

ROUTE THROUGH FASNIA AND ARICO

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ITINERARY

Through Fasnía and Arico

From the TF-1 motorway to Fasnía Mountain and the Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Distance: 5 km. **Approximate driving time:** 5 minutes. **Estimated time of visit:** 15 minutes.

From the TF-1 motorway we will take the exit 14 turn off, heading towards Fasnía-Los Roques. We will then turn onto and continue along the Los Roques Motorway, TF-620, for 6.5 kms. towards Fasnía. After which we will come across the Calle Camino Montaña. On the right-hand side we will go up this steep road for approximately one minute to the top of the Fasnía Mountain, where we will find the Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows and a natural lookout.

From Fasnía Mountain to the Hamlet along the Royal Road

Distance: 2 km. **Approximate driving time:** 5 minutes. **Estimated time of visit:** 15 minutes

We will backtrack to the Carretera General de Los Roques Main Road, the TF-620. We will then continue along towards Fasnía until we reach the Street called Calle del Cementerio. We will come across a roundabout right in front of the cemetery. We will take the first right onto Calle El Calvario and travel for one minute until we reach the Calle Camino Real, which is the Royal Road. Nearby we will see the municipal football field. Just to the right from there we will find the Royal Road Hamlet.

From the Royal Road Hamlet to the Old Fasnía Church Ruins

Distance: 2.8 km. **Approximate driving time:** 6 minutes. **Estimated time of visit:** 10 minutes

We return to the Los Roques Main Road, TF-620, and we will continue towards Fasnía until we reach the crossroads of TF-620 with the main road of the South, the TF-28. We will turn to the left and head towards Arico. We will leave Fasnía, pass the La Gambuesa Ravine until we see the sign on the left designating the road to the Old Church, la Calle Iglesia Vieja. We will turn onto this road and descend for nearly two minutes until we see the Old Fasnía Church Ruins.



INFORMATION

Estimated completion time:

3 hours, 10 minutes

Estimated driving time:

50 minutes

Total distance:

29.2 km

Stopping points:

Fasnía Mountain. Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows
Hamlet of the Royal Road
Old Fasnía Church Ruins
Hamlet of Icor
Arico El Nuevo
Cumbres de Abona Winery
Villa de Arico

Other points of interest:

Natural Monument of Herques Ravine
Homes and Recreational Area in Chifira or Archifira
Foothpath La Zarza

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From the Old Fasnía Church Ruins to Icor

Distance: 5.3 km. **Approximate driving time:** 10 minutes. **Estimated time of visit:** 20 minutes

We will return to the Main Road of the South, the TF-28, and continue on towards Arico. After approximately 10 minutes we will see the Hamlet of Icor to the left of the Main Road.

From Icor to Arico El Nuevo

Distance: 7.7 km. **Approximate driving time:** 12 minutes. **Estimated time of visit:** 30 minutes

We will continue our excursion along the Main Road of the South, the TF-28. After about nine minutes we will go through the centre of Arico Viejo. After three more minutes and to the left we will see a street called Calle de Nuestra Señora de la Luz, which will lead us to the square of Arico El Nuevo.

From Arico El Nuevo to the Cumbres de Abona Winery

Distance: 3.8 km. **Approximate driving time:** 7 minutes. **Estimated time of visit:** 20 minutes

We will be back on the Main Road of the South, the TF-28, where we will continue on towards Villa de Arico. After about five minutes, we will be at m. 57, where we will find on the left the crossroads which leads to the Street called Calle El Viso: this is where the Cumbres de Abona Winery is located. However, being as it is prohibited to make the turn at this crossroads, we will have to continue on another 400 metres (1,300 ft.) until we can turn around at the crossroads with Teguedite. We will then be able to turn onto the Calle El Viso and we will go down about 100 metres (330ft.) and find the Cumbres de Abona Winery on the left-hand side.

From the Cumbres de Abona Winery to the Villa de Arico

Distance: 2.6 km. **Approximate driving time:** 5 minutes. **Estimated time of visit:** 30 minutes

We will continue our excursión along the Main Road of the South, the TF-28. In order to reach Villa de Arico from the Cumbres de Abona Winery, we will have to turn right onto the TF-28 Main South Road and continue on until you find an appropriate place to turn around. After about four minutes we will arrive at a roundabout and we will take the second road, which is the continuation of the TF-28. After some 100 metres (330 ft.) we will be at the crossroads where we will turn to the right and continue along Calle Carmen until we come across the square of Villa de Arico.

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STARTING POINT

THROUGH FASNIA AND ARICO

On our route through Fasnía and Arico we will visit two municipalities in southern Tenerife marked by their rural characteristics and architectural, geological and ethnographic beauty.

The small municipality of Fasnía possesses great natural wealth. Its geography is dotted with steep ravines and abrupt cliffs. Old trails abound leading to shrines, villages, dwellings carved into the rock and natural caves. Agriculture, Fasnía's main economic activity, has designed the landscape over time evidenced the traditional terraced fields.

Arico is the second largest municipality in Tenerife. Its economic base, as in Fasnía, has been agriculture. Its terrain is dominated by ravines of unique geological formations reminiscent of its volcanic origins.

Fasnía:

UTM coordinates:

28.236506, - 16.441325

Geographical coordinates:

28°14'11.42"N, 16°26'28.77"W

Arico:

UTM coordinates:

28.16565,-16.500228

Geographical coordinates:

28° 9'56.34"N, 16°30'0.82"W

Further information:

www.ayuntamientodearico.com

www.fasnía.com

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STOPPING POINTS

FASNIA MOUNTAIN AND CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Fasnia Mountain and the Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows are located in the lower regions of this municipality, between the ravines of El Morrito and San Joaquin, and provide a splendid natural vista point.

Fasnia Mountain is a volcanic cone at approximately 403 metres (1,322 feet) above sea level. Some archaeologists believe that this mountain had religious significance for the island's original inhabitants, the Guanches. The shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows is found at the mountaintop, from which you can enjoy panoramic views of the municipality.



Address:

Carretera General de Los Roques (TF-630) Camino de la Montaña, Montaña de Fasnia, s/n. Fasnia

UTM coordinates:

28.229408, -16.432856

Geographical coordinates:

28°13'45.87"N, 16°25'58.28"W

HAMLET DEL CAMINO REAL

This hamlet is situated in the center of Fasnia, regardless of the Camino Real South. It belonged to the Delgado-Mejías family, but was long inhabited by the mediators responsible for the exploitation of their lands.

In Tenerife's past, royal roads played a major role in facilitating communications between towns. After the conquest of the island in 1496, specific guidelines for the construction and maintenance of these roads were established. These thoroughfares were relatively wide and easy to travel along; they were generally paved and provided with side walls.



Address:

Calle La Vera, 22.

UTM coordinates:

28.238194, -16.433339

Geographical coordinates:

28°14'17.50"N, 16°26'0.02"W

THE OLD FASNIA CHURCH

Located next to the Royal Road lie the ruins of the San Joaquin chapel, which dates to the mid-seventeenth century. At present, only the vestiges of the original building remain. It was recently recovered so that it can be properly visited.

The Old Fasnia Church underwent numerous expansions throughout its history. It was declared a parish in 1795, but the threat of collapse in 1823 led to its closure. After being restored, its doors were reopened in the first half of the nineteenth century. However, it was closed once again in the twentieth century, and this time it was final. Currently all that is conserved are a stone arch and the remains of the room where the main altar was found.



Address:

Camino Iglesia Vieja, s/n. Fasnia

UTM coordinates:

28.228672, -16.441997

Geographical coordinates:

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HAMLET OF ICOR

This historic - artistic setting constitutes a fine example of rural seventeenth and eighteenth century Canarian architecture.

The first houses in the hamlet of Icor were built in the seventeenth century. They are rectangular in form, with masonry walls and a central courtyard. For their construction, the builders mainly used materials found in the area: stone, wood and clay.



Address:

Carretera General del Sur (TF-28).
Arico

UTM coordinates:

28.204097, -16.455786

Geographical coordinates:

28°12'14.75"N, 16°27'20.83"W

ARICO EL NUEVO

The historic centre of Arico El Nuevo, declared Heritage of Cultural Interest, is located between the ravines of La Atalaya and Lere, in an area known as El Lomo de La Quinta, the Ridge of La Quinta. Its rich architectural legacy is represented by the traditional homes, quite typical of the midlands southern of the island. They constitute a relevant sample of rural and country life, especially of the more affluent social groups.

Its origins date back to the eighteenth century, when the wealthy families of Arico built the first homes. The urban layout is linear and is organized along the old road that linked the towns of Degollada and Porís. The houses were built around the church and square, giving rise to the main street, Calle La Luz. There are also other noteworthy thoroughfares such as Las Cuevas, La Trece de Septiembre and Los Cangueros.



Address:

Carretera General del Sur, (TF-28).

UTM coordinates:

28.178772, 16.481606

Geographical coordinates:

28°10'43.58"N, -16°28'53.78"W

CUMBRES DE ABONA WINERY

The Cumbres de Abona Winery is the best symbol of the winemaking traditions of the area. The vineyard's volcanic soil, sunny climate and altitude, 1,750 m. (5,740 ft.) above sea level, grant their wines unique flavours and aromas.

The Cumbres de Abona Wine Cooperative Society began operating in 1989, thus becoming the first winery in the community. On our visit, you will discover their modern facilities in which their wine is produced, bottled and stored. However, wine is not their only product; they also cultivate both olive trees to produce oil and several varieties of mushrooms, which grow in the caves. There is also a restaurant where celebrations such as christenings, weddings, and birthdays are held. Furthermore, there is a shop where their products can be purchased.



Address:

Calle El Viso, s/n. Teguedite, Arico.

Tel: 922 768 604

Business hours:

Monday to Friday: 8:00-15:00. Saturday: 8:00 a 13:00.

Please call ahead for group visits.

UTM coordinates:

28.171194, -16.489986

Geographical coordinates:

28°10'16.30"N, 16°29'23.95"W

Further information:

www.cumbresdeabona.es/

- We recommend confirming the opening times of establishments

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VILLA DE ARICO

Our visit to Villa de Arico allows to discover traditional Canarian architecture. One of its main buildings is the Church and Parish of San Juan Bautista. This church and the surrounding old houses have been declared Heritage of Cultural Interest.

The origins of the San Juan Bautista Church, founded between the end of the sixteenth century and the beginning of the seventeenth, are to be found in the primitive shrine on which the present building stands. The temple holds an important artistic heritage within its walls.

The houses located in the vicinity of the church are characterised by their organization around a rectangular courtyard open to the street. The kitchens and wine cellars were located on one side of the courtyard, while the bedrooms were located on the other.



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OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

HERQUES RAVINE NATURAL MONUMENT

The Herques Ravine serves as a natural border between the municipalities of Güímar and Fasnía. It is ideal for trekking as the ravine has magnificent landscapes and houses a wide variety of ecosystems, including pines and spurges

Located in an area of great archaeological wealth, the Herques Ravine is approximately 6 km long; it begins in the coronal forest, precisely at the Houses of Chifira or Archifira, and ends at the Topuerque beach.

Address:

Carretera General del Sur (TF. 28).
Km. 48,3.

UTM coordinates:

28.249842, - 16.438339

Geographical coordinates:

28°14'59.43"N, 16°26'18.02"W

ARCHIFIRA O CHIFIRA RECREATIONAL AREA

In the higher regions of Fasnía, in the Coronal Forest, the Archifira or Chifira Recreational Area is located. Therein lies the Archifira or Chifira hamlet, of great patrimonial interest.

At an altitude of more than 1,200 metres (3,900 feet), this incredibly beautiful setting allows you to enjoy nature in a landscape dominated by pine trees.

Picnic tables and grills are on-site.

Address:

Calle Apartadero de Chifira o
Archifira, s/n.

UTM coordinates:

28.171194, -16.489986

Geographical coordinates:

28°16'25.54"N, 16°28'26.36"W

FOOTHPATH LA ZARZA (SENDERO CIRCULAR)

The Circular route of La Zarza consists of a total of 3.9 km of distance and is of low difficulty. Its starting and ending point is located in the square of said population. The itinerary allows the visit of different farmhouses located in the area. As we can see, these settlements are linked to the existence of springs or sources of water, a key element in the formation of the primitive population centers. We will enter the rural world so characteristic of the small town of La Zarza, located in the municipality of Fasnía. Its paths run between orchards still in use thanks to the maintenance of traditional agriculture, mainly centered on wheat, barley and potatoes. As a singular feature, it is worth mentioning the Camino de La Fuente, to the west, which preserves the source that supplied the town and which still preserves the original dornajo or the possibility of knowing the cultivation on jable.

Address:

Plaza de la Iglesia, La Zarza,
Fasnía

UTM coordinates:

28.171194, -16.489986

Geographical coordinates:

28°16'25.54"N, 16°28'26.36"W