

Hidden Trails of Fuerteventura

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Take a boat to the uninhabited Lobos isle a biosphere haven for sea-birds
- Discover the African-inspired architecture of Betancuria
- Lovely walks to desert oases, sweeping dunes and colourful volcanic landscapes
- Stay in a fishing village and experience traditional Canary Island life
- Easily combined with Walking Lanzarote for a two week walking holiday

AT A GLANCE

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

- 6 days walking and sightseeing
- Join at La Lajita

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Introduction

The charming island of Fuerteventura lies just 100km off the North African coast, and alongside its beautiful landscape, you'll find year round sunshine, endless sandy beaches and the most stunning coastline in the Canary Islands. Fuerteventura is little known to walkers, but has a wonderful variety of trails meandering through pretty African-style architecture, and volcanoes so colourful, they resemble mountains of exotic spices. Plus the island was declared a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve in 2009 due to an abundance of endemic flora and fauna. On this centre-based walking holiday you'll explore Fuerteventura on foot, whilst staying in the small fishing village of La Lajita. Walking highlights include the Betancuria Mountain Range and walking in the footsteps of the 'Guanches' (Fuerteventura's first inhabitants) around the lava flows of the Cuchillos de Vigan and Volcan de Jacomar. You'll also explore the Jandia Nature Reserve, discover a magical Saharan-style desert landscape and enjoy a boat trip to the tiny island of Lobos, nestled between Lanzarote and Fuerteventura. Experience staying in a small fishing community and discover a surprising side to Fuerteventura as you walk the very best trails on the island.

Looking for a two week Canary Islands holiday?

For a complete Canary Islands experience, why not combine our Hidden Trails of Fuerteventura holiday with our one week <u>Lanzarote - The Island of Eternal Spring</u>. Our dates work back to back and with frequent ferry crossings between Playa Blanca on Lanzarote and Corralejo on Fuerteventura it really couldn't be simpler!

Is this holiday for you?

This relaxing holiday is centre-based with a mixture of easy day walks and sightseeing. During the week we walk on a wide variety of terrain which includes well defined footpaths, tracks of gravel, volcanic scree (lapilli), volcanic ash and small roads. There are minor sections of the trail with stony slopes, but these are mainly when ascending and descending. Each walk will be from 3 - 4 hours allowing plenty of time for sightseeing and photography along the way. On top of this, each day is optional and you can choose to walk or have a day off hiking. Adding to the relaxation factor is our home-from-home accommodation. Whilst there is sufficient walking on each day to satisfy weekend hikers, it is intended that this should be a walking holiday led at a relaxing pace. Evenings can be spent relaxing at the accommodation, enjoying dinner at a local restaurant, or sampling local wines on the terrace.

Itinerary

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Holiday Information

What's Included

- A professional and qualified tour leader
- All accommodation as described
- Meals as per the Meal Plan
- All land transport required by the itinerary

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Airport transfers
- Visas (if applicable)
- Tips
- Some meals as per the Meal Plan
- Miscellaneous personal expenditure

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

Due to the wide range of flights servicing the island we have not included a group transfer in this holiday. It is very easy to take a taxi from Fuerteventura Airport to the accommodation.

During the week the tour leader can assist in reserving a taxi for your departure, which you may be able to combine with other members of the group.

Meal Plan

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

Food & Water

Water from the taps may not be drinkable in all locations on this trip - please check with your guide. We recommend taking water purification tablets and a reusable bottle with a filter such as <u>Water-to-Go</u>, which can both be used to help make safe other water sources. Please note that we do not encourage the purchase of single use plastic bottles.

The food of the island is as colourful as the landscape and prides itself on fresh produce. Breakfast is generally continental in style with bread, pastries, honey, jam, cereal, tea, coffee and it's not unusual to enjoy cheese and ham. Lunches will be picnic style, meaning we can find the perfect spot during the day to enjoy lunch on the trail whilst enjoying the views. Dinner on the Canary Islands is a social affair alongside being fresh and colourful. Fish and seafood are popular dishes as well as braised goat and beef. The famed wrinkly potatoes are absolutely delicious, especially when combined with the rather addictive mojo picon sauce. Gofio is a combination of toasted corn/wheat meal and used to thicken stews or popped into desserts! However the island prides itself on queso majorero, a local cheese from goats milk which is excellent and famously known as the best goats cheese in the whole of Spain! Salads and fresh vegetables are in abundance alongside a fantastic range of fruit. Don't forget to sample the excellent open wines, which are enjoyed by the glass or in carafes. A must try are the wonderful after dinner liquors on the island.

Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide for 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 meals 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

Accommodation for the week will be in simple but comfortable shared apartments, close to the ocean, just outside the small fishing village of La Lajita. Not all rooms are en-suite, but there are enough bathrooms to ensure comfort. Each apartment has a light and airy open plan kitchenette / living room. Having the added bonus of 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! Breakfast will be set out buffet style in one of the apartments, ensuring a leisurely start to the day.

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 for a supplementary cost.

Group Leader & Support Staff

The group will be led by a professional and qualifed tour leader.

Spending Money

Approximately 150 to 200 Euros should be allowed for tips, soft, drinks, snacks, wine with dinner and miscellaneous expenses. ATMs are available at the airport and you will be able to get currency from bank ATMs in places we visit. You can also choose to take your money in pounds sterling or dollars as there will be the opportunity to change money into Euros on arrival at the airport. Credit cards are useful and it is a good idea to carry one in case of emergency.

Baggage Allowance

We ask you to restrict your baggage to one main bag and a day pack of approximately 25-30 litres. We recommend a bag with wheels or a rucksack for this holiday.

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 the 'Dates and Prices' table. Other than in exceptional circumstances, we will not cancel a trip once it has achieved this guaranteed to run status so you are free to proceed with your international flight booking and other travel arrangements.

General Information

Passport & Visas

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.

For other nationalities, please refer to your own Government website for the latest information.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates (see Health & Vaccinations below), and visas for your holiday. Please ensure that you check the FCDO for the latest advice for each country visited before travel.

Preparing for your Holiday

Getting some additional exercise before coming on an active holiday makes a lot of sense. The fitter you are, after all, the more enjoyable you will find the experience.

Climate

The islands of the Canaries are a year-round holiday destination and often described as eternal spring with temperatures ranging between 16 in the winter to 25 in the summer. 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. Fuerteventura has its own microclimate with the north of the island being slightly sheltered from any weather extremes by neighbouring Lanzarote. This means the island receives less rainfall than its neighbouring islands. The name Fuerteventura translates to 'strong wind' and although the island is known for its Atlantic breeze, the Canary Islands are also well known for it's all year round good weather.

Books

- Berlitz: Lanzarote and Fuerteventura Pocket Guide
- Canary Islands Song Robin Jones Gunn

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 <u>Travel Insurance</u> page for further information and to get a quote.

Equipment Information

Equipment List

Please try to keep the weight of your baggage to a minimum. See the 'baggage allowance' section for further details.

You should bring the following items:

- Hiking boots / shoes
- Socks
- Trekking trousers
- Lightweight waterproof overtrousers
- Underwear
- T-shirts and/or casual shirts
- Fleece jacket or similar
- Waterproof jacket
- Sunhat
- Swimwear and small towel
- Eyewear sunglasses
- Daypack (30 35 litres)
- Sun protection (including for lips)
- Water bottle 1 Litre(we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)
- Water purification tablets
- 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
- Trainers or sandals
- Shorts
- Camera and batteries
- Penknife (for picnic lunches)
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping (to avoid plastic bags)

Land Only Information

We sell this holiday on a Land Only basis allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method which best suits you. The holiday starts at the group accommodation in La Lajita.

Why Choose KE

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As Canary Island walking experts, KE are always working hard to create that special holiday with the perfect combination of picturesque trails, excellent leaders, unusual accommodation and captivating landscapes. This one has it all, plus plenty of year round sunshine - welcome to the Hidden Trails of Fuerteventura.

Please Note This document was downloaded on 25/08/2025 and the trip is subject to change