

# Hike and Bike Highlights of Lanzarote

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the best of Lanzarote with 3 days of walking and 3 days of cycling
- Stroll through the vineyards of La Geria and taste the native Malvasia wine
- Cycle to the Ermita de las Nieves and the top of the island at Las Penas del Chache
- Hike through the otherworldly volcanic landscape of Timanfaya
- Centre-based at comfortable accommodation in Costa Teguise

## AT A GLANCE

- 3 days walking and 3 days cycling
- Join at Costa Teguisse

## ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

- 7 Breakfasts
- 6 Lunches
- 2 Dinners
- 7 nights Villa with Swimming Pool

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# Introduction

The most north-easterly of the popular and sun-kissed Canaries, Lanzarote makes a profound and favourable impression on everyone who visits the island. It's 'different' as the Canary Islands Tourism organisation is quick to point out, with a landscape dominated by volcanoes and lava flows, contorted rocks, white sand beaches, whitewashed houses, surprising palm groves and a unique region of unusual vineyards.

To enable us to fully explore this amazing island we've put together an itinerary that combines 3 days of hiking with 3 days on bikes. Centre-based at comfortable accommodation in Costa Teguisse, we'll head out and pick off the highlights, with walks in the volcanic Timanfaya National Park and in the north of the island at Mirador del Rio and also amongst the picturesque vineyards of La Geria. During our 3 days of cycling, we'll also ride on E-Bikes to the top of the island at Las Penas del Chache, take a ferry across to Isla Graciosa for an easy-paced beach and cafe cycle tour and then cycle on E-Bikes from Costa Teguisse to the 5-kilometre beach at Famara and back again via an alternative route. These are all half-day activities, or a little longer, and this has allowed us to include visits to several places where the artwork and design of the painter and architect, Cesar Manrique is exhibited. With included visits also to El Golfo in the south of the island and to the historic former island capital of Tequise, as well as plenty of other free time, this is a colourful and comprehensive week of Lanzarote adventure.

## Is this holiday for you?

This is a holiday for someone who is as happy going for a bike ride as they are going out for a hike. The 3 walks we have included are not long, no longer than 8 or 9 kilometres and generally on prepared gravel tracks and occasionally slightly rougher terrain. Two of the 3 bike rides are reasonably long at around 50 kilometres, but the E-Bikes we provide will make light work of this and neither ride should take more than 4 or 5 hours. The other day of cycling on Isla Graciosa is shorter and easier on a straightforward track with one short section alongside a beach where you may have to get off and push - a regular mountain bike is provided on this day.

# Itinerary

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## DAY 1

### The holiday begins at the group's accommodation in Costa Teguisse.

The holiday starts at the group accommodation in Costa Teguisse. Our wonderful accommodation is in a quiet residential area of town. With a communal pool and relaxed surroundings, this is the perfect place to unwind. Depending on your arrival time, you may wish to swim, relax on the terrace, stroll along the beach or visit one of the many cafes. Costa Teguisse is easy to navigate with a traffic free promenade, tree-lined avenues, beaches and a refreshing breeze, which makes it a pleasant place to wander in the evenings. Once everyone has arrived, we'll stroll into town with the Tour Leader to enjoy a welcome meal at one of the many restaurants.

Meals: **D**



#### Accommodation

Villa with Swimming Pool

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## DAY 2

### A volcanic morning's walk in the Timanfaya National Park and a visit to the Cesar Manrique Foundation.

After breakfast, there's a 30-minute transfer to the starting point of the walk on the edge of the Timanfaya National Park. Here, at the Montana Los Rodeos (an old volcano covered by the ash of recent eruptions) we start walking on a track that goes around the Caldera de la Rilla, one of the first volcanoes formed during the eruption between 1730 and 1736. We cross a lava flow and see some 'hornitos' (volcanic chimneys) and some volcanic tunnels. This is a unique landscape of odd shapes and colours with lichens and other colonising plants which are able to grow in the extreme conditions. At the national park sign there are panoramic views over Timanfaya. At the end of the walk we can eat our packed lunch before driving 20 minutes to the Cesar Manrique's Foundation, one of the most fascinating houses on the island and built over five volcanic 'bubbles'. Born in Arrecife in 1919, Manrique was a local artist who studied in Madrid and New York before dedicating his life to promote architecture that respected Lanzarote's style and nature. It is largely thanks to Manrique's vision and passion that the island has avoided an explosion of high-rise hotels and buildings. Finally we'll transfer (15mins) back to our accommodation.

Meals: **B L**

**Accommodation**

Villa with Swimming Pool

**Ascent**

250M

**Descent**

250M

**Time**

3 - 4 hrs walking

**Distance**

9KM

**DAY 3****A tour on e-bikes to the top of the island at Las Penas del Chache and a visit to the Ermita de las Nieves.**

Our day begins at the bike shop in Costa Teguiise where we pick up our bikes for the day's ride. Starting out on a tarmac road, we cycle out of Costa Teguiise and soon pick up an unsurfaced track that takes us up to Teseguite and onwards to the top of the island with great views down to the bay of Famara on its north-west coast. We'll visit the Ermita de las Nieves, a little church with great importance for the people of Lanzarote. The hermitage dates back to the early 15th century when a shepherd saw a vision of the Virgin Mary. Every year, on August 5th, there is a pilgrimage from the old part of Teguiise to the church to celebrate the feast of the virgin. After visiting the highest point of the island at Las Penas del Chache (671m) we'll ride back down to the sea through a beautiful green valley known as the Presa de Mala, stopping off to see the stunning cactus garden designed by Manrique.

Meals: **B L****Accommodation**

Villa with Swimming Pool

**Ascent**

700M

**Descent**

700M

**Time**

4 - 5 hrs cycling

**Distance**

50KM

**DAY 4****Hiking highlights of the north, Corona Volcano and the cliffs of Famara.**

We have a short transfer this morning after breakfast, taking us to the church in the village of Ye on the north side of the Volcano de la Corona and close to the northernmost point of the island. Our walk starts here through vineyards and takes us up to the rim of the 20,000 year-old crater on Volcan de la Corona where the views extend across the north of the island. Lava flows from this volcano extend towards the cliffs of Famara, covering an area of 18 square kilometres and there is an 8 kilometre-long lava tunnel known as the Atlantis Tunnel. After a short descent, we carry on around the volcanic cone to reach a section of the GR131 trail which we follow to the cliffs of Famara with excellent views over the ocean and towards the island of La Graciosa. We then take a little path down to Haria, known as the '1000 palm trees village' and reputedly the greenest village on the island, where traditionally crops were grown on still-visible terraces, most now abandoned. After a coffee and ice-cream stop we have a short drive to the Mirador del Rio where there is a cafe and viewpoint designed by Manrique and completely integrated into the natural environment. After enjoying the views we return to our accommodation in

Costa Teguisse.

Meals: **B L**



**Accommodation**

Villa with Swimming Pool



**Ascent**

450M



**Descent**

550M



**Time**

4 hours walking



**Distance**

8KM

**DAY 5**

## Explore the island of La Graciosa on 2 wheels.

After a short transfer from Costa Teguisse to Orzola, we take a ferry (35 minutes) across the strait of El Rio to the charming little port and fishing village of Caleta del Sebo. With a population of only 700, Isla Graciosa is small but perfectly formed and a great place to explore by bike. Picking up our bikes, we set off on a track that crosses the island south to north in the direction of Playa de la Concha. It takes a leisurely 45 minutes to reach this beach which looks out northwards to the islets of Clara and Alegranza. Continuing our ride around Graciosa's north coast, we pass Playa Lambra, a beach made up of billions of tiny shells, and follow a sandy track to Pedro Barba where we take a lunch break by the sea. Plenty of time for a swim here in this tiny resort of around 20 houses, only occupied during the summer. Heading south now, we return to Caleta Del Sebo on a wide track and can have a drink at a harbour-side bar before taking the boat back to Orzola. Back on the main island, we visit the Jameos del Agua cave, conceived by Manrique in 1968 as a focal point for visitors and as a space fit to host cultural events such as concerts. From this fascinating place, it's a 30-minute drive back to Costa Teguisse.

Meals: **B L**



**Accommodation**

Villa with Swimming Pool



**Ascent**

200M



**Descent**

200M



**Time**

3 hrs cycling



**Distance**

20KM

**DAY 6**






## A walk through the vineyards of La Geria and a visit to El Golfo.

After breakfast we have a short transfer to the Rubicon estate in the region of La Geria, the most important wine-producing area on the island of Lanzarote. The vineyards here are uniquely picturesque thanks to the conditions encountered on Lanzarote and the covering of volcanic gravel and ash. To protect them from the wind, each individual vine is enclosed by a low semi-circular wall known as a 'zoco'. This creates a striking fish-scale landscape with the green of the plants contrasting with the black volcanic ground. Our walk starts out in the centre of the vineyard and below Montana Dima, an old and eroded volcano. We will be shown the various strategies that need to be employed in order for vine



growing to be successful in an area where all of the labour is done by hand and the productivity might be just 5% of some mainland European vineyards. Our walk takes us across to the foot of Montana de Guardilama and we ascend by a rocky path to the volcano's summit where we have views that extend across the island to Fuerteventura in the south and La Graciosa in the north. Returning to the winery we will have a session of wine tasting and then we can eat our picnic lunch before taking a short drive across the island to El Golfo. Here, alongside the cluster of white houses that line the black beach, there is an eroded and multi-coloured volcanic crater above a green lagoon filled with volcanic minerals and micro-organisms. Walking on the beach of black volcanic pebbles alongside the lagoon, we can look for specimens of the semi-precious stone, olivine. We can also take coffee at one of the beach-side cafes, before driving back to Costa Tegui.

Meals: **B L**






	<b>Accommodation</b> Villa with Swimming Pool		<b>Ascent</b> 450M		<b>Descent</b> 450M		<b>Time</b> 3 - 4 hrs walking
	<b>Distance</b> 8KM						

## DAY 7

### We cross the island twice on our e-bikes visiting Soo, Famara Beach and with some free time in Tegui.

Once again, we start our day at the bike shop in Costa Tegui and cycle out to Tahiche on tarmac and then unsurfaced track. We then follow a trail across the central belt of sandy plains, unique to Lanzarote and known as El Jable. This is a reserve area on account of its rare flora and fauna including bird species like the Canarian houbara bustard. Arriving at Soo, below its sheltering peak, Pico Colorado, we follow a track which takes us north beside the sea to the fishing village of La Caleta de Famara. Beyond the village the pale golden sand of Famara Beach stretches away for 5 kilometres below impressive cliffs. After a coffee break, we cycle back up to the centre of the island at Tegui, one of the first settlements to be established in the Canary Islands. This former island capital retains a significant number of buildings of historical and artistic value and we will have some free time to explore and to get a feel for what life was like here during early colonial times. We can stop for a refreshment in a local bar before making our descent to Costa Tegui via an easy trail.

Meals: **B L D**

	<b>Accommodation</b> Villa with Swimming Pool		<b>Ascent</b> 650M		<b>Descent</b> 650M		<b>Time</b> 4 - 5 hrs cycling
	<b>Distance</b> 50KM						

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**DAY 8****Your holiday ends after breakfast.**

Your holiday ends after breakfast. Taxis to the airport can be arranged with the help of your tour leader.

Meals: **B**

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## Holiday Information

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### What's Included

- An experienced English-speaking cycling guide
- Vehicle transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Ferry ticket to/from Isla Graciosa
- Accommodation as described
- Meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Local bike hire

### What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Lanzarote (Arecife) Airport transfers
- Some meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Tips for local staff
- Miscellaneous personal expenses

### Joining Arrangements & Transfers

The group will meet at the accommodation in Costa Tegui.

Airport transfers are not included. It is straightforward to take a taxi from the airport to the accommodation.

Hotel contact details and an emergency number will be provided with your booking confirmation.

### Meal Plan

All breakfasts, 6 lunches and 2 dinners are included in the holiday price.

## Food & Water

Many places on this holiday have drinkable water from the tap to fill your personal water bottles. Please check with the leader at the various locations. Please take purification tablets or a filter bottle (such as a [Water-To-Go bottle](#)) for days when drinking water out of the tap is not available. We do not encourage the purchasing of single use plastic bottles.

Breakfasts each day will be continental in style, consisting of tea and coffee, bread, toast, butter, jam, honey and fruit juice. Lunches will be picnic style which we'll carry with us to enjoy during the day, either consisting of sandwiches that we'll make up in the morning after breakfast or a range of picnic items that we'll stop and share between us at a suitable point on the trail. During the evening we will eat in one of the many local restaurants walking distance from our accommodation. The evening meal is a social affair on Lanzarote and during the week we'll sample a range of different restaurants. Some of these will offer a fixed menu of 2 or 3 courses whilst others offer "tapas style" menus. Traditional "tapas" is a great way of sampling different local dishes and as a group we'll order a selection of items that we'll share as a group followed by dessert. Lanzarote produces around 2 million litres of wine and the island has an excellent selection of local wines mainly from the area of La Geria. The most popular grape is Malvasia, originally a honey coloured medium to sweet variety which was highly praised by William Shakespeare! Nowadays the grape produces a variety of quality white, red and rose wines from very sweet to very dry - so something for everyone! Worth sampling is the "ron miel" or local honey run served over ice and don't forget summer Sangria is widely available!

## Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your diet with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.



## Accommodation

We will stay in two or three bedroomed bungalows / villa style accommodation, each with its own private terrace and access to a wonderful communal pool. Using this style of accommodation on a centre-based holiday means rooms are more spacious than staying in a hotel.

Located in a quiet residential area of Costa Tegui, each property is light and airy with an open plan living room plus a kitchenette. Having a kitchen area means any local drinks or refreshments purchased during your week can be kept chilled to enjoy at leisure on your terrace, perfect for a pre-dinner aperitif or night-cap!

The bedrooms are not en-suite and there are two bathrooms in each of the bungalows which means that you may have to share.

Every morning breakfast will be laid out self-service style in one of the properties, ensuring a more leisurely start to the day. There are a range of restaurants in Costa Tegui in which to take evening meals.

During the week if you wish to opt out of one of the day walks, you can spend the day relaxing and reading on your terrace whilst enjoying the pool.

Accommodation is twin share. If you are travelling by yourself, you will be paired with another single client of the same sex. Single rooms are available at additional cost.

## Group Leader & Support Staff

The trip will be led by an experienced, English-speaking Tour Leader who will cycle with the group. In addition, there will be a transfer vehicle and driver where appropriate.

## Spending Money

We estimate that €200 - €250 should be sufficient to cover all personal expenses, including the 5 evening meals that you will purchase directly (allow €15-€20 per meal), as well as tips for your tour leader. If you are intending to buy souvenirs you should budget accordingly. ATMs are available at the airport and in Costa Tegui.

## Bike Hire

Bikes are provided locally within the cost of the holiday. For the 2 rides on the main island, E-Bikes are provided from the bike shop in Costa Tegui. These are likely to be Haibike or Cube mountain bikes designed for off-road use and with 150 millimetres of suspension. They have powerful pedal-assist motors, Shimano components with 12 gears and hydraulic disc brakes. On the day that we travel to Graciosa, a regular mountain bike with front suspension is provided. This can be upgraded to an E-Bike at the bike shop on Graciosa at a cost of €30 payable directly. Bikes are available in a full range of sizes, they are well maintained and fitted with flat pedals. Please provide us with your height when you book, so we can reserve your bike.

## **Vehicle Support**

We do not have full-time vehicle support during this holiday. Some of the roads and trails that we ride are not suitable for vehicles. If there is a mechanical breakdown that the guide cannot sort out, he (or she) will call up assistance. In the case of one or more of the group being unable to continue, the guide will arrange a pick-up.

## **Baggage Allowance**

You should travel with one main item of luggage. Luggage with wheels is useful for this holiday. You should also take a small day pack which you will carry each day when biking or walking.

## **Group Size & Holiday Status**

For each holiday there is a minimum number of participants required to enable it to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to run'. You can check the trip status for each departure in 'Dates and Prices' table. Other than in exceptional circumstances, we will not cancel a trip once it has achieved this guaranteed to run status and so you are free to proceed with your international flight booking and other travel arrangements.

# General Information

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## Passport & Visas

### Europe

Your passport must meet 2 requirements. It must be:

- less than 10 years old on the day you enter (check the 'date of issue')
- valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date')

For the latest details on visiting countries within the EU or the European Economic Area (EEA), please check the UK Government website

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders. A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required, and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

**It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents and visas for your holiday.** Please ensure that you check for the latest advice before travel. For the most up to date information on entry requirements, please visit the [UK Government website](#).

## Health & Vaccinations

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips. You will need to carry your own treatment for the allergy with you, as 'adrenaline auto-injectors' are not carried as standard by KE leaders and staff. You should inform your leader on arrival of your allergy, and let them know where you keep your adrenaline pen.

## Currency

The currency for part or all of this holiday is the Euro.

## Preparing for your Holiday

This is a not-too-challenging walking and cycling holiday with generally quite short days of 4 to 5 hours activity. However, the more prepared you are for an adventure holiday of this type, the more enjoyable you will find the experience. Regular walking and cycling is the best preparation whilst running or swimming are good for your fitness too.

## Climate

The islands of the Canaries are a year-round holiday destination with what is often described as eternal spring conditions with temperatures ranging between 16 in the winter to 25 in the summer. Lanzarote has its own micro-climate with the north being slightly windier and cloudier whilst the south is drier and warmer with approximately 2500 hours of annual sunshine. Central Lanzarote has a moderate and stable climate. Due to its proximity to Africa, Lanzarote is one of the sunniest places on the planet. Due to the sunny climate the island is home to over 600 plant species including scrub, lichens, lavender, bougainvilleas, geraniums, hibiscuses and many species of cacti.

## Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's '[Travel Aware](#)' campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that prior to travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at [travelaware.campaign.gov.uk](http://travelaware.campaign.gov.uk) and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. North Americans can also check out the U.S. Department of State website: [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for essential travel advice and tips.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates direct from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

## Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

## Books

- Lanzarote Marco Polo Pocket Guide
- The Wind off the Small Isles - Mary Stewart
- Sandwiches in the Sun: The Extraordinary Truth about Life on a Spanish Island - Chris Herman
- Lanzarote & Fuerteventura Pocket Guide - Berlitz Pocket Guides

## Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our [Travel Insurance](#) page for further information and to get a quote.

# Equipment Information

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## Equipment List

For this holiday you will need normal hiking and cycling clothing for generally warm and dry conditions, including suitable lightweight walking boots or shoes which will also work on the bike. You will also need to take a cycling helmet (which you must wear at all times when on the bike).

## Hike and Bike Gear

- Cycling helmet
- Sturdy, lightweight walking boots or shoes
- Cycling shoes or trainers
- Small day pack (or cycle-specific hydration pack – eg. Camelbak or Osprey) - approx. 20 litres
- Padded cycling shorts (lycra or baggy)
- Trekking trousers
- Lightweight waterproof overtrousers
- Baselayer shirts (long sleeved and short sleeved)
- T-shirts and/or casual shirts
- Fleece jacket or similar
- Waterproof jacket
- Warm hat
- Sunhat
- Eyewear - sunglasses

- Daypack c. 30 - 35 litres
- Headtorch
- Sun protection (including for lips)
- Water bottles 1 Litre (x2)
- Washbag and toiletries
- Antibacterial handwash
- Basic First Aid Kit including: Antiseptic cream, throat lozenges, diarrhoea treatment (Imodium), painkillers, plasters (band-aids) and blister treatment, insect repellent, and re-hydration salts (Dioralite).

## The Following Items are Optional

- Trekking poles
- Shorts
- Swimwear
- Camera and batteries
- Penknife (for picnic lunches)

## Spares and Repairs

You do not need to take any tools or spares. The local guide will take care of any and all issues. Please contact us if you have any questions about your equipment.

## Cotswold Outdoor



Many of the Equipment items listed above are available from [Cotswold Outdoor](#) - our '**Official Recommended Outdoor Retailer**'. When you book a holiday with KE you will receive 12.5% discount voucher from Cotswold Outdoor and other retailers.  
[>> Find out more](#)



## Land Only Information

We sell this holiday on a Land Only basis allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method that best suits you. The holiday starts at the group accommodation in Costa Tegui. Transfers are not included.

# Why Choose KE

## Why KE

Walking and Cycling Experts KE has run worldwide walking and cycling adventures for more than 30 years. But this is the first time that we have combined walking and cycling in this way, more or less equally, within one perfectly formed holiday. Wanting to show off Lanzarote to best advantage, we provide E-Bikes for 2 of the 3 included rides to keep things leisurely.

**Please Note** This document was downloaded on 20/05/2024 and the trip is subject to change