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Kenyan proverb

## GeoPark Lanzarote Biosphere Isle

Welcome to Lanzarote and welcome to Lancelot, the island's quality publication now in our 33rd year of publication and the oldest English-magazine in Spain.

There are many beautiful locations in the world, many of which are holiday destinations, but very few of them hold the United Nations distinction as a Biosphere Reserve, and fewer still, have been declared a Geopark by the global organisation. Lanzarote was declared an Island Biosphere Reserve in 1993 because the influx of mass tourism was not allowed to affect the overriding policy of conservation of the environment due to legislation introduced by the Cabildo Island Government.

Lanzarote was, and still is, considered a veritable real scale laboratory for sustainable development in which economic and social progress go hand in hand with the preservation and improvement of their natural and cultural heritage. Because these principles have been upheld for over two decades, the island has once again received the highest environmental distinction of being named a Geopark by Unesco as is reported in the leading article of this issue. Further to this, the majority of Lanzarote's hotels and their association Asolan also promote environmental policies as an essential component in the running of their establishments.

Having enjoyed your holiday, you may wish to buy a holiday-cum-retirement home on an island with 12 months year sunshine and is only a few hours away from the UK, Ireland and most of Europe. Have a wonderful vacation, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our next issue is out on 1 March.

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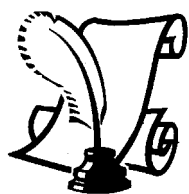
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## Yehudi Menuhin on Lanzarote

Dear Sir,

In your issue 137 containing the history of Puerto del Carmen, you mention a visit to the resort by violinist Yehudi Menuhin at the end of the 1960s. My wife and I were very much into jazz music since we met at university and were avid fans of the Hot Club of Paris Quintet led by Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli. Much to our surprise, we were watching the Michael Parkinson TV show back in the 1970s when we saw Stephane Grappelli appear with classical music violinist Yehudi Menuhin.

Our knowledge of classical music at the time was minimal but we

really perked up when the two played a duet together, I believe it was "Tea for Two," and we began to search out records of Yehudi Menuhin playing violin symphonies and have remained devoted fans of his music ever since. Especially the albums he made went on to make with Stephane Grappelli which we still frequently listen to.

Did Yehudi Menuhin perform a concert on Lanzarote and did he have anything to say about the island?

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**GUINEVERE** The following report appeared in a local paper called Antena whose editor was Guillermo Topham. 'When Yehudi Menuhin and his wife Diana arrived on Lanzarote they asked the manager of the Hotel San Antonio not to publicise their presence on the island until their departure. They vi-

sited the home of César Manrique - which has since been converted into the museum named for him - but the artist was not on the island. They were however, invited to eat a typical Canarian meal at the Tias home of architectural designer Luis Ibañez. During the meal, the violinist entertained his host and fellow guests with his superb mimicry of nearly every accent the English language is spoken in throughout the world from London cockney to the Australian outback. He declared his enthusiasm for the Canarian mojo sauce he had with his fish and said he was addicted to the taste of chili and all similar spices, whereupon his host presented him with a jar of mojo.'

'Later in the week, artist Ildefonso Aguilar, who was in charge of the culture department of the Insular Cabildo, arranged for the couple to visit the Green Caves, in the interior of which concerts of classical music were held from time to time.



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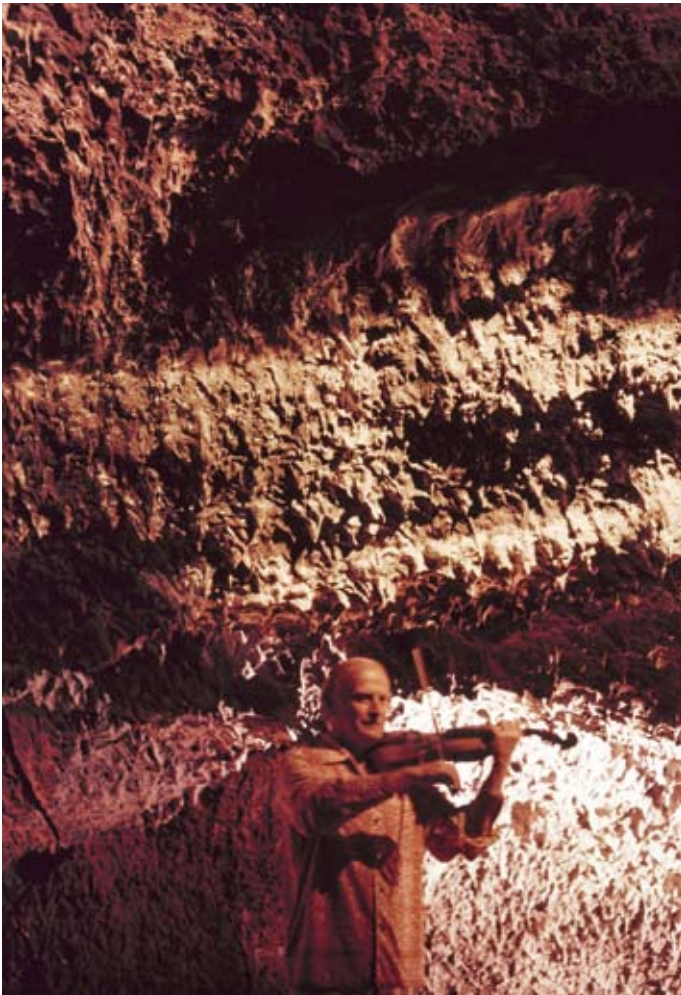
On arrival, they saw that the walls and ceiling were in the same raw state as when created by nature millions of years ago - and had remained untouched by human hand ever since they doubted if the sound would be true. Menuhin, who had brought his violin with him, played several short pieces and during the spontaneous recital his wife Diana walked to various parts of the cave and pronounced the acoustics to be perfect in every location although the volume of the sound varied slightly. One of those present said that in such awesome surroundings, during an almost religious silence, it was a magical moment to hear the sound of a violin played by one of the world's truly great musicians.'

'Yehudi and Diana Menuhin stayed on the island for three weeks and before leaving expressed their admiration for Lanzarote's volcanic landscape and all the natural surroundings they had visited.'



*Yehudi Menuhin in the Green Caves in 1968.*

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## Buried under the Fire Mountains?

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**GUINEVERE** Originally this was the most fertile part of Lanzarote and consisted of fourteen villages and hamlets. In fact, during the decade leading up to the six years of eruptions there were long periods of drought throughout the seven islands together with hurricanes, tornadoes and fierce storms. Lanzarote and Fuerteventura suffered more than the other islands and most of the crops were destroyed.

A team of experts carried out an archaeological dig over a two year period which concluded in 1997. They unearthed the remains of 30 villages containing 400 homes, 1,200 private and communal stone water cisterns 'aljibes,' 110 ponds,

40 springs, 40 roads (dust tracks), 50 shepherd's huts, 200 outdoor ovens, 50 millstones, 4 churches and 15 chapels. They also unearthed evidence of areas which were never previously known to have been inhabited as well as inscriptions written in both the Roman and Old-Lybian alphabets. In order to pinpoint certain locations the team even examined the present day property deeds of families whose ancestors owned land in the region.

## Bird Life on Lanzarote

Dear Sir,

Could you furnish us with some details about bird life on Lanzarote.

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**GUINEVERE** Nearly all bird life on Lanzarote is centred around the villages and surrounding areas. The skylark around the vegetable fields, the red linnet on the stone walls and the field sparrow in the date palm. Bethelot's Pippets abound as do swallows but the most distinctive of all birds on the island is undoubtedly the hoopoe. The butcher bird (the lesser shrike) can often be seen lying in wait for its victim, which when caught will be spiked on the nearest cacti or

bouganvilles against a rainy day.

Buzzards, hawks, falcons and ravens soar above the most desolate areas and can often be seen on telegraph poles in the town. There are also many gulls, among them the Cory's Shearwater and yellow-billed petrel, along the coastline. Other notable non-British birds include the Egyptian Vulture, the Spanish Sparrow and the Trumpeter Bullfinch with its pink tufted crest and shiny blood-red beak whose cry is likened to a troy trumpet.

## Pirates Museum

Dear Sir,

We took our children to the Pirates Museum in Tegui during our first holiday on Lanzarote and they really enjoyed the visit. Was the castle itself ever attacked by pirates? Could you give us a brief history of the Pirates of the Canaries please?

Many thanks  
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**GUINEVERE** Attacks by the pirate on the various Islands continued unabated for several centuries. English, French and Dutch buccanniers continually prowled the nearby waters in search of merchantmen returning laden with treasure from the Spanish possessions in South



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America and the West Indies. Among them were Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Francis Drake both of whom attacked Arrecife and Sir John Hawkins, who despite his warring behavior was very popular with the islanders and continued to trade with the local merchants. Raleigh's raid on the island was even mentioned during his trial for treason in 1617 when he was hanged for treason at the Tower of London. Drake had by far the most feared reputation and even today, in the north of Spain, mothers admonish their naughty children by warning them that "Drake is coming" instead of "the bogeyman is coming."

But by far the worst raids Lanzarote was to suffer were perpetrated by corsairs from the nearby North African coast. The main target was the then capital town of Teguiise whose population would flee and hide in what we now know as the

Green Caves. In 1569, Calafat, a Berber in the service of the King of Fez, landed 600 men from nine galleons, and after sacking the town, left with 90 captives. A later raid by an Algerian named Amurath accompanied by 1,200 men yielded 1,000 captives who were all later ransomed by the King of Spain.

The main church in Teguiise was burned down by the Moors several times. The alley next to the church is still named "sangre," the Spanish word for blood, for the massacres of the Christians of the town by the Moors. In order to counter the frequent raids by pirates, Philip II of Spain, created the post of Captain General of the Canary Islands. He also ordered several fortresses to be built on Lanzarote and reinforced the castle of Guanapay, you asked about, which now houses the Piracy Museum, to give it its real name.

A story is told of an English pirate ship laden with treasure which, on its way home, had anchored off the Isle of La Graciosa off the north coast of Lanzarote. They had, however, been followed by another ship which having waited for nightfall attacked the pirates and killed them all. Much to their fury they found that the treasure had disappeared, as the Englishmen, sensing that they had been followed, had buried the treasure on the island.

Unbeknown to the attackers one cabin boy had survived the massacre and after crossing over to Lanzarote eventually found his way back to England. The story he told of the death of the crew of his ship and the burying of the treasure on La Graciosa was widely publicized. Many historians believe that Robert Louis Stephenson used the cabin boy's tale as the basis for his book, Treasure Island.



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### Smoke Test

Dear Sir,

Your mention a Smoke Test in one of the articles of issue no. 132 about the ancient inhabitants of Lanzarote. What exactly does this refer to?

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**GUINEVERE** Some 25 years before the arrival of the Normans on Lanzarote, when the island was still known as Tite-Roy-Gatra, King John I of Castile sent some ships under command of a certain Martin Ruiz de Avedano to scour the coasts of England and Biscay. The fleet met with a severe storm lasting many days which drove them southwards towards a harbor in Lanzarote. The Spaniard's were greeted in a very friendly manner by the island's

king, Zonzamas, who invited Avedano to stay in the royal palace. Whilst enjoying the hospitality of the king he was strongly suspected of having an affair with Fayna, the king's wife, which resulted in the birth of a daughter Ico, whose complexion was fairer than any of the other islanders. Some years later the time arrived for a son of Ico to ascend the throne but there was great dissention among the islanders as many considered him to have been the son of an illegitimate mother.

To end the dispute the council of the royal court met and decreed that Ico, together with three female servants should be locked in a room in the palace of King Zonzamas. After all the entrances had been sealed off, the room was filled with smoke. When it was reopened a day later, the only survivor was Ico, the three servants having succumbed

to the smoke. This was deemed to be sufficient proof that Ico was legitimate and of royal blood. Her son, Guardafia, was then proclaimed king and was later to receive Juan de Bethencourt when he arrived on the arrival in 1402. A local legend has it that Ico was able to come through the test alive by following the advice of her elderly governess to conceal a large sponge soaked in water before entering the room. When the smoke appeared she covered her nose and mouth with the sponge and so survived her ordeal. The ruins of the palace of King Zonzamas still stand on a plateau besides the road running from San Bartolomé to the Monumento al Campesino and are in the process of being excavated and restored as they are considered to be the oldest remains of the original Guanche inhabitants in whole of the Canary Islands.

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In a bid to drive down passport thefts, the British Consulates in Las Palmas & Tenerife have partnered with CICAR, one of the biggest car hire firms in the Canary Islands, to reduce theft from vehicles. In the past 9 months, more than 450 British holidaymakers have lost their passports in the Canary Islands, with car crime accounting for around 1 in 11 of these cases<sup>1</sup>.

From this autumn, CICAR customers will be greeted by warning signs in the company's customer service areas and receive tips for keeping their belongings safe along with their hire contract.

Being aware of the risk and taking a few simple steps to safeguard your valuables can reduce the likelihood of falling prey to thieves:

Don't leave your passport or other valuables in a parked car. Many holidaymakers hire cars to explore the hidden beaches or practice water sports in the Canary Islands. Thieves target parked vehicles at secluded beaches and tourist hotspots.

If you have to leave belongings in the car, ensure they are locked out of sight in the boot before you park.

Wherever possible, park in secure car parks in well-lit areas.

British Vice-Consul in Tenerife, Helen Keating said: "This initiative in the Canary Islands complements our

continued work with local and airport authorities to drive down the number of stolen passports. We welcome our new partnership with CICAR and are sure this campaign will help many Brits avoid difficult and upsetting circumstances. We hope to see other car rental companies getting involved too. "Take measures to protect your passport and avoid losing out on precious holiday time and paying out £100 for an emergency replacement."

This project, which is part of a global Foreign Office campaign urging Britons to be #TravelAware when abroad, has been spearheaded in the Canary Islands by the British Vice-Consuls in Gran Canaria and Tenerife, Esther Martin and Helen Keating, and their respective consular teams. A similar initiative in Malaga last year resulted in an 18% reduction in British passport theft from cars.

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**GUINEVERE** Source: Survey of 529 emergency travel documents issued to British tourists by British Consulates in Las Palmas and Tene-

rife, 01/01/2016 - 30/09/2016. Car break ins accounted for 10% of stolen passports in Las Palmas province and 21% of all stolen

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## Part 2

Karl Fuchs - Auditax NL International S.L.

The article in the last issue of Lancelot about Council Tax (plus valia) explained how it is calculated. For readers who have not read it we repeat the formula for calculating the tax.

**A x B x C x D = Tax due**

A = Valor Catastral Suelo

B = Annual Percentage of value increase

C = Full number of years between purchase and sale

D = Council Tax Rate

We have compiled the tax tables from each Council on Lanzarote in alphabetical order. They contain the factors B and D to the above formula.

### Arrecife:

B:	1 - 5 years:	3,7 %	D: 20,00 % general rate
	6 -10 years:	3,5 %	
	11 -15 years:	3,2 %	
	16 -20 years:	3,0 %	

### Haría:

B:	1 - 5 years:	2,4 %	D: 16,00 %
	6 -10 years:	2,1 %	18,00 %
	11 -15 years:	2,1 %	20,00 %
	16 -20 years:	2,2 %	22,00 %

### San Bartolomé:

B:	1 - 5 years:	3,7 %	D: 30,00 % general rate
	6 -10 years:	3,5 %	
	11 -15 years:	3,2 %	
	16 -20 years:	3,0 %	

### Teguise:

B:	1 - 5 years:	3,5 %	D: 22,50 %
	6 -10 years:	3,0 %	20,25 %
	11 -15 years:	2,8 %	19,50 %
	16 -20 years:	2,5 %	18,75 %

### Tías:

B:	1 - 5 years:	2,6 %	D: 15,00 % general rate
	6 -10 years:	2,4 %	
	11 -15 years:	2,2 %	
	16 -20 years:	2,0 %	

### Tinajo:

B:	1 - 5 years:	3,1 %	D: 27,00 % general rate
	6 -10 years:	2,8 %	
	11 -15 years:	2,7 %	
	16 -20 years:	2,7 %	

### Yaiza:

B:	1 - 5 years:	3,5 %	D: 28,00 % general rate
	6 -10 years:	3,3 %	
	11 -15 years:	3,0 %	
	16 -20 years:	2,8 %	



For the following examples we set the factors A and C as follows:

A = 100.000 €

C = 15 years

Now we apply all these factors to the municipal tables above and it will show, that this tax results differs, depending on the municipality the property is situated in.

This example should guide you, if you want to calculate this tax for your own property, but be careful not to take the full Valor Catastral, only the part corresponding to the land (Valor Catastral Suelo).

Arrecife:	100,000 € x 3,2% x 15 x 20,00% =	9.600 €
Haría:	100,000 € x 2,1% x 15 x 20,00% =	6.300 €
San Bartolomé:	100,000 € x 3,2% x 15 x 30,00% =	14.400 €
Teguise:	100,000 € x 2,8% x 15 x 19,50% =	8.190 €
Tías:	100,000 € x 2,2% x 15 x 15,00% =	4.950 €
Tinajo:	100,000 € x 2,7% x 15 x 27,00% =	10.935 €
Yaiza:	100,000 € x 3,0% x 15 x 28,00% =	12.600 €

All these calculations are based on the presumption of a sale. If the tax is triggered through inheritance, some Councils apply a reduction, but not all of them.

Please note, that this tax can be used in the calculation of Capi-

tal Gains Tax as an additional cost of the sale.

We hope, that this information guides our readers to a better understanding of this municipal tax, which is also commonly known as "Plus Valía".





# A Brief Guide to Property Purchase

LANCELOT has prepared the following for the benefit of holidaymakers unfamiliar with the language and laws of Spain. It is not, and is not intended as, a substitute to advice from a solicitor and/or an estate agent.

Only buy from the office of an Estate Agent and seek the services of an independent solicitor.

It is not advisable to give anyone a **GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY**. Where necessary, it is prudent to grant a limited power of attorney (only) to an independent solicitor.

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Do not believe that you are protected because the conveyance will be notarised, as the Notary presumes that you are acting on the advice of your Lawyer.

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When buying property insist on the presence of an impartial sworn translator. By law a Notary can refuse to notarise a deed if the conveyance is not translated into the language of the party(ies) concerned.

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Before you purchase make sure the Vendor has paid all back property taxes, *Impuesto sobre bienes inmuebles*, to the local Town Hall, by checking the receipts.

If, by purchasing, you will become a member of an Association of Owners, make sure that the Vendor has paid all his community bills. Also check on the liquidity of the Association itself, and examine their statutes, *estatutos*. Their rules may not permit you to keep your domestic pets.

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Before buying land present a written enquiry at the local Town Hall (with a return address on the Island) asking if there is planning permission to build on the site of your choice and if any building restrictions apply there.

\*\*\*\*\*

Instruct your solicitor to conduct a search at the Property Registry, *Registro de la Propiedad*, immediately before the conveyance and return there as soon as the notarised document can be collected from the Notary.

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Make sure that your architect is one of the 24 members of the Canarian College of Architects working on Lanzarote, otherwise you will have to pay a second fee. If in doubt call the Colegio de Arquitectos in Arrecife on 928 800799 or fax: 928 800798. Spanish-speaking.

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# The Destruction of Fish and Seabirds Commences in our Bathrooms!

## “Plastic Soup” - An Unnatural Journey

### Biosphere Talk

Mandy Barker

The following is an excerpt from a talk by Mandy Barker at the MIAC Art Gallery, Castillo de San José in Arrecife in September. Her words were accompanied by photographs she had taken over the past seven years strikingly demonstrating how plastic beads which started life in the bathrooms of our homes in shower gels, toothpaste and make up, eventually end up poisoning marine life in seas all over the world. Tiny plastic microbeads used to exfoliate skin, used in soaps, creams and other products, are deliberately designed to be washed down the drain.

By coincidence, two days later, Andrea Leadsom the Minister for the Environment in the British Government, announced plans to protect sealife by banning microbeads in cosmetics and personal care products by the end of 2017. She added, “Most people would be dismayed to know that face scrub or toothpaste they use was causing irreversible damage to the environment with billions of indigestible plastic pieces poisoning sea creatures. Twenty-five UK cosmetics and toiletries companies such as Unilever have already taken steps to voluntarily phase out microbeads from their products. Waitrose has already ceased stocking them.”



*Contents of the stomach of an albatross strikingly demonstrates the horrific danger of plastic debris to marine life, like cigarette lighters, batteries and an Epson ink cartridge. Photo Chris Jordan*

**“Every type of rubbish discarded on the sea shore from cigarette lighters to an Epson ink cartridge has found its way into the stomachs of fish and seabirds.”**

### 8 Million Tons of Plastic!

‘It is estimated that more than 8 million tons of plastic waste enters the oceans every year, damaging ecosystems, economies and currently affecting 693 different marine species

through entanglement or ingestion. It has the capacity to transport potentially harmful chemicals and invasive species and can represent a threat to human health. Micro-plastic particles are now of vital concern, ingested by organisms at the base of the food chain with implications that could impact on all marine life and, of course, the predators that feed off them, including humans.’

### Baby Fish Fed Debris

‘Following a certain time in the water, tiny pieces of plastic debris



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assume the appearance of marine life through flora and fauna attaching itself to the particles which are easily ingested by fish, mussels and other sea animals. They are then fed by mothers to their baby chicks assuming it is food. Every type of rubbish discarded on the sea shore from cigarette lighters to an Epson ink cartridge has ended up in the stomachs of both full size and baby fish and seabirds as demonstrated in the photograph by Chris Jordan. Microplastics which can range in size from being invisible to the naked eye to several millimetres, are now turning up in all the world's major oceans including the Arctic and Antarctic. I even found some in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, 4,000 miles from the nearest land!

### 769 Footballs Full of Rubbish

'The motivation for my work has been to raise awareness of the issue of plastic pollution in world oceans and the detrimental effect it has on the environment and marine life. My aim is to connect with a global audience, both in the recovery of debris for the creation process, and in how the final work is received. The series involved worldwide collaboration with members of the public from over 41 countries and islands. After a request for the collection of marine debris composed of footballs via social media, 769 were recovered from 144 different beaches around the world. Considering the impact of plastics on marine life and the rising production



*Mandy Barker spent seven years of her life investigating the terrifying destruction caused by plastic beads in seas all over the world. Her talk was the first in a series entitled "Lanzarote, a World Biosphere Reserve"*

of plastics as part of the consumer society, change is sorely needed.'

Mandy Barker was awarded The Royal Photographic Society's Environmental bursary in 2012 enabling her to join scientists in a research expedition to examine the accumulation of marine plastic debris in the tsunami debris field in the Pacific Ocean. Her series SOUP has been published in over 20 countries. She has exhibited globally, from The Photographers' Gallery and Somerset House in London, to Aperture Foundation, New York and The Science and Technology Park in Hong Kong.

*British underwater eco-sculptor Jason de Caires Taylor's "Rising Tide" exhibit of 4 Horsemen, clearly visible from the hall where Mandy Barker spoke, was created as a permanent reminder of the need to protect the world's oceans from pollution*



*Mandy Barker with Cabildo Culture Councillor Oscar Pérez who invited the English environmentalist to Lanzarote. She is holding a copy of Lancelot showing Geopark Lanzarote*



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### Central Southern Route La Geria

Puerto del Carmen, the island's largest tourist resort, has almost 13 kilometres of beaches and a picturesque fishing harbour in the Old Town. On the main Island highway close to the Puerto del Carmen turn-off, a road opposite leads to ASOMADA. Drive through and turn left at the first T junction until reaching a main road. This is LA GERIA, the wine-growing region of Lanzarote where grapes are cultivated in a manner not used anywhere else in the world. The result is an unforgettable landscape dominated by the sight of thousands of shallow pits stretching as far as the eye can see.

The young vines planted inside are covered with layers of porous black volcanic grains which feed them moisture and protect them



*Puerto del Carmen Harbour*

from the harsh rays of the sun. They are sheltered from the constant Trade Winds by the semi-circular walls of dry volcanic rock above.

### Puerto Calero Marina

One of Europe's truly beautiful marinas in a magnificent setting which hosts international re-

gattas. The bustling commercial area is enhanced by an open air Museum of Sculptures located among the landscaped pathways comprising 12 impressive pieces by important artists. Watch out for the Puerto Calero signpost on the main island road between Puerto del Carmen and Yaiza.

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### Yaiza and El Golfo

Turn left driving past UGA village until rejoining the Island highway where YAIZA is soon reached. The town square contains several buildings typical of Lanzarote's traditional architecture with the Town Hall at one end and the ancient Los Remedios Church at the other.

To the right a few kilometres along after the town is a sign to CHARCO DE LOS CLICHOS, the GREEN LAGOON, (and neighbouring EL GOLFO village), which is reached after a short ride along a winding picturesque coastal road. A brief stroll round the corner brings us to the GREEN LAGOON. Scientists are not absolutely certain as to the source of its colour, some believe it is caused by algae, others attribute it to the green olivine semi-precious stone, found



### *El Golfo*

in abundance on the Island. (There are several good fish restaurants around the bay at EL GOLFO).

Returning along the coast there is a large parking area to the right. The seas below can frequently be seen battering away at the cliffs trying to force a way through. During the

18th century volcanic eruptions, lava thrown out by the volcanoes covered a large area of the ocean in this area which it has been attempting to reclaim back ever since.

Yet another pretty scene just a few hundred metres along is





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presented by the JANUBIO salt ponds. Employing over one hundred workers at the turn of the century to provide sailing ships with salt for keeping food fresh, the salt works gradually fell into decline with the advent of refrigeration.

### Playa Blanca Papagayo Beaches

Twenty years ago a tiny fishing village, PLAYA BLANCA on the south coast, is now a flourishing but tranquil resort with a beautiful beach bordered by a picturesque restaurant-lined promenade. The small harbour is used by ferries sailing to Fuerteventura, the Fred Olsen Express car ferry makes the 20 minute crossing six times daily.

Close by along the headland to the east several paths lead to the magnificent PAPAGAYO BEACHES. Composed of several small bays and coves, many consider these golden sands to be the most beautiful in Spain.

### Marina Rubicón

This harbour at Playa Blanca combines the most modern and well-equipped docks for sea-going yachts with the olde-world charm of traditional island architecture housing amenities and facilities on the shoreline including an art gallery. Two new deluxe hotels overlook the marina and the coastal promenade.

### The Fire Mountains

Returning north on the main road turn left in YAIZA to MONTAÑAS DEL FUEGO, the FIRE MOUNTAINS, part of TIMANFAYA NATIONAL PARK. This region was devastated by intermittent volcanic eruptions over a six year period, 1730 - 1736. The scenery is both breathtaking and vividly awesome, a few hundred metres to the left a string of camels await passengers for a scenic



*La Geria is the centre of the wine cultivation region*

ride round the rim of a volcano.

The red and white barrier at a toll booth signals arrival at the road which leads to the parking area at Hilario's Plateau.

Here the DIABLO RESTAURANT serves meals from a grill fitted across a natural volcanic chasm, with geothermic heat rising from the bowels of the volcano cooking the food!

A coach fitted with multi-lingual commentary leaves to tour the nearby region of volcanic destruction taking a route offering the clearest indication of what took place here some two and a half centuries ago. There are stops for photographs and the 45 minute trip is included in the price of the admission fee to the Park. Open daily 09.00 - 17.00 hrs.

### Timanfaya Information

On exiting via the barrier turn left and after two kilometres watch out for the Timanfaya Visitors Centre on the left before Mancha Blanca. This is an excellent source of multi-lingual information about the Park and its volcanoes. Admission is free, open 7 days a week 09.00 - 16.45.

### Mancha Blanca

Continue towards Mancha Blanca where every Sunday morning a market selling authentic Made in Lanzarote food products as well as Arts & Crafts takes place

opposite the church. Or, take the road to Tinajo from the Monumento and watch for the turnoff to Mancha Blanca on your left.

### El Monumento

Continue past Mancha Blanca to Tao, turn right until the next roundabout. The MONUMENTO AL CAMPESINO at the right of the road was one of the first creations of the late Cesar Manrique whose intention was to commemorate past generations of Lanzaroteans who stuck to their toil in the fields even after volcanic eruptions had devastated their most fertile land. These hardy early 18th century pioneers invented the irrigation method still in use throughout Lanzarote today. They had noticed that wherever an amount of black volcanic grains known as picon thrown out by the volcano had settled on fertile soil, some type of plant-life eventually emerged from the ground. Soon realising that the grains were porous, farmers began covering their fields with picon. The typical farm house contains a restaurant serving local cuisine. Nearby, the public can watch artisans create traditional arts and crafts which can be purchased in the souvenir shop. Open daily 10.00 - 18.00, restaurant 12.00 - 16.30, bar 10.00 - 17.45.

### Wine Region

Turning right one enters Lanzarote's unique wine growing region. Each vine is planted in a deep pit and covered with layers of volcanic cinders, a semi-circular wall above serving as wind protection. The tableau of many hundreds of thousands of such pits is unique in the world. One soon reaches the oldest winery in the Canary Islands, Bodegas El Grifo, which dates back to 1775, and whose very beautiful Wine Museum is open to the public.





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*Monumento al Campesino*



*Piracy Museum, Santa Bárbara Castle, Tegui*

A sculptured griffon, the vineyard's trademark, stands above the entrance. The museum is located in the wine region road San Bartolomé-Masdache and opens daily from 10.30 - 18.00. Guided tours daily at 10.30 from Monday to Friday.

## San Bartolomé

A short distance along take the right fork towards San Bartolomé. This is the geographical centre of the island and an important agricultural region where vegetables grow in the sandy 'jable' soil, unique on Lanzarote. Sweet potatoes, water melons and squash are the main crops grown in this region. Buildings of interest in the town itself include the Casa Mayor Guerra, the 18th century home of the former military governor of the island.

## Tanit Ethnic Museum

Close to the Town Hall is the Tanit Ethnic Museum which contains a display of the working and cultural life of the island over the past centuries. Open Mon to Sat 10 - 14, closed Sunday.

## Cesar Manrique Foundation

On the outskirts of town cross straight over the main Monument-Arrecife road until passing some ruins on a plateau to the left. Continuing downhill round a sweeping curve for a few hundred metres

the imposing white gateway of the FUNDACION CESAR MANRIQUE appears on your left with its adjoining spacious parking area. The Foundation is housed in what was originally one of the world's most uniquely beautiful homes built by Cesar Manrique for himself and where he lived for over twenty years. Set in a sea of petrified lava and constructed on two levels by interlinking five volcanic bubbles, this residence has attracted journalists from the world's leading architectural magazines and as a work of art in its own right is certainly worth visiting.

In September 1992 only six months after the Foundation opened its doors Cesar Manrique was killed a few yards away in a car accident. Without his intuitive genius for enhancing without spoiling nature, Lanzarote would today look just like many other holiday resorts with sunshine and nice beaches. Open Monday to Saturday 10.00 - 18.00 hrs and Sunday 10.00 - 15.00 hrs.

## Museo Agrícola El Patio

The buildings and grounds of El Patio Farm Museum represent an authentic and comprehensive reconstruction of traditional Lanzarote folklore and culture including its unique agricultural history. Take the Arrecife-Tahiche main road, turn right at Tiagua and follow the signs.

Mon - Fri 10 - 5.30, Sat 10 - 2.30.

## Northern Route Tegui

The main road north from Arrecife leads to TEGUISE, the capital of Lanzarote for over 500 years until ceding the title to Arrecife in the middle of the last century. Moorish corsairs attacked this old town many times murdering, pillaging and carrying its inhabitants off into slavery. A small alley at the side of the church in the main square is called Sangre - Blood - on account of Christian blood flowing through the nearby streets on many occasions. Opposite, the SPINOLA PALACE fronted by two stone lions was the home of a wealthy 19th century merchant family which has been restored and is open to the public. Every Sunday and Public Holiday a market is held in and around the square.

The resort of Costa Tegui has five beaches the largest of which is Playa de las Cucharas.

## Piracy Museum Santa Bárbara Castle

Standing on Mount Guanapay overlooking Tegui is strategically placed to overlook the coastline on both sides of the Island and was originally built to warn the Island capital below if pirates were sighted.

A Piracy Museum is located in the medieval fortress with a wonderful array of interactive screens, panels





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and information boards with the names and histories of some of the most famous names of pirates and privateers in maritime history. British and North African buccaneers prowled the waters of the Canaries in search of booty as well as attacking individual islands such as Lanzarote which suffered a series of devastating raids from the 16th until the 18th centuries.

The Pirates Museum open Monday to Friday 9.00 - 16.00

Sunday and Public Holidays 10.00 - 16.00. Closed Saturday.

### **Timple Music Museum Palacio Spinola, Tegüise**

This museum in the beautiful interior of the 19th century Spinola Palace is dedicated to the “timple” miniature guitar whose strident tones are known as the “The Sound of the Canary Islands.” A timple is an integral part of every folklore group and the museum traces its evolution on the island since the start of the last century. Fifty-five instruments from all over world are on display, all of which create a similar sound to the “timple”, the most well known of these is the Hawaiian ukelele. Open Monday to Friday 9.00 - 16.00 . Sunday and Public Holidays 9.00 - 15.00. Closed Saturday.

### **Haria**

The road north passes Los Valles an important agricultural village continuing past several laybys offering commanding views across to the opposite coast. Rounding some sharp curves cut through the cliffs the road descends to HARIA, nestling peacefully in the Valley of 10,000 Palms. Reminiscent of a North African oasis the town was a spa for wealthy Canarians in the past. The Artesanal Market every Saturday 10.00 – 14.30 is rated 5 Stars by Trip Advisor; Arts & Crafts Workshop Mon-Sat 10-14.00, 16.00-20.00.



*Haria countryside*

### **Manrique House Museum**

Follow the signs to the House Museum of César Manrique in Haria. It was the artist's second home where he spent the last few years of his life having converted his original residence into the Foundation at Tahiche which bears his name. Everything has been left in the original state it was in when he died. Open 7 days a week, but advance purchase of tickets is recommended due to limited capacity.

### **Mirador del Rio**

Continuing northward past Magüez village a road towards the cliff-top leads to Guinate Tropical Park. A short drive on the main road and you arrive at MIRADOR DEL RIO, a belvedere with breathtaking views of the straights below and islands out to sea. Open daily 10.00 - 18.00 hrs.

### **The Green Caves**

The route continues downhill towards the GREEN CAVES, (open daily 10.00 - 18.00 hrs.), on the opposite coast over a region known as Malpais de la Corona, ‘badlands’ caused by the eruption of nearby Monte Corona. During an eruption whilst debris is shot out skywards, volcanoes also often break out below ground, a molten lava stream forging a tunnel. One such volcanic tunnel, the Atlantida, is below the earth's surface

at this point which at 7 1/2 kilometres is the longest in the world.

### **Jameos del Agua**

This large grotto harbouring an underground lake forms the last section of the Atlantida Tunnel and came into being when the molten lava stream met the cooler waters of the nearby Atlantic Ocean. An amenity not to be missed in this wonder of nature embellished by César Manrique, is the underground concert hall located in a massive volcanic cavern. Open daily 11.00 - 19.00 hrs. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights, 19.00 - 03.00 hrs.

### **The Cactus Garden**

The route south passes through several villages until reaching an area where the fields are all planted with cacti. Known as the ‘tunera’ cactus it attracts the female cochineal beetle from which carmine dye is extracted. Dusty white patches on the leaf indicate a colony of this parasite and if crushed turn to bright crimson. Guatiza village is the centre of this cactus crop and is the home of JARDIN DE CACTUS - the CACTUS GARDEN - the seventh and last of the Tourist Centres, which opened in March 1990. Open daily 10.00 - 18.00 hrs.

### **Arrecife**

Continuing south the road leads past a white stone gateway leading to Costa Tegüise, one of the three major tourist resorts on Lanzarote. Arriving at the capital ARRECIFE, home to half of the 70,000 inhabitants of Lanzarote, whose tree-lined promenades and SAN GINES Lagoon are beautifully landscaped. A colourful street market takes place on the promenade every Wednesday selling traditional island arts and crafts among other items.

The main shopping area is in





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and around Calle Leon y Castillo which has a drawbridge at one end leading to SAN GABRIEL Castle, the Arrecife History Museum. A drive around the NAOS fishing harbour past some abandoned windmills leads to another medieval fort, CASTILLO SAN JOSE, whose 18th century interior was converted by Cesar Manrique in 1974 to house the International Museum of Contemporary Art. Open daily 11.00 - 21.00 hrs. On the lower floor an excellent restaurant with panoramic views out to sea. Open daily 10.00 - 01.00 hrs

### Marina Lanzarote

Just a short walk from the town centre along the seafront leads to the shops and restaurants of the luxury Marina Lanzarote, newly-opened in October 2014. A first class selection



*Charco de San Gines, Arrecife*

of shops and boutiques overlooking the colourful tableau of transatlantic yachts bobbing at their moorings

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*Camel herder awaiting tourists in Timanfaya National Park*



*The late Richard Maslonka*

## By John Temple

Richard Maslonka was born in Slovakia, (then, part of Czechoslovakia) a few kilometres from Bratislava, on the 21st April 1937. He had a fairly normal schooling, after which he studied and trained as a construction technician, specialising in foundations and drainage. Although quite talented in this calling, his two other particular interests were photography and music.

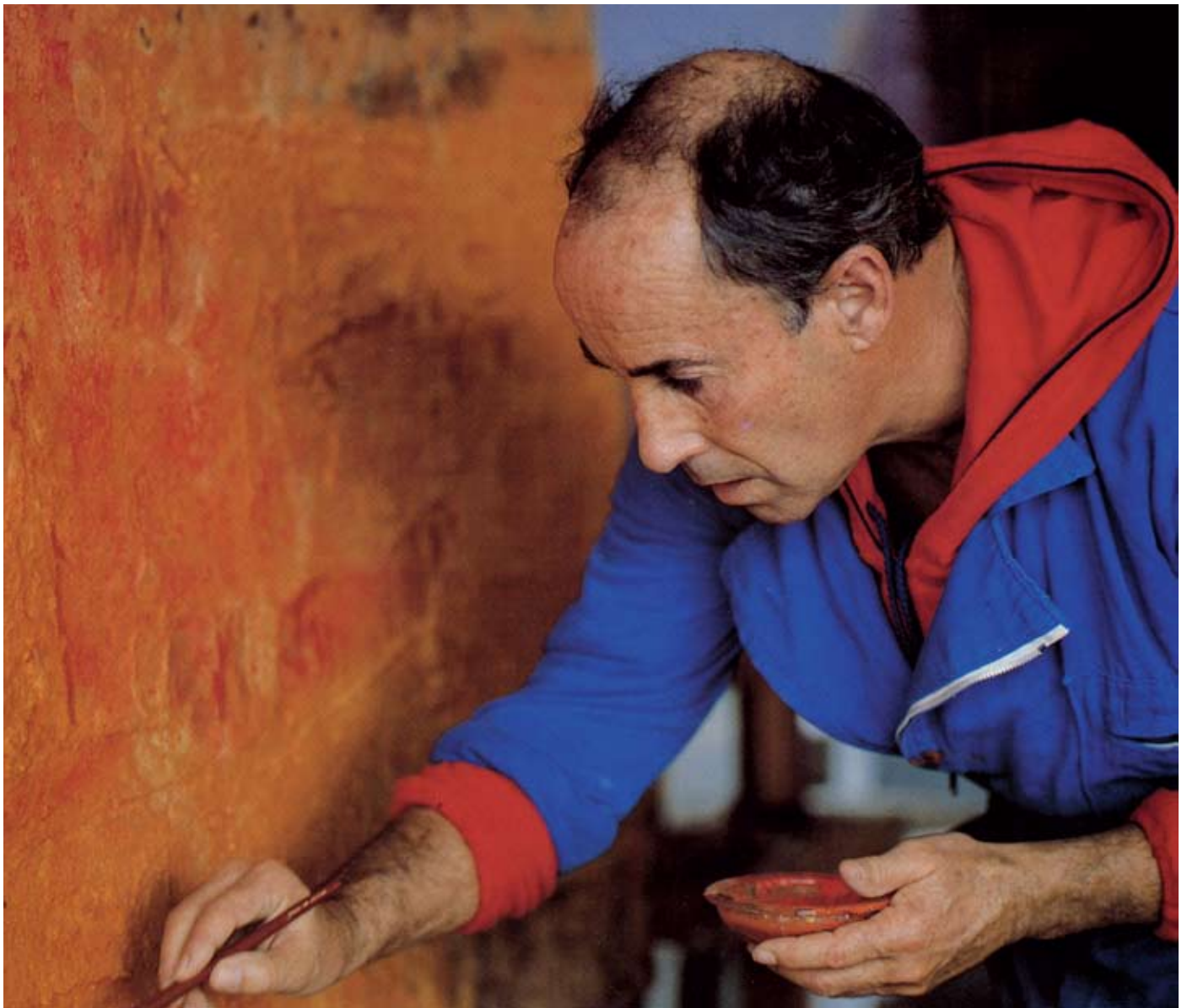
He married early, had a son, but his musical bent overtook all other interests and he formed a band, based on the American Group "Blood, Sweat and Tears"). He played the tenor saxophone and had a trumpet, alto sax, two singers, and rhythm section in his group. They managed

to escape the clutches of the Soviet Union by sneaking into Austria and thereafter performed generally in US military bases and went on to play in Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Scandinavia.

But his interest in photography never left him and he entered a competition for one of the big Japanese camera manufacturers, which he won. The prize was a complete set of their professional quality equipment and a choice of three areas around the world in which to take as many photos as he liked, but with copyright of 100 chosen photos for the company.

Richard gave up his band and chose to photograph in the Canary Islands, basing himself on Lanzarote. By this time he had acquired





German citizenship and he teamed up with two other German photographers Luis Soltman and Reiner Loos, to produce Travel Books about various aspects of the Canaries. On his own, he published calendars with a photo for each month showing some of the spectacular sights he encountered.

Maslonka became an avid traveller, visiting most of the North and South Americas, some of Africa, the Indian sub-continent, SE Asia, Korea, China, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand and many of the Pacific Islands. It was in Bali, at the approximate age of 53 that he suffered a stroke which badly affected the use of his right arm and finished the possibility of ever playing the saxophone again. His photography was made much more difficult but he managed sufficiently well to con-



*Front cover of Richard Maslonka's book "7 Creations of César Manrique" accompanied by his photo of the artist*







*Tegui Church in the main plaza*



tinue to make a living with it.

A fall in his shower in late 2014 left him almost dead after three days on the floor unable to move, but after three weeks of intensive care in the General Hospital and six weeks rehabilitation in the Hospital Insular, he regained his enthusiasm and seemed destined to live for a few more years. But suddenly in May 2016 he had a relapse with multiple organ failure and succumbed to it on 16 June 2016 at the age of 79. He was very complimentary of the quality of staff and treatment of the Hospitals who treated him.

Richard Maslonka has left a veritable treasure trove of his photographic work on the Island. Shortly before his death he gave this collection to the writer to make as best use of it as possible. My friends Stella and Robbie Robinson advised me to contact Liz and Larry Yaskiel, of Lancelot Magazine, who recommended that they be donated to the Insular Cabildo Memoria de Lanzarote Digital Archives where they can be properly catalogued and used for the benefit of all those interested in the development of the Island.



*A traditional spinning loom*



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Cabildo Councillor for Finance and Data Storage, Luis Arráez, expressed his appreciation for the Richard Maslanka Collection. In the photograph he is seen with Jim Courville-Curbelo, a resident of San Antonio, Texas who presented his family tree to the Lanzarote archives.



*John Temple, accompanied by Liz and Larry Yaskiel, presenting the Richard Maslanka collection of over 1,500 photos to Mario Ferrer and Miguel Ángel Martín at the offices of Memoria de Lanzarote located in the old Cabildo building in C/ Leon y Castillo, Arrecife. Photo Liz*

John Temple first came to Lanzarote in 1985 to find a place in the sun where he could work in peace on arbitration cases relating to disputes in construction contracts. In 1994 he retired here as a refuge from the traffic and hustle of the UK and still likes to return there time to time, but not to live. As an enthusiast of jazz he was first introduced to Richard Maslanka by Cordy, who has been John's life partner for the past 22 years.


John Temple's magnificent and generous gift of 1,500 high quality photos to Memoria de Lanzarote will ensure that the name and life's work of his late friend Richard Maslanka will be perpetuated for all time as part of the cultural heritage of the Island he loved so much. He expressed his delight at the enthusiasm and professionalism of the directors of Memoria de Lanzarote.



*View of La Graciosa from the Mirador del Río*





*Valley of the Palms in Haria*




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*Geosite Timanfaya in the  
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# Lanzarote Declared UNESCO Global Geopark

Combining Conservation with Sustainable Development

The Fire Mountains of Timanfaya are an Extraordinary Geological Heritage

Photography: Centros Turísticos

Richard Maslanka, courtesy Memoria de Lanzarote

*A Geopark is defined as a location where visitors can “feel, understand and discover, the geological history of our planet.” The following article explains which features of Lanzarote’s geology have qualified the island to be declared part of the United Nations Global Geopark Network.*

The project Lanzarote Geopark which was promoted by the Insular Cabildo Council’s Casa de los Volcanes was approved by Unesco in 2015 which named Lanzarote and the Chinijo Archipelago – the isles of La Graciosa, Alegranza, Montaña Clara, Roque del Este and Roque del Oeste - part of the European Geoparks Network. The Global Geoparks are single, unified geographical areas where sites and landscapes of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development.

## Nature and Culture

The recognition of Lanzarote and its small islands as a Unesco Global Geopark in addition to its recognition as a World Biosphere Reserve by the same entity in 1993, is mainly due to the huge value of its natural and cultural heritage and to the people’s capacity to promote and organise a social economic model based on tourism.

A model seeking to harmonise the preservation and protection of the

natural heritage of the island with a quality tourism industry and capacity to promote key traditional sectors and develop new activities related to sport, cultural, culinary and to scientific tourism which includes interest in visiting and exploring scientific landmarks, monuments and museums.

## Lanzarote’s Major Geological Features

The **Geosites** are: **La Geria** which is the largest field of wind dispersal in the Canary Islands in terms of surface and thickness. Known as tephra, called picón or rofe by the residents of Lanzarote, this fragmental material was produced by the volcanic eruption of Timanfaya 1730-1736. **Los Hervideros** is characterised by a cliff derived from the historical lava flows of Timanfaya, which are very thick at this location. Coastal erosion processes caused the flows to form passages for water infiltration. On days of heavy swell, ocean spray foam reaches several metres in height over the external surface of the flows.







*The volcanic landscape acts as a backdrop for the rocky shoreline*



**El Golfo** has an interior lagoon known as the Charco de los Clicos, of a greenish colour caused by algae and is separated from the sea by a beach of pebbles. **Cones of Timanfaya** includes La Caldera de los Cuervos, which initiated the eruption in 1730 and Caldera Colorada, located nearby, corresponds to the last volcanic pile formed during the final stage of the eruption in 1736.

### Historical Eruptions

They are the representative central vents of the beginning of the largest historical eruptions in the Canary Islands. **Calderas Quemadas**, their alignment forms a small volcanic chain formed by four ring-shaped volcanic piles which determines the main direction of the eruptive fissure that gave rise to the historical eruption of Timanfaya. This is part of Geosite VC007, Timanfaya National Park, recognised as of national importance. La Caldera de los Cuervos was the one that initiated the eruption

**El Jable** is a passage of active Aeolian sand that crosses the



*The Salt pans of Janubio attract wild ducks and other waterfowl*

island from north to south from Caleta de Famara to Playa Honda-Arrecife. El Jable is still very active and its activity is easily visible to the human eye. It is especially representative of the Aeolian dynamic of the eastern islands and one of the largest geosites in extension of the inventory of Lanzarote. **Risco de Famara** is

a large cliff 25 kilometres long and 400-600 metres high and its origin is linked to a great landslide. It extends parallel along the current coastline showing steep escarpments along most of it that stretches continuously, which lends landscape homogeneity. The Famara Massif was formed between the two main eruptive cycles.





*Geosite La Geria wine cultivation region is unique in the world and is described as a Unique Cultural Adaption*

UNESCO Global Geoparks empower local communities and give them the opportunity to develop cohesive partnerships with the common goal of promoting the area's significant geological processes, features, periods of time, historical themes linked to geology, or outstanding geological beauty. They are established through a bottom-up process involving all relevant local and regional stakeholders and authorities in the area (e.g. land owners, community groups, tourism providers, indigenous people, and local organizations). This process requires firm commitment by the local communities, a strong local multiple partnership with long-term public and political support, and the development of a comprehensive strategy that will meet all of the communities' goals while showcasing and protecting the area's geological heritage.




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# Sustainable Hotels – An Essential Ingredient → at a Recognised Geopark Destination



Geopark Chinijo Archipelago

*One of the most important elements of the recognition of Lanzarote and the Chinijo Archipelago as a Geopark is that holidaymakers who are attracted to eco-tourism destinations are able to find suitable accommodation at hotels which practice the efficient management of basic natural resources. The majority of Lanzarote's leading establishments have received the Spanish Ministry of Tourism's SICTED Award for Excellence in Destination for having achieved the highest standard of quality and professional service. They can truly be described as Geopark Hotels.*



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## UN World Tourism

According to the United Nations World Tourism Organisation, the business volume that tourism is generating today equals or even surpasses that of oil exports, food products or even automobiles. A primary goal in sustainable development has been to ensure that tourism protects and sustains the world's natural and cultural resources and meets its potential as a tool for poverty alleviation. Based on these principles, Unesco declared Lanzarote a World Biosphere Reserve in 1993. This distinction was awarded due to the efforts of César Manrique in tandem with the Lanzarote Cabildo, by imprinting the philosophy of harmony between Man and Nature upon the collective conscience of the inhabitants of the Island.

This principle resulted in conservation of the environment practises in areas such as to restrict development in line with available infrastructure; careful management of the reduction and disposal of wastes;



*Fields of tunera cactus at Gnatiza*

adopting wind and solar energy-efficient practises thereby minimising environmental risks and undertaking "green" marketing which includes providing complete and credible conservation information

for visitors to the island. In the 23 years that have elapsed since Lanzarote was declared a World Biosphere Reserve the island has maintained its reputation as a pioneer in





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the field of Sustainable Tourism as the first commercial tourism destination in the world to do so. This honour is reserved for establishments whose management operate an eco-efficiency policy resulting in minimum pollution due to the maximum use of alternative resources.

### Local Hotel Industry

Lanzarote's hotel industry has been at the forefront of providing the best facilities to attract eco-tourism to the island. Eco-tourism is best described as an alliance between conservation of the environment and travel. To practice co-efficiency developers need to consider the environment creatively throughout project design, construction and operation. Once completed, those responsible for delivering services and products to tourists must examine their operations in light of sustainable resource management.



*Flowers bloom after a rare spell of rainfall*

### SPEL Overseas Promotion

SPEL, the Lanzarote Cabildo overseas promotion arm under Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio with the day to day running in the hands of Managing Director Héctor Fernández has an executive board comprising public officials as well as representatives from the hotel sector who jointly fund the operation.

They are very much aware that the classic definition of a 'sun and beach' vacation destination attracts holidaymakers to the glorious spring-like climate and glorious beaches of the Canary Islands.

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when improving and adding facilities for tourists, SPEL works on the principle that eco-tourism in natural areas is distinguished by its emphasis on conservation, education, traveller responsibility and active community participation. Specifically ecotourism possesses the following characteristics: conscientious, low-impact visitor behaviour: sensibility towards, and appreciation of, local culture and bio-diversity in tandem with sustainable benefits to local communities.

### Eco-System and Culture

The Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) establishes and manages global sustainable standards with the aim of increasing sustainable tourism knowledge and practices among public and private stakeholders. They have established the guiding principles and minimum requirements that any tourism business or destination should aspire to reach in order to protect and sus-

*Foothills of Timanfaya*



tain the world's natural and cultural resources, while ensuring tourism meets its potential as a tool for conservation and poverty alleviation.

Lanzarote has long realised that increased tourism to sensitive natural areas without appropriate planning can threaten the integrity of eco-systems and local cultures. An increase in visitors to sensitive natural areas can threaten the integrity of eco-systems and lead to significant environmental degradation. On the other hand well managed eco-tourism can provide much needed revenues for the protection of national parks, as is the case with Lanzarote's most visited tourist attraction the Fire Mountains in Timanfaya National Park, which might not be available from other sources. Moreover, eco-tourism can increase the level of education and activism among travellers, making them more enthusiastic and effective agents of conservation.

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to know what there is to do besides “sun and beach.” The Canary Islands have several decades of experience in attracting holidaymakers from the UK and Ireland, Germany and Scandinavia but new destinations are emerging all the time equipped with the very latest infrastructure and to be able to compete we must satisfy the demands of our traditional guests in Europe at the same time as appealing to potential new markets like China and North America.

Tourism Lanzarote does not rest on its laurels based on the geographical location of the Canaries to increase its market share but is constantly on the lookout for innovation in the diversification of activities for holidaymakers to suit every taste and every pocket. SPEL is in the vanguard of the use of new technological advances, which continue to grow day by day, but always in harmony with conservation of the environment on the principle of sustainable tourism.



*300 volcanoes dominate the landscape*

### Luxury Marinas

The latest entities to join SPEL in its European Sports Destination bracket are Lanzarote’s three luxury marinas which between them attract over 2,500 yachts to the island every year. Over the past few years sustainable tourism has been on an upward spiral as a result of which consumer demand is growing, travel industry suppliers are developing new green programs, governments and international agencies are creating new policies to encourage sustainable practices in tourism. But what does

“sustainable tourism” really mean? How can it be measured and credibly demonstrated, in order to build consumer confidence, promote business prosperity and foster community benefits for the local community.

### Ecology Hotels

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*Geopark La Graciosa  
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tourism industry, the increase in demand has led therefore to a large range of hotels with planet-friendly options for all requirements.

According to the Royal Spanish Academy, one of the interpretations of the term ecology includes “the defense and protection of nature and environment.” To be green is to defend and protect our natural surroundings so that making contact with nature is an inherent factor of our holiday in as much as it provides us an opportunity to participate in environmental conservation. In order to help consumers identify sustainable tourism destinations, standards set down by the

GSTC serve as basic guidelines.

### **Natural Environment**

The Global Sustainable Tourism Criteria for Destinations were conceived as the beginning of a process to make sustainability the standard practice in all forms of tourism. Sustainable hotels follow strict green guidelines to ensure that their guests are staying in safe, non-toxic and energy-efficient accommodation. Establishments are expected to meet most of the following criteria: Dependence on the natural environment; Ecological sustainability; Energy-efficient lighting; Re-

newable energy sources like solar or wind energy; Proven contribution to conservation; Provision of environmental training programs for the staff; Incorporation of cultural considerations; Bulk organic soap and amenities instead of individual packages to reduce waste; A towel and sheet re-use alternative whereby guests can tell housekeeping not to change slightly used items in order to reduce water consumption.

In an effort to come to a common understanding of sustainable destinations, the GSTD believes there are the minimum undertakings that any tourism management organization which wishes to be sustainable should aspire to reach. To satisfy the definition of sustainable tourism, destinations must take an interdisciplinary, holistic and integrative approach which includes three main objectives: to demonstrate sustainable destination management (as mentioned above) and to maximize social, cultural and economic benefits for the host community while minimizing negative impacts. →

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*Asolan President Susana Pérez*

Asolan first introduced the SMART HOTEL concept in 2015 in tandem with the Institute for Responsible Tourism, ITR, to ensure that visitors to the island enjoy the very latest technology and innovation when staying at local hotels. It involves the installation of data networks to carry phone calls, video and internet connections to connect individual rooms to network servers which can now keep track of guests' preferences and change the room conditions suited to them for on any future visits.

Some state-of-the-art equipment can also personalise the electronics in the rooms so that the music of John Coltrane, for instance, greets jazz buffs when they enter their rooms! They also allow hotels to connect, the lights, air-conditioners and other room devices to a central computer so that they can be remotely controlled or monitored.

A second phase of this concept is



*Canarian Government Tourism Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo and Cabildo Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio with Asolan President Susana Pérez during a televised debate on “Canarias: Smart Tourism” Hotels under the auspices of Telefónica*



*Asolan was present during the presentation of the “Smart Hotels” Project together with representatives of the Cabildo and Responsible Tourism authorities. A debate on Sustainability and Energy Efficiency was also hosted by Asolan*

already materialising in a 2016/17 project financed by the Lanzarote Cabildo entitled “Smart” Policy and Management for the Tourist Sector to continue updating the required rapidly advancing technology and improve the experience of clientele at hotels. This will promote the competitiveness of the Island and clearly demonstrate why “Lanzarote is Different”. Among participating establishments on Lanzarote are Club

La Santa, La Isla y El Mar Boutique Hotel, Relaxia Lanzasur, Las Acacias and El Guarapo Apartments.

The introduction of “Smart Hotel” by Asolan, continues to set the excellent standards for the Island as a quality tourist destination as it has done in the past with distinctions such as: “Reserve of the Biosphere,” “Sustainable Tourism” and “Geopark Lanzarote” in conjunction with the Global Sustainable Tourism Council.



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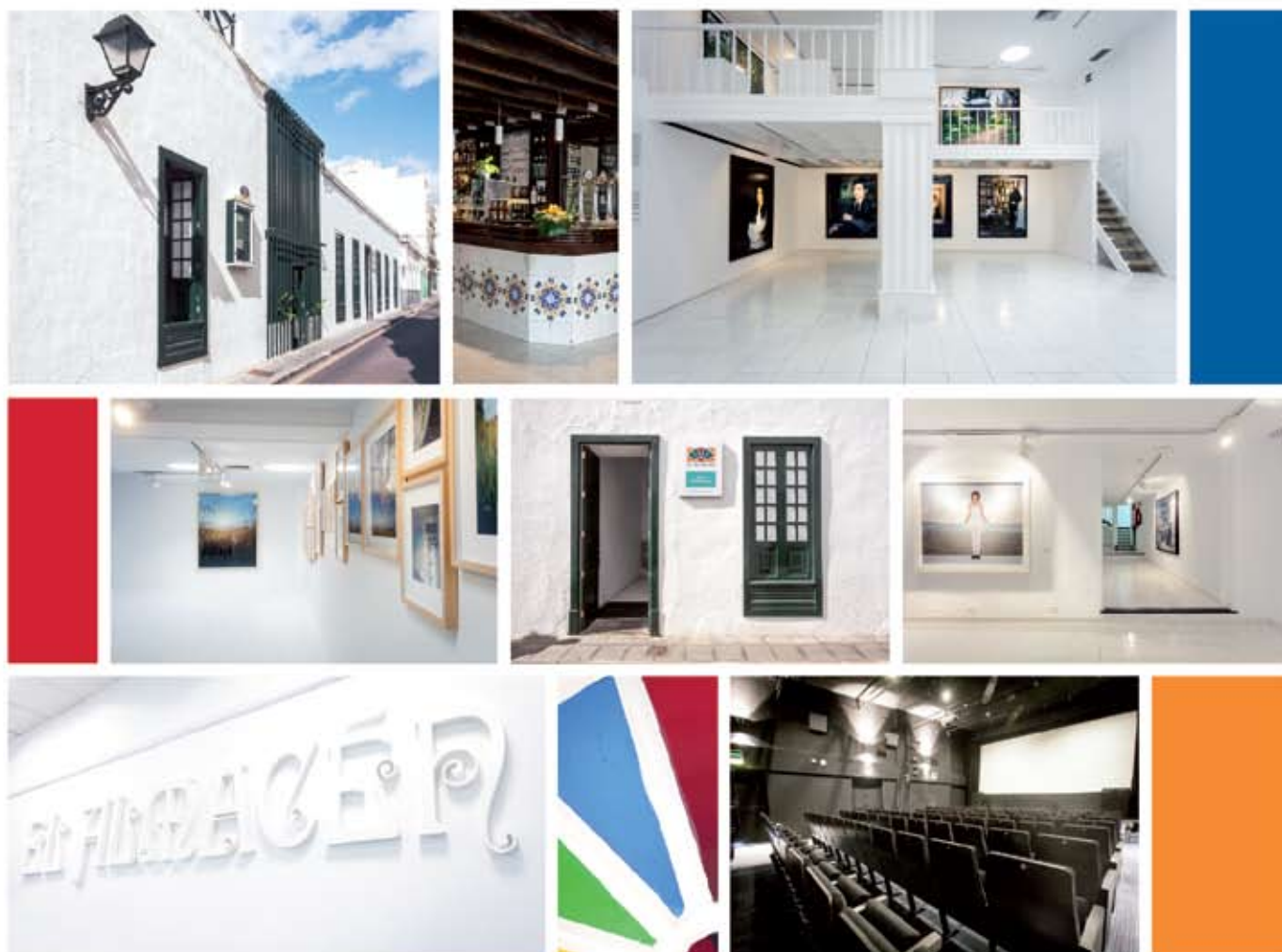






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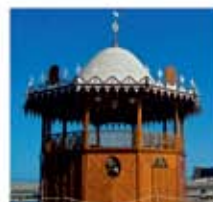
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Jameos del Agua



# Record 15m Holidaymakers in the Canaries in 2016 5 Million from the UK - Leading Country for 3 Decades *ABTA Confirms a Further Increase of 37% in 2017*

Photos Nacho González

*The President of the Canarian Government Fernando Clavijo opened the Islas Canarias stand. Besides thanking British holidaymakers for their loyalty to the Canaries he also invited the UK leisure sector to invest in the region under ZEC legislation which offers beneficial conditions and a low tax rate on profits. Tourism, Culture and Sports Councillor, Maria Teresa Lorenzo referred to the Sun and Beach PLUS Holiday Campaign which offers holidaymakers a widely diverse selection of opportunities to enjoy land and sea sports as well as traditional culture and culinary activities all year round.*



Spanish Ambassador Federico Trillo, Canarian Government President Fernando Clavijo, Canarian Tourism Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo, Promotur Managing Director Maria Méndez with Managing Director of Thomas Cook, Bjerne Sanstrom and Commercial Director of British Airways Colm Lacey. The latter explained that Brexit had not affected tourism to the Canary Islands because the three financial priorities of the average UK household are, **Mortgages, Cell Phones and Holidays!**

36% of the total workforce of the Canary Islands, which numbers 280,000 people, are employed in the tourist industry



*The Canarian President and Tourism Councillor meeting with the chief executives of ABTA, the UK's largest travel association*



*Canarian Government President Clavijo, Tourism Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo, Lanzarote Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio, Tourist Centres Managing Director José Juan Lorenzo and Tías Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino*



# Record 1.3 Million Brits Holidayed on Lanzarote in 2016 13% Annual Increase Unaffected by Brexit



*The Lanzarote delegation was headed by Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio, Managing Director of "Spel" Tourism, Héctor Fernández and Tourist Centres Managing Director José Juan Lorenzo*

## Lanzarote Tourism Meetings Schedule →



*The Tourism Lanzarote Promotion team led by Managing Director Héctor Fernández met with every major airline and tour operator who each confirmed an increase in capacity to the Island in the coming year*

**17 Million Brits Holidayed in Spain in 2016  
82% Repeat Visitors – 40% Minimum 7 Times!**

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*Cabildo Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio with Town Hall Tourist Councillors, L-R, Amado Vizcaino, Soraya Brito, Olga Caraballo and Antonio Callero at the Lanzarote stand*

*Canarian Government Tourism Councillor visited the stand of Cicar, the Lanzarote-founded car hire firm*



**Statistics WTM London 2016**  
37th Annual Fair  
Excel Centre  
Canary Wharf  
4,600 Exhibitors  
182 Countries and Regions  
2,700 Press Representatives





*All prizewinners  
with the authorities*

# Lanzarote Cabildo World Tourism Day Awards at Jameos del Agua

## 2016 “Isla de Lanzarote” Trophy Awarded to Ryanair

Photos: Jesus Porteros / Jesús Betancort / Liz



*Ryanair Executive Luis Hernández  
with Canary Islands Tourism Councillor Ma-  
ria Teresa Lorenzo and Cabildo Presi-  
dent Pedro San Ginés*

The Isla de Lanzarote Trophy was presented to Luis Fernández, Routes Development Manager of Ryanair by Canary Islands Tourism Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo. The jury consisting of the Spel Overseas Promotion Board of Directors comprising members of the public and private sectors made their decision based on the note of confidence the Irish airline had displayed by making Lanzarote a base for its operations and significantly increasing the amount of connections between the island and a multitude of airports throughout Spain and the rest of Europe. Ryanair is currently responsible for 25% of all air traffic at Lanzarote Airport (soon to be renamed for César Manrique).



*Cabildo Vice Presi-  
dent José Juan Cruz  
presented Bernard  
Gaziello of Tegui  
with his award as  
one of the principle  
promoters of Lanza-  
rote as a European  
Sports Destination  
in the field of wind-  
surfing.*

*Canary Islands Government Tourism  
Councillor Maria Teresa  
Lorenzo points to the tourist  
industry playing the pivotal  
role in the economy of the  
Canary Islands. Over the  
past five years visits by holi-  
daymakers to the region had  
risen by 25% to reach the re-  
cord figure of over 14 million  
for 2016.*

*President Pedro San Ginés  
declared that the Insular  
Cabildo is following the path  
of Clean and Renewable  
Energy which accentuates  
our slogan “Lanzarote is Di-  
fferent.” Being declared an  
Isle of the Biosphere and a  
Geopark by Unesco is a legacy*

*of the principles and vision of  
the great César Manrique.*

*Tourism Councillor Echedey  
Eugenio pointed out that the  
two and half million annual  
visitors to Lanzarote provide  
two and a half million reasons  
to continue to aim for Quality,  
Excellence and Innovation. Suc-  
cessful international campaigns  
have been mounted in several  
categories: European Sports  
Destination for land and sea  
sports; Lanzarote Film Com-  
mission offering a unique volca-  
nic landscape for films; Saborea  
Lanzarote as a culinary tourism  
destination and a Conference  
and Events venue with spring-  
like weather all year round.*





### **“Personalities” Distinction**

Parathlete Lionel Morales received his award from Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés for achieving 7th place in the swimming event at the Paralympics in Rio. This brave young man, who lost his leg in a traffic accident, was the only amateur in the final, all the other competitors were professionals, so coming 7th belies his incredible achievement.



Haria Mayor Marciano Acuña and Eusebio Romero of the folklore group Malpais de la Corona who received the Special Mention for their contribution to the history of traditional clothing worn by the singers and dancers which are exhibited throughout the island as an example of the clothing of the islanders over the past two centuries.



Cabildo Tourism Councillor Echeidey Eugenio presented the Distinction for Tourism award in the Events category for the “Concierto en Vela” to the founder of the Lanzarote Classical Orchestra Roberto Fuentes and artistic director Ayoze Rodríguez accompanied by Rafael Juan Hernández, Arrecife Tourism and Culture Councillor, who has sponsored this “Concert Under Sail” at the Charco de San Ginés for the past three years attracting an audience of thousands including many holidaymakers.

Teguisse Tourism Councillor Antonio Callero presented the Special Mention award for the traditional arts and crafts in the Municipality of Teguisse to Efigenia Torres of the Artesanos de Teguisse. Among the most outstanding cultural legacies are the Timple by Simon Morales and Pottery by Doña Dorotea Armas.



Mayor of Tias, José Francisco Hernández, presented the Distinction for Tourism prize in the category of Company to Catalina Martínez for the Boutique Hotel La Isla y el Mar in Puerto del Carmen for its recognition by the Biosphere Responsible Tourism Authority and for being voted among the 10 best hotels in Spain for refurbishment and sustainability.

San Bartolomé Tourism Councillor Isabel Sosa with Esteban Gil whose Molino de D. José María Gil received a Special Mention for the historical role played by this mill which ground the famous gofio cereal which was the staple diet of the Guanche original inhabitants. Consisting of maize or barley, roasted then ground to flour, gofio is still very popular nowadays as a breakfast cereal, a thickener for soups, as biscuit dough and in dumplings.



Yaiza Mayoress Gladys Acuña with the representative of the camel herders of Uga, Marcial Viñoly, who received the Special Mention for the Fiesta de la Vendimia which takes place annually at Bodegas La Geria where the camels bring in the grape harvest watched by many hundreds of tourists who also participate in the grape stomping ritual.







## Annual Las Caritas Grape-Treading Festival in the Wine Region



Held every year on the 17 August, the saint's day of Las Caritas, Bodegas La Geria holds a traditional grape-treading fiesta. Located in the heart of the wine-growing region, the bodega attracts 300,000 visitors a year – the highest amount of any winery in Spain. Among them, a large amount of holidaymakers, especially from cruiseliners. Lanzarote's traditional wine growing area was created by nature in the Fire Mountains following a six year period of intermittent eruptions in the Fire Mountains from 1730 to 1736.

Bodegas La Geria, which occupies 5,525 hectares of land, is very close to Timanfaya National Park and was originally built by the Rijo family at the end of the 19th century. The current proprietors, the Melián family, purchased the winery in 1993 and installed the latest state-of-the-art wine-making machinery whilst respecting the ancient traditions of local winemaking.



*A member of the Bodega staff joins Ramón Melián and several tourists, 300,000 of whom visit La Geria each year, the highest amount of visitors to any winery in Spain. Photos Liz*



*Jacqueline and Monique on holiday from Paris with Marcial Viñoly who has been leading the camels at the fiesta for the past 16 years*



*Jack with his wife Sandra and daughters from Cardiff were passengers on a cruise-liner making a day trip to Lanzarote*

## Malpais de la Corona Folklore Singers and Dancers Haria



Malpais de la Corona received the 2016 World Tourism Day Award for their contribution to Lanzarote culture. Their costumes are based on the traditional Lanzarote dress of the 18th and 19th centuries based on research by historian Ricardo Reguera. In their quest for authenticity the group's attire was woven on an original working loom, especially assembled for this purpose. The head covering of the male members was that worn by the men of Lanzarote and Fuerteventura whereas the women's straw hat and mantilla veil was exclusive to Lanzarote. Originally the straw was worn to enable women to carry loads on their heads and to shield their faces from the sun.



# Tourist Centres Awarded Canarian Government Gold Medal Half a Century of Attracting Quality Tourism to the Island

*Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés invited the longest serving members of the Centros Turísticos to accept the prize on behalf of all employees who had worked at the attractions for the past five decades. He referred to the 7 Centres as among the most unique site-specific natural spaces to be established in Spain during the second half of the 20th century.*

A delegation of Tourist Centres personnel led by Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés, Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio and Managing Director José Juan Lorenzo, travelled to the awards ceremony at La Oliva, Fuerteventura to receive the trophy from the hands of the Tourism, Culture and Sports Councillor of the Canarian Government Maria Teresa Lorenzo. She referred to the Centres as an everlasting guarantor of the quality tourism promoted by César Manrique who created natural spaces which are visited yearly by 2 million visitors from all over the world. In addition, these sites are considered as representing the true identity of the brand Lanzarote as a tourist destination.



*All prizewinners with the authorities*



Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio said that the award is in recognition of the work carried out by all members of the staff over the past 50 years imbued with the same enthusiasm as shown by César Manrique when he created the Centres.

## The Timple Miniature Guitar Originated in Teguisse



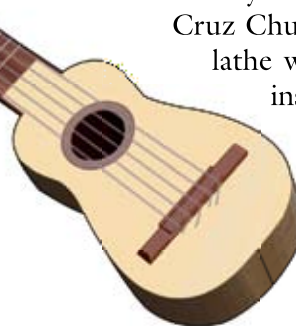
*Benito Cabrera, master timplist and curator of the Timple Museum at Teguisse, during a concert at Jameos del Agua. The Lanzarote-born musician has given concerts throughout the Canary Islands and on the mainland as well as in the United States of America*

### **“Voice of the Canary Islands”**

Teguisse was the birth place of the Timple miniature guitar for which it was awarded the 2016 World Tourism Day Award, the sound of the instrument is known as the “Voice of the Canary Islands. According to Town Historian Francisco Hernández, Simón Morales, born in 1897, was the first person to build a Timple and he and his son Manuel, better known as Juanele were the best known proponents of the instrument for a period of seventy years. Juanele continued

the family tradition in a workshop close to the Vera Cruz Church operating an ancient foot-operated lathe without the assistance of any measuring instruments using the skill and craftsmanship he learned from his father. The

Ayuntamiento is in the process of awarding Simón Morales the title of Illustrious Citizen of Teguisse for his pioneering work on the Timple, the lead instrument of all folklore groups in the Canary Islands.





## A Warm Welcome for the Festive Season and the Coming Year Lanzarote Hotels Practice Responsible Tourism on a Geopark Island

*Without an attractive environment there would be no tourism, which is why Lanzarote hoteliers play an active role by carrying out sustainable business practices. They have also encouraged conservation of the environment by pioneering Biosphere Hotels, the first tourist destination in Spain to introduce this category.*



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*Guillermo  
Femenías  
Hotel Manager*

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Hotel Manager*



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# Lanzarote – “Unesco Model for Sustainable Tourism”

## Prize-Winning Hotels Win Quality Awards for Customer Satisfaction

*According to the latest industry trends, tourist nowadays are highly knowledgeable about an appreciation of the environment and choose to holiday at a resort where the hotel industry and the local authorities respect the economic and social-cultural objectives of the local inhabitants*



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*Javier Suarez  
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Hotel Manager*



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*Cabildo Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio and Héctor Fernández, Managing Director of Spel with Marina Directors José Juan Calero and Rafael Lasso*

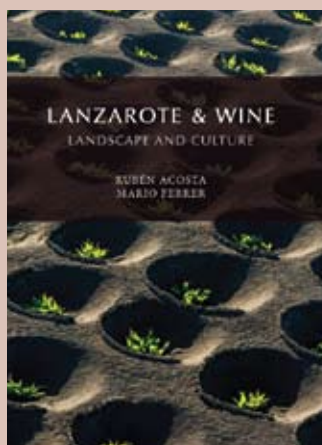


*Managing Director of Lineas Marítimas Romero, Luis Padron, awards a trophy to the Penguin Swimming Club of Arrecife for their promotion of the sport of swimming on Lanzarote. The presentation took place at Caleta de Seba on La Graciosa following the annual "Crossing El Rio" race between Lanzarote and the 8th Canary Island. Automatic External Defibrillators, operated by trained staff, have been installed on all ferries for passengers who suffer heart attacks*



Lanzarote Marina, Arrecife; Puerto Calero Marina and Marina Rubicón, Playa Blanca, have joined SPEL Overseas Promotion which comprises the Lanzarote Cabildo Tourism Executive and the leading hotels and sporting organisations. Under the umbrella of Lanzarote Sports Destination the three yachting resorts attract around 2,500 private boats to the island every year besides hosting several prestigious ocean regattas. They and Spel attend the annual international boat shows in Paris and Düsseldorf which each attract several hundred thousand visitors.

## Lanzarote and Wine Landscape and Culture



This is a bilingual book by Ruben Acosta and Mario Ferrer about traditional wine cultivation on Lanzarote explaining how a unique method evolved following the eruptions of the Fire Mountains in the 18th century. The comprehensive work

also covers all social-cultural matters connected with viticulture on the island as well as many other historical aspects. On sale from mid-December in all good bookshops, the Tourist Centres and at the Bodegas. [www.edicionesremotas.com](http://www.edicionesremotas.com)



Our sincere condolences to the Canary Islands Descendents of Louisiana, on the death of Bertin Esteves who was a long-time volunteer board member of Los Isleños Heritage Society of St Bernard. A few years back he visited Lanzarote to attend the Mancha Blanca Folklore Festival and donated several of his sketches to this publication of life in the Canarian community. Best wishes to Dot Benge and all the members of Los Isleños from the Mayor and the Ayuntamiento of Teiguise and all our readers.







## Eating out on Lanzarote

### Oyambre, Costa Calero

Welcome in the New Year with an excellent menu in the beautiful premises overlooking the marina with dancing, fireworks and free drinks at the bar until 4am in the morning. A spectacular gala buffet is offered in the La Magdalena restaurant, with wines and Spanish sparkling wine at an all-inclusive price of 98 euros p.p.

Hotel Costa Calero Talaso & Spa offers diners a "Relaxing SPA-Lunch-Pools" package which combines entry to the active pool, sauna and Haman at the Thalasso-Spa Centre, the use of the hotel's pools and lunch at the Oyambre restaurant, including drinks, for 33€ p.p. (Lanzarote residents). Food is prepared in front of guests at the Oyambre, open daily from 12.30-15.30, serving the tastiest Spanish and international cuisine in an informal setting, caressed by a gentle breeze from Lanzarote's mild climate. The exclusive Magdalena restaurant which features international cuisine opens for dinner from 18:30-21:30. Diners can once again watch their food being prepared in a more traditional manner, male guests are therefore kindly requested to wear long trousers.

### Qué Muac

#### Castillo de San José

The menu at the restaurant at the 18th century Castillo de San José has undergone an artistic facelift which combines modern day and traditional dining. Besides the international, Spanish and Canarian main dishes, exotic desserts and a comprehensive wine menu, an entirely new concept is represented by a rich variety of 24 present-day tapas served in avant garde style. Another innovation is musical evenings on Fridays and Saturdays from 9.30-1.00, accompanied by gastronomic delights. All to be enjoyed in an 18th century castle with exciting views of the sea. Reservations are recommended.

### Isla de Lobos

#### Princesa Yaiza Hotel

This exclusive gourmet restaurant offering a dream-like atmosphere, is ideally located with a terrace overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and the neighbouring isles of Fuerteventura and Isla de Lobos. Traditional cuisine under chef Joao Faraco is enriched by avant-garde cooking techniques which combine with the fresh taste of home-grown local products to bring a new twist to all the dishes on the menu. The result offers diners a unique culinary experience which delights the senses. Open Tuesday – Saturday 6.30 pm, last orders, 10.00 pm. They also serve breakfast a la carte (only for adults). Enjoy a unique gastronomic experience which includes a guided tour with our chef around the dairy farm "Finca de Uga." Followed by an exquisite menu at Isla de Lobos Restaurant using local produce from Lanzarote and traditional home-made recipes which are transformed into innovative mouth-watering dishes. Catering services for all events including business luncheons or dinners over the festive season.

### Jameos del Agua Restaurant

The restaurant at Jameos del Agua has to be considered among one of the most beautiful dining facilities in a natural setting anywhere in the world. It is located in the last section of the world's longest volcanic tunnel known as the Atlantida, which measures 7.5 kilometres before continuing on the ocean bed for a further 1,500 metres. Diners overlook the underground lake which is famous as the habitat of the blind albino crab, normally only encountered in the depths of the oceans. Hollywood star Rita Hayworth made a film on Lanza-

rote in 1978 which coincided with the opening of this tourist centre created by César Manrique, which she described to the international press as "the eighth wonder of the world." The restaurant opens daily from 11 to 16.30 hrs, tapas served from 10.00. Dining Saturday night from 19.00 – 22.00.

### Lancelot Hotel

#### Arrecife Promenade

Overlooking the golden sands of Reducto beach the Lancelot Hotel - which holds a Certificate of Excellence and is rated by Trip Adviser as "incredible price-quality ratio," is centrally located in downtown Arrecife. The restaurant offers a wide selection of dishes including specialities of Lanzarote and Canarian cuisine as well as a delicious range of tapas and snacks. The wine list includes the best of Rioja and other notable Spanish mainland wines together with Canarian wines cultivated in the island's unique wine-growing region of La Geria. The restaurant also caters for business luncheons, anniversaries, birthdays etc. as well as office parties during the Festive Season. Open daily from 10.00 – 22.00 hrs.

### Casa-Museo al Campesino

The House-Museum of the Rural Worker at Mozaga is most certainly the most authentic of the Island's restaurants to enjoy traditional Lanzarote food. The buildings and patios are in the style of the typical farm houses of old even down to the spacious catchment areas for rain. The food is on display in a glass cabinet offering both hot and cold dishes. There is also a good selection of local wines and cheeses. The restaurant is beside the Monument at the junction of the Arrecife-Tinajo and Uga-Teguise roads. Snacks and hot or cold drinks are also served throughout the day.





## Eating out on Lanzarote

### Pizzeria Capri

Opened by owner Toni Garcia Martín in 1985, this is one of the truly pioneering restaurants of Puerto del Carmen which has operated since tourism began in the resort. Family-run with 23 tables and a staff of 18, the standards of excellence in food, professional and friendly service as well as good value for money have never changed suiting every taste and every pocket. There is a comprehensive variety of local and international dishes besides pizza choices which include vegan and vegetarian. Half-size portions for kids and the elderly. Also, shared portions of pizza, lasagne and croquettes. Open daily from 11.30 to 1 am. The tables are laid out in the restaurant in a certain manner to give clients an ambience of comfort and privacy

wherever you sit, and you feel as if you were eating a home-cooked meal in your own house. Highly popular with both tourists and residents. Open daily till 1.00 in the morning. Festive Season specials for families and groups and office parties.

### Restaurant Altamar Arrecife Gran Hotel

Located on the top floor of the hotel with incomparable and magnificent panoramic views which combine with the turquoise of the bay to create a unique atmosphere. Chef de cuisine Abdel del Rosario reinterprets the cuisine of Lanzarote by his preparation of local products with a simple touch. King prawn salad with citrus fruit flavour, served with avocado and tobiko. Hake from La Santa cooked in its own jui-

ce with poached egg, green asparagus and mashed potatoes. Pan fried scallops with lentils from Tegui, seasonal vegetables and cauliflower cream. An extensive wine selection offers the perfect accompaniment to the gourmet food. Catering for all events in the banqueting suite. Open daily from 7 pm - 11 pm.

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## Eating out on Lanzarote



Among specialities, Foie gras with goat cheese crumbs and green apple caramel, raspberries gazpacho, king prawns and cuttlefish black rice, grilled cherne (local white fish), sea urchins and mussel juice with Canarian potatoes, Iberian acorn ham with bread and tomato, carpaccio of beef steak with foie gras shavings, cured cheese and Modena vinaigrette, cod fillet with onions and tomato sauce, sliced potatoes and Iberian cream oil, beef tips with fettucine, mushrooms and parmesan, cook rolled shoulder of lamb, tartar of vegetables, couscous sautéed and juice. Average price p.p. €25 - 30. Season specials for families and groups and office parties. Open 12:00-23:00 hrs: Tapas, Lunch and Dinner. Closed Mondays.

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# The Annual London WTM Tourism Fair at CANARY WHARF Named for this area of London Docks where ships had been unloading huge volumes of fruit and vegetables from the Canary Islands since 1886

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*Farm workers carry vegetables from the fields of Tafira, Gran Canaria, destined for the London market. Late 19th century, from the book Canary Saga by Basil Miller, courtesy Faith Miller*



President Fernando Clavijo (C) also visited Southampton Docks to meet with the Managing Director of the Association of British Ports (ABP) on the occasion of the 130th Anniversary of the export of tomatoes from the Canaries to the UK. They discussed ways to stimulate the import of this vegetable in order to counter the effects of Brexit and the drop in value of the pound sterling, as the UK imports 55% of all tomatoes exported from the Islands. Their meeting took place



*Canarian Tourism Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo, Tourist Infrastructure Director Héctor Suárez and Managing Director of Promotur Maria Mendez with the entire team at the Canary Islands Exhibition Stand where the following amounts of home-grown products were served to visitors over the three day event in order to stimulate Culinary Tourism: 4,000 glasses of fruit juice, 5,000 portions of cheese snacks and 30,000 glasses of wine, Denomination of Origin products. The soft drinks were made in London from two tons of fresh fruit brought over from various parts of the Canary Islands.*

*The 700 m2 stand had a 100 m2 LED screen. 200 tourism sector professionals and officials were present at the four day event*

at the inauguration of a dedicated fresh produce facility at Southampton Docks, developed by the ABP

at a cost of 10 million pounds, for the handling of tomatoes from the Canary Islands.





# Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from the Canarian Government

## Canarian President Meets the U.S. Ambassador to Spain Alitalia Begin Operating Scheduled Flights to the Canary Islands



*President of the Canarian Government Fernando Clavijo*



*President of the Canarian Government Fernando Clavijo explained to American Ambassador to Spain Jaime Costos the benefits of investment in the Canary Islands for the US business sector*

### ZEC Special Reduced Taxation Zone

The Canarian President stressed how the Canary Islands archipelago enjoys a privileged geographical position which has always allowed it to act as a bridge between three continents: Africa-America-Europe.

The improvement of airport infrastructures in the past few years has contributed to strengthening the 'Tricontinentality' of the islands, turning them into strategic point of communications and economic and trade relations at international level. Because of its location, the Archipelago was chosen by the World Food Programme (WFP) as the headquarters for all their activities. The WFP has repeatedly praised the strategic position of the Canary Islands and their good communications, which greatly simplifies the logistics of international agencies such as this. Another major point President Clavijo raised with the ambassador were the special features of the Canary Islands ZEC Zone for overseas businesses and services with greatly reduced taxation making them unquestionably highly attractive to the investor.



*Canarian Tourism Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo announced the first direct flights operated by Alitalia between Italy and the Canary Islands commencing in November. A capacity of 20,000 seats will be available on the route Rome-Tenerife annually. In the photograph the councillor is seen with the President of the Cabildo of Tenerife Carlos Alonso and Alitalia Vice President of Sales Nicola Bonacchi*





## Proposed Direct Flights from the US and Canada by 2018 UK-Canary Islands Tourism Unaffected by Brexit



*Canarian Tourism María Teresa Lorenzo*

*Canarian Tourism Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo announced that exploratory discussions took place between her executive and officials from American Airlines and Air Canada at the airline industry's annual World Routes Trade Fair held in Cheng Du, China in September (2016).*

Promotur Managing Director and Route Development Researcher Maria Guardiet represented Canarias at the annual event attended by 3,000 delegates from 300 airlines. Statistics show that between April 2016 and March 2017 more than 150 new routes are, and will be added to the schedule to bring the total of annual direct

flights to the Canary Islands to 850 from 150 airports. In addition, the Canarian executives held talks with airline officials from Tel Aviv and Istanbul airports. They were reassured to hear from all major airlines carrying holidaymakers from the UK to the Canaries, that Brexit has had no effect on the volume of flights, which have, in fact, increased.

## The Marketing Strategy of the Canary Islands 2017-2021 Based on Brand Tracking Survey in 19 Countries

*Tourism Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo and Promotur Managing Director Maria Méndez have released the results of a survey conducted among over 30,000 prospective holidaymakers from the island's most popular countries of origin as well from emerging markets. "The marketing strategy of Canary Islands Tourism over the next four years will be based on its contents."*



*Canarian Tourism representatives Maria Méndez and Maria Guardiet with executives from Air Canada and the Spanish Airport Authority, Aena*

### A High Profile of Recognition

The countries chosen for this brand tracking exercise were the United Kingdom, Germany, Spain, Ireland, Holland, Belgium, France, Italy, Portugal, Austria, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Poland, Russia, Luxembourg and the Czech Republic. According to the poll, Canarias enjoys a very high profile of recognition among a large majority of those surveyed which rose on a scale of 1 to 10, from 6.74% in 2011 to 7.07% in 2015. On a more commercial level,

the percentage of those surveyed who had been attracted via adverts on TV or in the press was 42.5%.

### Attractive Characteristics

Major features which influenced people to holiday in the Canary Islands: the beaches, a lack of mass tourism, the year-round opportunities to practise land and sea sports, the environmental conservation and sustainability policies and last, but not least, security. Many pointed out how surprised they had been and after their first visit and

felt drawn to return through: the prices, the climate during the winter and its suitability for a family holiday. Repeat visitors who totted up more than ten visits learned to appreciate: excellent accommodation, amenities and facilities, local culture and tradition, delicious local cuisine and unique wines as well as the hospitality and friendliness of the local population. The general image conjured up by a "Brand" Canary Islands holiday: "total relaxation in an atmosphere of peace and quiet."





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The Lanzarote Cabildo Proposes Naming Lanzarote Airport for César Manrique

*“Your name should be César “Lanzarote” Manrique.*

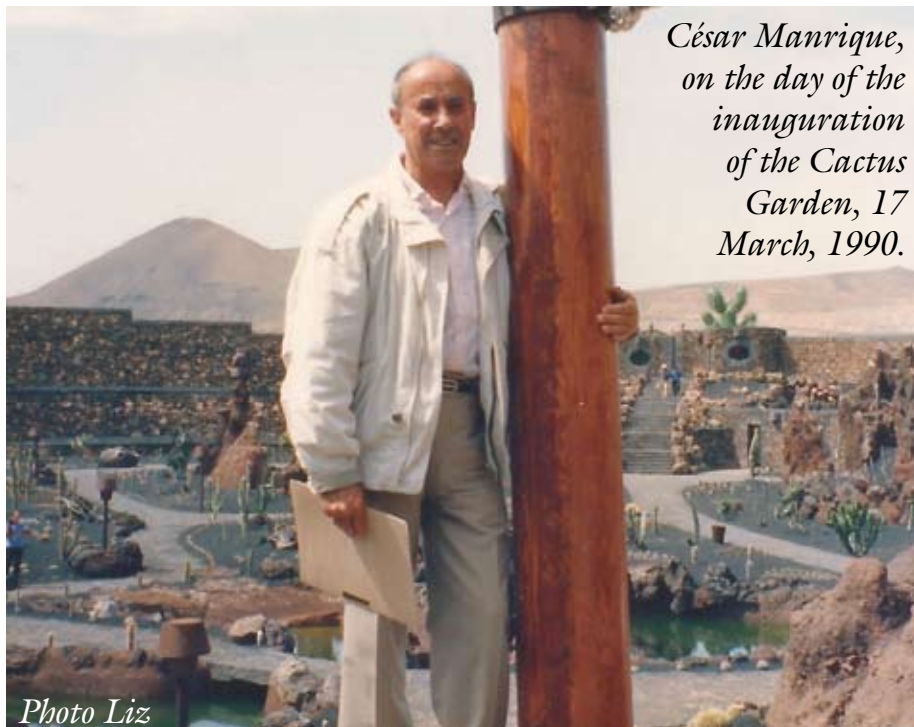
Cabildo President Nicolás de Paiz

Photos Jesús Porteros, Jesús Betancort, Liz



*Cabildo President  
Pedro San Ginés*

Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés and Industry and Commerce Councillor Ariagona González, have proposed to the Spanish Ministry for Development that Lanzarote Airport be named for César Manrique due to the fame that the late artist achieved for the isle of his birth, to which he had dedicated his life's work. It is largely thanks to Manrique that the island has garnered its reputation as a destination of quality among tourists all over the world. Besides creating the major tourist centres and designing the first airport, Manrique also highlighted the importance of respecting Lanzarote's environment and traditional architecture.



*César Manrique,  
on the day of the  
inauguration  
of the Cactus  
Garden, 17  
March, 1990.*

*Photo Liz*

In 1968, his completion of the Jameos del Agua tourist attraction coincided with a visit to the island by Hollywood star Rita Hayworth who had just finished making a film here and was invited by Manrique to the opening. She left for Paris the following morning where she told a journalist that she had just seen the 8th Wonder of the World created by an artist called César Manrique on the island of Lanzarote. His next question was, “And where is Lanzarote?”

Some 20 years later, London's prestigious Tate Gallery announced it was organising tours of the cultu-

ral sites at 10 “intelligent” tourist destinations. They included, the Egypt of the Pharaohs, the Germany of Johann Sebastian Bach, the Palaces of Venice and the Lanzarote of César Manrique. In 1990, César Manrique finished the building of the Cactus Garden, the last of the tourist centres he was to create for the island. During the inauguration address, President of the Cabildo Nicolás de Paiz thanked the artist for having created such a magnificent tourist centre and said, “Your name should really be, César “Lanzarote” Manrique.





# Lanzarote News Roundup

## Canarian Government Destines €2 Million for Jameos del Agua and Museo Atlántico



*The Canarian Government has granted the Cabildo 2 million euros to cover the cost of the refurbishment of the entire upper level of Jameos del Agua in the style of César Manrique to include a first class restaurant and a four storey lift for total accessibility. As well as for the completion of the second and final phase of the Museo Atlántico underwater sculpture park at Playa Blanca created by Jason de Caires Taylor*

Cabildo Industry, Commerce and Energy Councillor Ariagona González accompanied by Deputy President and Transportation Councillor JoseJuan Cruz inaugurated the installation of the latest Charge Point for Electric Vehicles at Biosfera Plaza, Puerto del Carmen to add to those at Arrieta, Monumentos al Campesino and Playa Blanca. Councillor González thanked the companies involved for promoting the use of clean energy.



*Victoriano Elvira, the current President, was co-founder of Aetur in 1979*

Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés and Vice President and Councillor for Transport José Juan Cruz met with the President of Aetur, Victoriano Elvira and members of the local Car Hire Association

who were worried about the unilateral decision of the airport authority to move their offices in the arrival hall to another location further away which would cause a great deal of inconvenience for arriving

tourists. Following the meeting, Cabildo Vice President José Juan Cruz undertook to discuss the matter with the airport officials. Photo: The members of Aetur with the authorities at the Cabildo.



*Original poster of  
César Manrique used  
at the inauguration in  
1974. Photo Ildefonso  
Aguilar*



FOTO: I. AGUILAR

# MANRIQUE

## EL ALMACEN

### LANZAROTE 1974



# Lanzarote News Roundup



19 March 1974 – César Manrique and Friends Inaugurate El Almacén  
29 September 2016 - El Almacén Centre for Cultural Innovation Reopens

*“To have the total liberty to create without fear or formula heartens the soul and opens a path to the joy of living”*

Cesar Manrique

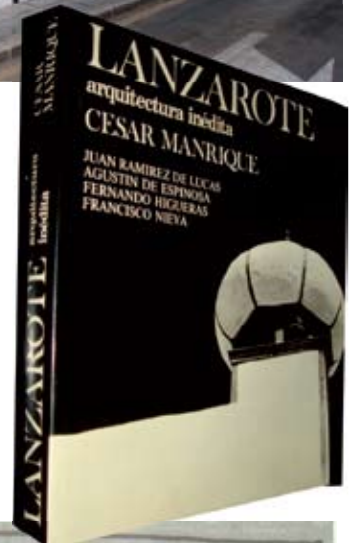
El Almacén, the original artistic headquarters of César Manrique, Pepe Dámaso, Luis Ibañez and Gerardo Fontes, opened in March 1974. Over the next fifteen years, this iconic building in the centre of Arrecife, became a focal point for local art representing Lanzarote’s cultural identity both for the inhabitants of the island and internationally. The Lanzarote Cabildo, which acquired El Almacén from César Manrique in 1989 for the use of its department of culture, has totally refurbished the interior to serve as a centre for cultural innovation. An exhibition of the photographic works of Lanzarote-born internationally acclaimed artist Carmela Garcia, inaugurated the renovated premises on the evening of the 29th September 2016 in the presence of three of the original founders of El Almacén and the leading regional and insular authorities as well as the late artist’s brother and sister among other personalities.

## Lanzarote – Arquitectura inédita”

At El Almacén on the 1st of June 1974, César Manrique announced the publication of his book “Lanzarote – Arquitectura inédita” (Lanzarote’s Unknown Architecture). The work contains photographs taken by the artist in order to display a style of building unique to the island, which had evolved over generations. The shots show details of private houses and public buildings, walls, roofs, doors, windows, chimneys and ovens in the towns and villages and on farms as well as churches and military quarters. In addition, exceptional photos of historical importance of women wearing protective clothing and head-wear working at Janubio Salt Ponds. For much of the time whilst travelling round the island he was accompanied by architectural designer Luis Ibañez. “Arquitectura inédita” is still considered Lanzarote’s most important work of reference on traditional architecture.



*The invitation to the publication of his work on architecture was handwritten by César Manrique within the outline of a wall he sketched, dated 1 June 1974 at 9 pm*







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*Cabildo Culture Councillor Oscar Pérez has revived the original purpose of El Almacén when it was first created, to serve as a centre for cultural innovation on Lanzarote*

Cabildo Culture Councillor Oscar Pérez pointed out that the facility would be known as CIC El Almacén, the Spanish initials for Centre of Cultural Innovation, where the latest forms of the arts by local and international painters, sculptors and photographers are on display using the most innovative state-of-the-art technology available. Besides the art gallery and exhibition halls, a cinema screens original versions of avant-garde films from all over the world (subtitled in Spanish). Other activities include talks, workshops and round table discussions groups. There is also a restaurant and bar.

For up to date programming: [www.cabildodelanzarote.com](http://www.cabildodelanzarote.com)



*Cabildo President with historian and master potter Juan Brito*



*Artist Carmela Garcia with the Regional Tourism Councillor María Teresa Lorenzo, the Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés and the Mayoress of Arrecife Eva de Anta*



*Guests of honour at the inauguration included: Luis Ibañez and Gerardo Fontes, Carlos and Juana Manrique, President of the CM Foundation, José Juan Ramírez among others*







*Cabildo Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio*



*President of the Cabildo Pedro San Ginés and Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio presented the new Tourist Centres APP, based on the cognitive technology of IBM cloud oriented to enhance the experience of visitors to the Tourist Centres*

The application was developed by Red Skios who won the innovative Lanzarote Cognitive Tourist Challenge contest organised by the Tourist Centres.

President Pedro San Ginés said that Red Skios had presented an APP which placed Lanzarote in the

vanguard of the tourist sector in the whole of Spain well ahead of the competition of other tourist destinations. User-friendly, simple and modern this APP converts a visit to the attractions by 3 million tourists annually into an unforgettable experience. Tourism Councillor Echedey



Eugenio added we continue adding the most innovative applications to guarantee total satisfaction for visitors to the CACT centres. Managing Director José Juan Lorenzo emphasized how the latest APP is of enormous benefit for the work of the staff at all the attractions.



*Tourist Centres Managing Director José Juan Lorenzo with British eco-sculptor Jason deCaires Taylor at the installation of his "Rising Tide" underwater sculpture in the sea in front of the Castillo de San Jose*

## The Rising Tide at MIAC

In September 2016, British underwater eco-sculpture Jason DeCaires Taylor unveiled his Rising Tide exhibit of the Four Horseman at the foot of the MIAC gallery of the Castillo de San José, Arrecife. The identical display had been featured on the Albert Embankment during the Totally Thames Festival in London exactly one year before in September 2015.



*World Tourism Awards press conference: Ryanair Route Planning Manager Luis Fernández with Cabildo Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio and Spel Managing Director Héctor Fernández*



*Asolan President Susana Pérez, Arrecife Gran Hotel Manager Luis Miguel Morales, and Lindis and Sylvia of Líneas Marítimas Romero Ferries*





## 450,000 Euro Facelift and Landscaping at C/ Princesa Ico Plans Approved for 5 Star Rehabilitation of Hotel Fariones

Photos: Dory Hernández



*Mayor of Tias Pancho Hernández announced that 10 million euros have been spent on the modernisation scheme over the past two years*

Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández is well satisfied with the pace of the modernisation of Puerto del Carmen programme. Work is well advanced in the refurbishment of C/ Princesa Ico, located parallel to the Avenida Las Playas and an important transit route which runs through the resort's central residential area. Major improvements include: renovation of road and pavement surfaces; installation of utility connections underground and elimination of architectural barriers for the disabled. The alterations are being carried out in five phases to



*Sketch of the future façade*

*Mayor Pancho Hernández with Urban Councillor Saray Rodríguez check the progress of work at C/ Princesa Ico*



minimise disruption to local residents and traffic.

The Ayuntamiento of Tias have spent 10 million euros over the past two years on upgrading Calles Reina Sofia, Pedro Barba and Nasa and the re-tarmacking of a further 80 streets in the urban area as part of the renovation scheme.

Another major step towards the

modernisation of the resort is the Town Hall approval for the refurbishment of Hotel Fariones which will be upgraded to the category of 5-Star. When this historic establishment opened its doors in 50 years ago in 1966 it was the very beginning of the tourist industry in Puerto del Carmen as well as for the whole island of Lanzarote.



The Municipal Police of Tias celebrated their Cristo de la Vera Cruz Saint's Day at church in La Tiñosa fishing harbour. Mayor Pancho Hernández spoke of the great work carried out daily by the local police force through their dedication, sense of responsibility, professionalism and efficiency.



## V Annual Tapas Fair is an International Family Affair Hundreds of Tourists Book Their Holidays to Coincide with the Culinary Event Held in Puerto del Carmen Fishing Harbour



*Tias  
Tourism  
and Culture  
Councillor  
Amado  
Vizcaino  
pulls out all  
the stops to  
make visitors  
feel welcome*

*The presentation of the Tapas Fair in Puerto del Carmen fishing harbour with insular, municipal and Rotary Club authorities*

Organised by the Tourism Department of the Ayuntamiento de Tias at Varadero Plaza in the fishing harbour, this year's Feria de la Tapa broke all attendance records. Lanzarote's cuisine was on display at almost a hundred or so stalls each offering a variety of the tastiest Lanzarote tapa specialities. This year's emphasis was on a large variety of recipes for snacks made from locally-grown chick peas and from squid caught in nearby waters.

Entire families of adults and children enjoy tasting the various combinations of tapas which are offered at a very low price as part of the Cabildo Island Government's "Saborea (Taste) Lanzarote" campaign. A programme which introduces visitors to the local cuisine encouraging food tourism so that people find yet one more tourist attraction on Lanzarote but this one is as pleasing to the stomach as to the eye. It is all washed down with a tasty glass of the unique Lanzarote wine cultivated in volcanic soil or a beer or soft drink.



*Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés and Agriculture Councillor Jesús Morales with the Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández and Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino were very encouraged by seeing how hundreds of holidaymakers totally enjoyed the tapas and wines from the local cuisine*



*Chickpeas and Squid – Joint Top of the Tapas Hit Parade*



*Tourism Councillor with Lancelot TV presenter Usoa Ibarra and local chefs de cuisine*



42 boats from Lanzarote and Fuerteventura participated in the 23rd La Tiñosa High Seas Fishing Challenge off the waters of the neighbouring isles at the end of October which was won by Lanzarotean "Maynieves" skippered by Alfonso Valls.







# Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from San Bartolomé

## Ayuntamiento Proposals to Preserve Molino Don José Maria Gil Historic Feature of the Agricultural Heritage of San Bartolomé



*San Bartolomé Mayoress Dolores Corujo considers the preservation of the 200 year-old local windmill to be of major importance for the municipality*



*Mayoress Corujo and Deputy Mayor David Rocio meet with Esteban and José Maria Gil, the two brothers who inherited their father's historic windmill*



Mayoress Dolores Corujo has held a series of meetings with the owners of the Molino of Don José Maria Gil in San Bartolomé which, until recently, was the only surviving mill still in use on the island. She and Deputy Mayor David Rocio met with the son of the original owner Esteban Gil and his brother José Maria Gil, who at 87 years of age retired half a year ago. The mill last worked by wind in 1920 and has since been powered by oil engine and electric motor grinding maize for the traditional gofio cereal as well as other products, for almost 100 years. The mill is under protection as a monument of significance.

### Gofio in History

Gofio was a staple of the ancient Guanche inhabitants of Lanzarote in addition to meat, fish, fruit and vegetables, and is still very popular nowadays throughout the Canary Islands fruit. An ancient recipe consisted of maize, roasted and then ground, is still in use today as a breakfast cereal,



*Tourism Councillor Isabel Sosa handing the Distinction award for the Molina D. José Maria Gil to Esteban Gil, son of the late proprietor*

a thickener for soups, as biscuit dough and in dumplings.

The cereal is mentioned by name in a 16th century chronicle which describes gofio as 'toasted barley flour, which they grind by hand in a small stone mill in all the islands and mix with water or lard or milk, and this was their bread.' Nowadays, however, gofio is rarely milled from barley – maize and millet are used

instead – though, up to twenty years ago, was still produced in the few surviving family-owned local mills as well as in fully industrial units. The very last one in use on Lanzarote is the one in San Bartolomé.

A glass of milk with gofio stirred in is still a popular breakfast for many Canary Island families. Up to a few years ago, gofio was also sprinkled into coffee and the congealed lumps, swallowed with obvious pleasure. Raw gofio can be added to potaje (usually a vegetable soup) and other soups and stews. Gofio amasado (mixed) is simply dipped into, like any other tapa, or spoonful's can be soaked in a soup or stew.

Traditionally gofio was mixed in a zurrón, a leather bag fashioned out of a whole kidskin. The foreleg and neck openings were plugged and bound up and the rear legs were turned into a carrying strap. The bag, containing either milk or oil, was squeezed and kneaded until the contents were thoroughly mixed to a dough-like consistency.



# *Lanzarote News Roundup*

## Local Writer Honoured as Official Historian of Lanzarote



*José Hernández González received the distinction from the hands of the President of the Historian of the Canary Islands José A. Luján Henríquez and San Bartolomé Mayoress Dolores Corujo who both spoke of his many years of research dedicated to the history of the municipality. Two other prominent local chroniclers also congratulated the recipient in their speeches, Antonio Lorenzo, Historian of Arrecife and Francisco Hernández, Historian of Teguise*



## Fiestas in the District of San Bartolomé Aguapata at El Islote and Festejos Playa Honda







# Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from Arrecife

## Exhibition for the Environmental Education of Local Children

Photos: Sergio Betancort



*Eva de Anta Mayor of Arrecife*



*Mayor Eva de Anta, Environment Councillor Carmen Delgado, Urban Councillor Samuel Martín with the organisers of the Environmental Programme for Children*



*Mayor Eva de Anta, Culture Councillor Juan Rafael González, Cabildo Education Councillor Eva Marquez and Samuel Lemes among others*



The floodlights of the Castillo de San José were coloured pink, the international symbol of breast cancer awareness on the night of a gathering dedicated to the battle against breast cancer. A message of

support to all victims was read out by one survivor who said "We must never forget to smile" and of thanks to all local organisations which organise help for the sufferers and their families.

### The World of Nature

Arrecife Mayor Eva de Anta congratulated the organisers for introducing a programme for the environmental education of the children of Arrecife, "as it plays a critical role in shaping their lifelong respect of our natural surroundings both in the town and countryside as well as in marine life. Many young children living in cities have limited opportunities for these experiences as they spend most of their time in settings, or doing activities, that keep them essentially isolated from the world of nature. Positive interaction with the natural environment for youngsters is very important for their quality of life when they get older.

### Boat Building

A book about the traditional methods of boat building in Arrecife by master carpenter Agustín Jordán has been published by the Culture Department and Mercurio Editorial. Having spent a lifetime building boats and as a highly motivated carpenter, Agustín Jordán the work is the result of a lifetime building boats in the island capital.



An interactive exhibition at Charco de San Ginés Gallery celebrated the 400th anniversary of the death of Miguel de Cervantes, author of Don Quixote, the greatest figure in the history of Spanish literature. Books, paintings, photos, sculptures and coins were assembled by exhibition commissioner Jesús Francisco Luis Ravelo.



## Capital City of Music on the Island



Over 14,000 fans enjoyed the music at the “Arrecife en Vivo” street concert cycle over 4 weekends during the autumn including more than 1,000 holidaymakers. This concert cycle was awarded the international prize at Lisbon as best free public entertainment on the Iberian peninsula beating out both Madrid and Barcelona.



*Arrecife Tourism and Culture Councillor Juan Rafael González spoke of the importance of generating enthusiasm for the benefit of the tourist, cultural and commercial aspects of the capital*



*Mayoress Eva de Anta with the Canarian, Lanzarote and Arrecife Tourism and Culture Councillors at the presentation of the four Arrecife en Vivo street music concerts*



*A concert to remember by composer-pianist David Gómez on the shores of the sea accompanied by the sound of the waves and illuminated by 200 candles outside the Castillo de San Gabriel*



Over 500 people enjoyed the show entitled ‘La Gran Ilusión’ by magician Antonio Díaz “Mago Pop” at El Salinero Theatre. Many families brought their children to watch the fantastic magical tricks of this skilful young Spanish illusionist.





# Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from Teguise

## Improvements at las Cucharas and Los Charcos Beaches 2nd History of Teguise Seminar Highly Successful



*Tegui Mayor Oswaldo Betancort is delighted at the improvements scheduled for the resort's major beaches*



*Canarian Government Tourism Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo and Tegui Mayor with Director of Tourist Infrastructor Héctor Suárez examine the details of the refurbishment programme*

### €1,350,000 Facelift for Las Cucharas Beachfront Promenade

Canarian Councillor for Tourism and Culture, Maria Teresa Lorenzo, announced a major investment of €1,350,000 in the total refurbishment of Las Cucharas Beach area. New paving is to be laid along the length of the freshly-landscaped beachfront which will offer comfortable seating at frequent intervals. Additional facilities include a children's playground on the beach, a picnic area, ocean observation points and facilities for water sports, athletics and a cycling circuit. Another major feature is wooden pathways for access from the promenade to the beach and sea for holidaymakers with reduced mobility. The Ayuntamiento of Teguise is also creating accessibility for the physically challenged at Los Charcos beach by eliminating architectural barriers.



*Tegui Mayor Oswaldo Betancort stressed the importance of commemorating the founding of the royal and ancient capital of the Island following the lecture by University Rector and Professor of History Manuel Lobo about the Norman expedition which arrived on Lanzarote in 1402*

The second in a series of talks organised by the Ayuntamiento leading up to the celebration of the 600th anniversary of the establishment of Teguise, was given by Professor Manuel Lobo Cabrera, Lecturer in Modern History at La Laguna, and a former Rector of Las Palmas University. His topic was the

figure of Juan de Bethencourt who led the Norman expedition which arrived on Lanzarote in 1402 as the first step towards the annexation of the Canary Islands to Spain. A chronicle of the episode was recorded in a manuscript called *Le Canarien* written by two priests who accompanied the nobleman.



## Amigos de Costa Teguise Annual Awards in Hotel Barceló Lanzarote

Amigos de Costa Teguise - established some six years ago - comprise major local hotels, apartment complexes, restaurants, bars, sports centres and medical facilities as well as other service providers who ensure that holidaymakers in the popular resort enjoy top quality accommodation, dining, entertainment and sports during their stay. In tandem with the Ayuntamiento of Teguise, they nominate an award of excellence to those members who have performed outstanding services for the benefit of tourism at Costa Teguise over the past year.



*The Canarian Tourism Councillor, with the Mayor of Teguise, Tourism Councillor together with the Amigos de Costa Teguise*



*Tourism Councillor Antonio Callero*



*The Teguise Mayor and Tourist Councillor with Canarian Tourist Councillor and the Spel Managing Director together with all the prizewinners holding their awards*



*General Manager Barceló Lanzarote Hotel Ángel Herreras is thanked by Teguisé Culture Councillor Olivia Duque and Tourism Executive Inma Armas for inviting the Amigos de Costa Teguise to hold the annual event in the grounds of his establishment*

- **Dr Jorge Moreno Suárez** and **Dr Aniuska L. Hernández**, founders of Clinica Jorgani at Costa Teguise and the International Clinic in other resorts.

- **Antonio Ramírez**, President Playa Bastián Judo Club, whose excellent facilities attract activity-minded holidaymakers to Costa Teguise.

- **Restaurant Casa Tomás** at Las Caletas, Playa Famara, which has provided tourists with home-made food on the seashore using local products over the past 40 years.

- Posthumous award for **Pepe Donaire**, proprietor of Patio Canario and Orient Express, among the first businesses at Costa Teguise. Presented to his wife Yolanda.

- **Inma Armas Lasso**, executive of the Ayuntamiento de Teguise Tourism Department, for her many years of collaboration and support of the Amigos and for general services for the amenities and facilities, as well as providing information, which contributes to making a holiday at Costa Teguise so enjoyable for tourists that they return to the resort year after year.





# Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from Haría

Haría - Popular Resort for Rural Tourism and Culture  
Canarian Government Award for Agro-Ecology in the Municipality



*Haría Mayor Marci Acuña stresses the importance of rural tourism in the municipality*

## Storm Damage

The local authorities asked the senator to request the Coasts Department of the Spanish Government to issue the necessary permits to repair the storm damage to the coastal area at La Garita beach, Arrieta and Orzola and to transfer the 170,000 euros to the Town Hall which central government had allocated for this purpose. They also asked for his help to resolve the problem of poor coverage for mobile phones at Guinate, Orzola and Ye.

## Ecological Farming

José Martínez and Manuel Pelaez were founding members of the Ecological Farming Association in 2004. Over a decade ago, José Martínez received a certificate for raising crops and livestock in a manner which conserved the natural surroundings after making the first ecological cheese and yoghurt products on Lanzarote at his farm in La Atalaya, Haría. The two agronomists received the award for their contribution to the development of Quality Agroecology, at the "IV Forum for Agroecology and Biodiversity in the Canary Islands."



*Haría Mayor Marci Acuña and Deputy Mayor José Pérez Dorta receive Lanzarote Senator Joel Delgado*



*Haría Tourism Councillor Soraya Brito informs holidaymakers with reduced mobility that the Ayuntamiento has installed an amphibious chair at La Garita beach to provide access to the sea*



*Mayor Marci Acuña congratulates Lanzarote agronomists José Martínez of Haría and Manuel Pelaez for the prize they received from the Canarian Government Department of Agriculture*



# *Lanzarote News Roundup*

## Raising Tropical Fruit in the Fertile Soil of the Haria Countryside

Holidaymakers often ask which fruits and vegetables actually grow on Lanzarote as there are no rivers on the island and it hardly ever rains. Basically, the answer is everything could be grown here, but as every drop of water has to be paid for it is not cost-effective for farmers to cultivate all fruit and vegetables. The water problem was solved in 1964 when the first desalination plant to convert seawater into drinking water. Last year the local and regional authorities started a campaign to identify home-grown products in supermarkets and grocery stores, i.e. fruit and vegetables Made in the Canary Islands. It is interesting to note that the very first bananas ever sold in the UK were imported from the Canaries in the 19th century and followed by a large amount of other fruit and veg which is how Canary Wharf in the London Docks got its name.

The chief characteristic of Lanzarote agriculture is the “enarenado” process: basically covering the soil in which crops are to grow with a layer 10-15 cm thick of the black lava granules known as “picón,” in order to prevent the evaporation of moisture through the action of sun and wind and to trap what liquid there is in the atmosphere through absorption of this porous covering.

Haria is one of the only districts on the Island to have maintained its agricultural identity even after the arrival of tourism. An example of this dedication to the land is Juan José Romero, born in the district in 1947. When he was a youngster, the scarcity of water caused severe problems for farmers making it almost impossible to earn a living by raising crops. He decided to move to Arrecife and was apprenticed to a carpenter and after several years of hard work opened his own carpentry.

But at the age of 35, he felt a strong desire to return to the land



*José Juan Romero raises sub-tropical fruits in his wind-protected fields in Haria due to the fertility of the soil. Visiting him are his son José Juan Jr with grand-daughter Petra*



especially as the Insular Water Authority had introduced an island wide distribution network and irrigation was no longer a problem. He decided to sell his flourishing business and bought a farm in the Haria countryside where the fields enjoyed many hours of sunshine every day and were well protected from the wind. Besides planting potatoes, onions, beans and other garden produce, in his later years José Juan Romero turned to growing tropical fruits as the fertility of the soil and the abundant irrigation in tandem with ample sunshine and shade allowed him to raise bananas, pineapples, mangos and papayas and even coffee.

### EL MUNDO

El Almanecer Restaurant at Arrieta has received an excellent recommendation in leading Spanish daily “El Mundo” based on comments by holidaymakers who praise the excellent variety of fish dishes served with “papas arrugadas” (crab potatoes) or other vegetables and accompanied by first class Lanzarote wines. Among the list of many restaurants in Spain and abroad reviewed in the article, El Almanecer was the only one located in the Canary Islands. Many of the restaurant’s fruit and vegetables are supplied by the José Juan Romero farm mentioned above.





*The women of La Graciosa were awarded a Distinction at the Fiesta de Los Dolores for their preservation of the traditional culture on the Island*

## The Annual Traditional Arts and Crafts Fair

### Proposal to Name La Graciosa the 8th Canary Island

Many holidaymakers were among the 20,000 people who visited the four day event



*Acting Cabildo President  
José Juan Cruz declared the  
fair open*

### **Mancha Blanca Annual Arts & Crafts Fair**

Many hundreds of holidaymakers mingled with the local population at the yearly Arts & Crafts Folklore Fair celebrating Our Lady of Los Dolores Saints' Day. On display was a variety of local handicrafts, both traditional and modern including pottery, embroidery, weaving, hats and baskets of palm leaves, wood carving, and jewellery made from olivine the local semi-precious stone. Fairgoers also sampled the best of local cuisine, tapas, wines and cheeses and well as traditional Canarian dishes especially the traditional gfofio cereal.



*The  
Canarian  
Tourism  
Councillor  
María Teresa  
Lorenzo with  
the prize-  
winners from  
La Graciosa*



*Tegui Mayor Oswaldo  
Betancort with the  
Mayoreess of La Graciosa*



*Cabildo Tourism and  
Education Councillors, Echedey  
Eugenio and Carmen Rosa  
Márquez with the award  
winner from La Graciosa*





*Los del Gofio prepare the famous maize cereal according to a traditional recipe*



*Thousands of holidaymakers visited the stands of the Canarian artisans*



*Representatives of the Canary Islands Government, the Lanzarote Cabildo and the Town Halls were all present at the annual event*



*Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández at the Ayuntamiento display*



*Sebastiana Perera at the cochineal stand, whose efforts has led to a revival of the cultivation of the dye on Lanzarote and other Canary Islands*



*The Arrecife Mayoress Eva de Anta and Councillors with a member of Los Campesinos*



*Miguel Angel Corujo is the founder and manager of folklore group Los Campesinos who celebrated their 50th anniversary last year*



*Haria Mayor Marci Acuña with members of Malpais de la Corona folklore group*

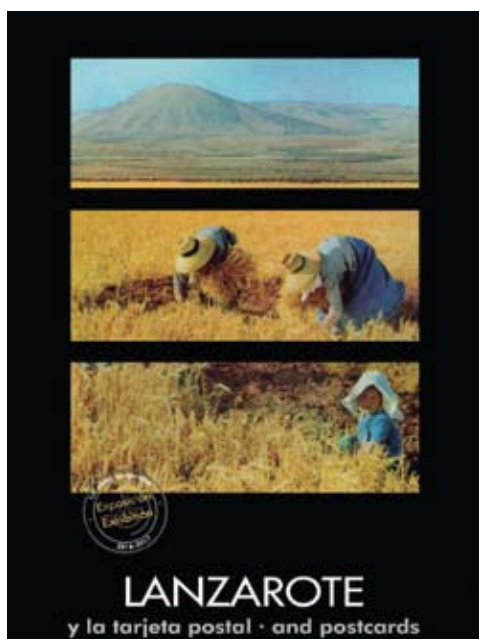


*Mayoress Gladys Acuña with a folkore singer at the Yaiza display*



# PhotoNews Lanzarote

## “Historic Postcards of LANZAROTE Exhibition”



100 Post Cards in excellent condition, depict the transformation of an agricultural and fishing community into one of the most popular tourist destinations in Europe, over the past two centuries. (See pages 26-29).

**Casa Amarilla**, home to the Insular Digital Archives, has become a major point of reference for Culture on Lanzarote

Mon to Friday 10am-8 pm  
Sat 10am-2 pm

C/ Leon y Castillo, 6  
Arrecife

The traffic-free main road  
opposite Las Bolas Bridge.



### Lanzarote “Mar de Lava” Video Wins San Sebastian Underwater Film Festival as Best Journalistic Report 2016

Underwater cameraman Gorka Leclercq was congratulated by Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés and Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio for his magnificent portrayal of Lanzarote underwater marine life including Museo Atlántico Sculpture Park.





# PhotoNews Lanzarote

## Puerto del Carmen 50th Anniversary Celebration Year Publication Unveiled at World Tourism Fair in London

*The WTM was attended by 4,600 Exhibitors from 182 Countries and 2,700 Members of the International Media*



*La Tiñosa before the advent of tourism. Photo courtesy Manuela Eugenio Rodríguez*



*This bi-lingual history is published by the Ayuntamiento of Tias*



*Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino and Tourism Lanzarote representative Beatriz Acuña during the presentation of the 50th Anniversary book at the WTM 2016 at the Canary Islands stand in the Excel Centre, Canary Wharf*

### History

The contents include the very first references to the harbour in Puerto del Carmen - originally known as La Tiñosa - in 15th century chronicles. Three hundred year later, the first records of merchandise exported from the port to England were reported. Tourism was heralded in with the opening of the Fariones Hotel in the mid-1960s which marked both the birth of tourism in the resort and the launch of Lanzarote's tourist industry. To this very day, Puerto del Carmen has remained the most popular tourist resort on the island.



*Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández and Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino have written introductory greetings*



*The Hotel Fariones when it opened in 1966*



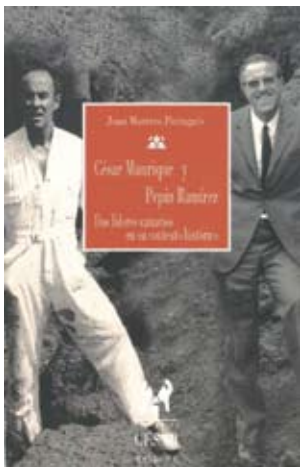
*Architect's sketch of the facade and interiors of the hotel which will be upgraded to 5-Star following total refurbishment*



# PhotoNews Lanzarote



*Author Juan Marrero Portugúes is flanked by Foundation President José Juan Ramírez (R) and Director of Activities Fernando Gómez Aguilera. Photo Adriel Perdomo copyright FCM*



Presentation of the book about the artist César Manrique and his friend since youth, Pepin Ramirez, who became President of the Lanzarote Cabildo and supported him in the creation of the Tourist Centres. The author, Juan Marrero Portugúes, gives a “fly-on-the-wall” account of the partnership of these two great personalities who were literally responsible for the

identity of the Lanzarote we all know and love today. His account is interspersed with the most relevant details of the history of the island and its inhabitants from the 1950s on. His most telling remark was “Even before the advent of tourism Pepin Ramirez did not make a decision without first consulting César Manrique.”



Ascención Manrique invested 17 million euros to refurbish and upgrade Aequora Lanzarote Suites as a tribute to her parents, which resulted in the following awards for the resort: Thomas Cook in 2015: “Best new Hotel,” “Sunny Heart” (100,000 clients and 8,000

travel agents survey) and “Proven Quality.” Plus the “Excellence” designation by both Holiday Check, and by Booking. At the inauguration, the Mayor of Tias, in the presence of his Councillors and Canary Government Executives, described the establishment as a perfect example, a role model, for the Modernisation Programme of Puerto del Carmen.



Lanzarote’s organisation devoted to preserving the traditional culture of the Canary Islands, awarded author and poet Manuel Concepción with the “Orden del Cachorro Canario” for his novel entitled “El Mar Amigo.” Taking place in the period just after the Civil War, the work consists of

three love stories and the experiences of the main characters which chronicle what everyday life was like in the Canary Islands of that period.



*Tourism and Culture Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo with Lanzarote artist Juan Gopar at a painting by Manolo Millares displayed at the Canary Islands stand*

Juan Cruz, a former Insular Director of Education on Lanzarote for the Canarian Government, told Lancelot about a recent lecture by La Laguna Professor of History, Tejero Gaspar, on the subject of the Nor-



mans who arrived on Lanzarote led by Juan de Bethencourt in 1402. There are several archaeological ruins in the south of the island where they built a fortress.





At Amura Restaurant, Puerto Calero. Dr Chiscano with his friends from San Antonio Texas, Carlos Gil and his two sons, Carlos and Fernando Gil together with restaurant owner Maxi Vidal. This was the first visit of the Gil family to Lanzarote and they liked it so much that they intend returning again very shortly. They stayed at the Princesa Yaiza Hotel in Playa Blanca.



Founded in 1972 with wholly Lanzarote capital, the core business of Horinsa is civil engineering, building construction, asphalt and concrete surfacing. They use aggregates from their own crushing at the quarry and sandworks they own. The company has carried out many major works on the island for both the public and private sectors including the Lanzarote and Canary Governments. They are currently building a path and cycle trail from Hotel Las Salinas to Los Marmoles harbour, a project costing in excess of 1 million euros. The company have been awarded ISO Quality and the Environment certification.

## “Threat to Marine Life and Human Well Being”



Callum Roberts is Professor of Marine Conservation at the University of York. Invited by the Tourist Centres, he gave a talk at MIAC explaining his concern about the deteriorating condition of coral reefs, leading to his current emphasis on marine conservation. His research focuses on human impacts on marine ecosystems and how the huge abundance of fish existing in seas all over the world by natural evolution has been considerably reduced by man through commercial overfishing. Callum Roberts was awarded a Pew fellowship in marine conservation and in 2001 a Hardy fellowship in conservation biology at Harvard University.



## Bobby Kennedy's Cologne “Eight & Bob”

Namu, a clothes and accessories store has opened in Barcarola, Puerto del Carmen with some very unique items reasonably priced. Among them is a men's cologne with a fascinating history. Whilst on holiday on the French Riviera in 1937, John F. Kennedy met a French aristocrat and being fascinated by the cologne he was wearing, asked where he could buy it. He was told that it was not on the market, but the Frenchman made him a present of a small flask. On returning to America all the men in the Kennedy family found the fragrance equally alluring and JFK asked his friend to send him samples for his brother Bobby and 8 others. A parcel duly arrived addressed to “Eight & Bob.” In 2014, the 60th anniversary of the death of President Kennedy, this exclusive cologne was introduced to the market under that name.



The Audi Q2 is a desirable and fine-driving tidy handling small SUV with a classy, user-friendly, stunning interior and excellent resale values. According to What Car, if you want a proper premium badge, the Audi Q2 is your smallest and cheapest option. Petrol options include the entry-level 113bhp 1.0-litre and a clever 148bhp 1.4-litre, which shuts down two of its four cylinders when not needed to boost efficiency. Meanwhile, the diesels include a fuel-sipping 114bhp 1.6-litre as well as the range-topping 148bhp 2.0-litre. Most engines drive the Q2's front wheels only, but four-wheel drive (or Quattro as Audi calls it) is optional on the 148bhp diesel.



# PhotoNews Lanzarote



*Teguiise Tourism Councillor Antonio Callero presented an award for excellence to Iris Berger*

As part of the Costa Teguiise Modernisation Programme, H10 Suites Lanzarote Gardens – who specialise in family holidays - have converted their apartments into air-conditioned spacious suites in contemporary style with all mod cons in order to upgrade from 3 to 4-Star. In the outside area, heatable pools and a fun Pirate Boat with five slides plus a family area in the gardens with a non-slip surface, plus a children's buffet at the Famara Restaurant. Excellent ratings from TripAdvisor.



*The front cover of the 35th anniversary of the Lancelot Editorial Group. Most of the members of the team of Lancelot TV led by Director Jorge Coll and Media Group Chief Executive Javier Betancort*



## Magic Night Concert



*Photo Luis Rego*

*The organiser Jilly Simmons with harpist Andrew Ballantyne and flautist Neil Cartel. Photo Liz*



## A Sara Presentation

The almost 200 members of the audience were entertained to a superb concert at Santo Domingo Hall, Teguiise, by five artists who produced a Night of Musical Magic. Soprano Sheyla Rizo, violinist Iya Zhmaeva, harpist Andrew Ballantyne, flautist Neil Carter and pianist Javier Díaz are worthy of the highest praise as each had the artistic ability to have performed a solo concert. This event marked the 30th anniversary year of Sara who are currently looking after 400 stray dogs. The evening was organised by Jilly Simmons, with thanks to Louise for all her help and to the Ayuntamiento of Teguiise for the kind use of their hall.



# TOURIST INFORMATION

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## EMERGENCY CALLS

Emergencies	112
Ambulance	928 812 222
Hospital	928 595 000
Fire Brigade	928 816 312
Police	928 597 107
Water Board	928 814 400
Guardia Civil	928 811 886
Ayuntamiento Arrecife	928 81 04 52
Ayuntamiento Haría	928 83 52 51
Ayuntamiento S. Bartolomé	928 52 01 28
Ayuntamiento Teguiuse	928 84 50 01
Ayuntamiento of Tias	928 83 36 19
Ayuntamiento de Tinajo	928 84 00 21
Ayuntamiento de Yaiza	928 83 62 20

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### British Consulate

Esther Martin is the British Vice Consul at Las Palmas. To seek advice, or make an appointment with a consular official in Las Palmas or Lanzarote, call the number above. Notarial bookings online service: [www.ukinspain.fco.gov.uk](http://www.ukinspain.fco.gov.uk)

### Christian Worship

#### Church of England

All services are Holy Eucharist with hymns. 10 am Nazaret: Iglesia Nuestra Señora, 1st and 3rd Sunday in the month. 12.30 pm Puerto del Carmen: Nuestra Señora del Carmen (Old Town Harbour). 5.00 pm Playa Blanca: Nuestra Señora del Carmen, Main Street. For more information call 928 514 241.

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#### Catholic Church

Nuestra Señora del Carmen, Puerto del Carmen harbour. Sunday Mass 11.00, 18.00; Saturday night, 20.30. San Ginés Church central Arrecife, Sunday 10.30, 12.00, 20.00; Saturday 10.30, 12.00, 20.00.

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#### International Evangelical Church

Meets at La Hoya, Puerto del Carmen Sundays 11 am, service in English, call 928 173618 for more details. Arrecife services in Spanish, Sunday 10.30 am and 18.30 pm, call 928 812027 for more details. For informal meeting at Costa Teguiuse, call 928 590342.

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#### Interdenominational Worship at Costa Teguiuse

Services are held every Sunday at 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. For more information, contact Barbara on 928 833 382.

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#### Norsk Kirkesentre and Social-Cultural Centre

Norwegian Church abroad – Religious and Social Cultural Centre C/ Rociago Puerto del Carmen close to Cinco Plazas. Open mid-September to mid-May: Tuesday-Friday 11.00 -16.00, Saturday 11.00- 15.00, Sunday Service 18:00. Office tel: 928 515 561 Pastor Knut Kaldestad: 616 407 693

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There is no synagogue on Lanzarote. For information about Sabbath and Festival services on Las Palmas call 928 248 497.



*Puerto  
del  
Carmen  
Church*

## Markets

### Arrecife Markets

Charco de San Ginés  
Wed and Thur 9-2

Marina Lanzarote  
Mercado de Naos  
Food Market  
10.00 – 23.00 hrs

Recova Town Market  
Mon to Sat 9-2

Historic Old Town  
Saturday 9-2

Puerto Calero  
Friday 9-2

Puerto del Carmen  
Plaza del Varadero  
Friday 10-3

Playa Blanca  
Marina Rubicón  
Wed & Sat to 10-2

Teguiuse Market  
Sundays and  
Public Holidays 9-2

Costa Teguiuse  
Pueblo Marinero  
Thursday mornings 9-2

Tinajo, Mancha Blanca  
Sunday 9-2

Haría Artesanal Market  
Saturday 10-14:30



# BRIDGE No 125

By Maria Brandt

Keep control of the game  
Dealer South None vulnerable

♠ A 10 2		♠ Q 9 7 4
♥ 6 5 3		♥ K 10 8 2
♦ J 6 3 2		♦ K 9 5
♣ 6 4 3		♣ J 5
♠ 8 6 5	N	
♥ 9 7	W	E
♦ Q 8 7 4	S	
♣ 10 9 8 7		
		♠ K J 3
		♥ A Q J 4
		♦ A 10
		♣ A K Q 2

Bidding

S	W	N	E
2 NT	pass	3 NT	pass
pass	pass		



West leads the 10 of Clubs which you win with one of your honours.

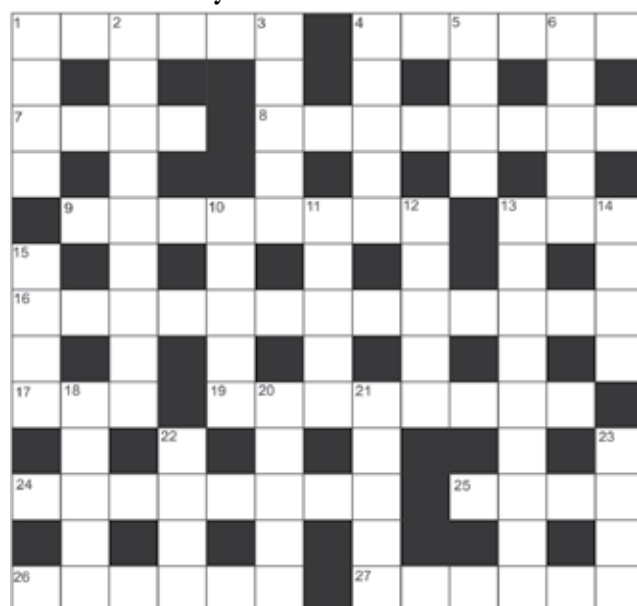
In today's hand you can count 8 sure tricks and have to look for the 9th. Everybody knows how to try for 3 Spade tricks – you just have to take the right finesse and guess who has the Queen of Spades. But, if you guess wrongly you'll have to depend on 2 Heart finesses and for that you need two entries in dummy.

Therefore, after winning the first Club trick, you should lead the Jack of Spades and let it ride. If this finesse wins, you need nothing more. But, if your Spade finesse loses, you will later lead the King of Spades and overtake it with dummy's Ace for the first Heart finesse and the next time the Spade 3 to dummy's 10 for the second Heart finesse.

**SOLUTION TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD NO.64.** Across; 1 Victoria, 5 Copita, 10 Gaudi, 11 Capuchins, 12 Beau Geste, 13 Pecan, 14 Neither, 16 Detect, 19 Ankara, 21 Colonel, 23 Print, 25 Hibernian, 27 Canvasser, 28 valet, 29 Elands, 30 Stillson. Down; 1 Vagabond, 2 Causation, 3 O Ring, 4 Incisor, 6 Occipital, 7 Iliac, 8 Absent, 9 Append, 15 Heartland, 17 Canticles, 18 Plankton, 20 Aghast, 21 Cabaret, 22 Apache, 24 Ionia, 26 Ravel.

# SIMPLE CROSSWORD No 125

By Imelda Coombes



## ACROSS

- 1 Evil or morally wrong. (6)
- 4 A relative. (6)
- 7 Consumes. (4)
- 8 A cock's comb. (8)
- 9 A person who makes a will. (8)
- 13 A canine mammal. (3)
- 16 A reporter. (13)
- 17 A nocturnal bird of prey. (3)
- 19 Become gloomy, angry or sad. (8)
- 24 The business of exchanging currencies. (8)
- 25 A state of unconsciousness. (4)
- 26 Quarrelled. (6)
- 27 Trader. (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Seven days. (4)
- 2 A large church. (9)
- 3 Cottage in Russia. (5)
- 4 Freight. (5)
- 5 A bone in the forearm. (4)
- 6 Eskimo house. (5)
- 10 A fashion. (5)
- 11 To become narrower. (5)
- 12 To remove soap from clothes. (5)
- 13 A fuel used in some cars. (6,3)
- 14 An opening. (4)
- 15 Reverberation. (4)
- 18 Bet. (5)
- 20 To give a prize. (5)
- 21 To work dough. (5)
- 22 Unfermented soya-bean curd. (4)
- 23 Resting place of a wild animal.

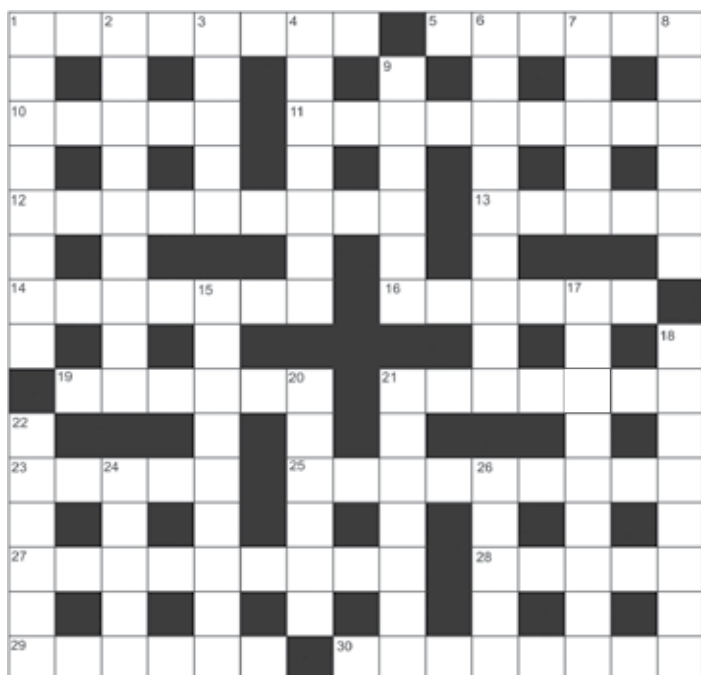
## SOLUTION TO SIMPLE CROSSWORD NO.

124. Across; 1 Rector, 4 Branch, 7 Nous, 8 Ornament, 9 Educator, 13 Elm, 16 Battle Cruiser, 17 Tat, 19 Outweigh, 24 Cleanser, 25 Dial, 26 Object, 27 Single. Down; 1 Rant, 2 Coup d'etat, 3 Rioja, 4 Banjo, 5 Army, 6 Canal, 10 Cello, 11 Tacit, 12 Rouge, 13 Easy-Going, 14 Mark, 15 Abet, 18 Ad-Lib, 20 Upset, 21 Warmth, 22 Bare, 23 Blue.



## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD No 65

By Imelda Coombes



### ACROSS

- 1 The capital of Australia. (8)
- 5 Errors in writing or printing. (6)
- 10 Readily understood. (5)
- 11 Betty - , First woman Speaker of the House of Commons. (9)
- 12 Franklin Delano - , 32nd president of the USA. (9)
- 13 To make or become less in amount. (5)
- 14 A small bunch of flowers. (7)
- 16 A thin slice of bacon. (6)
- 19 Dressed for a festivity. (2,4)
- 21 Finger-shaped cakes of choux pastry. (7)
- 23 A person with severe mental retardation. (5)
- 25 A town and resort in NW England. (9)
- 27 Stormy or tempestuous weather. (9)
- 28 Also called Indian corn. (5)
- 29 To rotate about a fixed point or axis. (6)
- 30 Any of a set of openings formed in the top of a wall. (8)

### DOWN

- 1 Symbol Cl, atomic no.17. (8)
- 2 Ben - 1897-1982, English abstract painter. (9)
- 3 To endow with a quality or ability. (5)
- 4 The stealing of property from a person. (7)
- 6 A session of practising a play or concert. (9)
- 7 A distinctive usually pleasant smell. (5)
- 8 To become confused or muddled. (6)
- 9 A person licensed to practise medicine. (6)
- 15 A strait in Denmark, between Sjaelland and Fyn islands. (5,4)
- 17 An article in a newspaper. (9)
- 18 A line on a map linking places with the same mean summer temperature. (8)
- 20 A festival of the Christian Church. (6)
- 21 The great circle of the earth with a latitude of 0. (7)
- 22 An insurrection or rebellion. (6)
- 24 To run into or encounter. (5)
- 26 Relating to mankind. (5)

## LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

### Ombudsman - *Diputado del Común*

For complaints about a utility or public authority: Rambla Medular, 99, Arrecife. Arrecife, 8-2 Mon to Fri, Tel: 928 812 407 The service is free and confidential.



### Cabildo Consumer Protection Office

For complaints about private or state-run businesses or services: Cabildo Building, Arrecife, 9-13 Mon to Fri. Tel: 928 80 33 67.

E-mail: consumo@cabildodelanzarote.com



### Cabildo Wildlife Protection Service

Tel: 696 733 177 (07.00-22.00)



### Mararia - Official Women's Support Office

In case of maltreatment or abuse. All nationalities welcome. C/ Amigos de Portonao, 1, 3rd Floor, tel: 928 804834/816074. E-mail: voluntarias.ascmararia@gmail.com. In case of emergency call 112



### SARA Animal Protection Society

Next door to the Tahiche Garden Centre, Tahiche, open 10:30 - 13:00 Monday to Saturday, Tuesday 17:00 - 19:00. Tel/fax: 928 173 417. www.saraprotectora/eng



### Alcoholics Anonymous English-Speaking Meetings

Call 638 484 113 or visit www.aalanzarote.com Costa Tegui Barcelo Hotel Mon and Wed 18.00-19.00. Tel: 928 511 846 or 928 173 525



### Visiting Rotarians Welcome - Lanzarote Rotary Club - Arrecife

Weekly meeting Friday 14.30 at Lancelot Hotel Arrecife Visiting Rotarians welcome. Information: Tel.: 928 80 50 99.



### English-Working Lodge

(Emulation) in the Spanish Constitution (recognised by U.G.L.) will welcome visitors October-April. Information: Tel: 928 83 34 90



### Local Bridge Club

From September to June, two Bridge Clubs on Lanzarote hold weekly meetings in Arrecife to which visitors are welcome: Tuesdays 18.30 at the Arrecife Gran Hotel and Wednesdays at 19.00 at the Casino Club Náutico, Arrecife. Both are located on the promenade. www.bridgelanzarote.com



## Concerts: Jameos del Agua - Green Caves - Insular Theatre Plus Fiestas

Check [www. culturalanzarote.com](http://www.culturalanzarote.com) for last minute changes



**Tempo Lanzarote**  
**Jameos del Agua**  
11 December  
8 January

*The cast of Tempo Lanzarote on stage at Jameos del Agua*

TEMPO LANZAROTE is a theatrical work of music and dance based on seminal eras in the island's history. ACT 1. The musical commences with a traditional folk song narrating the peaceful idyllic life of the original pre-Hispanic inhabitants up to the 15th century. This was followed by the arrival of Juan de Bethencourt of Normandy, leader of an expedition to annexe the Canary Islands to Spain in 1402.

ACT 2 "Abduction". The following centuries were marked by cruel raids by corsairs from the Barbary Coast on a mission to murder, burn and rape and to abduct the defenceless inhabitants to sell in the slave markets of Africa.

ACT 3. "Exodus." The next major episode, the eruption of the volcanoes from 1730-1736, changed the face of Lanzarote for ever as the lava buried its most fertile area causing the farmers to move to other parts of the island to earn their living or even to emigrate.

An explosion of colour on stage signals the arrival of the modern



era followed by the advent of César Manrique who shaped Lanzarote's identity as a quality tourist destination through the creation of the unique Tourist Centres.

Almost one and a half hours of music and dance, much of it traditional folklore - led by the timple miniature guitar whose sound is called the "Voice of the Canary Islands" - in the magnificent scenario of Jameos del Agua. The superb score was composed by Ayoze Rodriguez, Benito Cabrera and Roberto Fuentes with master timplist Victor Estárico as soloist. The concept and script is by Roberto Fuentes and the musicians are members of the OCL, the Classical Orchestra of Lanzarote.



*Author Roberto Fuentes with two performers*

### CARNIVAL on LANZAROTE

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