molinos

(28.15965; -16.63762)

After taking in the pleasant scene and the content of the information board, return up the steps to the level of the church and immediately turn left by the walk signposts, down the road, Calle Los Mollinos, which then rises to meet the main road.



### (3) Cross main road and uphill

(28.16018; -16.63857)

At around 300 m from the church you arrive at a x-roads with the main road. Take extreme care crossing here as your visibility is restricted. Having crossed, take the pavement uphill and carry on up this road as it ascends towards the Reveron hotel, Villalba. (300 m)



### (4) Turn right off road at hotel

(28.16050; -16.64242)

After 650 m from the main road you arrive at the Villalba hotel where you turn right off the main road heading towards the football ground and a recreational area, passing an old yellow-painted building which operates as a museum. (987 m)



### (5) Pass walk information board

(28.16170; -16.64282)

After just over 100 m from the road you will pass an information board and signpost for the Pino Enano walk. Carry on upwards, initially turning to your right, through the recreation area, then veering left, start taking the rough path as it twists and turns uphill amongst the pines. (1.1 km)



### (6) Turn at Pino Enano viewpoint

(28.16528; -16.64131)

After climbing for 700 m from the information board you arrive at the Pino Enano, with its distinctive rounded shape. There is a rather weather-worn picnic bench under the tree, and marvellous panoramic views over Vilaflor and down to the coast, with Montana Roja clearly visible (on a clear day!). When ready, re-trace your steps to the open recreation area you passed through on the way up. (1.8 km)



### (7) Check out threshing circle

(28.16162; -16.64238)

After your 700 m descent, veer a little left at the recreation area to check out the old stone threshing circle ("era"), before returning to the road at the hotel, turning left there, then left again as you walk downhill on the pavement. (2.5 km)



### (8) Check out old church/viewpoint

(28.15882; -16.63871)

In 600 m from Waypoint 7, at the threshing circle, take a little time to check out the old church and viewpoint just off the road before continuing on downhill towards the junction with the main road. (3.1 km)



## (9) Head up Calle El Chorrillo

(28.16024; -16.63863)

In 200 m from the old church, arriving at the x-roads, proceed over the main road, veering left this time to take Calle El Chorillo which rises uphill with houses on the left and terraces on the right. If the sky is clear you will notice the distinctive rounded shape of the El Sombrero mountain-top ahead of you. (3.3 km)



## (10) La Paz cafe-bar

(28.16322; -16.63895)

In 400 m, on arriving at the top of Calle El Chorrillo, check out the small area of formal gardens beside the La Paz cafe-bar where you may wish to stop for a refreshment. The cafe is a popular stopping-off place for motor-cyclists doing the "Teide tour". (3.7 km)



## (11) Turn left at cross past Los Lavaderos

(28.16263; -16.63856)

Leaving the La Paz cafe, proceed downhill for about 75 m on the side road that runs parallel with the main road until you come to the t-junction with a wooden cross opposite. Turn left here before



immediately checking out the old communal wash-house, Los Lavaderos del Chorrillo before carrying on downhill as the street takes a right turn. (3.8 km)

## (12) Pass Fuente Alta water factory

(28.16169; -16.63725)

Soon, in around 100 m you will pass the Fuente Alta water bottling plant on your left. If the season is right, the abandoned almond trees across the road will provide a tasty handful of almonds to sustain you! Carry on downhill with the church and old convent ahead. (3.9 km)



### (13) Left past old convent

(28.16027; -16.63684)

In 200 m, or so, from passing the water bottling building, turn left at the old convent building, then left again into Calle La Callita. Continue down the street. (4.1 km)



### (14) Right here above goat farm

(28.15853; -16.63517)

In 400 m from the old convent, turn right at this junction where you have a fine view of a goat farm just ahead, and many agricultural terraces below you. (4.5 km)



### (15) Veer slightly left across to Calle El Muro

(28.15828; -16.63550)

In just 50 m, veer a little left when crossing the junction and proceed along Calle El Muro. (4.55 km)



### (16) Turn left at end of Calle El Muro

(28.15775; -16.63664)

In 100 m, or so, turn left at the end of Calle El Muro to follow Calle Santo Domingo. (4.6 km)



### **(17) Divert left briefly to "hearts" sculpture**

(28.15578; -16.63755)

In just less than 300 m, turn left at the end of Calle Santo Domingo to briefly check out the "hearts" sculpture beside the renovated council building on Avenida Hermano Pedro. You can't miss it! (4.9 km)



### **(18) Up the main street - Avenida Hermano Pedro**

(28.15602; -16.63755)

After checking out the "hearts" sculpture, proceed up the main street, Avenida Hermano Pedro. It will eventually turn to the right and go more steeply uphill until you reach a t-junction in around 600 m. Turn left at that t-junction. (4.9 km)

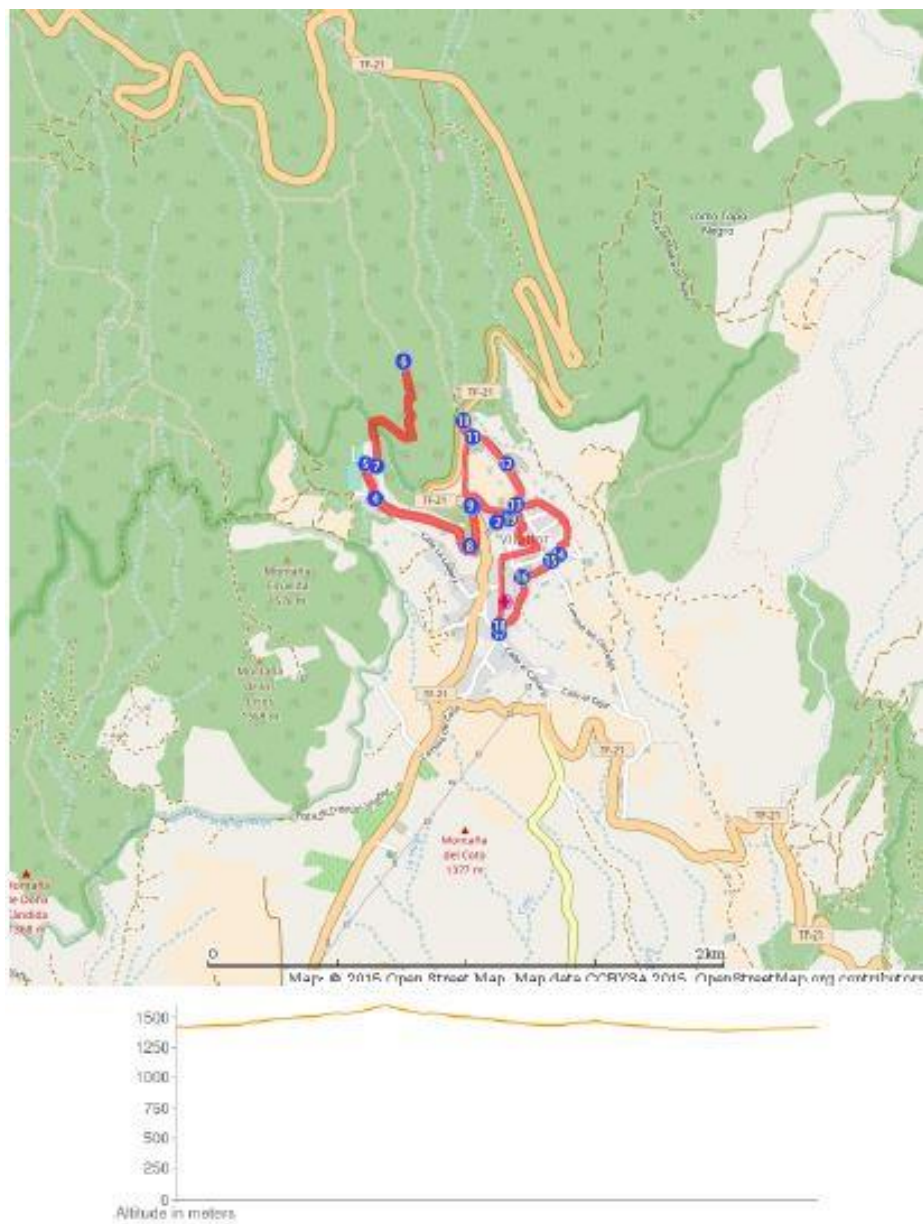


### **(19) Return to start at church**

(28.15976; -16.63713)

You will soon arrive at the main square, Plaza Doctor Perez Caseres, with gardens, and church square, where you started the walk. (5.6 km)

## Route Map



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