


Highlights of Tenerife

Twin center  independent walking

- Spectacular Isle of Eternal Spring: prehistoric forests, plunging valleys and terraced vineyards
- Fishing villages, cliff top lighthouses and poppy-fringed country trails
- Black sand beaches, vivid lava flows, snow-capped Mount Teide and protected Anaga National Park
- Wonderfully varied hotels: traditional farm with pool and historic nobleman's mansion by the sea
- Complementary rental car included in all air prices



On Tenerife it is forever springtime – the sunny climate, glorious flowers, balmy temperatures and majestic scenery make it a perfect antidote to the British winter. A rugged and spectacular island, it has an incredible variety of landscapes to explore. On this varied twin-center walking holiday, you stay in both the east and west of the island and have a hire car provided, so it is easy to discover the most dramatic and unknown regions the island has to offer*.

You begin in the Anaga National Park in the east - plunging valleys of prehistoric protected lauresilva forest and steep terraces of vines are dotted with tiny white washed cottages here, and friendly local bars welcome walkers with open arms.

You then cross over to the west where spectacular circular walks take you past crimson lava flows and shattered rock pinnacles below the snow-capped summit of Mount Teide. At almost half the height of Everest, it towers over the entire island!

For the first part of your holiday, you stay near Guimar in a gorgeous traditional Spanish *finca* (farm) with a lovely pool, where spacious rooms have pretty terraces with mountain views, set amongst avocado and citrus trees. In the west, your base is a beautifully converted nobleman's mansion in the coastal fishing village of Garachico. Old men play dominoes in the square and elderly ladies take their evening *paseo* (stroll) as they have for decades.

**As most recommended walks do not start directly from the hotels, a rental car is included in your holiday price.*



HIGHLIGHTS OF TENERIFE | DAY BY DAY

Day 1 Arrive in Tenerife

You arrive at Tenerife airport where you pick up your rental car for the short drive (40 mins) to your hotel.

Day 2 Chamorga and Roque Bermejo 10km/6mi/3.5hr or 11km/7mi/4hr

Descend from tiny Chamorga – a hill village lost in time – through dramatic Bermejo gorge. You'll pass neat terraces, fig and orange trees before reaching tiny fisherman's houses below the lighthouse at the northern tip of the island. An ascent leads to several spectacular picnic spots, before a fennel fringed path through laurelsilva forest offers dramatic views of the north coast. A gentle descent finds you back in Chamorga, where you can relax with a drink in Bar Alvaro listening to the local gossip.

Day 3 Las Casas de Afur 6km/4mi/2hr or 13km/8mi/4.5hr

From the central ridge of the Anaga peninsula with ocean views to north and south, a descent on laurel forest hill paths dotted with pink pericallis brings you to high terraces above tiny Afur's chapel spire. Picnic in the terraces or enjoy a copa de vino in the village café, before ascending past bright white cottages nestled in blood red rocks above miniature vineyards. Back at the hotel, relax with a swim or a cold drink on your terrace taking in the mountain views.

Day 4 Parque Nacional de Teide 11km/7mi/3.5hr

You drive to the rich oranges and ambers of Mount Teide's jagged lava fields today, stark beneath azure skies. On the walk in the caldera, Berthelot's pipits flit above bright Teide broom as you skirt lava flows below Monte Guajara. You return past shattered rock formations and colorful Teide daisies to the Parador café. Perhaps enjoy a late lunch here before driving on to coastal Garachico.

Day 5 The Masca Ridge 7km/4mi/3.5hr

"Exhilarating" is today's keyword as you climb and cross the commanding ridge south of the Masca Gorge, enjoying breathtaking views. You'll be intoxicated by the amazing multi-colored medley of red, pink, orange and gold rocks. You follow an old mule track, formerly used to carry grain from the cereal fields, and picnic in the threshing circle with wonderful views across the sea and out to La Gomera.

Day 6 Roque Blanco 9km/6mi/3.5hr

From Santiago del Teide, a loop takes you to a spectacular ridge near the distinctive golden slopes of Roque Blanco. You'll pass terraces of flowering cacti and the most remote working farm on the island. Tremendous view of La Gomera and Mount Teide. This evening relax with the locals at the bandstand bar in the leafy main square of Garachico.

Day 7 Landscapes of Teno Alto 11km/7mi/4hr

This dramatic and rewarding walk explores part of the Parque Rural Teno where the local culture, scarcely changed over hundreds of years, continues in remote scattered hamlets. It's a landscape of knife-edged ridges, plunging valleys and spectacular coastline culminating in stunning views from Monte Baracan.

Day 8 Return home

Return to the airport (1hr 40mins) to drop off your car, before your flight home.



Dates and Prices

Departs selected Tuesdays Tour Only

2012 departures

Dec 4, 11	\$2,299
Jan 10, 17, 24	\$2,183
Feb 28, Mar 6, 13, 20	\$2,198
Nov 6, 13, 20, 27	\$2,365
Jan 31, Feb 7, Mar 27	\$2,237
Oct 2, 9, 30	\$2,325
Oct 16, 23	\$2,293
Feb 14, 21	\$2,255
Apr 3, 10	\$2,291
Dec 18	\$2,527

2013 departures

Jan 8, 15, 22, 29	\$2,399
Feb 5, 12, 19	\$2,399
Mar 12, 19	\$2,399
Feb 26, Mar 5, Apr 9	\$2,469
Mar 26, Apr 2	\$2,455

Singles: Add \$51 per night for sole occupancy of a double room.

Child: This holiday is unsuitable for children under 12.

Room upgrade: Prices from \$11 per person, per night, based on 2 sharing.

Holiday type: Independent walking, twin center, no minimum group size, however car rental is subject to a minimum of 2 people per booking.

Departs: Selected Tuesdays from Jan 10 2012 to Apr 9 2013.

Duration: 8 days (7 nights).

Meals: Breakfast and 3 evening meals.

Other details: For "What your holiday price includes," see "Holiday Planning" section pp 48-51.

Tailor-made travel choices

Nearest Arrival Airport: Tenerife South Reina Sofia Airport

Flights can be arranged from most US/CANADA airports, prices on request.

The above prices include a rental car: Pick up from Tenerife South Reina Sofia airport/Europcar Group B air-conditioned rental car. Drive to hotel 40 mins. **Return:** Tenerife South Reina Sofia Airport to drop off rental car.

Tour only: The above tour-only prices exclude flights but include a Europcar Group B air-conditioned rental car which you collect from/return to Tenerife South Reina Sofia airport.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF TENERIFE | WHERE YOU STAY



Finca Salamanca
Güímar



Days 1+2+3



La Quinta Roja
Garachico



Days 4+5+6+7

For extra nights we recommend both the hotels above.

HIGHLIGHTS OF TENERIFE | WALKING DETAILS



We provide notes for the 6 independent walks in this itinerary plus alternatives on 2 days to allow you to explore Los Organos and the Barranco de Infernio. Walks are on a selection of forest trails, rural tracks and rocky paths and walkers should be comparatively fit, confident and sure footed. Short sections of Roque Bermejo and Los Organos require a head for heights. Walking boots are essential.



Average daytime temperature (°C):
18 18 19 19 21 19
JAN FEB MAR APR NOV DEC



Average monthly rainfall (mm):
44 33 27 12 51 55
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