

Route planner

1. From Chío to Arguayo and Centro Alfarero Cha Domitila (pottery centre)

Distance: 3.5 km

Approx. time needed: 6 minutes

Estimated time for the visit: 35 minutes

The starting point for this route is Chío, which you reach by way of the TF-82 from the Autopista del Sur (south motorway), the TF-1. From this village you head to Arguayo, taking the road from Santiago del Teide to Chío (by way of Arguayo), the TF-375. After some 2.9 km, before reaching the main group of houses in the village, you will find a turn-off on the right-hand side with a vertical sign saying "Centro Alfarero". Take this turn-off and after some 30 m turn off left and continue some 600 m along what was formerly the main road to the south. Almost at the end of the street you will see the "Cha Domitila" pottery centre and folklore museum on the left-hand side; it has its own car park. After your visit you can enjoy a stroll through the streets of Arguayo.

2. From Arguayo to Santiago del Teide and Señorío del Valle

Distance: 5.4 km

Approx. time needed: 15 minutes

Estimated time for the visit: 1 hour, 15 minutes

From Arguayo, take the main TF-375 road some 4.6 km to the junction with the TF-82. Continuing on this road, about 800 m further on, after passing through the centre of Santiago del Teide, on the right-hand side you will see the square where the church of San Fernando Rey stands, an ideal place to park. Nearby, in the Avenida de la Iglesia at number 72, you will find the Señorío del Valle (manor house).

Once you have visited the Señorío del Valle, you can return to the main TF-82 and drive down about 500 m. As you drive down that road, you will find the Santiago del Teide Information Centre on the left-hand side.



Distance:

13.6 km

Estimated time for car travel:

41 minutes

Estimated time for visits:

2 hours, 30 minutes

Stops

Arguayo

Cha Domitila Poetry Centre and Folklore Museum

Santiago del Teide, Señorío del Valle

Visitors Centre of Santiago del Teide

Degollada de Cherfe and Casas de Arasa

Caserío de Masca

Other points of interest

Mirador de Archipenque (Viewpoint)

The Fishermen's Museum

El Tanque Ecomuseum

Agrotraditional Market Guía de Isora

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3. From Santiago del Teide to Degollada de Cherfe and Casas de Arasa

Distance: 1.4 km

Approx. time needed: 10 minutes

Estimated time for the visit: 20 minutes

Opposite the square at Santiago del Teide, on the other side of the road is the turn-off to the TF-436, the road that leads to Masca. Take this road and drive straight on. The narrow, busy road ascends with a great many bends, and arrives at the Degollada de Cherfe, the highest point on the hill, 1.4 km from Santiago del Teide. From here onwards, you wind downhill along the TF-436 towards Masca and, after some 500 m., at a sharp bend, you can pull over on the right-hand side. At the top of a small crest you will see the houses of Casas de Arasa.

4. From Casas de Arasa to the Village of Masca

Distance: 3.3 km

Approx. time needed: 10 minutes

Estimated time for the visit: 20 minutes

From the Casas de Arasa, the TF-82 continues on to the village of Masca, just over 3 km. away. When you reach it, do not stop at the first houses, but drive a little further on to a roundabout where you will find room to park.

Ruta Santiago del Teide

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Start

Santiago del Teide y Masca

The proposed route continues as far as the neighbouring municipality of Buenavista del Norte, much of which extends into the Teno Rural Park, a protected area of great ecological value and where Masca is located, a village which houses some of the best and most carefully preserved examples of traditional architecture on the Island.

The municipal area of Santiago del Teide, whose coast is devoted largely to tourism, stretches inland to the very skirts of Mt. Teide. It contains scenery of extraordinary beauty and numerous examples of Island traditions. Among the most notable sites is the Chinyero Special Nature Reserve, a natural area of badlands formed as a result of the eruption of the Chinyero volcano, or the village of Arguayo, founded by the former inhabitants of Tenerife, the guanches.

Santiago del Teide:

UTM Coordinates:

28.297558, -16.815789

Geographic Coordinates:

28°17'51.21"N, 16°48'56.84"W

Masca:

UTM Coordinates:

28.302564, -16.83653

Geographic Coordinates:

28°18'9.23"N, 16°50'15.55"W

Further information:

www.santiagodelteide.org

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Arguayo

A stroll through the village of Arguayo begins with a visit to the sculpture dedicated to the work of the potters of the place, located a few metres from the car park at the Centro Alfarero Cha-Domitilla (Pottery Centre). Such was the importance of pottery that at the end of XIXth century and beginning of the XXth, almost all the families in Arguayo were employed in this activity. It was the women who preserved the techniques and traditional shapes inherited from the guanches themselves, passing them on from generation to generation.

Some 50 m along El Carmen street you come to the former public water spouts that provided water for the villagers. Another 50 m take you to an ancient, traditional winepress, recently restored. Further on you come to a beautiful landscape of lava flows that are interspersed with terraces set on the slopes, among the pine trees. The terraces remind us of the hard work that the rugged land in the area demanded of the peasant farmers. Nowadays it is the beautiful almond trees that occupy the place of the crops on the terraces. As you climb, you will find one of the many threshing floors where the grain was threshed, a familiar feature in the district in times past. A little higher, about 100 m away, you come to San Isidro de las Eras Park which you cross to reach the TF-375. Descending along this road, after some 50 m a turn to the left leads you to San Isidro street. There, in a small square, there survives one of the kilns used by the potters in times past. This is practically the only one that remains after pottery dwindled as an economic activity around the middle of the XXth century. From this square, San Isidro street continues to the right to join El Carmen street about 100 m further on. Keep on along San Isidro street as it bends round to cross El Carmen street again. Right next to this junction you will find you are back at the starting point of this pleasant walk, the car park at the pottery centre.



Location:

Main road to Arguayo.
Santiago del Teide.

UTM Coordinates:

28.26825, -16.808008

Geographic Coordinates:

28°16'5.70"N, 16°48'28.83"W

Further information:

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Cha Domitila Pottery Centre and Folklore Museum

This pottery centre and museum, dedicated to the work of the famous potters of the village, is housed in an old, traditional Canarian house, restored magnanimously by Luis Ibáñez, an architect and collaborator of the artist César Manrique.

Whilst the exhibition shows the evolution from pottery typical of the guanche people up to Canarian folk pottery, in its workshop potters still work respecting the most traditional techniques, using the same materials as ever: clay, water, volcanic lapilli, volcanic baked earth and some oil, and employing only their hands, including firing in the kiln.

- Centre belonging to the Tenerife Rural Quality Network.

**Location:**

Carretera General de Arguayo,
35. Santiago del Teide.

Tel.: 922 863 127

E-mail:

cultura@santiagodelteide.es

Opening times:

- Tuesday to Saturday from
10:00 to 13:00 and 16:00 to
19:00

- Sundays: from 10:00 to
14:00

UTM Coordinates:

28.268497, - 16.808025

Geographic Coordinates:

28° 16'6.59"N, 16°48'28.89"W

Further information:

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Stops

Santiago del Teide y Señorío del Valle

In the church square of San Fernando Rey, the starting point for visiting this village, you have the opportunity to see the sculpture erected in memory of Alonso Díaz, one of the sons of the last Mencey [aboriginal king] of Adeje, baptised as Diego Diaz. Likewise, on this stop, you can visit the complex of the Señorío del Valle housed in a former stately home from the XVIIth century.

From the church square of San Fernando, follow the pavement on the left of the church, alongside the main TF-82 road to the old Casa del Patio, a Canarian manor house built in the XVIIth century and now converted into a rural hotel. The house retains all the lordly air of the traditional architecture of Canarian mansions. The church, for its part, is worthy of mention because of its curious domes and its rich artistic heritage. The owners of the house, the descendants of the patron of the church of San Fernando, Fernando del Hoyo Solórzano, were marquises and lords of all the valley almost up until the middle of the XIXth century. In the church, the small balcony from which they heard mass protected behind a screen from the indiscrete gaze of the villagers can still be seen.

Near the Church stands the manor house, Señorío del Valle. Its renovated facilities include a Visitor Centre and a Wine Museum. Set in a beautiful area, it allows visitors to enjoy nature and survey the lovely scenery round about.



Santiago del Teide:

Location:

Main road from Icod de los Vinos-Armeñime, TF-82.
Santiago del Teide

UTM Coordinates:

28.297558, -16.815789

Geographic Coordinates:

28°17'51.21"N, 16°48'56.84"W

Señorío del Valle:

Location:

Avenida de La Iglesia, 72.
Santiago del Teide

Tel.: 922 839 200 – 647 936 166

Opening times:

- From 08:00 to 18:00.

E-mail:

info@senoriodelvalle.com

UTM Coordinates:

28.298136, - 16.815544

Geographic Coordinates:

28°17'53.29"N, 16°48'55.96"W

Further information:

www.senoriodelvalle.com

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Visitors Centre Santiago del Teide

The Santiago del Teide Visitors Centre is situated in the town centre and its main objective is to explain the town's most important natural, tourist and architectural attractions. It consists of two separate sections where the most interesting aspects of Santiago del Teide are explained in an instructive, entertaining but scientifically rigorous manner. The first section is devoted to the eruption of the Chinyero volcano which occurred in 1909, whilst the second focuses on the points of greatest interest in the municipality with emphasis on the hiking trails in the area.

The El Chinyero Interpretation Centre is in the heart of the town of Santiago del Teide. It is a multifunctional place in which the most important feature is an innovative exposition about the famous El Chinyero eruption which occurred in the year 1909. This eruption is considered a milestone with regards understanding recent volcanic activity on the island because it meant it could actually be studied from a scientific perspective as well as witnessed by onlookers,

residents and investigators. In cultural terms the volcano is symbolic to the town of Santiago del Teide because its

inhabitants became central characters in a unique and historic event. Traditions relating to the eruption are rooted in the collective imagery here and, without any doubt, are of an enormous cultural value which justify preservation and to be known about. The exposition concentrates on conveying what is understood in the study of volcanos, but does not ignore the history of the neighbourhood and of its inhabitants. In that way a visit to the centre encompasses the natural, cultural and historical values of the area and at the same time depicts a magnificent landscape of lava flows, reminding us that there is a dormant volcano with which the local people have had to learn to live with and know about.

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Location

Avenida de la Iglesia, 2. Santiago del Teide.

Tel.: 922 863 12733

E-mail:

agebicaempleo@santiagodelteide.com

Opening times:

From Tuesday to Thursday: from 9:00 to 16:00 hours.

Geographic Coordinates:

28°17'32.14"N, 16°48'51.45"O

UTM Coordinates:

28.292261, - 16.814292

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Degollada de Cherfe y Casas de Arasa

The scenery which can be appreciated from the Degollada of Cherfe and from the Casas de Arasa is profoundly marked by the unusual beauty of the landscape features left by the explosion of the Chinyero volcano.

On November 18, 1909 the eruption of Chinyero, the last of those which have occurred on the Island of Tenerife, gave rise to as many as nine vents that were spewing out lava, gases and ash for nine days. After these nine days of violent activity, the volcano stopped without affecting any inhabited areas. The tradition has it that the intervention of Santa Ana and Blessed Christ Crucified were decisive, their images being carried by the local inhabitants to the very edge of the lava flows.



Location

Main road Buenavista del Norte - Santiago del Teide, via Masca, TF- 436

UTM Coordinates:

28.302564, -16.837653

Geographic Coordinates:

28°18'9.23"N, 16°50'15.55"W

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Stops

Village of Masca

The village of Masca is situated within the Teno Rural Park, in the municipality of Buenavista del Norte, and is one of the best examples of traditional Canarian architecture.

The village of Masca has been declared a Site of Cultural Interest categorised as a Historical Artistic Quarter and owes its splendid state of preservation to the difficulty of reaching it for so long. The very oldest of its buildings is the house of the Avunculados, in the hamlet of La Piedra. Its small church, which dates from the XVIIIth century, is devoted to the Inmaculada Concepción.



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Other points of interest

Mirador de Archipenque (viewpoint)

The Archipenque viewpoint, which belongs to the Cabildo of Tenerife network of viewpoints, allows visitors to enjoy a privileged view of one of the most spectacular sights on the Island, the cliffs of Los Gigantes.

Location:

Main road to Puerto Santiago,
Puerto Santiago.

UTM Coordinates:

28.240422, -16.8369

Geographic Coordinates:

28°14'25.52"N, 16°50'12.84"W

The Fishermen's Museum

The Fishermen's Museum is devoted to coastal fishing activities around Santiago del Teide and to its central figures, the fishermen and women fishmongers. It has a permanent exhibition consisting of exhibits donated mostly by fishermen, explanatory panels and audiovisual material, all designed to provide a broad view of traditional fishing, of the seabed and of the work of fishermen. The second floor of the exhibition centre is intended for temporary exhibitions. The architecture of the building is of special interest, too. The facade also has fishing as a theme and the building is the work of the French artist Bernard Romain.

Location:

Carretera General Puerto
Santiago, 14. Santiago del
Teide.

UTM Coordinates:

28°14'11.2"N 16°50'31.8"W

Geographic Coordinates:

28.236431, -16.842168

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Agrotraditional Market Guía

This agrotraditional market has two locations: Alcalá and Playa de San Juan. It is characterized by the great variety of products, such as flowers, bread, pastries, vegetables, greens, cheeses, etc., many of them from organic production.

Location

Alcalá
Plaza del Llano Alcalá
San Juan
Plaza Eulogia González Taima

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