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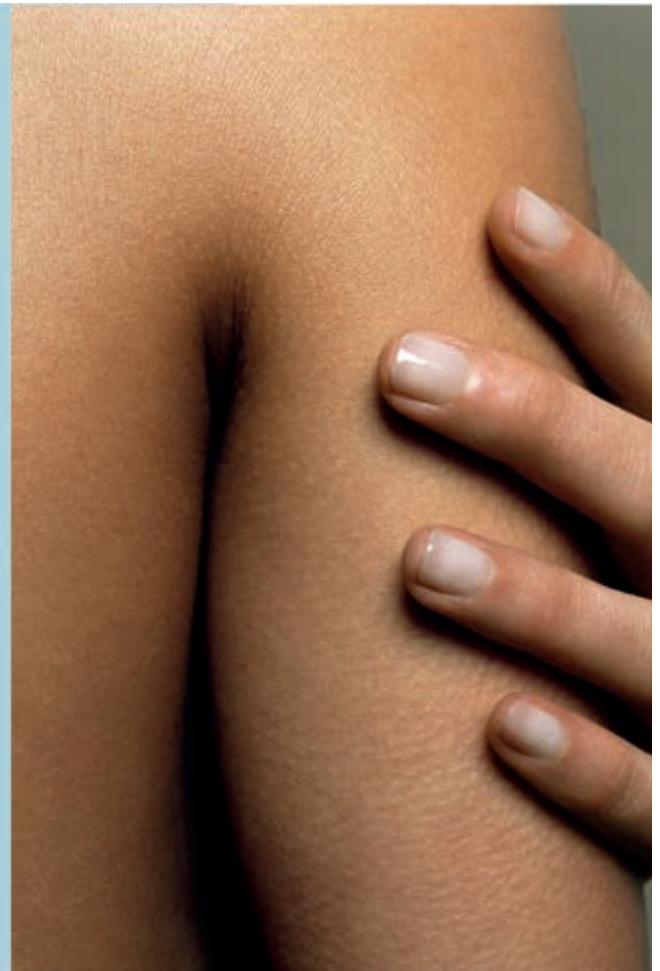


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*Kenyan proverb*

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Wishing all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and wishing all holidaymakers a safe return home. Our next issue is out in March 2025.



*César Manrique publicized his El Almacén Gallery and Bar Picasso in the first issue of Lancelot*

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## Invitation from Chichester University

Dear Sir,

We would like to welcome your readers to attend the inaugural lecture of Duncan Reavey, Professor of Environmental Education at University of Chichester, UK, to take place in Arrecife on Thursday 23rd January.

An “inaugural lecture” is a formal welcome to a newly appointed professor (catedrático) and an opportunity for them to share some of their work and their ideas with the broader community.

Prof Reavey’s lecture is titled “A love letter to nature” and will focus on the way that the environment changes people. One of the key roles of teachers and educators is to help people connect with nature and with each other. When we get it right, the impacts can go far beyond our expectations. The lecture will

explore ways we could do it better, and some consequences it can have.

Prof Reavey will focus in particular on places and people in Lanzarote, based on visits of more than 800 University of Chichester students and staff to the island over the last 27 years.

The inaugural lecture will take place on Thursday 23rd January at the Centro del Profesorado de Lanzarote (CEP), Calle El Antonio 2, Arrecife at 6.30-7.30pm (refreshments from 6pm). It is in English.

The event is free, but please reserve your place in advance at Duncan Reavey. **eventbrite.co.uk**



## Memorable Holiday

Dear Sir,

My wife and I first visited Lanzarote in the year 1968. When a good friend contacted a few weeks ago to tell me about the refurbishment and upgrading of the Hotel Fariones, it awakened a feeling of nostalgia in me as we had been among the first Britons to stay there only a short time after it had first opened. The coach which picked us up at the airport drove us along a dirt track, now the Avenida Las Playas, to the hotel in Puerto del Carmen village. We came here because our travel agent told us about a “wonderful hotel in a desert landscape in the middle of nowhere.” The streets weren’t asphalted, electricity was just beginning to be installed, and life was quiet and peaceful, without any traffic, no tourists of course or signs of what we call “civilization.” It was exactly the sort of place we



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loved. In the years that followed we met many local people and I'm still in touch with some of them to this day, among them the family of José Juan Romero to whom I gave an extensive interview about our life here.

Yours sincerely,  
Manfred Welling

**GUINEVERE:** The author of the above letter has since died, but we have reprinted his experience as one of the very first British tourists to visit Puerto el Carmen, in response to the request of several readers seeking information about the beginning of tourism in the resort.

## The Canary Islands in World War 2

Dear Sir,

What happened in the Canary Islands during the Second World War? Spain was supposedly neutral but according to a preview of a docu-

mentary being produced for the History Channel, German U boats used to regularly stock up with supplies as well as refuel in Canarian waters. There was supposedly a secret refuge at Cofete on the coast of the isle of Fuerteventura owned by a German botanist by the name of Winter who had leased a large amount of land on the island several years before the war specifically for this purpose.


Freddy Simpson,  
Portsmouth, UK

**GUINEVERE** According to most military historians, including Paul Preston and John Keegan, Spain's wartime neutrality was a myth concocted by the Nationalist and their supporters after the event. They say that that the Franco regime was an enthusiastic supporter of Germany, without whose assistance in 1936 - in providing air transport for the Army of Africa to cross the Straits

of Gibraltar from Spanish Morocco to mainland Spain - the Nationalist coup would have stalled and possibly failed. The leader of the rebellion, Franco had originally flown to Morocco from the island of Tenerife where he was stationed as Captain General of the Canary Islands. In return for their help, Spain supplied materials to Germany during World War 2 as well as submarine refueling facilities on the mainland as well as the Canaries.

An article published by Der Spiegel in 2006, reports that a German engineer Gustav Winter (posing as a botanist involved in environmental research) who was very close to the Nazi hierarchy, built a two-storey house near the coast on Fuerteventura, with a lookout tower and extensive underground tunnels which reached the sea, for the sole purpose of refueling submarines. In 1971, Stern magazine, published



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the only interview Gustav Winter gave during his lifetime in which he denied everything about the rumors of a submarine base on his land. However, other sources were quoted saying that after the war a large amount of German army uniforms were found in one of the rooms of the house and that Winter had also built an airfield and road using prisoners.

As early as June 1940, only eight months after the outbreak of WW2, Winston Churchill's War Cabinet discussed plans to occupy the aerodromes and ports of the Spanish and Portuguese Atlantic Islands should Spain allow Germany to enter its territory to attack Gibraltar. But this never transpired.

#### "Bon Jour Canarias"

Dear Sir,

During our first visit to Lanzarote last Christmas we read in your magazine that the island was discovered by an expedition from Normandy in 1402 led by a French nobleman called Juan de Bethencourt. If this was the case, why do the Canary Islands belong to Spain and not France?

Colette Leclerc,  
Lyon, France

**GUINEVERE** To answer your question in one word, "money." Before embarking on his journey, the French nobleman had sought the

financial assistance of his monarch Philip III of France, but was turned down. He then submitted a request to Henry III of Castile who agreed to subsidise the expedition on the condition that should the mission succeed, the Canary Islands would become part of the Spanish Crown. However, when Bethencourt was about to declare the Islands a Spanish protectorate, Portugal stepped in and laid claim to the Canaries based on the prior explorations of the region by Prince Henry the Navigator. Both countries appealed to Pope Boniface IX in Rome for arbitration, who decided in favour of Spain.

We should add that the Normans did not actually discover the Canaries, which had been known since Roman times, what the Normans did do however, was to bring the Islands to the attention of the major European Powers at the beginning of the 15th century.

#### Treasure Island

Dear Sir,

I had always believed that the location of Treasure Island in the book by Robert Louis Stevenson, was based in the Caribbean or Central America but I recently heard from a friend with a holiday home on Lanzarote that she had read in a tourist information brochure that the story

could have been based on an incident that took place on the small isle of La Graciosa just off the north coast of Lanzarote. Can you kindly clarify.

Soraya Burgess,  
Slough, UK

**GUINEVERE** The original title of Robert Louis Stevenson's book was *The Sea Cook*, but at the request of his publisher he changed it to *Treasure Island*. The original title, obviously referred to one-legged Long John Silver, who according to the story, lost his leg while serving under Admiral Hawke. He applied for the job of cook on board the *Hispaniola* and the narrative reveals that Long John Silver "was certainly no stranger to the island." So far the narrative in the book.

According to Canarian historian Clavijo, 'in 1762, two galleons under the command of Admirals Hawke and Anson, who regularly patrolled the sea lanes between the Canaries and the Azores, attacked Arrecife, the capital of Lanzarote during an attempt to capture Spanish vessels lying at anchor in Naos Harbour. Clavijo concludes, 'obviously, the ship sailing under Hawke had acquired a first-hand knowledge of these waters by then.'

The map of Treasure Island in Stevenson's work of fiction is dated 1754, only eight years before the



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actual attack by Hawke on Arrecife. It is certainly within the realm of possibility to connect the tale with real life mariners who 'had acquired first-hand knowledge of the seaways less than a decade later. This would offer a measure of support for the theory that Treasure Island is the isle of La Graciosa.

Many ships sailing from Europe bound for the West Indies or America would pass through El Straight which separates Lanzarote from La Graciosa. Many stop off at the isle to take on water and other provisions, sometimes using as a base to attack inter island shipping.

On one occasion, a British ship arrived laden with spoils from a battle at sea without realizing that they had been followed by a pirate galleon. Although they managed to bury their hoard before the pirate came ashore, the sailors were hopelessly outnumbered

by the buccaneers who captured the entire crew and tortured them to reveal the location of the booty, but they died to a man without revealing their secret. However, a young cabin boy hidden among the rocks, witnessed the entire incident and after the pirates had gone he made his way back to mainland Lanzarote and sailed home on an English ship. For some unknown reason he kept the story of the treasure a secret until shortly before his death. Robert Louis Stevenson is known to have visited Cornwall and Penzance in 1887 where the Benbow Inn is located, only six years before his book was published.

## Lanzarote Wine

Dear Sir,

On a visit to your beautiful island in January we found the word "Malvasia" on the label of most bottles of wine we ordered. A waiter

told us that it is the name of the grape cultivated to make this wine. Could you tell us the origin of the word please?

Heinz Jürgens,  
Hamburg, Germany

**GUINEVERE** The origin of the word Malvasia found on the label of Canary wine, dates back to Roman times. When the legions of Julius Cesar travelled to foreign shores they carried seedlings of fruits and vegetables which grew well in climates similar to those they were colonizing. In the case of the Canaries they planted grape vines which originated in the Monemvasia region of Greece. Over the centuries the word Monemvasia evolved into Malvasia in Spanish, Malmsey in English and Malvoisie in French. There are numerous mentions of Canary wine in the works of William Shakespeare.



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## Timple

Dear Sir,

We had a wonderful time visiting the Los Dolores Festival at Mancha Blanca last year. It was the first time we had been on holiday at that time of the year as we normally come at Christmas. One of the most enjoyable experiences was listening to the folklore music and noticed musicians playing what looked some kind of miniature guitar like a ukulele. Can you tell us anything about the instrument?

Wendy Derbyshire,

Folkestone, Island Homes Famara

GUINEVERE It is called a timple and is indigenous to the Canaries where it forms an integral part of every traditional folklore group. In fact, the unique high-pitched sound it emits is known as the "Voice of the Canary Islands. There are two ver-

sions of the timple, one with four strings which is used on Lanzarote but on the other isles musicians use five strings. The instrument is made from various kinds of wood, mulberry for the body, laurel for the base and pine for the back and normally weighs less than three pounds.

Teguise is the traditional home of the instrument where the Morales family have been crafting the instrument for over 160 years. One of the most famous of them was Esteban Morales - known as Juanele of the Timples - who had learnt his craft from his father and grandfather. He assembled the instruments on a foot-operated lathe relying on skill and experience to form the shape without the assistance of any measuring instruments. When he was active every folklore group on Lanzarote had at least one instrument made by him.

A permanent exhibition of the instrument can be seen at the Timple Museum located in Spinola Palace in the main square of Teguise. The exhibit contains over 40 examples of musical instruments from all over the world which are similar to the timple, all are from the private collection of the curator, Benito Cabrera. Born on Lanzarote, he is considered the most accomplished timple musician in the Canary Islands and besides playing with folklore groups both in the Canaries and abroad has also been invited to perform as a soloist with many classical orchestras.

## Alternative Energy

Dear Sir,

We have just seen photos on TV of a volcanic eruption in Japan and wanted to ask whether there is any danger of one occurring on Lanzarote or on any other Canary

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Island? Whilst on the subject, in the Fire Mountains, park rangers demonstrate how close the heat is to the surface by burning twigs and pouring a bucket of water into a drill-hole in the ground. Has anyone ever tried to harness this heat to use as a source of power as the island is known for its respect of the environment and for using alternative sources of energy wherever possible?

Edith Sharpstone,  
Stoke on Trent UK

**GUINEVERE** The volcanoes of the Canary Islands belong to the Hawaii type of volcano which is considered a weaker category as far as strength is concerned. One of its features is that it gives plenty of warning about any possible eruption up to six months in advance through smoke emissions from the ground, and/or eruptions

in the sea just off the coast. As you probably know, the Fire Mountains erupted intermittently over a six year period, 1730-1736, followed by a smaller eruption in 1824 and neither resulted in any loss of life.

According to volcanologists Robert and Barbara Decker, in discussing geothermal energy and power, it is important to understand the subtle difference between the two terms. Heat is a form of energy and there is an immense amount of it inside the Earth. The heat energy contained in just the upper 10 kilometres of the United States would supply the country's energy for the next 100,000 years. Geothermal energy is enormous but its natural rate of release is trivial and even if it could be converted into electricity with an efficiency of 20 percent it would require all of the heat flow from an area as

large as a football stadium to power a 60 watt light bulb. A lightning bolt contains only a modest amount of energy, equal to that of about two barrels of crude oil, but it expends this energy in a fraction of a second, unleashing enormous power.

## Cochineal Dye

Dear Sir,

During a visit to the Cactus Garden last year, we watched a tour guide scrape white powder off a plant in a nearby field which she then placed in a piece of cellophane and squeezed so that scarlet-coloured juice came out which she said was cochineal. There were so many people in our party that we did not have an opportunity to find out more about it, in addition our English is not perfect and the girl spoke with a very strong region-





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al dialect. Could you tell us where cochineal came from and how it came to be cultivated Lanzarote.

Hans Zimmerman,  
Frankfurt am Main, Germany

**GUINEVERE** The female cochineal beetle is attracted to the ‘tunera’ cactus (*Opuntia coccinellifera*) and a colony of them on a prickly pear leaf resemble a spreading stain of white powder. Individual beetles look like a cross between a wood louse and a mealy bug. Cochineal dye was first discovered by the Spanish when they began colonising South America. Soldiers, who had seen members of an Indian tribe wearing scarlet war paint on their bodies, asked them where they obtained the dye from and they pointed to a prickly pear plant.

In the 19th century, the Spanish attempted to cultivate the plant in various parts of Spain and found that the Canary Islands of Tenerife and Lanzarote were the best place to grow them. This was a very welcome crop in the early 19th century because a blight had attacked the vines practically wiping out the wine industry which had been the region’s most important export. Cochineal soon took over and rapidly became the most important economic industry in the Canaries. Unfortunately, this did not last for ever as by 1870 French chemists began producing aniline dyes which supplied the market at a much lower cost and once again the Canary Islands were thrown into a deep depression. During this period, many thousands emigrated to Cuba in search of work. Incidentally, it was these immigrants

who started the Cuban cigar industry.

César Manrique created the Cactus Garden in this location because originally, the tunera cactus was grown in 300 acres of the surrounding fields. He was once asked to name his favorite among all the tourist centres he had created and he replied, “that is like asking a parent, which child is your favourite?” He added, “but if pressed I would have to say the Cactus Garden”. One can only contemplate that the reason for this was that all the other attractions had previously existed in some form or other and Manrique had modified and embellished them. The Jardin de Cactus, however, stands on the site of a stone quarry which had been abandoned some 150 years before and Manrique created the Garden out of nothing but an empty shell.



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Alex Ellis will present his credentials to His Majesty King Felipe VI in a ceremony that will take place in the coming weeks.

“I am honoured to represent His Majesty Charles III and my country as Ambassador to Spain and Andorra,” said Ellis.

“Our countries enjoy a close and enduring relationship across so many areas: between our citizens, our cultures, our armed forces and across the world of academia, science and commerce. I am looking forward to supporting this relationship to become even stronger.”

This will be Ellis’ second posting to Spain, a country he already knows well from his role in the British Embassy in Madrid in the early 2000s. Since then, he has served as Ambassador to Portugal and Brazil and most recently, as the High Commissioner to India. He has held a range of roles across the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Cabinet Office and the Department for Exiting the European Union, in addition to being an Advisor to the President of the European Commission.

### Additional Information:

The United Kingdom and Spain’s diplomatic relations date back more than 500 years.

According to the INE, 412,000 Britons were registered as residents in Spain as of December 31, 2022. Meanwhile, there are approximately 389,000 Spaniards living in the UK, according to EU Settlement Scheme data.

According to the INE, 17.3 million tourists visited Spain from the Unit-



Alexander Wykeham Ellis.

ed Kingdom in 2023, which represents 20% of all international travellers. British visitors spent almost 20 billion euros, which represents 1.4% of Spanish GDP

The United Kingdom is the second most visited country by Spanish tourists, after France.

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**Married to:** Teresa Adegas.

**Children:** One son, Tomás, on the autistic spectrum

**2021-2024.** High Commissioner to India (equivalent to Ambassador).

**2020.** Deputy National Security Adviser, Cabinet Office

**2017-2019.** Director General, Department for Exiting the European Union.

**2013-2017.** Ambassador to Brazil

**2011-2013.** Director of Strategy, Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

**2007- 2010.** Ambassador to Portugal

**2005-2007.** Adviser to the President of the European Commission.

**2003-2005.** Counsellor EU and Global Issues in the British Embassy in Madrid.

**1996-2003.** Various roles in UKREP Brussels and Foreign and Commonwealth Office including: member of negotiation teams for the euro, 7-year budget, institutional reform and enlargement of the EU.

**1992-1996.** Third later Second Secretary, EU/Economic in the British Embassy in Lisbon.

**1990-1992.** South Africa Team, then desk officer for Zambia and Malawi.

armed forces work together in operations such as Iraq, air surveillance on NATO’s eastern flank, in the naval groups of the Atlantic Alliance or in its Quick Reaction Forces.

*Sandie McKenzie. Director of Communication. British Embassy Madrid*



# Holiday Homes in the Canary Islands

*The Canarian Government is preparing new legislation for touristic letting of private properties. According to the latest press releases the new law should come into force as from January 1st, 2025. It presented the project in Parliament which should approve it before the end of the year*

The new legislation will pass the control of these dwellings to the municipalities and to the Island Governments. These entities will then set a limit of the number of these kinds of dwellings possible within the municipality. If they do not regulate this matter within 5 years of the new law coming into force, then the new law foresees a 10% limit of suitable urban properties of the respective municipality.

However, it seems from the draft of the new law proposal continues to maintain the legal definitions in the existing legislation.

In the following, we would like to outline a summary of the current regulation and registration process.

In the Canary Islands, the definition of holiday home is set out in the Regulation of Holiday Homes, approved in Decree 113 / 2015 and reads as follows: 'A holiday home shall be considered as such when it is furnished and equipped, in a condition for immediate use and is marketed in tourist offer channels, to be temporarily and totally ceded to third parties, on a regular basis, for the purpose of holiday accommodation and in exchange for a price'.

In order not to create confusion, the Canary Islands Government comments that the meaning 'habitually' applies, if the concession repeats two or more times a year or, once a year, on a repeated basis, for example, for years in a row.

When it comes to regulating this activity, there are other legal depositions to consider, such as the Law of Tourism Management of 1995 or the Regulation of the Tourist Accommodation Activity of 2010 and the Regulation of Holiday Homes of 2015. These laws also consider regulations of habitability and protection of urban planning legality.

The registration process is normally an online procedure with the local Island Government (Cabildo).

To register a holiday home in the Canary Islands, one must comply with the 2015 holiday home regulations shown below.

## 1. Habitability of the property

Every holiday home in the Canary Islands must have a certificate of habitability. This document contains the minimum conditions of structural integrity

and health conditions, for example:

Adequate state of conservation: that it is perfectly clean and hygienic, that it is 100% immediately available for future guests.

Furnishings: correct installation of bedrooms, rest areas, changing rooms, accesses, storage, kitchenware, etcetera.

Minimum dimensions: holiday homes must have an average height of 2.5 meters and the surface area of the home must be at least 25 square meters.

## 2. Basic equipment

In the Canary Islands, holiday homes must have the minimum equipment adapted to the number of people staying on the property.

General equipment such as first aid kit and interior lock on access doors.

In bedrooms, there should be beds with independent lighting, curtains, hangers, bedding such as sheets, blankets, pillows, and pillow covers.

In the bathrooms there should be mirrors, hairdryers, toilet roll holders, toilet mats, towel rails, bath towels, one for each tenant and hand towel for each tenant.

In the kitchen there must be an oven, microwave, coffee machine, crockery and cutlery, kitchen utensils, iron and ironing board and kitchen utensils.

## 3. Price table

Every proprietor must show the price policy of the accommodation, according to the guidelines of the regulations for tourist flats in the Canary Islands, together with the date on which they were set.

Explanatory note: prices can rarely be higher than those fixed on promotional channels such as Booking or Airbnb.

## 4. Emergency telephone numbers

The Government of the Canary Islands obliges holiday homes to provide tenants with all emergency and health telephone numbers, displayed with an informative sign and written, at least, in English and Spanish.

Likewise, a contact number must be available for doubts or incidents, which must remain active from 08:00 to 20:00.

## 5. Distinctive plaque

Every one of the tourist accommodations in the Canary Islands must have a plaque on the outside with the number assigned at the time of registration in the General Tourist Register of the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands.

## 6. Complaints book

The property must have complaint forms, always at the disposal of the tenants and properly signposted.

### 1. Necessary documentation

The first thing to do is to gather all the necessary documentation.

a) Accreditation of ownership of the property: you must present a certificate that proves that the property is in your name or that you have the right to use it. The purchase contract or the title deeds of the property are sufficient.

b) Accreditation of IGIC registration: tourist establishments must appear in the IGIC registration. To do so, you must present tax form number four hundred (400) and register under activity number 1685 'Alojamientos turísticos extrahoteles' (extra-hotel tourist accommodation).

Energy efficiency: an energy efficiency certificate is necessary.

Plans of the property: The proprietor must present detailed plans of the property and its location must be presented by the proprietor to the authorities.

Insurance policy: lastly, you must be in possession of a civil liability insurance policy.

### 2. Presenting the responsible declaration.

The most important document for registering a holiday home in the Canary Islands. This document may vary depending on the Cabildo in which the property is located.

## 7. Register of tenants.

Finally, you must not forget to keep a register of the tenants that stay on your property. You must fill in online the details of the guests on a web site of the ministry of the interior.

In anticipation of the new legislation, we advise you to follow the publications of the government or consult with your competent adviser, as procedures shown above could change.



# 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.**

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.

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.

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.



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.

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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## 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 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 regattas. 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 sig-



*Puerto del Carmen*

npost on the main island road between Puerto del Carmen and Yaiza.

### 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 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



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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 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.

### Stratvs Vineyard

Driving through La Geria from the direction of Yaiza, Bodegas Stratvs is on the right directly off the main road. The display at the shop in the spacious visitor's gallery offers a fascinating glimpse into traditional wine cultivation on Lanzarote. The vineyard is open 7 days a week 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and there are 2 daily guided tours



La Geria is the centre of the wine cultivation region

by appointment. However, visitors can visit the premises and cafeteria without appointment.

### 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.



### EXPRESS FERRY



#### LANZAROTE-LA GRACIOSA

ORZOLA	LA GRACIOSA
08:30	08:00
10:00	08:40
11:00	10:00
12:00	11:00
13:30	12:30
16:00	15:00
17:00	16:00
18:00	17:00
*19:00	*18:00
*20:00	*19:00

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### FAST FERRY



#### LANZAROTE-FUERTEVENTURA

PLAYA BLANCA	CORRALEJO
09:30	10:30
11:15	11:50
12:30	13:30
16:30	17:30
18:30	19:30

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Pto. CARMEN	Pto. CALERO
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## 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 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.

**For the best times and conditions to visit the Cabildo Tourist Centres download the CACT Lanzarote App at Apple Play or Google Store.**

## 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.

## El Monumento

Continue past Mancha Blanca to Tao, turn right until the next roundabout. The MONUMENTO



*Monumento al Campesino, San Bartolomé*

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.

## 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

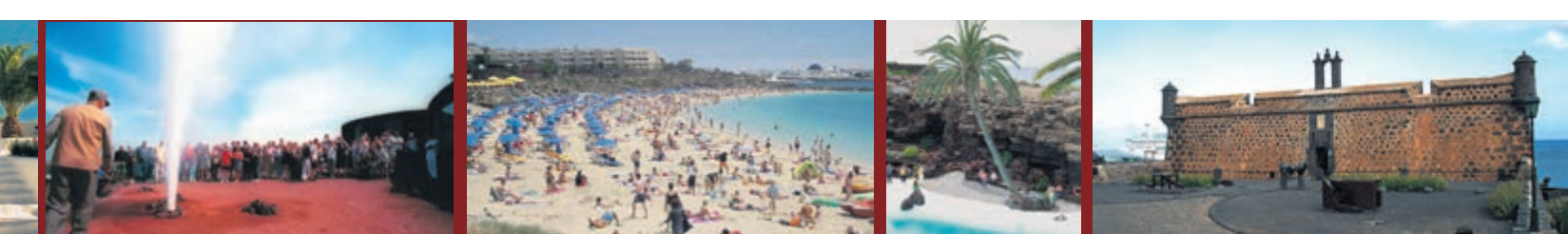
On the outskirts of town cross straight over the main Monument-Arrecife road until passing some ruins on a plateau to the left. Continuing downhill round a sweeping curve for a few hundred metres the imposing white gateway of the FUNDACION CESAR MANRIQUE appears on your left with its adjoining spacious 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 re-





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construction 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 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.



Cactus Garden

The Pirates Museum open Monday to Friday 9.00 - 16.00 Sunday and Public Holidays 10.00 - 16.00. Currently closed for alterations.

### Timple Music Museum Palacio Spinola, Tegui

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.

### 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 Maguez 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





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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 Cesar Manrique, is the underground concert hall located in a massive volcanic cavern. Open daily 10.00 - 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 Teguise, 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 La-



*The Green Caves*



*Arrecife*

goon 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 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 Manri-

que 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 of shops and boutiques overlooking the colourful tableau of transatlantic yachts bobbing at their moorings await the visitors as well as dining facilities to suit every taste and every pocket, offering everything from local and international cuisine to smart snack bars and cafeterias.

### Golf - Theme Park

The island has two 18 hole par 72 golf clubs at Puerto del Carmen and Costa Teguise as well as Rancho Texas animal theme park at Puerto del Carmen.

### Rancho Texas

Rancho Texas is an animal and water park close to Puerto del Carmen and just off the main island road. Among multiple attractions: a live sea lion show, dolphin interaction, a huge pool with water slides, a splash park and a country and western show. Among services is a free bus pick up. Open 265 days a year.

### La Graciosa & Fuerteventura Ferry

Lineas Maritimas Romero operate frequent sailings from Orzola Harbour to La Graciosa as well as excursions from Puerto del Carmen. Other services include: Water-taxi Puerto del Carmen-Puerto Calero and Water-bus Playa-Blanca- Marina Rubicón-Papagayo. Departure and arrival times are convenient for tourists wishing to spend a whole or half day on Lanzarote's sister isle.

The neighbouring island of Fuerteventura is only 30 minutes away by Líneas Romero from Playa Blanca to Corralejo.



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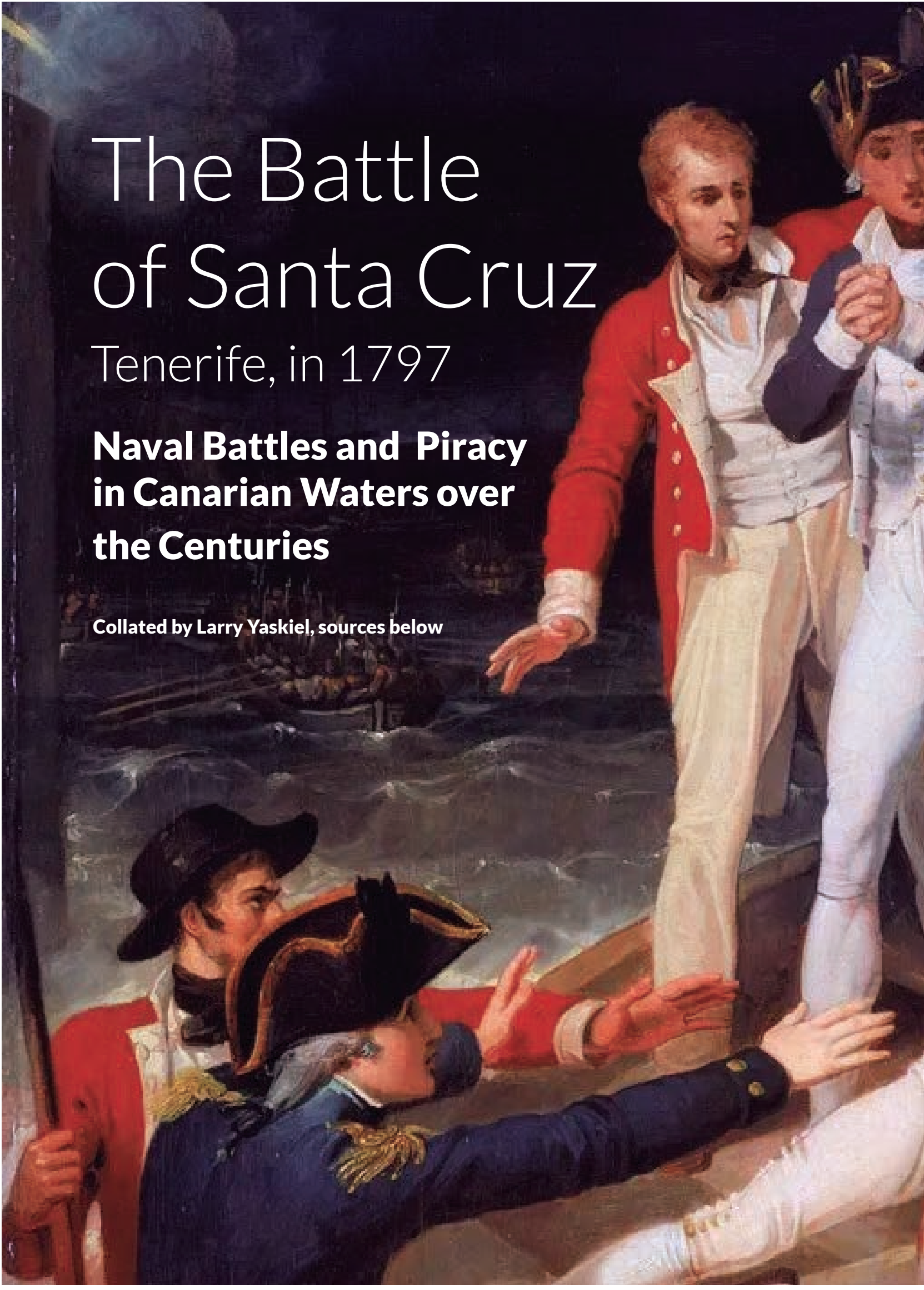
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# The Battle of Santa Cruz

Tenerife, in 1797

**Naval Battles and Piracy  
in Canarian Waters over  
the Centuries**

Collated by Larry Yaskiel, sources below





During the Battle of Tenerife, Nelson lost his right arm which was shattered by a cannonball from a coastal battery just as his cutter was coming in to land. He fell crying "they have done for me" as is depicted in the famous painting by Richard Westall which hangs in the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich





### Horatio Nelson at Santa Cruz

Admiral Horatio Nelson sailed to Santa Cruz de Tenerife on the flagship *Theseus* at the end of July 1797 at a time when Spain was allied with France against England. He was at the head of a squadron consisting of eight vessels, mounting between them nearly 400 guns and carrying large numbers of landing troops under the command of Sir Charles Troubridge. The troops who were landed had to fight fierce battle in the streets with the soldiers of General Gutiérrez but managed to reach the Dominican Monastery where they entrenched themselves.

Troubridge offered to retire to the ships if the Spaniards would pay an indemnity, but the Spanish general, in the manner of those days, replied that they had no gold and could only give him “steel and death”. The Englishman had lost half of his fighting men and after long parleys, signed a capitulation which was later ratified by Nelson, and which stipulated that the squadron would not attack the Canary Islands again for the duration of the war.

While all the street fighting was going on, Nelson, who had already lost an eye in the battle on Calvi, Corsica, lost his right arm, which was shattered by a cannonball from a coastal battery, just as his cutter was coming in to land. He fell crying “they have done for me” and his young lieutenant stepson made a tourniquet out of his shirt. Nelson was carried back to the “*Theseus*” where his arm was amputated. This was the eighteenth century “the century of chivalry”, and after the battle the admiral and the general exchanged courtesies. Gutiérrez sent Nelson wine and cheeses and in the letters they exchanged, each said that he would have “great pleasure in making the acquaintance of a person endowed with so many laudable qualities.”

The Spanish suffered only 30 dead and 40 injured, while the British lost 250 dead and 128 wounded. The journey back to England was difficult, as Nelson had lost many men. Gutiérrez lent Nelson two schooners to help the shot-torn British on their



*Vice-Admiral Horatio Nelson, 1st Viscount Nelson, was a British flag officer in the Royal Navy. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest naval commanders in history. His victory on 21 October 1805 at the Battle of Trafalgar led to British naval supremacy over the next century and beyond. Painting F.L. Abbott*

way back. The Spanish general also allowed the British to leave with their arms and war honours. Nevertheless, Nelson would later remark that Tenerife had been the most horrible hell he had ever endured—and not only for the loss of his arm. The British never again tried to capture Santa Cruz. Nelson’s letter offering a cheese as a token of his gratitude is actually on display at the Spanish Army Museum in Toledo. Every year on the 25 July, Santa Cruz celebrates the event by a re-creation of the battle at which actors wear faithful reproductions

### Treaty of Alcáobas 1479

Calafat the Moor came to sack Lanzarote in 1569 and two years later another corsair from North Africa burned down the town of Tegui-se. In 1586 yet another Moorish pirate, Morato Arraez appeared off Lanzarote

with seven galleys. The Marchioness of Lanzarote took refuge in the Cueva de los Verdes (the Green Caves, now a tourist attraction) but was captured and not released until a ransom had been paid. In 1618, corsairs set fire to the capitals of two of the Canary Islands, Tegui-se on Lanzarote and San Sebastian on La Gomera.

Following many years of attacks on the Canary Islands by the Portuguese, the Treaty of Alcáobas (1479) opened up an era of peace between Spain and Portugal. However in 1522, Jean Fleury (Juan Florin) of Dieppe captured the treasure of Montezuma, being sent by Cortés to the Emperor Charles V when in Canary waters. Fleury did not live long enough to enjoy the plunder because he was taken prisoner when in Canary waters and beheaded at Toledo. In 1543, Jean Alphonse de Saintonge captured the fort of La





The fortress Castillo de Santa Barbara overlooking Teguiise was built by the island ruler Sancho de Herrera in 1576 to serve as a lookout for pirates. The original building still stands and can be visited. Teguiise Ayuntamiento is planning to erect a museum in the interior to containing the history of Lanzarote

Luz in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria but was killed in a battle with Don Pedro de Menéndez de Aviles who was commissioned by Charles I to drive pirates from the coasts of Spain. The frequency of these raids was due to the fact that the Canary Islands were the regular port of call for the “Indies Fleet” which brought to Spain the gold and silver from the mines of the New World, and this made the archipelago too tempting a prey to ignore.

**Sacking of Teguiise in 1551**

In November 1551 another French privateer known as “El Clerigo” landed 700 armed soldiers on Lanzarote and sacked the capital Teguiise, burning the granary containing the island’s food supply.A year later in February a squadron of



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*In the 17th century Berber pirates attacked Lanzarote on a slave raid and burned down Teguise.*



French privateers arrived from La Rochelle and cruised in Canary waters for nearly two months, seizing every ship they encountered. On the 19th of April, a fleet of Canary Islands' ships sallied forth en masse and after a day-long battle returned to port towing five enemy ships. Santa Cruz de La Palma, which had become the most important port in the islands for the trade with the Indies, was attacked by a French pirate known as "Peg Leg, (following the loss of an arm and a leg in a sea battle of Guernsey), who set fire to the town destroying the island records. In 1570 Jacques de Sores, a Calvinist, captured a Portuguese vessel off the coast of La Palma and put to death forty Jesuits who were going as missionaries to Brazil. A year later another French privateer, Jean Capdeville, appeared off the coast of La Gomera with five ships and sacked the capital San Sebastian and before retiring, set the town on fire.

Historians tell us is that in all fairness, it must be said that the corsairs were taking revenge for years of slave raids on North African towns by the governors of Lanzarote, Fuerteventura and La Gomera. The Marquis and Lord of Lanzarote, Agustin de Herrera, commanded no less than fourteen expeditions to the African shores.



*John Hawkins.*

### **John Hawkins Merchant-Pirate**

John Hawkins (1532-1595) was as much a merchant as a man of war who began his career peaceably enough by shipping wine and sugar to England from the Canaries. He was also the first Englishman to engage in the slave trade on the African continent. When he turned privateer, although he was plundering ships in Canarian waters, he was still very popular among the population of several of the islands. Hawkins had a partner on Tenerife called Pedro de Ponte with whom he would share his plunder. De Pon-



*Francis Drake,*

te had connections with a chain of commercial agents in the Americas who divulged the sailing schedules of Spanish ships carrying gold and silver from the New World back to Spain, who would be calling at ports in the Canary Islands and he passed the information on to John Hawkins. In 1595, Hawkins and Francis Drake, who was his second cousin, attempted an attack on Las Palmas but were frustrated by the town's defences. In later years, Hawkins enjoyed a brilliant career in the Royal Navy and ended up an Admiral of the Fleet. Sir Walter Raleigh's father was mar-



ried to Isabel de Ponte, which might explain the relationship between Hawkins and Pedro de Ponte.

Naval Attacks

Attacks by individual privateers on the Canary Islands were replaced by those of regular navies. The 26th of June 1599 saw the arrival off the coasts of Las Palmas, Gran Canaria. Of the Dutch Admiral van de Does with a large force of 100 ships and 8000 soldiers. He captured the town after a heavy bombardment, three weeks later he did the same on the island of La Gomera. In the spring of 1657, the English Admiral Blake arrived at Santa Cruz, Tenerife with a fleet of forty ships, with the intention of capturing a squadron of the

Spanish “Indies Fleet” consisting of eleven vessels which lay anchored in the roadstead. The Spanish commander set fire to his own ships, and Blake, seeing his prey escape from his clutches, had to retire with heavy losses, under the gunfire of the ports.

In 1708, Woodes Rogers, the English privateer who was later Governor of the Bahamas, threatened to bombard Puerto del La Cruz. After protracted negotiations he agreed to withdraw in return for supplies. On that same journey, on 1st January 1710, he was to rescue Alexander Selkirk, who had been abandoned on a desert island off the coast of Chile for four years. His story was the basis for the book Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe.



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Miguel Angel Cervantes  
Author of Don Quijote

Prior to his career as a writer, Miguel Angel Cervantes, had been a soldier and was captured by Barbary pirates in Canarian waters after fighting in the Battle of Lepanto and other Mediterranean campaigns against the Turks and was imprisoned as a slave in Algiers for five years. When he later began writing stories and poetry, this traumatic experience made an indelible impression on his works especially Don Quijote. By the most amazing coincidence, Cervantes the most famous author in Spanish history died in the same year as William Shakespeare, the most famous author in English history, 1616.

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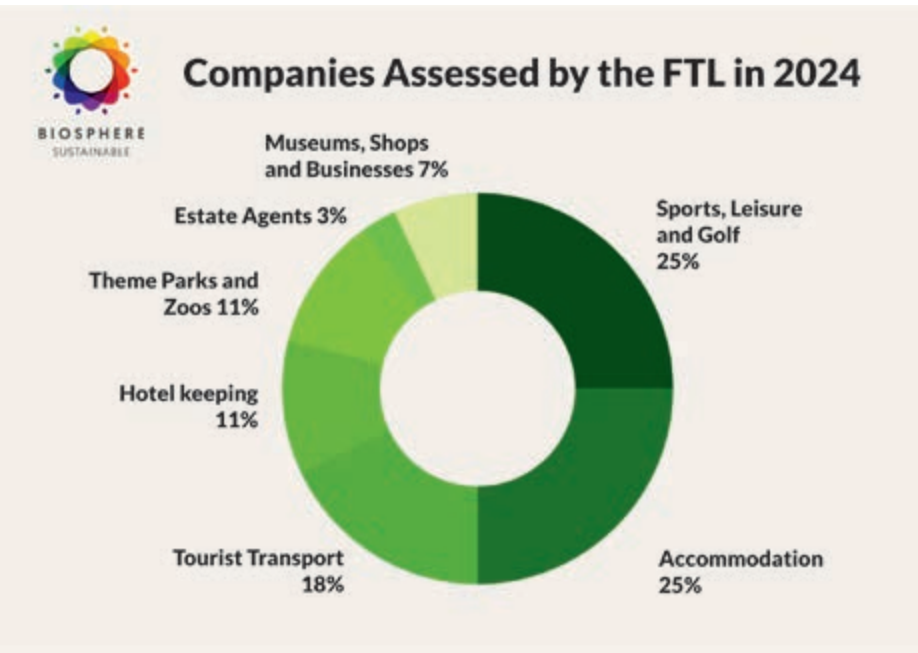
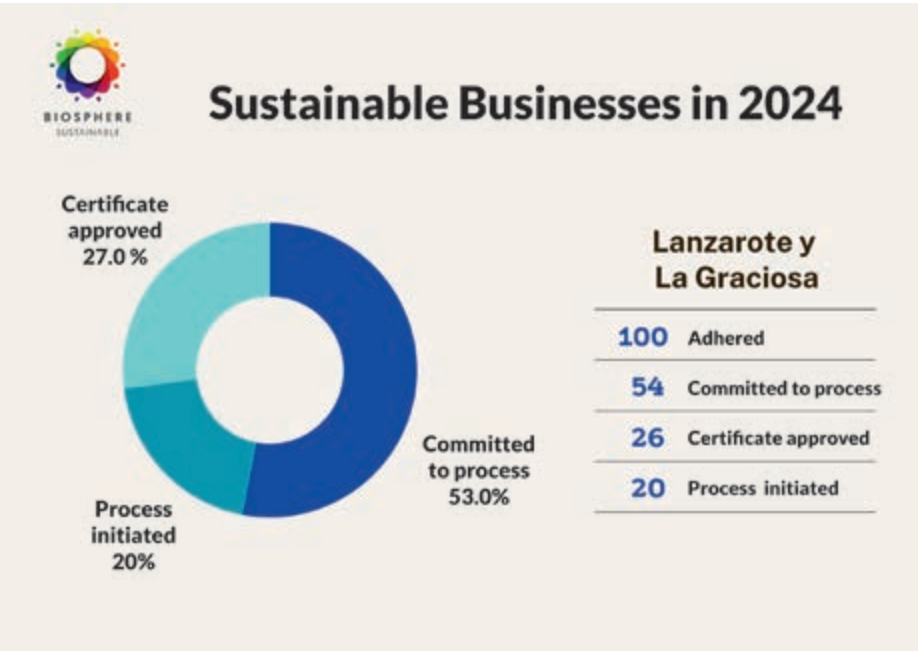


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The Lanzarote Tourist Federation has received the prestigious Biosphere Certificate a highly important international recognition for its determined drive towards responsible tourism. This distinction, awarded by the Institute for Responsible Tourism, signifies that the practices of the Federation are in line with the United Nations Objectives for the Development of Sustainable Tourism known as 17 ODS, which provide a balance between tourist activity, conservation of the environment and the social wellbeing of the local community.

The accompanying assessment for individual companies with workshops and seminars on sustainability together with activities generated in scholastic establishments are basic essentials towards preparing for practicing responsible tourism.

The FTL seeks to engage both the public and private sectors in endeavors to promote innovation and sustainable development and we have formed alliances with other institutions to further our aim for a more responsible and harmonious future. We fully support very many com-



panies adhering to the Sustainable Biosphere Lifestyle, 27 of whom are already certified and 53 others have undertaken to do so in the near future.

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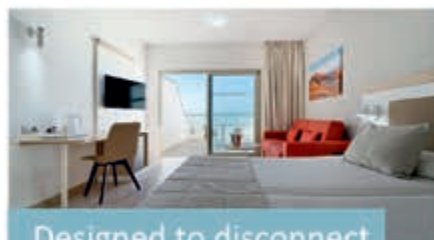
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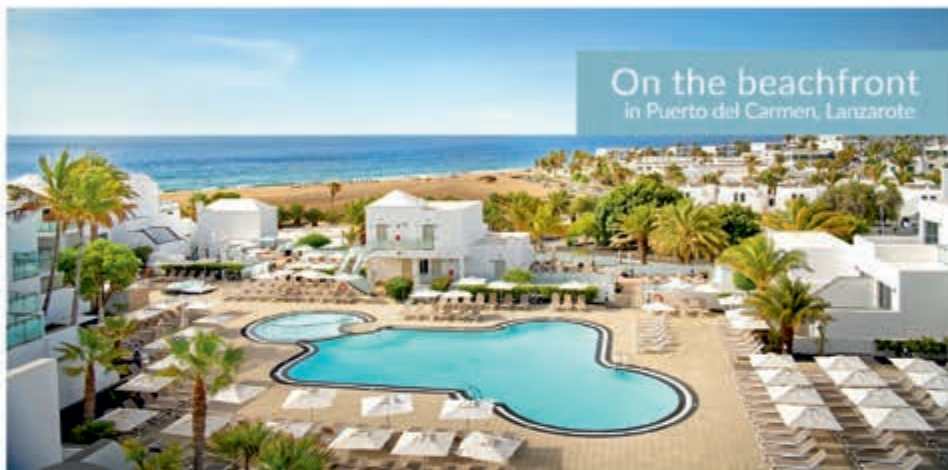
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The main objectives of the Unesco Geoparks Association of Spain include the promotion and coordination of initiatives between geoparks to foster their sustainable development and strengthen relations between their members through the organization of joint events and projects; collaboration with the Spanish National Committee for Unesco Global Geoparks; and the management of joint activities that promote the balanced development of the geoparks' territories.

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do of Lanzarote in this association is protected by current legislation, which allows local entities to form associations for the protection and promotion of common interests. The statutes of the new entity will guarantee the democratic participation of all its members and ensure that the activities of the association are aligned with the principles of Unesco and the needs of the territories. Through this initiative, the Cabildo of Lanzarote will continue to lead efforts to preserve its geological, natural and cultural legacy, ensuring that these resources are a source of well-being and development for present and future generations.

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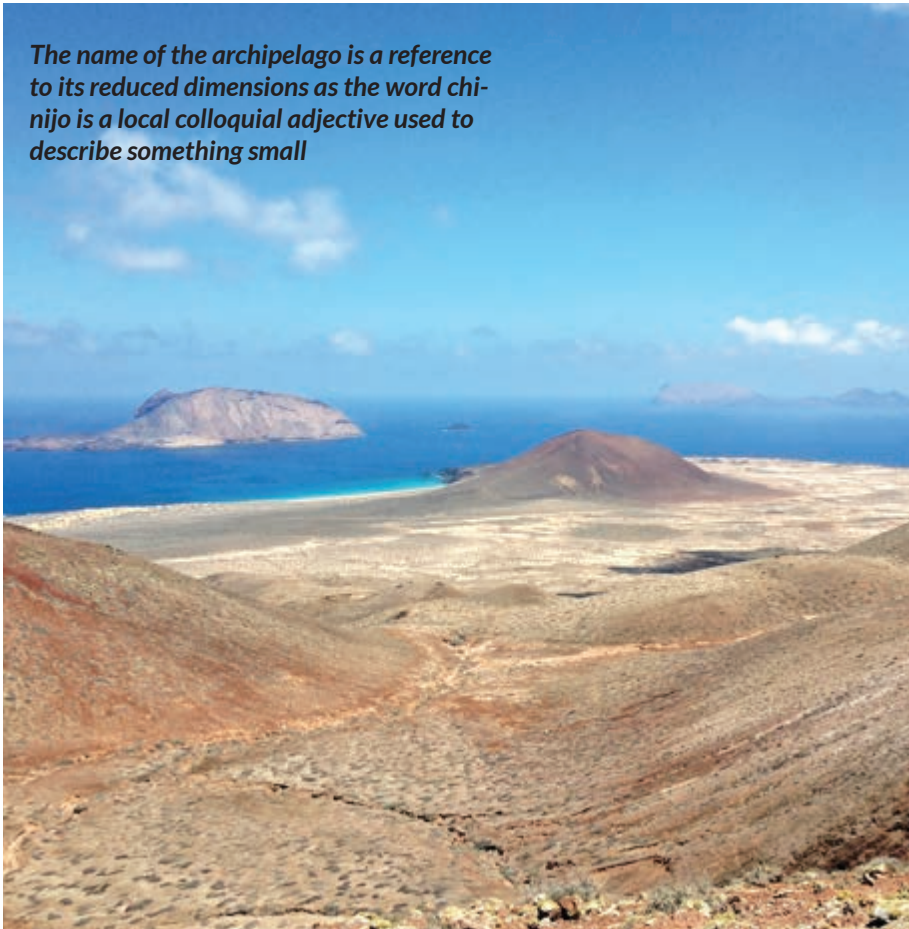
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*The name of the archipelago is a reference to its reduced dimensions as the word chinijo is a local colloquial adjective used to describe something small*



vices and products for tourists must examine their operation in light of sustainable resource management.

According to Cabildo President Oswaldo Betancort, “Lanzarote’s Global Geopark uses its geological heritage, in connection with all other aspects of the area’s natural and cultural traditions to enhance awareness and understanding of key issues facing society which includes using our natural resources sustainably, mitigating the effects of climatic change and reducing natural disasters-related risks. This gives the local population a sense of pride and strengthens their identification with the area and represents a significant boost to consolidate Lanzarote as a model of balance between development and conservation. The Geopark is a fundamental tool, which involves both local communities and the productive area.

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➤ **Chinijo Archipelago receives UNESCO validation at XVII Conference of European Geopark in Iceland**

The Chinijo Archipelago represented Lanzarote at the 17th European Geoparks Conference held in Reykjanes in October. This biannual event named “Thriving Amidst Natures Tests” provided Cabildo executives with an opportunity to connect with professionals and specialists working in Geoparks all over Europe, sharing knowledge and collaborating through projects of common interest.

Lanzarote’s volcanoes and the volcanoes in Iceland both belong to the “Hawaian” category which signal future volcanic activity through many months of smoke ejections both on land and at sea. This was the case of the Fire Mountains 1730-1736 which gave the population time to move away from the area and no lives were lost. Reykjanes Geopark is home to many important geological formations, some of which are utterly unique, including numerous types of volcanoes in at least four separate volcanic zones, with hundreds of open fissures and faults.



*Chinijo Archipelago receives UNESCO validation at XVII Conference of European Geoparks in Iceland attended by the Cabildo President and Councillors Ángel Vazquez and Samuel Martín*

A woman in a white shirt and dark skirt stands on a balcony, looking out over a city and a volcano. The scene is overlaid with digital graphics, including a large circular data visualization and various icons representing technology and innovation.

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**President Oswaldo Betancort:**  
"It is the support for the conservation work we do to transform the natural and geological heritage of Lanzarote into a driving force for the sustainable development of the island"



**Councillor Ángel Vázquez:**  
"The House of Volcanoes and Geopark, highly featured at the event, represent the success the power of technology for the service of the public"

**Councillor Samuel Martín:**  
"It is the result of our commitment to this territory and an incentive to continue working and achieve a new renewal in 2027"



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➔ **Blue Islands Innovation Summit Promoting the Blue Economy**

*“Lanzarote is an international benchmark in the sustainable management of its resources highlighting the fact that 15% of tourists visiting Lanzarote are motivated by blue tourism”*  
Cabildo President Oswaldo Betancort said at the inauguration in Jameos del Agua

Lanzarote hosted the iBlue Tourism Congress, promoting the blue economy and tourism innovation where one of the principle speakers was Celine Cousteau granddaughter of world famous Jacques Cousteau. Leading companies among international experts, environmental activists, researchers and entrepreneurs included Microsoft, MasterCard, Mabrian, Telefónica, Orange or iUrban where the island’s commitment to the blue economy and sustainable development was reaffirmed. This forum was a unique opportunity to raise awareness about the need to keep our environment intact, generating a positive impact for our entire community and the generations to come.



*SPEL Lanzarote Tourism CEO introduces the Blue Innovation Summit at Jameos del Agua pointing out that the Island’s commitment to the blue economy was the reason the conference was held here*



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Among those attending in this magnificent setting together with the Lanzarote authorities were representatives of Microsoft,, Mastercard, Telefónica and Orange

Oswaldo Betancort highlighted the importance of exploiting marine resources responsibly, while the island integrates advanced technologies to preserve its valuable environment. He added, “Lanzarote has become an international benchmark in the sustainable management of its resources, thanks to digitalisation

and artificial intelligence, which guarantee that the natural beauty of our island will endure for future generations.

The iBlue Congress, is designed for institutions, managers, companies and activists in the field of the blue economy, seeks to raise awareness in the local and international commu-

nity about the importance of marine sustainability. With a special focus on the preservation of natural resources and circular economy strategies, the event highlighted the need to act as custodians of the environment, involving all visitors and residents in the conservation of Lanzarote’s natural and cultural heritage.

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# Fundacion Lineas Romero and the Cámara de Comercio of Lanzarote and La Graciosa Launch the 2nd Edition of the Sustainable Talent Awards 2024

Regenerative innovation and promotion of ideas and projects in the Canary Islands in favour of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals

### Sustainable Development

The 2nd Edition of the “Sustainable Talent” Awards, organized by the Líneas Romero Foundation and the Chamber of Commerce of Lanzarote and La Graciosa , allow people and companies with innovative, practical and tangible ideas to find a platform for support and launching their original product.

The deadline for submitting candidate projects is January 11, 2025 and the winning project will receive a certificate that can be used in its corporate communication and a financial endowment of 5,500 euros.

Our aim is to discover and promote new products, services or applications that, while stimulating innovation, also consolidate and disseminate new market proposals with social and environmental impact.



José Vale President of the Lanzarote Chamber of Commerce with Federico Romero President of the Líneas Romero Foundation. Also present Bernardino Jiménez secretary general of the Chamber of Commerce and Vanesa Fontes, Director of the Foundation



## Sustainable Businesses

The **Tourist Federation of Lanzarote** encourages businesses to adopt sustainable practices through support and guidance in the development and implementation of our Sustainability Plans

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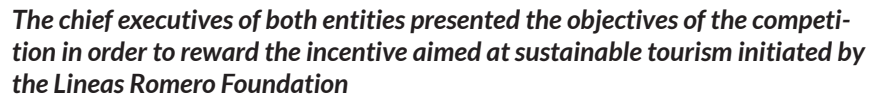
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### SPA & Pools Hotel Costa Calero Thalasso & SPA

Celebrate the year-end festivities with exquisite dining at the Magdalena Restaurant in the Costa Calero Thalasso & Spa Hotel, perfectly located amidst lush greenery near the Puerto Calero marina. The Christmas Gala Buffet on the 25th of December features a diverse selection of local and international cuisine, with drinks included during dinner. For New Year’s Eve, the gourmet Gala Buffet includes a fireworks display, an open bar, and unlimited drinks until closing in the hotel’s stunning grounds. Dress code: casual-elegant.

Guests can enjoy an overnight stay or choose from Day Pass options, which include access to the active pool, sauna, hammam, Jacuzzi, and a delightful meal.

### Hotel Lancelot Playa 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 specialties 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. Christmas Eve Gala Dinner with music, entertainment and all the trimmings for the whole family, all welcome. New Year’s Eve early closing at 20.00 hrs allowing staff to spend the evening with their families. Enjoy an exotic cocktail at our newly open roof-top swimming pool bar. Open daily from 10.00 - 22.00 hrs.

### Barceló Lanzarote Active Resort Costa Tegui

Newly refurbished Barceló Lanzarote Active Resort located on the front line at Costa Tegui is an energetic and positive resort offering a unique destination and lifestyle which connects with the most authentic aspects of the island allowing guests to enjoy their active leisure. Three restaurants cater for everyone’s taste: Champs offers a large variety of local and international beers and large TV screens with comfortable seating. La Dolce Vita trattoria is designed for families to enjoy pasta dishes and pizzas baked in specially made pizza ovens. KOI offers a variety of Asiatic fusion with a delicious selection on the menu, a sushi bar and part of living cooking.

### Almacen de la Sal Playa Blanca

This tasteful restaurant overlooking the sea in Playa Blanca with seating in the interior and on the terrace, serves modern international cuisine with local home-grown pro-

ducts. Specialities: tartar of salmon smoked in Uga, red tuna tartar and the exceptional sardine tartar; meat dishes include, pork and boneless lamb cooked at a low temperature. The fish selection includes Janubio salt bass (lubina). Open daily 13:00 – 23.00, closed Monday. Special Christmas and New Year’s menu, reservations recommended.

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## Eating out on Lanzarote

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niques achieves diverse textures and experiences whilst fully respecting the product and its origins.

Open Tuesday – Saturday 6.30  
pm, last orders, 10.00 pm.

## El Diablo Restaurant

A once-in-a-lifetime eating experience awaits guests at the El Diablo Restaurant in the Fire Mountains. Food is cooked on a grill heated by geothermal heat emerging from a volcanic chasm below in the bowels of the earth. The temperature inside the mountain at this point is 500° C and even a few inches below the surface it is 100° as can be seen in two displays by park rangers. Before or after your meal be sure to go on the guided tour of the Volcanic Route on coaches equipped with multi-lingual

commentaries. The tour is included in the admission price paid at the park entrance.

Open 10.00 -16.45 daily

## Castillo de San José

Starters include caramelised goat's cheese, Iberian roast pork carpaccio, foie shavings and vanilla salt. Main dishes include, Atlantic wreckfish with king prawn Canarian tuna steak Tataki style, honeyed squid rice with saffron and cured cheese slices, Carved grilled entrecote, Pork cheeks served and seasoned with local salt flower, duck magret with crispy skin served with Porto sauce and dates, Desserts include, goats milk yoghurt with local strawberry compote.

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# Architectural Designer Per Bjorn Christensen of Los Mojones Puerto del Carmen has Passed Away

We are sorry to report the death of Per Bjorn Christensen, born Denmark 1936, an industrial designer and urban developer who designed skylights for Danish world leader VE-LUX. When he came to Lanzarote in 1969 Per Bjorn fell in love with the Island, its architecture and its people and built Los Mojones up market development in Puerto del Carmen. He became a fervent disciple and friend of the artist César Manrique who wrote the following dedication to him in his book Lanzarote, arquitectura inédita “Per Bjorn Christensen has captured the true spirit of the ambience of Lanzarote in his architectural creations.” Per Bjorn married Mercedes Coll, whose family founded the Lancelot Media Group and they had four children. We offer them our sincere condolences.

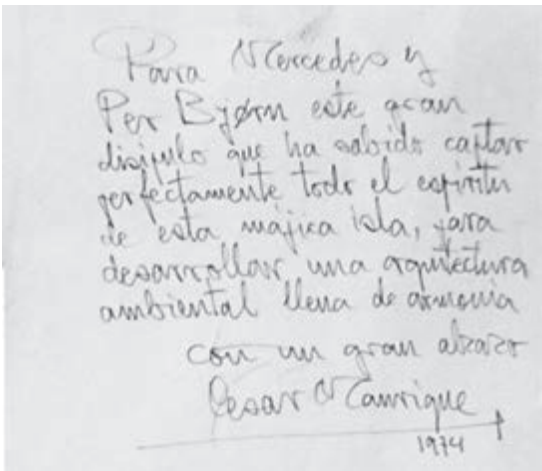


Per Bjorn Christensen holding the book of his friend and inspiration César Manrique.  
Photo Liz

César Manrique had launched his publication in 1974 at the inauguration of El Almacén in Arrecife as the island’s first cultural centre. He had travelled the length and breadth of the island with camera in hand and produced a series of black and white photographs featuring examples of every traditional architectural style: houses, farms, walls, doors, windows, chimneys, entrances, gates, ovens, churches, castles and fortresses. Also included are aerial shots illustrating the geometric lines of the picón-lava grains covering the fields of the Island, the surrealistic tableau of the wine-growing region of La Geria, and the stark contrast of white farmhouses surrounded by black fields.



Outline of a traditional home Per Bjorn designed in Puerto del Carmen.  
Sketch by architect Wolfram Suhr



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## 1974 - 2024 – 50th Anniversary of Timanfaya National Park Cradle of the Birth of the Lanzarote Tourist Industry

*It soon became apparent to visitors that Lanzarote is different to the majority of international Tourist Destinations. No regiments of skyscrapers dominate the skyline, no armies of advertising billboards clutter up the facades of buildings and no Kentucky colonels fry their chickens by the geothermal heat of the Fire Mountains*

**Larry Yaskiel**

### **César Manrique – José Ramirez**

This all began in 1963 through the environmental conservation partnership between the artist César Manrique and his childhood friend José “Pepin” Ramirez, who had been appointed President of the Lanzarote Cabildo Island Government. Their farsighted initiative commenced almost a quarter of a century before the arrival of mass tourism on the Island.

The idea for the creation of the Timanfaya National Park came about as a result of a post card José Ramirez had received from a friend who was touring New Mexico in 1963 and came across an arid volcanic region with sparse vegetation whose landscape very much resembled that of the Fire Mountains and which had been declared a National Park by the American Government. He suggested that Lanzarote should request that the Spanish Government should consider bestowing this status on the Fire Mountains area? A National Park is set aside for purposes of public recreation and enjoyment and because of its historical or scientific interest. Landscapes, plants and animals in a national park are completely protected by national legislation to be preserved in their natural state.

José Ramirez followed up on this advice and requested the government in Madrid to consider declaring Timanfaya a National Park. Although the bureaucratic process took a full 10 years to complete it was finally named a National Park in 1974. Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year in 2024, over 60 million holidaymakers have visited the Fire Mountains since then and which have been Lanzarote’s most popular tourist attraction every year since.



**Exhibition of the 50 Years Evolution of Timanfaya National Park at the Visitors and Interpretation Centre. All Welcome - Free Entry**







# To Texas and Back

By: Oscar Pérez Cabrera

Last August, I was invited to speak at the 293rd Annual Cabildo Luncheon, by the President of CIDA Freddie T. Bustillo. I set out to face a busy schedule of meetings prepared by Freddie T. Bustillo. Thanks to his efforts, I was able to meet with Eric Avila, Event Coordinator of the San Antonio River Walk. I am professionally dedicated to the production of cultural events, so my meeting with Mr. Avila revolved around the possibility of holding a concert of Canarian “Timple” music in the setting of the San Antonio River Walk in March 2025.

Another significant meeting we had was with Krystal Jones, the director of the arts and culture department of the city of San Antonio. In Lanzarote, every September, the Feria de Artesanía de Los Dolores takes place, a Crafts Fair to which the organizers invite artisans from different regions of the world to showcase their work alongside the arts and crafts produced in Lanzarote and the other Canary Islands. As president of CIDA, Freddie T. Bustillo, and myself have proposed that in 2025 the invited artisans be from the Texas region. Therefore, our meeting with Ms. Jones revolved around how to present this exciting cultural exchange. Conversations between the Cabildo de Lanzarote and the San Antonio City Council have already begun, so we are optimistic about this project.

Thanks to the generosity of Lanzarote-based publishing house ‘Ediciones Remotas,’ I was able to give each person I met that day a book on topics related to Lanzarote. These included copies of ‘The Island of the Volcanoes’ by Professor Roger Trend, ‘Lanzarote & Wine’ by Rubén Acosta and Mario Ferrer, and ‘The British Connection to Lanzarote and the Canaries’ by Larry Yaskiel. All of which are fully translated into English and can be purchased at any bookstore on the island.



*Freddie Bustillo and Steve Chiscano with Oscar Perez at the Alamo*

The icing on the cake that day was a private visit to the Alamo museum. I was already familiar with the museum, but this occasion was very special, as together with Freddie T. Bustillo and the Honorary Consul of Spain, our friend Mr. Steve Chiscano, we received a guided tour through the visible parts (and other less accessible places) at the hands of the magnificent Ernesto Rodríguez III, the Senior Curator, Historian, and Alamo Lecturer at the Alamo. The museum is in the midst of total renovation and expansion by the Texas Government with new facilities at a cost of almost 700 million dollars, and in its different rooms, they hope to house the entire history of Texas and major parts of US History. Included is an entire floor dedicated to the Canary Islanders who founded San Antonio.

I would dedicate my second and final day in the city to the Cabildo’s Annual Luncheon, a very special event for the descendants of Canarians in the US.

The luncheon, attended by prominent people of the city such as Kate



*San Antonio Councillor for Culture Eric Avila intends hosting a concert of Timple music from Lanzarote on the famous River Walk in March 2025*



*Ernesto Rodriguez III, Senior Curator at the Alamo*





*Freddie Bustillo, his wife Gloria, Steve Chiscano and Oscar Perez of Lanzarote among other dignitaries celebrating the annual Cabildo Day in San Antonio. Steve Chiscano received the highest honours from his alma mater St Mary's University, the oldest Catholic college in Texas*



*Freddie and Gloria Bustillo display the flags of Texas and of the US at Mancha Blanca in the company of Senator Pedro San Ginés and Oskar Perez, Executive of the Association of Amigos*



Rogers, Director of the Alamo Museum, and Manny Peláez, San Antonio City Council member, included video messages from various Canary Islands authorities. Among these were speeches by the President of the Canary Islands, Fernando Clavijo, the President of the Cabildo of Lanzarote, Oswaldo Betancort, and the Mayor of Tegui, Olivia Duque. We also had the opportunity to attend the presentation of the renovation project for "Plaza de las Islas Canarias," the central plaza of the city that the San Antonio city council aims to remodel with themes related to the islands.

The most emotional moment of the day was when Honorary Consul, Steve Chiscano, was awarded the honorary membership of CIDA. Steve is the son of Alfonso Chiscano, arguably the person who did the most during the 20th century to preserve and exalt the history of the Canary Island founders of San Antonio. And today, there is no doubt that his son Steve Chiscano is destined to be one of the people who

will do the most for this mission in the 21st century.

Back in Spain, I immediately began assisting with the preparations for the next move. The president of CIDA, Freddie Bustillo, and his wife Gloria would soon be visiting the island of Lanzarote to attend the "Romería de la Virgen de Los Dolores," the island's largest traditional event. Gloria and Freddie donned their Canarian attire (brought all the way from Texas) and proudly waved a U.S. flag alongside one from their own state. Our plan was to walk the last mile of the procession, and, in truth, their presence was a major event. This is the first time that Canarian descendants from the U.S. have participated in such an important traditional event in the Canary Islands, and as I told Freddie and Gloria, I'm almost certain that the annual presence of Canarians from Texas in this pilgrimage will also become a tradition. Now, we need to work to ensure that next year we welcome even more.



*Dr Alfonso Chiscano with Liz and Larry Yaskiel on Lanzarote*

**According to CIDA President Freddie Bustillo, preparations are underway to build the exhibit of the Lanzarote-Canarian contribution to the original founding of San Antonio in the Museum of the \$700 million Texas Government extension of the grounds of the Alamo. Whilst on Lanzarote, the CIDA President presented Liz and Larry Yaskiel with the Dr Alfonso Chiscano Memorial Award for over two decades of work uniting Lanzarote with San Antonio, Texas in the pages of Lancelot.**





*This year each Ayuntamiento was represented by an artisan who displayed the intricacies of the traditional Lanzarote skills for the creation of Arts and Crafts in their district*

# Flashback to Artisan Festival

**70,000 Visitors attended the 2024 Folklore Festival at Mancha Blanca**

One of the major novelties at this year's event was that each Town Hall arranged the live participation of one of its artisans creating products for the benefits of visitors allowing them to observe the elaborate details of their craftsmanship.

Events commence with an Arts and Crafts Fair in marquees with over 100 stands showcasing traditional handwork skills of Lanzarote craftsmen as well of those from the other Canary Islands. Lanzarote's Arts and Crafts are in a healthy state because the island's craftsmen and women have gone with the times. The basic skills of traditional artisans still guides their creations, but they have added touches of the present day to enhance the work of their ancestors.



*Councillor for Artisans, Aroa Revelo presents a prize for the stand with the best presentation*





*Cabildo President Oswaldo Betancort, Lanzarote Senator Pedro San Ginés and Tinajo Mayor Jesús Machín among other authorities accompanied Freddie and Gloria Bustillo of San Antonio carrying the flags of America and Texas*



*President Jorge Rodríguez and Managing Director Nereida Pérez of D.O. Lanzarote Wines at Mancha Blanca Folklore Fair*



*The stand of Milana Cochineal Association, founded by Sebastiana 'Chana' Perera and located in Mala*



*Benedicto and Idafe Cabrera of Viveros Las Palmeras mounted a display of tropical fruits and plants which can be cultivated on Lanzarote*



*Los del Gofio served their traditional gofio cuisine delicacies*





*Oswaldo Betancort and Jessica de León officiated at the awards presentation*

**Distinguished Tourism Awards 2024 - Castillo Las Coloradas, Playa Blanca**

*“We celebrate World Tourism Day by recognising the persons and organisation through whose efforts and dedication Lanzarote is acknowledged worldwide as a sustainable tourist destination,”*  
Cabildo President Oswaldo Betancort

The historic Castillo de las Coloradas in Playa Blanca was the setting for the prize-giving ceremony attended by Canarian Government Tourism Councillor Jessica de León who pointed out that besides the actual winners, “this occasion also celebrates all members of the tourist sector who are building a sustainable and competitive future for so many of the inhabitants of Lanzarote.” He also thanked Mayor of Yaiza Óscar Noda and his Councillors for their excellent cooperation.

Lanzarote Island Sculpture Award: President of Binter Airways, Rodolfo Núñez Ruano.

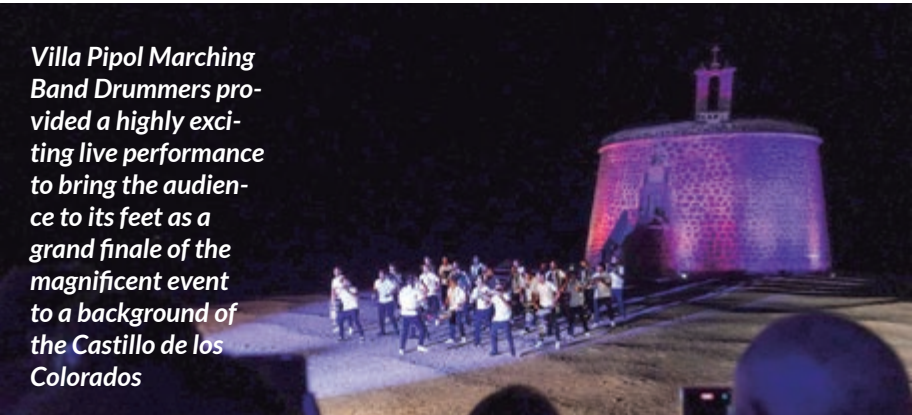
Tourism Companies: José Calero on behalf of Calero Marinas and the late Liliana Stamatovic, collected emotionally by her daughter Lena Stamatovic Sporting and Cultural Events of Tourist Interest: Batacuda Villa Pipol, Iván Carmóna musical director, Francisco Javier Oubiña president and José Antonio Lora former president.

Special Mentions: Jonathan Harrouch and Jorge Santana, directors Hotel Lani’s Suites Deluxe, Miguel Ángel Bermúdez and Isidro Callero, Guanapay Folklore Association.

This excellently produced event, organised by Cabildo SPEL-Turismo commenced with the screening of “Lanzarote, Treasure of Lava and



*Many senior authorities were present alongside the prizewinners and Oswaldo Betancort and Jessica de León at the presentation, Parliament President Astrid Pérez, Mayor of Arrecife Jonathan de León, Tourism Councillor Eli Merino Cabildo Councillors Jacobo Medina, Juan Monzon and Francisco Aparicio and Teguise Tourism Councillor Rita Hernández*



*Sand” followed by a performance by Lanzarote singer Almudena Hernández accompanied by musicians Adrián Niz and José Vicente Pérez. Finally, a lively performance by*

*the exciting drummers of Batacuda Villa Pipol, to a background of the 15th century Las Coronadas Castle, had the entire audience dancing on their feet.*



# SPEL Tourism Foreign Promotion Society Receive the Highest Honors from the Canarian Government Tourism Executive at the Awards Gala in Grand Canary

Cabildo President and Tourism Councilor Oswaldo Betancort offered his sincerest congratulations to SPEL for their 18 years of excellence combining both the private and public sectors in their tireless efforts to promote the island abroad. This involves working closely with Tourist Centres, the tourism executives of the seven town halls the mainstay business entities such as ASOLAN, the Chamber of Commerce, the Tourism Federation and FELAPYME. This public-private collaboration has managed not only to professionalize the promotion of the island abroad but also to contribute to the development of Lanzarote as a quality sustainable tourist destination with an increasingly innovative offer. Ancillary areas mentioned included sports tourism, the Lanzarote Film Commission and the unique annual audio-visual music festival.



The 2024 Canarian Government Distinction was awarded to SPEL Tourism for its excellent promotion of Lanzarote in the international market over the past 18 years headed by CEO Héctor Fernández. He is seen holding the Illustrated Certificate which had been handed to jury chairman Lorena Miranda in the presence of the entire team of coworkers





# **Canarian Government and Lanzarote Cabildo at World Travel Market Seeking to Attract Quality Tourism with Greater Spending Capacity 6 Out of 10 British Tourists to Spain Choose the Canary Islands**

Photography Nacho González

Canarian Tourism Councillor Jessica de León and President and Councillor for Tourism of Lanzarote, Oswaldo Betancort, who was unable to attend the WTM, said “We appreciate the loyalty of British tour operators and are committed to maintaining this privileged relationship in the long term.” He expressed his support for Vice President Jacobo Medina and SPEL CEO, Héctor Fernández who headed the delegation. One of the key events was meeting with representatives of British Airways, at which new opportunities were explored to attract British tourists with a higher purchasing power, in line with Lanzarote’s strategic vision.

For his part, CEO of SPEL-Turismo Lanzarote, Héctor Fernández and Canarian Tourism Councillor both gave a positive assessment highlighting the importance of the WTM in consolidating trade relations with the United Kingdom, the most important tourist market for the island.



*Canarian Tourism Councillor Jessica de León, Deputy Cabildo President Jacobo Medina, SPEL Tourist Promotion CEO, Héctor Fernández, Tegui Mayor Olivia Duque with Tourism Councillor Rita Hernández, Arrecife Mayor Yonathan de León with Tourism Councillor Eli Merino, Tias Tourism Executive Domingo Lorenzo and Susana Pérez, President of Asolan*





**Cabrera Medina stand visited by Canarian Tourism Councillor Jessica de León, Promotur Managing Director, José Juan Lorenzo together with leading executives of the car rental giant**



**Canarian Tourism Councillor Jessica de León with Sarah Cowley Consul British Embassy and Lloyd Millen Consul Barcelona**

6 out of 10 British holidaymakers to Spain choose the Canary Islands and their average daily spending is 128 euros. They continue to show an upward trend which is great news for the island's economy, it is essential to maintain and strengthen this connection."

He reaffirmed the island's commitment to a more sustainable and competitive tourism model through joining the European Network of Regions for Sustainable and Competitive Tourism. Lanzarote was appointed to the NECSTouR Board of Directors which serves to focus its efforts on initiatives that promotes a digital and sustainable result for the local community.

Susana Pérez, President of the Lanzarote Tourism Federation added, "Lanzarote will actively contribute to this mission, developing strategies optimizing energy efficiency, reduce emissions and strengthen social cohesion in its territory."



**Arrecife Mayor Yonathan de León, Tourism Councillor Eli Merino and Camara President**







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Reports from the Canarian Government

During the Conference of Regions the Canary Islands called for Support from all States as well as the Brussels Administration in their Commitment to Sustainable Tourism



*The president of the Canary Islands  
Fernando Clavijo*



*President Fernando Clavijo received King Felipe VI in the Canarian Parliament with whom he discussed issues of importance taking place in the Archipelago*

President of the Canary Islands, Fernando Clavijo, reaffirmed the “firm” commitment of the Canary Islands to support sustainable tourism. He stressed that this commitment to sustainability, “necessary and urgent” in the archipelago and in all the island territories of Europe, must have the legislative and financial support of all members and Brussels.

To this end, Fernando Clavijo took advantage of his speech at a working table of the Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions (CRPM) to defend a common front of the European islands in favour of sustainable tourism and the involvement of the EU in its development. This unity, he stressed, will be key to making sustainable tourism one of the priorities of the new European Commission.

During the opening session of the seminar focused on connectivity and sustainable tourism, Clavijo recalled that the Canary Islands are already immersed in a process of debate to agree on measures that will allow the benefits of the tourism industry to reach the entire population. Cou-



ncils, town halls, businesses, universities and civil groups are participating in this process of reflection he said after announcing that in a few weeks the results will be announced of this effort guided by the commitment to sustainable tourism.

In the presence of representatives from over 100 European territories, the head of the regional government stressed that the island territories of the EU, the Canary Islands, are the most affected by climate change and by the pressure of increasing visi-

tors, and therefore “must lead sustainable development in economic, social and environmental terms”.

Fernando Clavijo has specifically highlighted the collateral effects that tourist pressure is causing in the Canary Islands. “This year we will receive almost 18 million visitors,” he recalled after insisting that measures must be taken in view of the consequences that this volume of tourists causes in a “small, remote and fragmented territory” such as the islands.



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## The 2024 Canary Islands Tourism Awards for Individuals and Entities

SPEL Tourism of Lanzarote; Casas Heddy; Tourinews; Thomas Smulders; Serviagroc and El Hierro



**Tourism Canary Islands Councillor**  
**Jéssica de León**



*The jury chaired by Canary Islands Councillor for Tourism the Minister Jéssica de León recognized their contribution towards the defence, promotion, innovation, improvement of quality and sustainability of the destination and personally congratulated the winners*

### **SPEL-Tourism Lanzarote, Award for Comprehensive Tourism Promotion**

SPEL-Tourism Lanzarote has played a leading role in the advancement and development of Lanzarote and La Graciosa, both in the destination's tourism operations and in its strategic design, cultivating a culture of continuous growth. Since its creation, for the Island Council, SPEL-Turismo Lanzarote has been synonymous with notable successes, especially for their promotion campaigns at the annual WTM World Travel Market London; FITUR Tourism Fair, Madrid and the ITB International Tourist Bourse in Berlin. They channel all promotional and tourism action under a public-private entity made up of the insular and local authorities and the business community.



**Promotur Managing Director Jose Juan Lorenzo ensures that Tourism campaigns are backed up by the latest digital appliances for sustainability at all Canarian holiday destinations**

### **Casas Heddy Tourism Innovation Award**

Casas Heddy is a unique health and wellness resort, located in Puerto del Carmen, Lanzarote, who with over forty-five years of experience, is fully accessible and inclusive. It has a new team of professionals, specialized in health and longevity, working on various health, fitness, wellness and rehabilitation programs, with physiotherapy, hydrotherapy and massage services. They offer products and services that meet universal accessibility requirements that allow all people to be cared for with equality, dignity and in an independent manner.



**Canarian Tourism Councillor Jessica de León and Managing Director of Promotur José Juan Lorenzo receive the Aenor Certificate for their support of the decarbonisation programme for reducing or eliminating greenhouse gas emissions from the atmosphere to limit climate change**



## International Day of Rural Women Celebrated

### Lanzarote Honours Women whose Work Personifies the Countryside and the Sea

*The Cabildo celebrated Rural and Sea Women's Day at the Monumento Al Campesino, paying tribute to eight women who have paid a key role in preserving the traditions of agriculture, livestock and fishing on Lanzarote and La Graciosa*

**Photos: Sergio Beatancor and Jesús Beatancort**



**President of the Cabildo Oswaldo Betancort**



The event, chaired by the President of the Cabildo, Oswaldo Betancort, was attended by public representatives from the island's municipalities, as well as family members, friends and professionals, who wished to support the honorees and highlight the incalculable value of their work. Following a concert by folk group Los Gurfiones, a video was screened containing first person testimonies based on their tireless dedication and daily sacrifice in the fields and at sea.

The Day of Rural Women recognizes worldwide the critical roles and contributions of rural women in enhancing agricultural and rural development, improving food security and nutrition and building climate resilience whilst conserving biodiversity, and caring for the countryside.



*Photo courtesy Ayuntamiento de Arrecife*



## Latin Grammy Award

**Cabildo President Oswaldo Betancort congratulated Lanzarote composer and producer Ale Acosta for his nomination for the pop Latin Grammy Award in the category Best Interpretation of Electronic Latin Music for the song La Ceniza together with coauthor Valeria Castro taking place in November in Miami. Following his initial years of recordings in Lanzarote, Ale Alejandro Acosta moved to Madrid some twenty years ago where**

**he has been very successful as a producer artist and composer and cemented his place among the top musicians and artists in the Spanish capital. However, Ale has retained both personal and musical ties with his native isle, according to Culture Councillor Jesús Machín, where he still produces many video clips. We wish you the best of luck Ade to become Lanzarote's very first Grammy Award winner, besides being the first to be nominated.**



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## The Cabildo Inaugurates the Scholastic Year of the Lanzarote University of Tourism



*Cabildo Education Councillor Ascensión Toledo is seen with Headmistress Eva Crespo and pupils and lecturers who initiated the Innovative and Intelligent Business course under Pedro Calero and Nereida Cañado*



## The Lanzarote Cabildo Lights Up Its Façade in Green on World Alzheimer’s Day

*The Cabildo of Lanzarote recognized World Alzheimer’s Day by holding the first Cognitive Stimulation Olympics - a symbolic act to raise awareness among citizens about this degenerative disease and its impact on society*

The Island Corporation remains committed to taking part in these actions in collaboration with AFA Lanzarote, the Association of Families of Patients with Alzheimer’s and Other Dementias in Lanzarote, and to working to improve the resources available to those who suffer from this serious illness. Cognitive stimulation therapy (CST) is one of the best ways to help de-

mentia patients protect their cognitive function and improve their quality of life. CST deploys a variety of games and activities designed to stimulate the patient’s cognitive function and slow down cognitive decline. It’s effective against decline from Alzheimer’s disease, Lewy body dementia, vascular dementia, and more.

## The Lanzarote International Film Commission Receives an Award for 25 Years projecting the image of the Island at the Vitoria-Gasteiz TV Festival



*Héctor Fernández CEO of SPEL Tourism, which co-sponsored the event, receives the acknowledgement from the Festival Directors*

## The Cabildo congratulates the Calero family following the success of the XXXI Puerto Calero Marlin Cup



*Cabildo Vice President Jacobo Medina presented the prizes to the winners accompanied by marina founder José Calero and Canarian Government Tourist Counillor Jessica de León*



## Highest Budget in the Security Consortium's History Approved

The Lanzarote and La Graciosa Security and Emergency Consortium approved a budget for the 2025 financial year, which amounts to 8,085,000 euros which President of the Cabildo Oswaldo Betancort, describe as "very positive for the citizens of Lanzarote and La Graciosa. Security is a fundamental pillar for the welfare state of our citizens which is why we continue to work to increase the technical and human resources to enable it to respond at all times."

Cabildo Councillor and President of the Consortium for Security and Emergencies, Francisco J. Aparicio, thanked "all agents involved in passing this budget which represents almost 20% more than the budget of the previous year. 19 new firefighters are joining our team in 2025."

I would like to thank the area of Finance and Contracting, headed by my colleague María Jesús Tovar as well as all other departments involved for continuing to support the growth of the Consortium for Safety and Security"



President Oswaldo Betancort pointed out the importance of the work of the Consortium in the daily life of the community. He is seen with executives Francisco Aparicio and Enrique Espino

## Lanzarote Participation in Madrid Fashion Week



Councillor for Industry of the Cabildo of Lanzarote, Miguel Ángel Jiménez, expressed his satisfaction with this participation. "It is an honour to see how the talent and creativity of our designers were presented on such an important international stage".

The Cabildo of Lanzarote celebrated the participation of designers from Lanzarote Moda in Madrid Fashion Week at Serria Belga Auditorium in the Spanish capital. The designs of Maria Cao, Angie Vasquez, Noemiscarte, Migongo, Macaronesia, Angel Cabrera and Oswaldo Machin stood out on the Madrid catwalk.



During the La Lapa festivity at Teguise, Geopark Councillor Samuel Martin organised an interpretive trail with Hiking Lanzarote to the Montaña de Soo through the El Jable sandy desert which was formed by the Trade Winds. This area is in need of protection because it is home to a variety of animals and plants including some highly endangered species.

Cabildo Environment Councillor points out that Lanzarote's participation in the Geopark Conference in Iceland emphasizes the Island's commitment to responsible and sustainable tourism based on the symbiosis, Man Nature and Nature Man which was first evoked by César Manrique.



## Lanzarote Strengthens its Position as an Attractive Destination for the United States Market

The recent Cabildo trip to Dallas and San Antonio marked a milestone in the island's internationalization strategy, aimed at attracting the attention of the American tourism market. During his stay, President Betancort held key meetings with institutions and tourism agencies, to consolidate Lanzarote as a destination of interest for Texan travelers. One of the pillars of the trip was to strengthen air connectivity between Texas and Lanzarote, an aspect that the Cabildo highlighted as fundamental for the success of this strategy, Dallas already has a direct connection to Madrid through Iberia. The visit also had a relevant historical component, given that San Antonio was founded almost 300 years ago by families originally from Tegui.

Chairman of the Lanzarote Chamber of Commerce José Valle added "The trip was not only a success in terms of tourism, but also in terms of trade. The meetings held in Texas will allow us to open new doors for Lanzarote products and facilitate commercial exchanges that benefit both territories."

They were accompanied by Councillor for the Art, Culture and Tourism Centres, Ángel Vázquez; the CEO of SPEL-Turismo Lanzarote, Héctor Fernández; the President of the Wine Regulatory Council, Jorge Rodríguez, and Carlos Castro, as Vice President of Aqual, who all had working meetings with their opposite numbers.



*The Lanzarote delegation together with Freddie Bustillo, Steve Chiscano and Kate Rogers standing in front of the Alamo*



*Oswaldo Betancort holding the certificate appointing him Honorary Mayor of San Antonio by Mayor Ron Nirenberg*



*Kate Rogers chairman of the Alamo restoration project shows Oswaldo Betancort a millstone for gofio brought to San Antonio in 1732 by Canary Islanders which is on display at the Alamo museum*



*The President is shown the Canary Islanders among the statues of the other founders*





## Original César Manrique Staff Uniforms to be Reintroduced

*"They are to be considered as works of art that deserve to be recalled as an historical symbol of the Tourist Centres and of Lanzarote"* CACT Councillor Ángel Vázquez



Tourist Centres Councillor Ángel Vázquez



"Preparations are underway for the staff of the Art, Culture and Tourism Centres to once again wear the original uniforms created by César Manrique in the 1970s and 1980s. They are a collection of works of art which display yet another aspect of the diversity of the talent and creativity of César Manrique which became a hallmark not only of the tourist attractions but of the identity of Lanzarote," Councillor Vázquez highlighted.

Personnel at Jameos del Agua and Jardín de Cactus will wear striped uniforms, maitre d in lilac and waiters in orange; at the Fire Mountains

the historic white shirts with a volcano depicted on the chest for the waiters and red for the maitre d; at the Mirador del Rio, blue for the waiters and lilac for the maitre d; at the Monumento, the traditional costume with a Mao collar shirt and a sash at the waist will be revived, and at the Cueva de los Verdes, personnel will wear white and green striped shirts.

Likewise, the Tourist Centres will recover the original uniforms designed by Manrique for bus drivers, gardeners, ticket agents, parking attendants, shop assistants, security guards and cleaning staff.

On the other hand, the Tourist Centres will introduce new designs for the staff of the restaurant at the Castillo de San José and the Bar Picasso, in El Almacén as follows.

Castillo de San José, waiters will wear a petrol blue uniform, with a vest for the waiters and a jacket for the maitre d', "in keeping with the fresh, elegant and renewed image that we want to project of this restaurant" and at El Almacén a new black uniform will be incorporated.

All clothing will be made of comfortable sustainable and breathable materials "for the benefit of the staff."

## Upcoming concerts in Escénicas Art Festival 24/25

**30 November Jameos del Agua**  
**Mastodante present Belleza y Perdon.**

Fusion of music, confession and reflection of life

**7 December Cueva de los Verdes**  
**Africa Colours**

Spectacular by Africa Viva celebrating the mixed-race identity of Barcelona fusion of Catalan Rumba with contemporary sounds

**27/28 December Cueva de los Verdes**  
**Prendidos by Alfonso Losa**

Spectacular Flamenco variations of guitar, song and dance



More information about the activity of the Tourist Centers on their Facebook profiles <https://www.facebook.com/CentrosTuristicosLanzarote> and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/centrosturisticoslanzarote>





## Exhibition: Timanfaya – Art Created by Volcanoes

*José María Barreto photographer and environmentalist takes us on a journey on display in the former Casa de los Volcanes on the Upper Level of Jameos del Agua*

The Councillor for Art, Culture and Tourism Centres, Ángel Vázquez, and the ethnographer and landscape photographer José María Barreto inaugurated the photographic exhibition entitled ‘Timanfaya, art created by the volcano’, which can be visited until the end of summer 2025 in the premises of the former House of the Volcanoes, located on the upper level of Jameos del Agua,

Vázquez encourages the local population and tourists to visit “a spectacular and impressive exhibition, which helps us discover and understand the violent geological origin and, at the same time, the extreme fragility of our territory.”

Barreto, for his part, thanked the Councillor for his sensitivity towards a work that “reflects sculptures modelled by volcanoes that symbolize a symbiosis of both destruction and creation simultaneously.”

‘Timanfaya, art created by the volcano’ is the result of a photographic journey through the wild landscapes and whimsical formations of the Timanfaya National Park. Barreto’s previously unpublished images show the symphony of colours and textures that emerged after one of the largest volcanic eruptions of the contemporary era, vegetation conquered the mineral world and life forms made their way through a seemingly inert territory. Everything is part of an intricate



Tourist Centres Councillor Ángel Vázquez: “

*This spectacular and impressive exhibition, helps us understand the violent origin and, at the same time, the extreme fragility of our territory”*

system in which time, space, beauty, stillness and geological diversity coexist.

For José María Barreto, The Timanfaya, art created by the volcano exhibit ultimately seeks to “transmit respect for the Earth, the home of our origins.”

## Introducing the Picasso Menu to Enjoy at El Almacén

CACT Councillor Ángel Vázquez “We enhance our gastronomic offer with an al comprehensive original menu in a location shrouded in the scent of recent history, César Manrique and his creation El Almacén”

The Tourist Centres are still immersed in the process of transforming their gastronomic proposal. The latest addition to their offer is the Picasso Menu, a suggestive, complete, varied and attractive gastronomic offer that is already served from Tuesday to Friday at the emblematic El Almacén.

“We continue to take steps towards the variation of our gastronomic offer,” explained Councillor Ángel Vázquez. “In this case, with a comprehensive menu prepared by our kitchen professionals that can be enjoyed in a location with so much charm plus the aroma of history, César Man-



rique and the Tourist Centers such as El Almacén.”

Anyone interested in experiencing this new gastronomic experience in a location that was originally the School of Arts and Crafts and transformed by César Manrique into a cultural focal point and meeting point for the island in the mid-1970s, can access the web link <https://cact-lanzarote.com/tickets/menu-del-dia/>, where you can consult the entire monthly offer, and process your reservation in advance. The Picasso Menu is served Tuesday to Friday afternoon, from 1:30 to 3:30.



### Presentation of Tías Tourism Awards 2024 for Traditional Crafts and the Development of Puerto del Carmen

Photos Dory Hernández



Mayor of Tías José Juan Cruz

Mayor José Juan Cruz, highlighted that they not only been outstanding in their work, but whose dedication has left a deep mark on the local population for the affection they generate inside and outside our municipality,”

Wenceslao Gil Tejera, a veteran of the hospitality industry who has dedicated more than 46 years of his life to serving with care and dedication at the emblematic Hotel Fariones. His name is synonymous with professionalism and friendliness, and is highly appreciated by those who have had the good fortune to meet him in his extensive career as a waiter.

Miguel Santos Ortiz, for his part, has been recognised for his passion for gastronomy and wine. Very popular among lovers of good food, he has built, together with his children, a restaurant that stands out for offering high-quality and local products. His work, imbued with love for local cuisine, has earned him a special place in the hearts of many.

Modesta Marrero García, with a life dedicated to the sea, is one



Mayor José Cruz and Councillors with the prizewinners

**The Ayuntamiento de Tías, acknowledged individuals and entities whose contributions this year have played a key role in making Puerto del Carmen a tourist reference, not only on Lanzarote, but throughout the Canary Islands**

of the last female masters of traditional fishing arts. From a very young age, Modesta lived and breathed the essence of the ocean, a woman full of stories who proudly treasures her unbreakable connection with the sea and is an example of struggle and perseverance.

Francisco Rodríguez Rodríguez, is the oldest member of the fishing guild who grew up by the sea, learning the secrets of fishing from his father, who instilled in him a love and respect for the ocean from a young age. His contribution has been essential for keeping the fishing tradition of the area alive.

IES School Puerto del Carmen has been recognized for its commenda-

ble work in the “ZEConsciente” project, an initiative that has demonstrated the great commitment of its students to caring for the environment. Through their participation in the celebration of World Oceans Day, these young people have managed to raise environmental awareness that inspires the entire community.

Rogelio Herrera Pérez is a visionary oceanographer who has been key in the conservation of such valuable natural spaces as Playa Chica and the Cagafrecho. His ability to recognize the importance of these enclaves and lead efforts for their protection has left an indelible mark on the conservation of the region’s natural heritage.





***Tias Mayor José Juan Cruz has been inducted into the Commission of Spain's Network of Municipalities and Provinces. It is of major importance for the Ayuntamiento of Tias as I will be present at all meetings discussing the major areas of tourist promotion at a national level which is of major benefit for most businesses and service providers in Puerto del Carmen.***



An exhibition of the work of artists Daniel Morales and Vicente Pérez entitled *El Timple - Echoes of our Identity* opened at la ermita Art Gallery at Tias depicting over thirty examples of the instrument all made on Lanzarote. The Timple, which resembles a miniature guitar or a ukulele, is an integral part of the instruments used by local folklore groups and its sound is known as The Voice of the Canary Islands. On 12 December at 18:30 pupils of Tias School of Music are performing a concert of timple music. All activities are free and the public is heartily welcome Monday-Friday 17.00 to 20.00 hrs, Saturday 10.00 to 13.00 hrs. The exhibit closes on 14 December. Mayor José Juan Cruz: These are the artists who have brought to life this symbol of our identity. Tourism Councillor Pepa González details of all activities connected with the exhibit are published on the Town Hall web page.

## **Tías and Puerto del Carmen Celebrated European Mobility Week**

*The Ayuntamiento joined the European Park(ing) Day initiative by installing awareness spaces on Alcalde Florencio Suárez Avenue in Tías and Calle Plutón near Playa Los Pocillos Beach*

Tías transformed public areas into awareness-raising and recreational spaces with gardens and other example of healthier living. Among other activities Councillor for Mobility Sergio Garcia organised a mobility quiz, face painting, zumba, skate park, talk about the Inter-city Bus application and workshops to create key chains, dance and movement and offer first aid in traffic accidents. Also dance and movement workshops.

European Mobility Week is the European Commission's flagship annual awareness-raising campaign on sustainable urban mobility from 16-22 September. The event encourages change in favour of active mobility, public transport and other clean, intelligent transport solutions, culminating in the popular Car-Free Day. Local



authorities are encouraged to use this period to try out innovative planning measures, promote new infrastructure and technologies, measure air quality, and get feedback from the public. With more towns and cities joining every year, and with its huge media appeal, the campaign is widely acknowledged as a driving force towards sustainable urban mobility in Europe and beyond.



***Tías celebrated the International Day of the Rural Woman on 15 October by recognising the work of Benedicta Caraballo Medina of Masdache for her untiring dedication to the cultivation of crops throughout her life. She was awarded a sculpture designed by Agustin Alemán together with a bouquet of flowers by the mayor who said "Women like Benedicta working in the countryside have contributed to the wellbeing of us all."***





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Reports from Tías

## Tias Municipal Police Celebrate Vera Cruz Saints Day

Following the Mass at San Antonio de Padua Church, officers received awards for two years service and others for 35 years service. This was followed by the video of the History of the Tias Municipal Police, the longest of any police service in the seven municipalities, produced by historian Juan Cruz Sepulveda.

Tias Mayor José Juan Cruz thanked the officers on behalf of the Council and thanked them for always remaining close to the local population.

Police Chief Antonio Jesús Rodríguez added, above all we are public officials and wholly aware of the responsibility our service entails.



**Mayor of Tias José Juan Cruz joined by other authorities at World Tourism Day Gala in Playa Blanca**



**The Tias Mayor and Tourism Executives with the prizewinners at the 2024 Premios Isla de Lanzarote**



*Public Consultations on the Future of La Tiñosa Fish Market*

Mayor José Juan Cruz pointed out that the “lonja” fish market is an historic building and we are consulting the public on the future use of its facilities as well as that of the area surrounding it for the benefit of local citizens. In addition to the work being carried it to the interior the town hall has already drawn up plans to refurbish the exterior.

The mayor and his deputy were joined by Councillors Pepa González, Mariana Pérez and Sergio Garcia representing Historical Heritage, Patrimony and Fisheries. Under consideration is to furnish the space between the fish market and the sailor’s warehouse with shaded recreational areas in the form of a small plaza with a representative sculpture, horizontal sails with tables and benches for public use.



# Hospiten Lanzarote celebrates its 25th anniversary

More than 400,000 Residents and Tourists Treated Since Opening

Hospiten Lanzarote healthcare centre is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary on the island. The hospital facility, recognised in 2023 as one of the best private hospitals in Spain, with the award for ‘Global Hospital Management’ in the Small Private Hospitals segment awarded by IQVIA, has treated more than 400,000 patients during its first twenty-five years of activity in Lanzarote.

Juan José Hernández, CEO of Hospiten, stated “it is a pride to be able to celebrate this first quarter of a century of commitment to health, excellence and personalized care for our patients. Since the foundation of Hospiten 55 years ago, we have worked tirelessly to offer medical services of the highest quality, continuously innovating to adapt to the needs of the Lanzarote community and its visitors over these 25 years.”

The event was attended by local authorities including Canarian Government Councillor for Science, Innovation and Culture Migdalia Machín Tavío, Cabildo Councillor for the Elderly and Intergenerational Relations Nori Machín and the Mayor of Tias José Juan Cruz Saavedra. Juan José Hernández said, I reiterate my gratitude to all the authorities, present and not present at this event, of the island of Lanzarote. Thanks to all of you it has been possible to undertake this journey.”

He continued “Since opening in Puerto del Carmen, Hospiten Lanzarote has treated more than 400,000 patients. This has only been possible thanks to the more than 1,000 people who have worked at this centre over the course of these 25 years.

Hospiten has been committed to technology and innovation as fundamental pillars of patient care from the outset, incorporating, among other technologies, augmented reality in the implantation of knee prostheses and imaging dermatology.

“At Hospiten Lanzarote, we are committed to continuing to evolve, integrating the latest medical technologies and techniques to improve the quality of life of our patients. We deeply thank all those who have been part of the history of Hospiten Lanzarote, from our professionals to our patients, and we reaffirm our commitment to continue providing close, professional and humane healthcare for many more years to come,” said Juan José Hernández.



*The senior staff of Hospiten join the major authorities for a family photo*



*The Mayor of Tias with the senior executives of Hospiten*





# Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from Yaiza

## Marina Rubicón Receives Yaiza Tourism Award 2024

*Mayor Óscar Noda The municipality recognises the professional quality of Marina Rubicón's services and its contribution to the positioning of Playa Blanca as a sports destination for Olympic and world sailing classes. "Elite sailors from over thirty countries train at the Marina every winter, causing a positive impact on the economy of Yaiza, Lanzarote and the Canary Islands."*

Photos Alex Salebe



Yaiza Mayor Óscar Noda



Mayor, Óscar Noda, and Tourism Councillor Daniel Medina, presented Marina Rubicón CEO, Rafael Lasso Lorenzo



On behalf of Yaiza Town Hall, Mayor, Óscar Noda, and Tourism Councillor Daniel Medina, presented Marina Rubicón CEO, Rafael Lasso Lorenzo, the Yaiza Tourism Award 2024 award for "its track record and excellence in providing nautical services contributing to the positioning of Playa Blanca as a sports destination for the world's sailing elite. Óscar Noda pointed out that "elite sailors from more than thirty nationalities settle in Playa Blanca every winter, causing a positive impact on the economy of Yaiza, Lanzarote and the Canary Islands. We are talking about a direct annual economic impact on Lanzarote and the Canary Islands estimated at 16.5 million euros."

Yaiza's Councillor for Tourism, Daniel Medina, added to the Mayor's reference, praising "Marina Rubicón's commitment to quality and excellence in tourism. It is a benchmark marina in the Canary Islands and an object of admiration and desire in the world of sailing. The port is recognised as a high-performance sailing centre at a global level."

Rafael Lasso expressed his personal gratitude, that of the owners

and his entire team to those who shared the award: "It is an acknowledgement of the work we have been doing for twenty years of operation, always trying to improve the quality of the services we offer sailors. This recognition gives us great satisfaction and gives us the impetus to continue our efforts."

The sporting elite values the great advantages of Marina Rubicón and Playa Blanca for their preparation for high-level competition, including the different ranges of regatta courses offered by the southern coast of Lanzarote, and the municipality values the advantage of having a training centre with top-level fleets on the southern coast of Lanzarote. The European, American and Asian athletes and teams decide where to train and where to compete based on their personal experience and their

choice is Playa Blanca, a window of international nautical promotion.

Oscar Noda also highlighted the collaboration provided by Marina Rubicón to the local sport of Lateen Sailing, specifically to the celebration of the Copa del Sur organised by the Ayuntamiento praising the working men and women of the tourism sector in general: "people, human resources and talent, are and have been the determining factor in the tourist development of our municipality, so my most sincere congratulations to all the workers in the sector, and I accompany these words with my deep feeling of admiration for all who are active and those who have already retired". The Yaiza gala included performances by the duo Vicky and Rayco, voice and timble, respectively, and closed to music by the Expecta Band.



## Mayor of Yaiza Óscar Noda Awards Posthumous Titles to Local Personalities Favorite Son for Víctor Fernández Gopar - Adopted Son for Pascual Calabuig

**V**íctor Fernández Gopar (Las Breñas 1884 – Yaiza 1920), known as El Salinero, was employed at Janubio Salt Works and because of his expertise in the technique of extracting salt by evaporation he was promoted to works foreman in 1885. In tandem with his job he became a poet and folk singer singing about social injustice, the hard work and poverty endured by farmers on the land and the laborers at the salt works. His music and lyrics are of historical importance as they reflected the social inequality of the time and still form part of the repertoire of local folklore groups in Yaiza.

On 23 February 2020, the centenary of Gopar's death, Mayor Óscar Noda awarded the title of Honorary Councillor of Yaiza to his great-grandson, Tomás Sepúlveda Fernández, thus perpetuating the institutional relevance of the man who was himself a Yaiza Municipal Councillor at the beginning of the 1900s. Yaiza also sponsored a highly praised documentary about his life and work, 'The Time of Salt - in the Footsteps of Víctor Fernández Gopar' (2018) directed by filmmaker Carmen Tortosa, and that same year, sponsored the publication of the book *Coplas de Víctor Fernández Gopar* by Ediciones remotas containing reviews of his writings by contemporary authors.



### Journalist Pascual Calabuig

On the other hand, Yaiza distinguished Pascual Calabuig on International Tourism Day 2015 for the constant dissemination he carried out on radio, in the written press and on television praising the natural beauties of Yaiza and the hu-

man qualities of its people. Pascual Calabuig maintained his strong emotional ties with Yaiza and especially with the tourist resort of Playa Blanca, where he spent long periods of time with his wife. Pascual Calabuig passed away in Gran Canaria on March 14, 2020 at the age of 95.



*The concert of Canarian folklore by Olga Cerpa and Mestisay led by Manuel González during the Fiesta de los Remedios in the main plaza of Yaiza enjoyed by a large audience*



*More than 200 children participated in this year's Wine Run Kids*





## The Diverse Photosub Yaiza Underwater Photos Contest

*Visible example of overcoming difficulties and inclusion as diving is the only sport that is not adapted because there are no architectural barriers in the sea. Appreciation for those who assist people with disabilities to go for a swim"*

This underwater photography competition won by Luis María Díez for people with physical disabilities, held in the waters of Playa Blanca, is a great example of overcoming difficulties and practicing inclusion. For the third consecutive year, Yaiza supported and promoted underwater photography competitions for people with functional diversity and publicly thanks to the collaboration of entities committed to the Diverse project: Fundación Líneas Romero, Club de Actividades Subacuáticas Lanzarote, Alisios Sub, Buzosalao.com, Casas Heddy, Je-drones, Bz creative and the Canary Islands Federation of Underwater Activities.



## Yaiza congratulates Joan van Steene for his Bronze Medal at the Paralimpicos in Paris

The Belgian handbiker, resident in Playa Blanca, completed a superb performance at the Games. He climbed onto the podium in the H4 category time trial, but an accident in the long-distance race prevented him from competing for another medal.

Happy and proudly showing off his bronze medal won at the Paralympic Games in Paris, Jonas Van de Steene, arrived back on Lanzarote. On September 4th, representing Belgium, he had climbed on to the podium of the 28.6 km para-cycling time trial in the H4 category. "I wasn't expecting this welcome," said the exultant athlete after seeing with surprise the delegation waiting for him with a welcome banner at César Manrique airport.

A group of friends from Playa Blanca and the Ayuntamiento of



Yaiza Council, represented by the Councillors for Sports, Ángel Lago, and Culture, Daniel Medina, personally conveyed their congratulations to Jonas Van de Steene for his performance in Paris, together with the feel-

ing of pride and admiration that the municipality professes for a humble and international level athlete who, wherever he goes, always praises Playa Blanca, the town that has welcomed him like just one other son.



# ‘Malvasia Week’ Celebrated its 10th Anniversary

*DOP organised a week of activities combining Lanzarote wines with art, culture, photography and gastronomy and local culture*

The celebration began with the renowned artist Rufina Santana at the Lanzarote Art Center, in San Bartolomé. In this creative encounter, wine became a pigment of every brushstroke painting the essence of Lanzarote. Guided by the artist, participants explored wine through their senses, from colour and aroma to its texture, in creating a unique work of art.

This was followed by a pairing experience in Puerto del Carmen at which attendees tasted two wines served blind with each dish, to arrive at the perfect match. The chef’s recommendations invited diners to discover new nuances in every bite. Adelia Ramirez invited guests at Tias to explore the pairing between pastries and Lanzarote wines. Participants had the opportunity of baking their own cakes while learning the nuances and pairings of wine with sweet ingredients.

A novel experience on how wine and photography can merge was presented by photographer Rubén Acosta with artist Elisa Miralles in an exciting visual narrative. This novel pairing of local wines and books on photography explored cultivating wine as an artistic and expressive project, just like the creation of an image.

Under the Lanzarote sky and surrounded by vineyards, the narrator Isabel Cabrera guided the audience on a magical journey through the classic ‘Once upon a time there was a Vine...’ combining a fascinating encounter of Lanzarote legends and wines in perfect harmony with the mystery and tradition of each story. ‘Malvasia Week’ culminated with a wine route through La Geria where wine lovers immerse themselves in a tour of three emblematic wineries;



**Promoting D.O. Lanzarote wines at the Mancha Blanca Artisan Festival**



La Geria, Stratvs and El Grifo culminating in a snack in this incomparable and unique scenery.

The Regulatory Council of the Denomination of Origin of Lanzarote Wines thanked the Government of the Canary Islands, the Cabildo de Lanzarote and the Cajamar Foundation for their help in making this 10th anniversary celebration possible.

## The Canarian Government and the Cabildo of Lanzarote agree on a conservation plan for the agricultural systems of La Geria



**Cabildo President Oswaldo Betancort with Canarian Agriculture Councillor Narvay Quintero**







# Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from San Bartolomé

## 600 Participants in Popular Fisiosan Race for Sport and Solidarity

*Residents of all ages took part in this event to raise awareness about autism and raising funds for Sentir TEA association*



The Mayor of San Bartolomé Isidro Pérez



The Ayuntamiento of San Bartolomé City celebrated the success of the new edition of the Fisiosan race, an event that unites sport and solidarity and which has taken place once again this year on Avenida de Playa Honda, with the participation of more than 600 people of all ages.

Mayor Isidro Pérez, who participated in the race accompanied by the entire Government group, highlighted the contribution of this type of event to the visibility and support for health problems such as, in this case, autism. In addition, he thanked and congratulated Fisiosan for the work in organizing the race and all the people who wanted to personally contribute by taking part in this event.

Likewise, the Councillor Sports, Alexis Hernández, highlighted the commitment shown by the local population, who gathered once again to support the objective set by Fisiosan, which on this occasion was to raise awareness about autism and allocate the funds to the Sentir TEA association.

This year's Fisiosan featured a five-kilometre race, a children's race for boys and girls aged two and up, and a walking event.

In total, some 600 people partici-



pated, divided between 35 solidarity bibs, 130 boys and girls, 270 people in the 5K race and 165 in the walk. The winners of the 5K race were Tinguaro Quintero, Rayco Hernández and Diego López, in the Men's category, and Yadira Pérez, Sara

Muñoz and Cristina Álvarez, in the Women's category.

Finally, it is worth highlighting that thanks to the participation of all these people, the event managed to raise a total of 2,770 euros to donate to the Sentir TEA association.



# Lanzarote News Roundup

## San Bartolomé Holds 1st Heritage Conference ‘Roots and Future’

*Casa Ajei was the chosen setting to inaugurate this new project whose objective is to promote the rediscovery of heritage through various meetings and presentations*

**The Ayuntamiento of San Bartolomé’s main focus was the tribute carried out to the former official chronicler of the municipality, Facundo Perdomo.**

The Mayor of San Bartolomé, Isidro Pérez, who was accompanied by the Councillor for Heritage, Alma González, and by part of the Government group, gave the official welcome at a seminary “to reinforce the institutional actions for the conservation of the history and culture of the municipality and which aim to raise awareness, above all, among the new generations, about the importance of caring for and knowing the vestiges of our ancestors in all their forms.”

The mayor also thanked family and close friends of Facundo Perdomo for their presence, an emblematic



resident who deserves this recognition for a lifetime dedicated to the City Council and his municipality. “This title was in recognition of his life dedicated not only to administration, but also to his passion for writing and reading,” the mayor stressed.

In the same vein, Councillor for Heritage, Alma González, stressed

that ‘Roots and Future’ seeks to establish itself as an important and necessary project to safeguard the heritage of San Bartolomé and recalled that the conferences will run until 14 November, with various presentations and meetings aimed at promoting the rediscovery of heritage.

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# Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from Arrecife

## Arrecife 2024 Tourism Awards Presentation for Individuals and Entities

Prizewinners: Arrecife Gran Hotel; En Vela Concert; Toñín Corujo, José Carlos Hernández, Sam Parfums, were honoured at La Recova Municipal Market at an event chaired by Mayor, Yonathan de León, accompanied by Councillor for Tourism, Eli Merino



Arrecife Mayor Yonathan de León



Yonathan de León:  
“All the recipients have done a commendable job in promoting tourism for the Island Capital in highlighting the individuality and traditions of the city which is celebrating its 225th anniversary this year”

“We must be proud that tourism has been the driving force of growth in our archipelago, thanks to the tourism sector, without forgetting our past when the hard work of the local fishing fleet led to the creation of our municipality, said the Mayor.

Arrecife, which was a port before it became a city, continues to grow attracting ever people and companies interested in making their home in our municipality. This is largely due to the rise of tourism, and the thousands of tourists who walk through the streets of the capital every day are evidence of this.”

Councillor for Tourism, Elizabeth Merino emphasized “thanks to everyone’s efforts, the reputation of Arrecife has grown to become a



**Deputy Mayor Echedey Eugenio presented the Artistic Achievement Award award to Toñín Corujo musician; Mayor de León presents the Arrecife Tourism Award to Luis Miguel Morales General Manager of the Gran Arrecife Hotel and Spa, Tourism Councillor Eli Merino presents the Cultural Event Award to Roberto Fuentes, Founder of the Classical Orchestra who performed at the En Vela “Concert Under Sail”**

tourist destination of excellence for all visitors to the Island. This is due to the tireless efforts of our magnificent Tourism and Commerce team whom I wish to thank most heartily. Their management capacity and strategic vision have largely contributed towards the success we are celebrating today.”

### Prize-winner categories:

**Arrecife Tourism Award:**  
Arrecife Gran Hotel and Spa.

**Cultural Event:** Concert in Sail by the Lanzarote Classic Orchestra.

**Artistic Achievement:** Toñín Corujo Musician Composer and Teacher.

**Sport:** José Carlos Hernández Olympic and international Marathon runner

**Entrepreneur:** Sam Perfumes unique quality chain of stores.

Daní Martínez, Oscar Sánchez and Rafa Rodríguez performed five songs to round off the event.



## Mein Schiff 7 Inaugurates Cruise Terminal at Los Mármoles Arrecife Welcomed 5 Ships Carrying 15,000 Passengers

**The Mayor of Arrecife, Yonathan de León, visited the facilities of the new cruise terminal at the port of Los Mármoles, at the end of October accompanied by the Councillor for Commerce and Tourism, Eli Merino**

The Mein Schiff 7, one of the newest ships of the TUI Cruises fleet, docked in Arrecife carrying 3,000 German tourists, its arrival inaugurating the new cruise terminal at Los Mármoles Harbour. This state-of-the-art vessel owned by the partnership TUI-Royal Caribbean Cruises, has been sailing since last summer and will visit the port of Arrecife another 12 times during the current cruise season.

The Mayor of Arrecife, Yonathan de León, accompanied by the Councillor for Tourism and Commerce, Eli Merino, attended the official reception given to the local authorities by the captain and the consignee of the Mein Schiff 7, on its first stopover on the island of Lanzarote. Yonathan de León said it is a step forward that shows that the city of Arrecife now offers more and better facilities in its port area, where tourist activity combined with cruise tourism forms part of its strategic strengths. Tourism Councillor Eli Merino is promoting promotional activities focused on cruise tourism, which has grown significantly in recent times enabling the opening of new hospitality and commercial establishments geared specifically for cruise-line passengers.



*Mayor Yonathan de León and Councillor Eli Merino, next to the new cruise terminal in Los Mármoles and at the reception hosted by the captain on board the Mein Schiff 7*



## Final Arrecife en Vivo Street Concerts Excite the Public

### Photos Javier Rosa

Arrecife Mayor Yonathan de León and Tourism Councillor Eli Merino were highly satisfied with Arrecife en Vivo street concerts this year which finished in mid October. Each concert in this major music event has been enjoyed by thousands of locals as well as tourists at various locations on the Arrecife promenade. Arrecife en Vivo was nominated by the Canarian Composers Association in the category Best Musical Programme 2002 and internationally in the Iberian Championships in Portugal. Hundreds joined in the chorus in 2021 when the British punk group Toy Dolls played Nellie the Elephant. This year's artists included the Clavelitos, Pasacalles Villa Pipol, Delaporte, Waykiki Boys, Vinila, Sister Bliss among many others.







# Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from Arrecife

## Fourteen Medals for Arrecife Municipal Police at the European Police and Firefighters Games in Portugal

Arrecife, represented by José Antonio Lasso Tabares, José David Suárez Fernández and Jeremías Lasso Quintero, proudly returned with a total of 14 medals: 7 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze in disciplines such as CrossFit, Weightlifting, Powerlifting, Karate and Mountain Bike, consolidating itself as one of the outstanding teams.

Mayor Yonathan de León congratulates the medalists for their great achievements at an event at which more than 2,500 participants from 32 European countries participated

With a solid tradition of participation in this type of competitions both at European and international level, Arrecife Municipal Police reaffirmed the importance of physical preparation in the performance of their duties. The agents, the participants emphasize, prepare themselves meticulously and constantly, combining their profession with the practice of sports that they are passionate about, which not only improves their physical condition, but also translates into better performance in their daily tasks.

This commitment to their physical well-being benefits both their work



**The Policia Municipal display the medals they won**

in the police force and the citizens of Arrecife as well as visiting tourists which is strengthened by officers in excellent physical condition and sporting ability.



**Arrecife triumphs in the European Police and Firefighters Games**

## Arrecife Firmly Supported World Breast Cancer Day

Mayor Yonathan de León, reaffirmed Arrecife's commitment to the fight against cancer and called for increased resources for research at a parade by cancer victims

Mayor Yonathan de León reaffirmed the commitment of the Arrecife City Council to support and fight against cancer. The mayor of the capital of Lanzarote spoke this morning, following a walk-past by 11 women cancer patients and expressed support and solidarity to all cancer patients and their families as well as the associations who fight on their behalf. Arrecife City Council, through the Department of Acts and Events, headed by Councillor Oscar López, has closely promoted the Spanish Association Against Cancer, delegation in Lanzarote.

Mayor Yonathan de León was accompanied in this parade by his family and Councillors Eli Merino, Oscar López, Kevin Cortés and Mario González Altube.



**Speech by the Mayor of Arrecife, Yonathan de León, at the event for World Cancer Day**



# PhotoNews Roundup



*"50 Years Constructing Together" -The latest design logo of the Horinsa engineering fleet*



*Managing Director Francisco Armas presents an anniversary tribute to engineer Florencio Herrera*

**Horinsa, one of the Canary Islands leading Civil Engineering firms is based on Lanzarote.** They have updated their entire fleet with the installation of environmentally-friendly machinery with minimum carbon imprint in order, to improve the quality of life on the Island. This coincides with the celebration of Horinsa's 50th anniversary since its founding.



**The Lanzarote Orden of Cachorro Canario** wishes to express its support for the Torrelavega Society for Sport, Culture and Leisure to receive the 2025 Gold Medal of the Government of the Canary Islands, at a talk in the Hotel Lancelot Playa.



*The staff of Minerva Printers who have been publishing our magazine for many years with a great amount of enthusiasm and professionalism. Many thanks to the whole team under director Orlando González*



*Director Luis Manuel Garcia with members of the staff at the stand for Iberian Ham*



**Roper Groceries** under the management of Luis Manuel Garcia had been very popular among foreign residents of Lanzarote for over three decades, specialize in offering an excellent variety of high quality meats from only the best suppliers. Their comprehensive selection of fresh fruit, bakery products, wine and liqueurs as well as delicatessen items from the UK and Germany are unavailable elsewhere. A gourmet selection of gift baskets bursting with mouth-watering treats are available for Christmas.





# Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from Teguise



## Casa-Museo del Timple Cultural Programme

*Mayor Olivia Duque: The Museo del Timple symbolises culture and tradition*



**Teguise Mayor Olivia Duque**



The Ayuntamiento of Teguise has promoted various cultural events at the Museo del Timple through the Department of Culture over the past months with another planned for December. The first was multi-faceted musician Félix Morales and his Pielago show “a sound journey through original compositions and versions of different styles, using exotic and historical instruments.”

Then came Paulina Niemczycka and Abraham Ramos, together with Totó Noriega and their show Raices compiling musical works from the Spanish World Music genre. They were followed by The Voces de Patrimonio whose content focused on historic sounds declared a World Heritage by UNESCO. On December 15, young timple Menudos Timplistas will perform a

concert by promising young timple players.

Councillor for Culture, Javier Díaz, highlighted the importance of continuing to support local culture. “We want to continue promoting quality events that attract both residents and visitors.”

Tickets are available through the <https://www.ecoentradas.com/> at a price of 10 euros.

## Teguise Libraries Campaign to Promote Reading

Mayoress Olivia points out that “in Teguise we firmly believe that culture and education are fundamental pillars for the development of our community. Libraries are not just to read or borrow books, but to serve as living and dynamic spaces which provide a cultural background for current needs of both young and old,” she highlights.

Councillor for Libraries Mar Boronat, reaffirmed, “our objective is to promote an accessible and quality educational and cultural offer for all to discover the pleasure of reading and learning in a modern environment adapted to their needs.”





# Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from Teguise



## Teguise Designates €11.4 Million for Improvements

Olivia Duque points out since her appointment as Mayor over eighty contracts have been awarded for improvements of municipal services

Since July 2023, Teguise Ayuntamiento has focused on activating public procurement in various key areas for the municipality, from the improvement of infrastructure to the provision of essential services for the well-being of citizens.

Mayor Olivia Duque highlights the effort and commitment of the City Council in the management of public resources in order to respond to the demands of residents. "We are fully committed to improving Teguise and La Graciosa, the figures confirm this," says Duque.

Contracts Councillor Javier Díaz thanked the efforts of the Town Hall



employees working intensively for the promotion of tourism and with the Parks and Gardens department ensuring a well-kept urban environment accessible to all. Besides

adapting the Technical Office they supervise the comprehensive management of the weekly Teguise Market and provide improvements for the Casa-museo del Timple.



*Decarbonisation and sustainable development is an essential challenge for the Canary Islands' tourist municipalities AMTC which held its annual assembly in Lanzarote. The mayors and tourism councillors are seen at the entrance to Convento Sato Domingo in Teguise*



*Tourism Councillor and Deputy Mayor Rita Hernández has published the new Teguise tourist information web page with details of the major international tourist fairs in London, Berlin and Madrid, she is also seen with Councillors Emma Hernández and Alejandro Ramírez*



*The President of the Cabildo de Lanzarote congratulated the Ayuntamiento of Teguise on the historic Los Diabletes traditional Carnival Group receiving the Golden Award of the Canarian Government*







## 200th Anniversary of 1824 Timanfaya Eruptions

The Ayuntamiento of Teguise in collaboration with the University of La Laguna organised a seminary to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the eruptions which took place on the outer region of the Fire Mountains. Mayoress Olivia Duque pointed out the importance of informing the citizens of Lanzarote, especially the younger generation about the geological history of an island with 300 volcanoes. They form a major part of our identity which is why the island is known worldwide as the Volcanic Isle.” Councillor for Historic Patrimony Mar Baronat stressed how the volcanoes played a pivotal in the heritage of Lanzarote.

### The 1824 Eruptions

Three major volcanic eruptions took place on the outer region of the Fire Mountains in 1824 some ninety years after the earlier ones 1730-1736: Volcán de Tao/Tiagua erupted on 31 July, Volcán de Nuevo-Chinero on 29 September and finally the Volcán de Tinguaton on 16 October. At the approach of the molten lava, the local population prayed in the church and then led by their priest formed a procession, marching towards the lava flow imploring the Virgin of Sorrows for her protection through a miracle as she had performed in 1730. Their prayers were answered following all three eruptions and the stream of



*A commemorative photo exhibition of the eruptions can be seen at Convento Santa Domingo in Teguise until 2 December*



molten lava changed direction and flowed towards the sea where it was extinguished. Since that time the Virgin of Sorrows was proclaimed as the Virgin of the Volcanoes on Lanzarote.

Nowadays the Pilgrimage of Sorrows pays tribute to the Virgin at Mancha Blanca with a pilgrimage paying homage to the effigy of the Virgin and the Eucharist. Pilgrims arrive at Tinajo to begin the jour-

ney. From there, they travel to the Church of San Roque to end the journey at the Hermitage of Dolores de Mancha Blanca.

The Pilgrimage of Sorrows is a very joyful and family-friendly religious festival that, in turn, vindicates traditional Canarian culture. It is an event that remembers the importance of faith and that promotes solidarity between peoples and respect for Mother Nature.



*Known as Cristo de las Aguas the Romeria de Guatiza is the oldest pilgrimage celebrated in Lanzarote. Mayoress and Councillors enjoy the fiestas*



# PhotoNews Roundup



The staff of Lancelot with Managing Director Javier Bencort and Director Lancelot TV Jorge Coll, as well as graphic designer Betty Romero. Liz and Larry Yaskiel wish to thank them sincerely for their support and friendship for the English edition from the very beginning

**Spar is a chain of Supermarkets entirely owned by people from Lanzarote who have more than 60 years of continual service to the community. Their spiritual founder Don Marcial González opened their first store in Calle Canelejas in Arrecife completely staffed by members of the family which grew rapidly as SPAR and EUROSPAR. They currently employ over 600 people. Over the past year they have refurbished 3 stores, the latest in Calle Las Doramas in Puerto del Carmen as seen in the photograph. Show pride in the Canary Islands and support local products. Your choice is important.**



Lanzarote group Factotum led by José Maria de Paiz with Jorge Diaz, José Maule Spinola and Sergio de Paíz, gave another exciting concert in Berlin followed by Munich during the Canaries Calling Festival. In December they play Tenerife and La Palma. Their latest vinyl EP, Cuento Eterno is also available on Spotify and other digital platforms.

*Idafe Cabrera of Vivero Las Palmeras, Arrecife's oldest garden centre, with many individual and hotel clients, designed the horticultural display at the Cabildo Fiesta de Los Dolores in Mancha Blanca 2023 which attracted 4,000 visitors. Plants were selected to provide a pleasant experience for visitors to the fair they ranging from individual species to garden areas with green plants, which enhanced the environment around the exhibition stands throughout the artisan and traditional folklore concerts. The Garden Centre has extended its selection of outside decorative plants and*



*pots as well as fertilizer products, tools and everything else needed in the garden. A large selection of colourful poinsettias for Christmas known in Spanish as Flor de Pascua. Another popular plant for all occasions is the Hydrandgea Hortensia in Spanish*





# Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from Haría

## Haría breathes German music and tradition in a new edition of the Oktoberfest



**Mayor Alfredo Villalba welcomed the local population and holidaymakers to this international celebration**



The Ayuntamiento of Haría celebrated a new edition of the Oktoberfest, an event full of music, tradition and German gastronomy. Neighbors and visitors gathered to enjoy an extensive program of activities for the whole family.

The party started at the children's area at 1:00 p.m., where the little ones had their space for fun followed by a street parade of the Tegüise Municipal Band playing music at the opening of the barrel ceremony, thus marking the official start of the Oktoberfest.

Throughout the afternoon, the

music did not stop, with performances by Kerala, Too Brass, Marco Puma & The Cougars and Sin Cobertura, who closed the festive day in style.

One of the most eagerly awaited moments was the traditional costume contest, in which prizes were awarded to the best man and woman in costume.

The Haría Town Hall together with the Cabildo de Lanzarote thanked all the attendees for making the Oktoberfest an unforgettable event, highlighting the importance of keeping festive traditions alive in the community.



**Deputy Mayor Evelia Garcia with Cabildo Councillor Aroa Revelo**

## Haría City Council Organised the 5th 'Harionetas' Puppet Festival

First Deputy Mayor and Councillor for Culture, Evelia García, emphasized "this festival has grown over the years, and has become a fundamental part of the municipality's cultural agenda. "We would like Haría to continue to be a point of reference in the promotion of the performing arts and, in particular, puppet theatre which is an art form with the

capacity to entertain and educate people of all ages."

Cabildo Councillor for Youth, Aroa Revelo, highlighted the positive impact of the festival on the island. "This activity is a clear example of how institutions can work together to offer quality events that strengthen the cultural fabric and encourage creativity and imagination, especially among the youngest".





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.

Catholic Church

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

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 Teguiise, call 928 590342.

Inter-denominational Sunday Worship at Costa Teguiise

Services are held in english at the Hotel Beatriz Costa & Spa every Sunday morning at 11:00am. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.

For more information please contact Stuart 630 175 810 or via our website [www.sundayworshiplanzarote.com](http://www.sundayworshiplanzarote.com)

Norsk Kirkescentre and Social-Cultural Centre

Norwegian Church abroad – Religious and Social Cultural Centre C/ Rociego 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.

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Markets

Arrecife Markets

Charco de San Ginés  
Wed and Thur 9-2

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

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Marina Rubicón  
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Sundays and  
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Thursday mornings 9-2

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Sunday 9-2

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Saturday 10-14:30

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BRIDGE No 154

By Maria Brandt

Loser on loser

Dealer: East Both sides vulnerable

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



Bidding

E	S	W	N
1 D	Dbl	4 C	pass
4 H	4 S	pass	pass

On the diagrammed deal South reached 4 Spades and found a way home even though there appear to be two sure losers in each red suit. The bidding provided a valuable clue. West was sure to have great length in Clubs, and East in both Hearts and Diamonds.

West led the King of Clubs which South won with the Ace in his hand. He then drew trumps and cashed the Ace of Hearts and went over to Dummy with the Ace of Diamonds. Now he led the 7 of Clubs and threw a Heart loser from his hand. West was now on lead in this position.

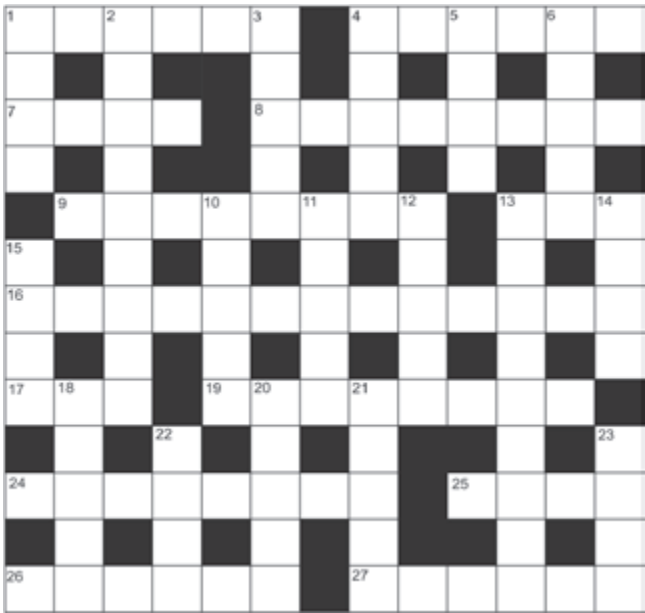
♠ 10 8		
♥ 9 6 4		
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♣ Q J 10 6 5 3 2		
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	W	E
	S	
♠ J 9 6 4		
♥ 7		
♦ 9 5		
♣ --		

On the forced Club return South threw a Diamond from his Dummy and the last Heart from his hand, a rarely seen double discard. On the next Club lead, South threw Dummy's remaining Diamond and ruffed in his hand. The rest was easy and he not only made his contract but got an improbable overtrick.

**SOLUTION TO SIMPLE CROSSWORD NO. 152** Across; 1 Though, 4 Fibula, 7 Lair, 8 Libretto, 9 Censored, 13 Hen, 16 Carpet Cleaner, 17 Rub, 19 Rosemary, 24 Assassin, 25 Knob, 26 Status, 27 Impede. Down; 1 Tale, 2 Olive Drab, 3 Hello, 4 Fable, 5 Beer, 6 Lithe, 10 Steer, 11 Rocks, 12 Dream, 13 Hindrance, 14 Nark, 15 Scar, 18 Upset, 20 Oasis, 21 Ennui, 22 Pact, 23 Oboe.

SIMPLE CROSSWORD No 153

By Imelda Coombes



ACROSS

- 1 Fertile (6)  
4 Happening by accident (6)  
7 London cricket ground (4)  
8 Arouse feelings of disgust (8)  
9 A room attached to a church (8)  
13 Wage (3)  
16 Household appliance (6,7)  
17 Colouring substance (3)  
19 Shocking (8)  
24 Bone structure (8)  
25 Eyesore (4)  
26 Niche (6)  
27 Expression of sorrow (6)

DOWN

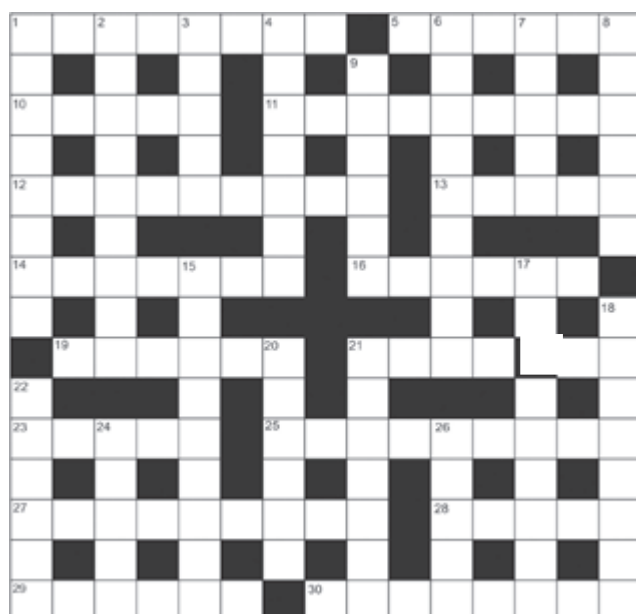
- 1 Soon (4)  
2 Cascade (9)  
3 Listlessness (5)  
4 Add up (5)  
5 Lean-to (4)  
6 Essential oil from flowers (5)  
10 Circular (5)  
11 Monetary unit of Ecuador (5)  
12 Surrender (5)  
13 A footbridge (9)  
14 Atmosphere (4)  
15 Enthusiastic (4)  
18 Peasant (5)  
20 To fasten again (5)  
21 Cancel (5)  
22 Adult male voice (4)  
23 Thrash (4)

**SOLUTION TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD NO.92** Across; 1 Lugsails, 5 Scouse, 10 Court, 11 Polonaise, 12 Domiciles, 13 Theme, 14 Tunisia, 16 Abbess, 19 Ischia, 21 Chester, 23 Anvil, 25 Peer Group, 27 Matriarch, 28 Lehar, 29 Design, 30 Overcome. Down; 1 Lucidity, 2 Gourmands, 3 Attic, 4 La Palma, 6 Constable, 7 Unite, 8 Exeter, 9 Alaska, 15 Schilling, 17 Sutton Hoo, 18 Creperie, 20 Ampere, 21 Chekhov, 22 Warmed, 24 Votes, 26 Gular.



## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD No 93

By Imelda Coombes



### ACROSS

- 1 A person who studies or keeps bees. (8)
- 5 A fortified building usually permanently garrisoned. (6)
- 10 An archaic word for ant. (5)
- 11 A port on NE Grand Canary. (3,6)
- 12 A two-wheeled one-horse carriage with a fixed hood. (6,3)
- 13 To love intensely or deeply. (5)
- 14 A river in W Europe, rising in NE France and flowing north through Belgium and the Netherlands. (7)
- 16 A fixed allowance of food or provisions. (6)
- 19 A mountainous region of central Italy, in the valley of the Tiber. (6)
- 21 A type of opal that has a red or pink glow in bright light. (7)
- 23 Another word for circumference. (5)
- 25 Django ---, 1910-53 French jazz guitarist. (9)
- 27 Greek philosopher, pupil of Plato and tutor of Alexander the Great. (9)
- 28 A domesticated South American cud-chewing mammal. (5)
- 29 In any manner or by any means whatever. (6)
- 30 Inflammation of a bone. (8)

### DOWN

- 1 A purple or violet transparent variety of quartz. (8)
- 2 A port in NE England, in Humberside. (9)
- 3 A measure of the relative size of two classes expressible as a proportion. (5)
- 4 To make a request to a person for business or support. (7)
- 6 A fine-grained usually white variety of gypsum. (9)
- 7 The speed at which a piece of music is meant to be played. (5)
- 8 Festival of the Christian Church commemorating the Resurrection of Christ. (6)
- 9 A line on a map connecting places of equal atmospheric pressure. (6)
- 15 To be performed slowly. (music) (9)
- 17 Paying close attention to detail. (9)
- 18 Tablelands. (8)
- 20 To charge a liquid with a gas, especially carbon dioxide. (6)
- 21 British gold coins, each worth twenty-one shillings. (7)
- 22 Either of two large American arboreal herbivorous lizards. (6)
- 24 Wet or showery. (5)
- 26 To divide into two parts. (5)

### Ombudsman - *Diputado del Común*

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For complaints about private or state-run businesses or services: Cabildo Building, Arrecife, 9-13 Mon to Fri. Tel: 928 80 33 67.  
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Tel: 696 733 177 (07.00-22.00)

### Mararia - Official Women's Support Office

In case of maltreatment or abuse. All nationalities welcome. Carretera Arrecife-San Barolomé nº 48 – Primera Nave, Argana Alta, Arrecife. Tlf. 928 804 834. E-mail: voluntarias.ascmararia@gmail.com.

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

### English-Working Lodge

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### 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





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*The Arrecife Mayor and the Tourist Councillor and Roberto Fuentes presenting the concert.*

23 January 6.30-7.30

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Closes, 2 December

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