

Tenerife

Cultural Guide

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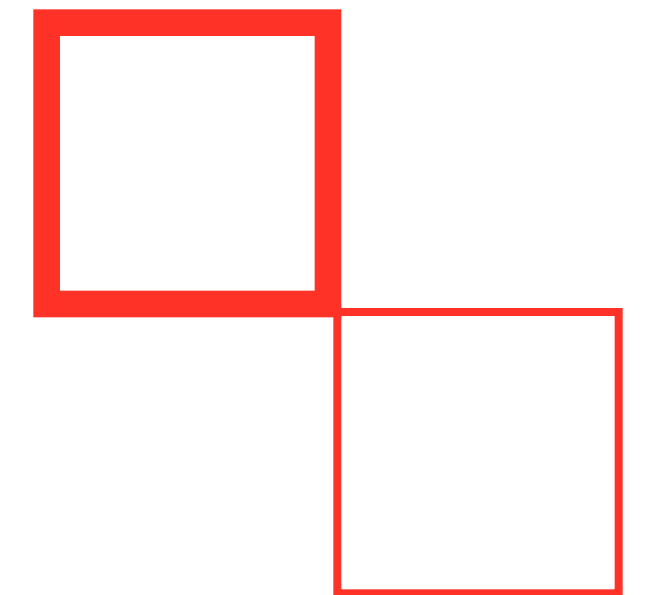
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Study in a natural paradise

Tenerife is a marvellous island that offers an **unbeatable climate all year round**. The whole island is a must-visit, from the majestic **Teide National Park** to its incredible **beaches**. Don't be fooled by its desert landscape; Tenerife hides places that are full of **vibrant nature**.

If you like culture, cities **Santa Cruz de Tenerife** and **La Orotava** offer countless activities, and to sample the local cuisine, we recommend visiting **Puerto de la Cruz**. Its crystal-clear waters also make it the best place for practising **water sports**.

In short, the island offers an unbeatable combination of **nature, history and entertainment**. Tenerife is synonymous with **hospitality, joy and streets full of life**. With thousands of leisure options for all tastes, you're guaranteed to feel right at home.



Regional festivals

Regional festivals are celebrations rooted in the culture of the city, reflecting the **customs, histories and significant events of the community**. Regional festivals provide an opportunity to come together and share their heritage.

Here are some of Tenerife's **most noteworthy festivities** so that you too can partake in its traditions and customs.



Tenerife Carnival

Tenerife Carnival, held at the beginning of February, is one of the island's main celebrations. It is considered the **second most popular carnival in the world**.

The streets come alive with parades featuring **imposing floats, comparsas and concerts**.

The highlight is the selection of the **Carnival Queen**, with seamstresses dedicating the **entire year to designing and crafting her dress**. The spectacular size and difficulty with which it is handled on stage make it an interesting spectacle.

Places of interest

Tenerife is home to a **wealth of architectural and cultural attractions**. Take a look at these unmissable historical sites that have been declared **Assets of Cultural Interest**.



La Orotava old town

Declared a **Historic-Artistic Site**, this is a truly magical part of the island. During the Corpus Christi festivities, a **large tapestry** with different religious motifs is painted with coloured sands in the Town Hall square. We also recommend the **route of the old water mills**, which were built in the 17th and 18th centuries and still conserve their old canals, and a visit to the El Calvario hermitage or the former San Benito convent.

Puerto de la Cruz old town

It is one of the **most popular tourist destinations on the island** and, aside from the plethora of leisure options it offers, its historic quarter was declared a **Historic-Artistic Site in 1885**. Plaza del Charco is one of the liveliest spots along with its **fishing pier**. You can continue your visit to Casa de la Aduana, the Church of Nuestra Señora de la Peña de Francia and finish in its marvellous **botanical garden**, created in the 17th century.





Güímar old town

Situated within the wonderful **Güímar valley**, its historic quarter is full of beautiful buildings such as the Chapel of San Pedro de Arriba (declared a Site of Cultural Interest) and the Church of San Pedro Apóstol, among many others. Its streets are full of **architecture from bygone eras**, giving the place a very special atmosphere.

San Cristóbal de la Laguna old town

San Cristóbal de La Laguna is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** and an example of a **colonial city**. Its streets are full of life and it also offers a **wide variety of typical foods that you have to try**. The Royal Sanctuary of Christ, Plaza del Adelantado and Casa de los Capitanes are some of the buildings that must form part of any itinerary.





Historic centre of Arona

In the **Historic Centre of Arona**, a Site of Cultural Interest, you can stroll through its **cobbled streets** and **soak up the essence of the stately homes**. Among its most characteristic buildings are the Church of San Antonio Abad and the Church of Cristo de la Salud. This town is one that we consider is definitely worth a visit.

Garachico old town

Garachico is one of the **most picturesque** villages on the island and perhaps one of the most beautiful. A Historical Site of Cultural Interest, **it was awarded the Gold Medal for Fine Arts in 1980**. The Hermitage of San Roque, the old Convent of San Francisco and Hacienda de El Lamero are must-see places to visit on your route.



Museums in Tenerife

Tenerife boasts an extensive range of museums, **from archaeology to 16th-century artworks**. Each one of them offers a different and unique theme, and there's no doubt that their varied exhibitions will offer something for everyone.



Muna Museum of Nature and Archaeology

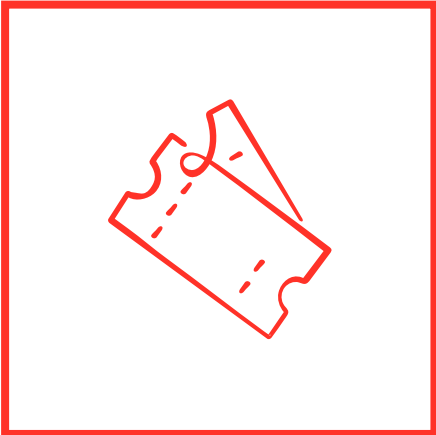


Featuring works on the natural wealth of the island and a collection on the **Guanche culture of the aboriginal people.**



Monday to Saturday:
From 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Sundays and public holidays:
From 10:00 am to 5:00 pm



Tickets

Ibero-American Craft Museum of Tenerife - Mait:

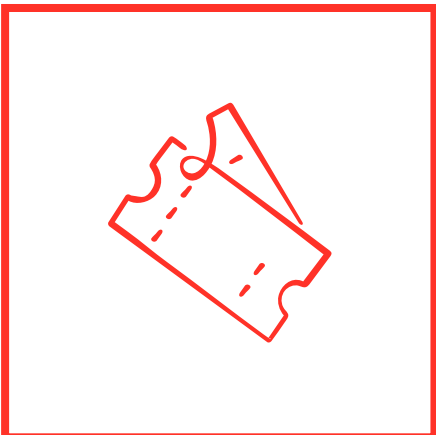


Exhibitions showing **Ibero-American handicrafts**, including collections on the Americas and the Philippines.



Monday to Friday:
From 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturdays:
From 10:30 am to 3:30 pm



Tickets:
At the museum

Municipal Museum of Fine Arts

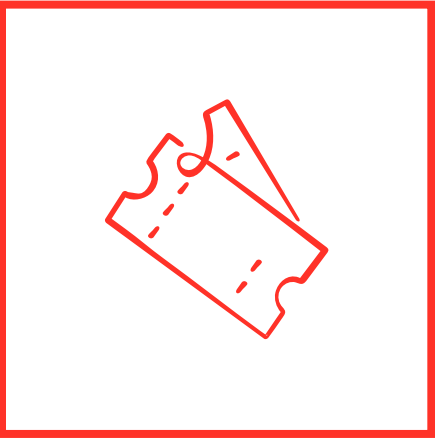


Works from the **16th to 20th centuries**, most notably with pieces by Pieter Coecke van Aelst and Joaquín Sorolla.



Tuesday to Friday:
From 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Saturdays and Sundays:
From 10:00 am to 3:00 pm



Tickets:
Free entry

Museum of Science and the Cosmos

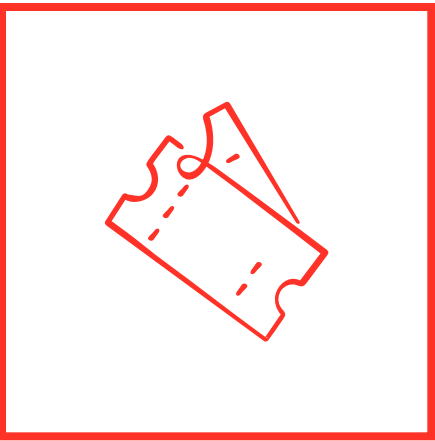


A cross between a **traditional museum and an amusement park** the perfect place to learn more about nature and the stars.



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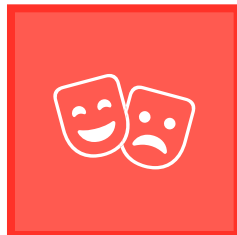


Theatres in Tenerife

Tenerife is home to a number of theatres of all kinds, with there being something for all tastes. From the **Auditorio de Tenerife**, with everything from the most classical to the finest contemporary performance, to **alternative modern theatres**.

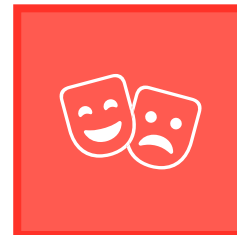
With such a vast array of options, you're bound to find a show that suits your taste.

Teatros en Tenerife



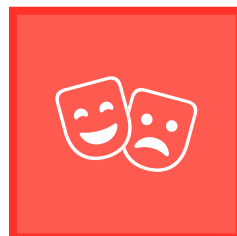
Auditorio de Tenerife

An emblematic building by the sea, its programme features a combination of **music, dance and other performing arts**.



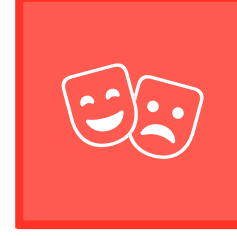
Teatro Guimerá

A wide range of **theatre, dance and music** performances.



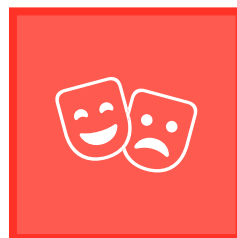
Teatro Leal

It offers all kinds of plays, with **humour, dance and lots of music**.



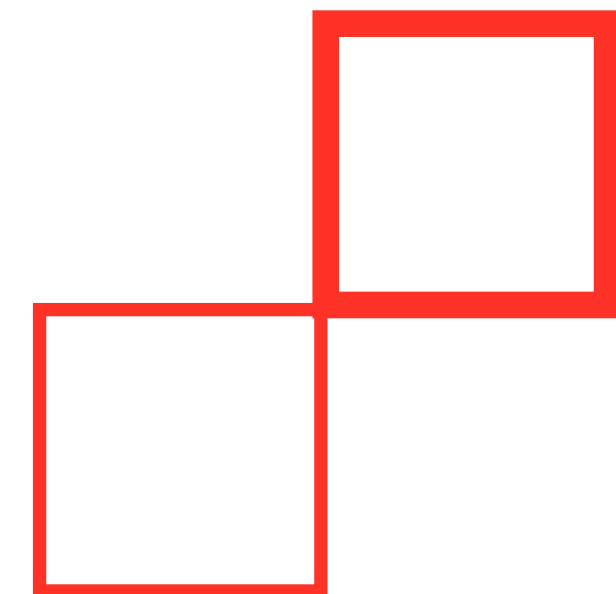
Teatro Victoria

An independent space offering works ranging from physical theatre to **more contemporary** performances.



Aguere Espacio Cultural

This venue hosts all kinds of **concerts**.



Outdoor spaces

Tenerife is an incredible place for **nature lovers**. As well as being a **volcanic island**, it is also home to incredibly beautiful green landscapes.

Keep reading to find out about some of the most notable spots to visit.



Teide National Park

This place is undoubtedly the **most characteristic and visited place on the island**. This UNESCO Natural Heritage Site is the **highest peak in Spain**, and here you can walk among volcanic lava rocks while breathing the fresh Atlantic air. There's lots to discover and you're guaranteed to be blown away.



Anaga Rural Park

This is a natural jewel that has been declared a **Biosphere Reserve**. Get lost in its 14,500 hectares of forests and contemplate geological formations such as **rocks and ancient volcanic pipes**. However you like to travel – hiking, mountain biking or on horseback – you simply can't miss it!



Parque del Drago

The ancient dragon tree is one of the island's top attractions and a natural and historical symbol of the Canary Islands. It is estimated to be 800 years old and is considered to be the oldest on the island. It is now surrounded by a natural space containing other species such as cacti and tabaibas. Make sure to check it out.



Isorana Cliffs

Tenerife's coastline is full of wonderful cliffs, and they are all worth a visit, but Isorana stands out thanks to its volcanic landscape that contrasts with the clear blue waters. There's no wonder why countless species of birds have made this place their home.

Tenerife's surroundings

Here are some of the best places that you can visit **less than two hours away** and where you can find fine **architectural, gastronomic and natural gems**.

Find out more about the region's culture and enjoy yourself on one of our proposed tourist routes.



Masca

Masca is one of **the most beautiful villages in Tenerife**. You can't miss its wonderful green landscape surrounded by **vegetation and impressive ravines**.



Ctra. de la Cañadas
TF-21 and TF-28
1 hour and 42 min drive



Candelaria

This **fishing village** is another of the island's most beautiful destinations, located very close to the capital. This is where you can find the **Virgen de la Candelaria**, the patron saint of the Canary Islands.



TF-523
28 min drive



Train C4A
and C4B



Autobús 712
and 713



San Juan de la Rambla

San Juan de la Rambla is a coastal village in the north of the island. With plenty of **activities for tourists**, a **stroll among its coloured buildings** is a must.



TF-342
1 hora drive



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