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EDITORIAL

"Treat the Earth well. It was not a gift to you from your parents, it is on loan to you from your children."

Kenyan proverb

British Travellers to Lanzarote over History

Welcome to Lanzarote and welcome to Lancelot, the island's quality tourist magazine, on the verge of celebrating its 46th year of publication. We hope the following pages contain all the information you need to enjoy all the amenities the island has to offer. The main feature deals with British travelers and explorers who have been visiting Lanzarote and Fuerteventura over the past five centuries the most prominent amongst them was Charles Darwin. In answer to a question many new readers ask, our name is not connected to the Knights of the Round Table. It just so happens that a Genoese navigator called Lanzarotto Malocello was credited with being the first person to ever draw the attention of the rest of the world to Lanzarote and the other Canary Islands by marking them out on his global map. His name translates into Spanish as Lancelot. However, Lancelot's lady love Guinevere does answer all readers' queries.

Lanzarote is also known as the Isle of Volcanoes because of the 300 volcanoes on the island. Many visitors wonder why the concrete skyscraper syndrome which plagued the majority of Spain's tourist resorts especially on the southern coast in the 1970s and 80s the answer is just two words, CESAR MANRIQUE who died in a fatal car accident in September 1972. This gifted painter and sculptor was renowned for the conservation of the environment of his native isle and is responsible for creating Lanzarote's unique tourist attractions which UNESCO named a World Biosphere Reserve, the first holiday destination in the world to receive this exclusive distinction.

Having enjoyed your stay on the island you may consider buying a holiday-cum-retirement home on Lanzarote. It makes sense to choose a resort offering sunshine most of the year only a few hours flight away from England, Ireland and all other major European capitals. Wishing you a safe journey home and we look forward to greeting you on your next visit, adios.

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Saint Brendan. The legend revolves around a “ghost” island that some sailors claimed to have seen near the Canary Islands.

Dear Sir,

I heard a radio programme about the Canary Islands and they mentioned that an Irish monk named Saint Brendan was the originator of the Canary Islands. Can you kindly tell me his history.

Frank Dostal Hamburg
Playa Famara

GUINEVER. According to the Canarian Government Tourist Information Department Promotur, Saint Brendan (484-577 AD), was an Irish monk who set out to explore the Atlantic after being visited by an angel who commanded him to do so. Saint Brendan communicated this announcement to several of his disciples and together they set sail. It would take them seven

years to find land. Previously, Saint Brendan had heard a story about a hermit named Barintus who testified that he had visited lands so rich in fruits and treasures that they could well be called the Isles of the Blessed. Well, when Saint Brendan landed on this land, he learned that it was the same land that Barintus had known.

Gradually, the monk and his crew landed on each of the seven islands, taking supplies and treasures with them. As they prepared to find their way home, Saint Brendan was again visited by an angel who gave him a new mission: to correct their course and continue exploring the ocean. He complied, and the expedition continued. Another seven years later, despair at not finding the “promised” land led Saint Brendan to kneel in the boat, begging God to provide them with a place to land. His prayers were answered, and immediately, a land emerged

from the ocean floor. There, they disembarked and celebrated Mass. Finally, they were about to eat when the earth began to shake so much that they had to re-embark, and as they sailed away, they saw the earth submerge beneath the sea, resembling a whale of astronomical proportions.

On the other hand, a second version begins with a time jump, introducing the fact that the Romans referred to this undiscovered island as Aprositus, “the island that cannot be reached.” The story then agrees with the first version, placing Saint Brendan as the discoverer; however, in this interpretation of the legend, the monk lived on the island for seven years, a significant variation of the story (although the number seven, mentioned twice in the first version to specify the time jump between the discoveries of the islands, is still emphasized).

Finally, the third version of the



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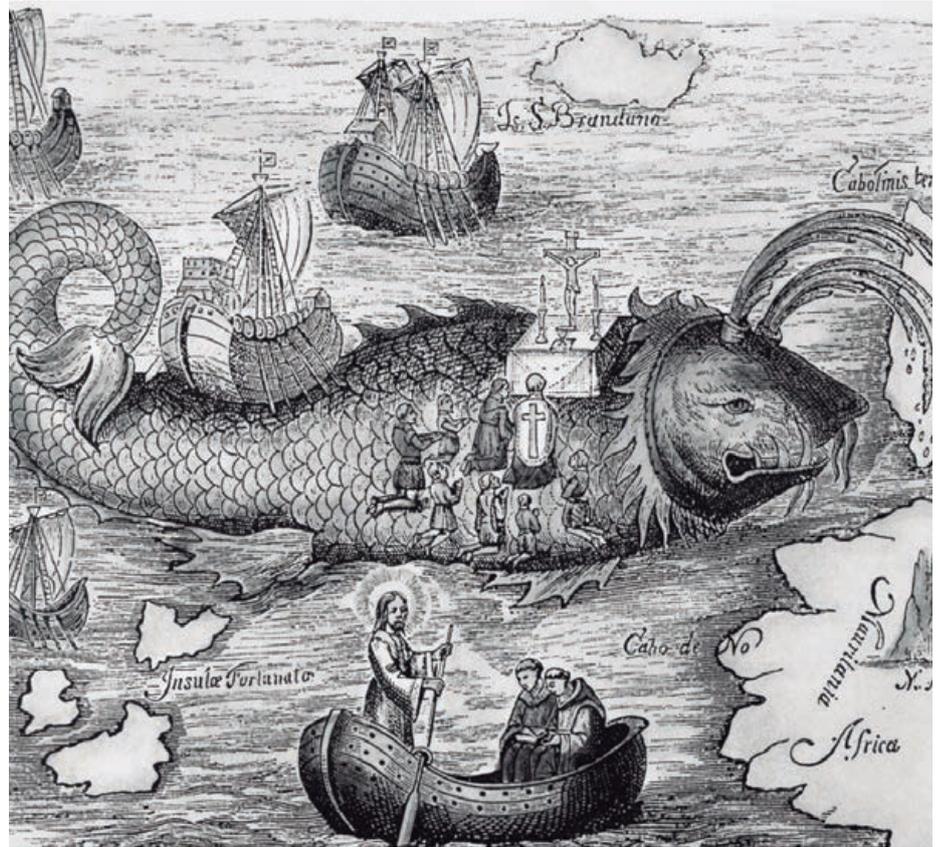


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legend mentions nautical charts from the 15th and 16th centuries where this new island was recorded, explaining that it emerged only a couple of times every hundred years. However, this centuries-long intermittence does not coincide with the number of captains, chroniclers, and other navigators who claimed to have seen it, which is why this interpretation of the legend includes a possible explanation for the island's appearance and disappearance. It describes the phenomenon known as *fata morgana*, a kind of mirage with an empirical basis. Under very specific atmospheric and geological conditions (air density and temperature, water and land temperature, altitude, etc.), the reflection of another nearby island would occur, but the coincidence of all the factors is so extraordinary that it could only occur a couple of times every hundred years.



→ Mythical St Brendan, known as San Borondon in Spanish



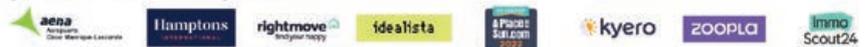
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Dear Sir,

During our first visit to Lanzarote 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?

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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.

Miniature Guitar

Dear Sir,

We had a wonderful time visiting the Los Dolores Festival at Mancha Blanca in September. It was the first time we had been on hol-

iday 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?

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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 versions 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, mulber-

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ry for the body, laurel for the base and pine for the back and normally weighs less than three pounds.

Teguisse 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 Teguisse. 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.

Volcanoes

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 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 drillhole 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 envi-

ronment and for using alternative sources of energy wherever possible?

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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.

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ert 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.

Camels on Lanzarote

Dear Sir,

Having enjoyed a camel ride, we wondered how this animal came to be used on Lanzarote as its normal habitat is the desert.

Ron Patrick
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GUINEVERE Historians believe that it was a medieval governor of the is-

land called Diego de Herrera whose ship was caught in a storm at sea and forced to seek refuge off the coast of North Africa in in a Moroccan port. Upon going ashore he saw camels being used for ploughing by farmers and as beasts of burden and thought they would be ideal for the island of Lanzarote whose climate has similar characteristics to the desert, a burning sun and scant rainfall and brought some back with him to work in the fields.

When the first tourists arrived many years later a local travel agent had the idea of introducing a camel ride round the Fire Mountains but with modified seating as there were no ordinary chairs to sit on only pack seats on which barrels, packages or stones were carried. It was obvious that this would be far too uncomfortable for foreign sightseers so a local carpenter came up with the idea of placing a chair on either side of the hump. As the majority of visitors in the early days were from England, the seat was referred to as the *silla inglesa* – i.e. “English Chair,” and is still known by that name

Cochineal

Dear Sir,

During a visit to the Cactus Garden 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 regional dialect. Could you tell us where cochineal came from and how it came to be cultivated Lanzarote.

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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

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to grow them. This was a very welcome crop in the early 19th century because a blight had 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 favourite 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 Cactus Garden, however, stands on the site of a stone quarry which had been abandoned some 150 years before and Manrique had created it out of nothing.



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Eli and Rodney Barr,

Los Mojones Puerto del Carmen



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The process for securing a TIE appointment to get the card itself is run by the Spanish Government and appointments are available in most areas to facilitate TIE uptake. More information on how to apply, including links to Spanish Government websites where the applications are made, can be found on the 'Living in Spain' guide on gov.uk.

To be exempt from registering with the system, British residents in the EU will need to show a valid uniform-format biometric card. For British residents in Spain, only a TIE will be accepted by Spanish and

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Mandatory Electronic Invoicing and “Verifactu”

The Create and Grow Law, in force since October 2022, introduced mandatory electronic invoicing for businesses and professionals, a measure for which it is advisable to prepare, since its regulatory development is already underway and, with it, the deadline for adapting to this regulatory change will begin to run. We explain what mandatory electronic invoicing is, who it affects, and when it will begin to apply.

What is an electronic invoice?

Mandatory electronic invoicing between businesses and professionals is defined in the regulations as ‘an invoice issued and received in electronic format between businesses and professionals documenting commercial transactions agreed between them’.

For an electronic invoice to be considered as such, it must comply with certain minimum content requirements, as well as technical characteristics defined in the regulation itself.

Among other things, this text ensures that mandatory electronic invoices must be issued through a Tax Agency invoicing programme or a certified electronic invoicing programme, with the possibility of combining both methods.

It also stipulates that electronic invoices must remain accessible to the recipient, both for reading and for downloading or copying, for at least four years

What is the objective of the electronic invoice?

The main objective of mandatory electronic invoicing is to reduce late payments, one of the major causes of liquidity and profitability problems for many companies, especially small and medium enterprises. The digital format ensures greater traceability and control of

payments between businesses and professionals. In this regard, the future regulation will allow the Tax Agency to extract ‘statistical information from electronic invoices sent to the public electronic invoicing system’ and to ‘monitor compliance with regulations on commercial late payments. This information will be sent, at least, to the State Observatory on Private Late Payment’. It should be noted that this Observatory publishes an annual list of companies that have failed to meet payment deadlines.

Who is required to submit electronic invoices?

The Create and Grow Law generalises the use of electronic invoicing in transactions between businesses and professionals. This means that both companies and self-employed professionals will be required to invoice electronically in their dealings with other companies and professionals (B2B), starting first with those who invoice more than 8 million euros per year.

Within two years of the entry into force of the Create and Grow Law regulations, the entire Spanish private sector will be required to use mandatory electronic invoicing in its B2B relationships. For now, the electronic invoicing requirement will not affect relationships with consumers or end customers (B2C).

There is another exception: this obligation will not apply when one of the two parties to the transaction does not have its place of business in Spanish territory or does not have a permanent establishment in Spain to which the invoicing is addressed or, failing that, its place of domicile or habitual residence.

On the other hand, the regulation excludes certain types of invoices from this obligation: Sim-

plified invoices, non-mandatory invoices (please consult with your tax advisor).

Electronic invoicing and “Verifactu”: are they the same thing?

There have been several changes in invoicing regulations that have coincided in time and caused confusion:

On the one hand, we have the Create and Grow Law, which, among other measures, involves the introduction of mandatory electronic invoicing with the goal of reducing late payments.

On the other hand, the Anti-Fraud Law aims to combat tax fraud and has established the requirements that invoicing software must meet to do so. The entry into force of “Verifactu” is part of this regulation to make invoicing more transparent, with the automatic sending of its records to the AEAT (Spanish Tax Agency) using “Verifactu” software.

When does electronic invoicing come into effect and Verifactu come into effect?

The Official State Gazette (BOE) of 2 April 2025 finally confirmed the definitive dates for when “Verifactu” will come into effect:

On January 1st, 2026, for companies that file corporate income tax (IS)

On July 1st, 2026, for self-employed workers and other taxpayers

On July 29th, 2025, for invoicing software manufacturers.

This means that from July 2025 onwards, only “Verifactu” software will be sold, and that by July 2026, all companies and self-employed workers who issue invoices must have software that complies with the requirements of the “Verifactu” regulation.

For more details, we recommend consulting with your tax advisor or the fiscal authorities.

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.

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

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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Líneas Romero Recognized with a Second Prize in Sustainability at the Las Palmas 2025 SME of the Year Awards

Líneas Romero received a Second Prize in the Sustainability category at the Las Palmas 2025 SME of the Year Awards, organized by the province's Chambers of Commerce, Banco Santander, and the newspaper La Provincia. This recognition highlights the company's commitment to environmental protection, the social development of local communities, and its commitment to a responsible and sustainable business model.

For Federico Romero, CEO of Líneas Romero, "receiving this award is a true source of pride and an incentive to continue advancing our commitment to sustainability. For us, sustainability is much more than a strategic line: it is a real commitment to the environment, to people, and to the future of our islands," he added.

"Since our origins as a family business, we have been committed to innovation without losing our roots. This means renewing our fleet and strengthening our social role in the community day after day. This recognition encourages us to continue sailing steadily, faithful to a way of doing things that combines tradition, innovation, and sustainability," he concludes.

Also in attendance alongside Antonio Morales were the Vice President of the Canary Islands Government, Manuel Domínguez; the Mayor of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Carolina Darias; the Regional Director of Banco Santander, Beatriz Martínez; and the President of the Chamber of Commerce, Luis Padrón.

Along with Líneas Romero, the company Ecos Estudios Ambientales y Oceanografía received the main award; Smarthen received the Digitalization and Innovation Award; Adquiere Media received the Internationalization Award; and Coco Solution received the Training and Employment Award.



Federico Romero, CEO of Líneas Romero receives the award



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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 isle and part of living cooking.

Kaori Asian Restaurant Puerto del Carmen

Located within the 5 Star Luxury Hotel Fariones, Kaori Asian restaurant offers an exclusive a la carte dinner service to taste a wide range

of Asian cuisine. Enjoy delicious combinations of culinary specialties across the Asian continent. Experience an alternative dinner for all lovers of the Asian cuisine for hotel and external guests including vegetarians.

On the menu: pork gyoza with ground pork, chives, green onion, cabbage, ginger, garlic and oysters. Also prawn tempura, king crab and black pig.

A very exclusive culinary project based on high quality ingredients and exotic flavours and techniques which will take you on a journey through the Asian continent in an ambience of exclusive design. Open Tuesday – Saturday 19.30-22.00.

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

Isla de Lobos Princesa Yaiza Suite Hotel Resort 5*L

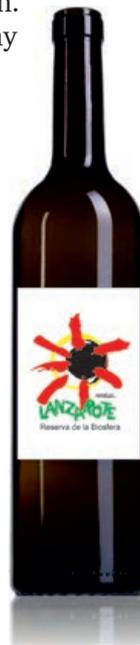
‘Isla de Lobos’ Restaurant, known for its breath-taking views of the sea and Fuerteventura and Lobos

islands, is one of the most recommended on Lanzarote’s gastronomic map, representing the highest standards expected of a five star hotel through its service, luxury and comfort. The menu is based on a flavorful cuisine that uses the best raw ingredients from local producers, fishermen and the Finca de Uga farm, which results in rich creations and an incredible range of exclusive products of exceptional quality. Traditional cuisine blended with new techniques achieves diverse textures and experiences whilst fully respecting the product and its origins.

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

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 products. 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 - 16:00 and 18:00 – 23.00, closed Monday.



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.

Wednesday - Saturday 12.30 – 16.00
19.30 – 23.00 Sunday 12.30 -16.00



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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

post 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



Playa Blanca. Yaiza

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. →

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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 Tegüise

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 Tegüise has five beaches the largest of which is Playa de las Cucharas.

Piracy Museum Santa Bárbara Castle

Standing on Mount Guanapay overlooking Tegüise 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, Tegüise

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

Haria

The road north passes Los Valles an important agricultural village continuing past several laybys offering commanding views across

to the opposite coast. Rounding some sharp curves cut through the cliffs the road descends to HARIA, nestling peacefully in the Valley of 10,000 Palms. Reminiscent of a North African oasis the town was a spa for wealthy Canarians in the past. The Artesanal Market every Saturday 10.00 - 14.30 is rated 5 Stars by Trip Advisor; Arts & Crafts Workshop Mon-Sat 10-14.00.

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 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.





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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

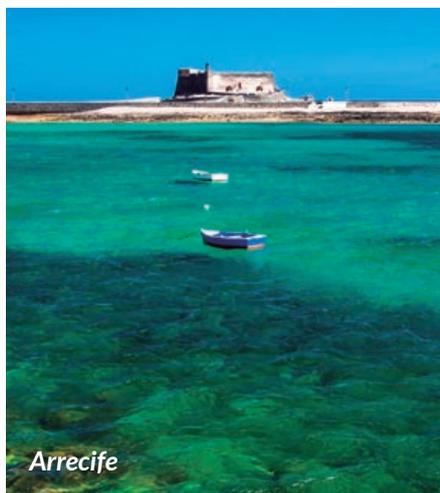
Arrecife

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

The main shopping area is in 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



Mirador del Río, Haría



Arrecife

some abandoned windmills leads to another medieval fort, CASTILLO SAN JOSE, whose 18th century interior was converted by Cesar Manrique in 1974 to house the International Museum of Contemporary Art. Open daily 11.00 - 21.00 hrs. On the lower floor an excellent restaurant with panoramic views out to sea. Open daily 10.00 - 01.00 hrs

Marina Lanzarote

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

The Most Prominent Among English Travelers in Search of Lanzarote and Fuerteventura from as Early as the 15th Century

By José María Pérez Freely translated with additional notes by Andres Coombes

Charles Robert Darwin (12 February 1809 – 19 April 1888), was outstanding among the many scientists and explorers who visited the Canary Islands over the past centuries. An English naturalist, geologist, and biologist, widely known for his contributions to evolutionary biology, his proposition that all species of life have descended from a common ancestor is now generally accepted and considered a fundamental scientific concept. He introduced his scientific theory that this branching pattern of evolution resulted from a process he called natural selection, in which the struggle for existence has a similar effect to the artificial selection involved in selective breeding. Darwin has been described as one of the most influential figures in human history and was honoured by burial in Westminster Abbey.

Man Felt the Need to Travel

All through the centuries man has felt the urge to travel, to seek new pastures, journeying across land and sea by diverse means and for very different reasons. To sail in quest of distant shores has always been one of the most rewarding experiences for the human race. With the passing of each century there has been a steady advancement in ship design and navigational aids, enabling more and more people to cross the great oceans in search of new worlds. Their motives for seeking the unknown have been numerous and diverse. For some it has been the lure of gold or the rewards of commerce, for others the obsession of exploring new territories, of haunting the coasts in search of the unexpected. Some have fled from political persecution. And then of course there were the tourists in search of unfamiliar lands and people. Many of these, captivated by their new surroundings chose to settle for the rest of their lives in the land to which fate had taken them.

Over the Centuries the Canary Islands Welcomed Travelers



The town of Teguise

Over the centuries the Canary Islands have welcomed many travelers, who in the course of time were to discover that these lands, where the sun shines out of clear blue skies most of the year, were a veritable paradise. Among them no one has been more welcome than the tourists who were to form the basis of our prosperity. One and all came to realize the existence of an authentic oasis, close to the African continent but blessed with a different climate, customs and traditions which was to become a point of departure from which to widen their horizons.

The British were the Most Renowned

Amongst the many nations who arrived in our archipelago, the British were undoubtedly the most renowned. They have always been great travelers and fine seamen, sailing the great oceans to establish trading centres but always succeeding in combining their imperialist ambitions with their shrewdness for commerce. Besides their voyages of exploration, more than those of any other European country, that the “grand tour” was an essential part of their education and this was particularly true of the English aristocracy who appreciated the importance of travel in the formative years of their heirs. Inevitably their wanderings produced a wealth of interesting letters and reports many of which later appeared in book form. Their observations are particularly interesting as they not only provide us with a fine contemporary account of everything they saw but also gave an insight into the character of the writer. They opened up a whole new world to the reader and brought to him a glittering picture

Portrait of Charles Darwin by
George Richmond





of the beauties of our islands which encouraged him to come and see them.

The Islands Ecology Attracted the Most Distinguished Naturalists

The British traders who landed in the Canary Islands in the 16th century were the first foreigners to arrive in any notable quantities. The islands' ecology attracted the most distinguished naturalists and their history, formed over five centuries, drew an ever increasing number of Europeans to this unique corner of our planet which formed a stepping stone between the continents of Europe, Africa and the Americas. And this, despite the remoteness of these islands and the communications which existed between Lanzarote and Fuerteventura with the main islands. Notwithstanding these obstacles we have been fortunate to welcome those who from the earliest days were aware of the exceptional character of these two islands.

Between the 16th and 18th centuries the majority of visitors to Lanzarote and Fuerteventura were merchants who in a sense were adventurers as they took great risks in achieving financial success, but once established they proved to be extremely astute businessmen.

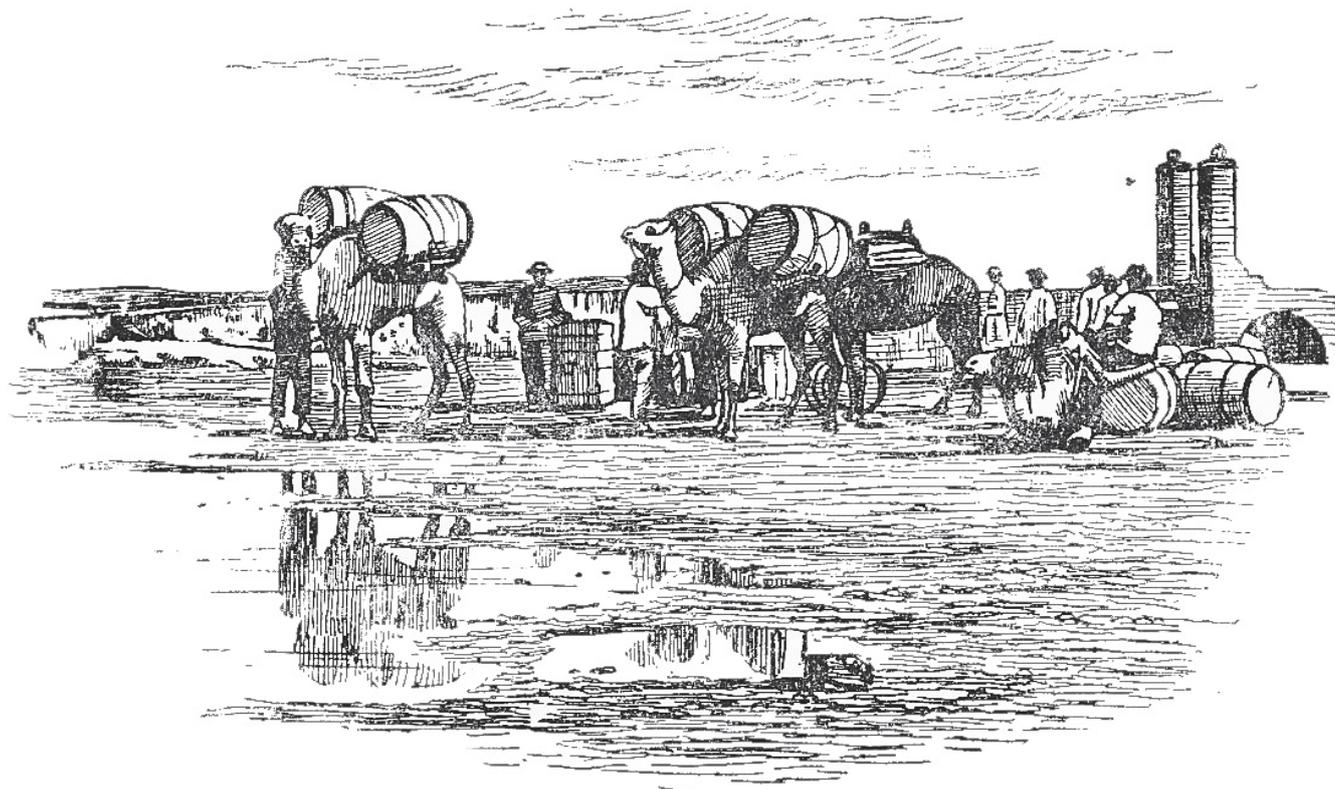
Sugar Merchant from Gloucester Named Thomas Nicholls

Among these was a sugar merchant named Thomas Nichols, from Gloucester in England who in 1556 at the age of 24 settled in La Laguna in Tenerife founded a company to sell cloth imported from London. He lived there for 12 years during which he traded extensively with the other islands until in 1568 he had difficulties with the Inquisition and had to return to London. Back in England he set about writing his book "Description of the Canary Islands" in which he gave an account of his life in the Canaries. Of the eastern islands he says: The island of Lanzarote lies 18 leagues north-east of Gran Canaria. The only products are goat's meat and orchilla. Translator's note – orchilla is a lichen from which red dye was extracted.



*Lanzarote women well
protected against the sun
and the incessant wind.
They expressed their
appreciation for the hard
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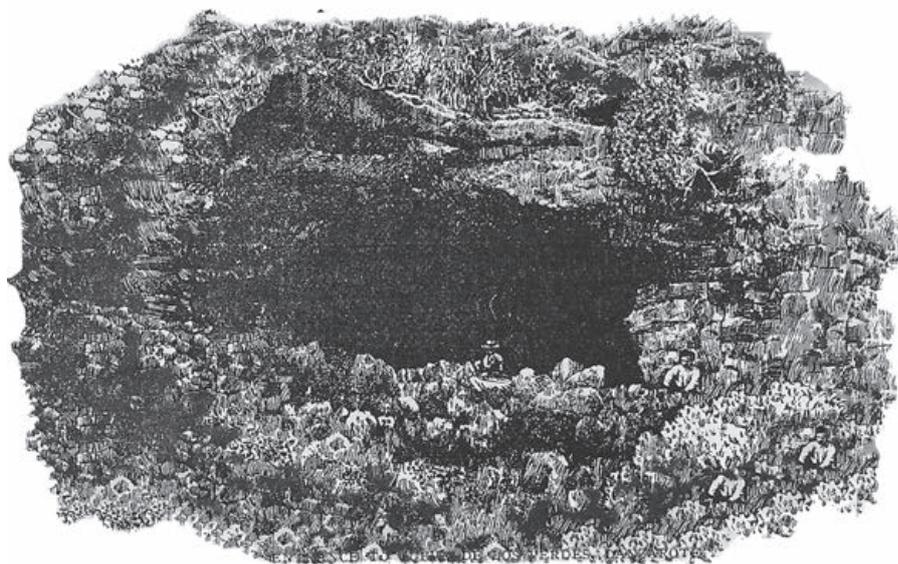


Puente de las Bolas Bridge, Arrecife Harbour

Count of Fuerteventura and Lanzarote

The island is an earldom owned by Don Agustin de Herrera who bears the title of the Count of Fuerteventura and Lanzarote. His powers are however limited a should the vassals on the island suffer an injustice they can appeal to the King's Justices, who as I have previously described, reside in Canaria. Although the King only rules over the three fertile islands of Canaria, Tenerife and La Palma, he retains the power to mete out justice on the other island, otherwise the vassals could be ill treated by their masters.

Regularly every week ships sail from Lanzarote to Canaria, Tenerife and La Palma with dried goat's meat called "tocinetas" which is a substitute for bacon and very good to eat. The island is situated in 26 degrees and is 12 leagues in length. Commenting on Fuerteventura he writes, the island of Fuerteventura from the promontory called Cabo de Guer on the African coast and is 24 leagues east of Canaria and is owned by the Señor of Lanzarote. It is moderately fertile in wheat, barley and orchillas and there is grazing for cows and



Cueva de Los Verdes

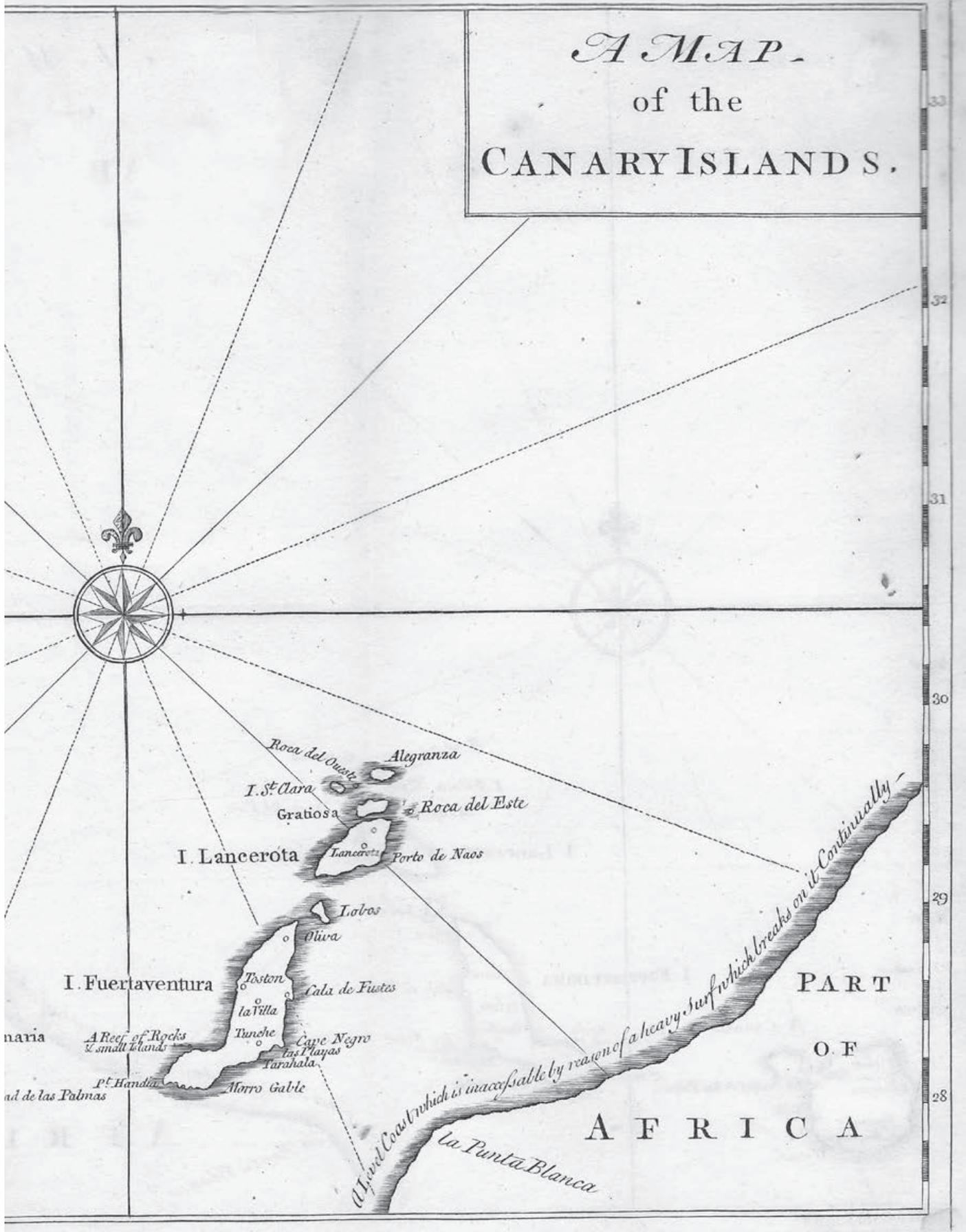
goats. At the northern end there is a small island called Graciosa.

La Graciosa Islet North of Lanzarote

La Graciosa Isle is one league distant from the main island and the channel separating the two islands and is navigable by all types of ships. Translator's note, It would seem that there was some confusion in Thomas Nichols mind as we know that

the island of Graciosa lies north of Lanzarote and not Fuerteventura! Neither Lanzarote nor Fuerteventura produce very much wine. It lies in 20 degrees latitude. All that I have written about has been born by my own experience during the seven years I lived there as an employee of Master Lock, Master Anthony Hickman and Master Castlin who at that time were well known and much esteemed in the city of London.

A MAP
of the
CANARY ISLANDS.



Maps of Lanzarote 1764 from the book by George Glas, *The Ancient Inhabitants of Lanzarote and Fuertevenura* →



Translator's note, there is another discrepancy here as according to the author of this article Thomas Nichols resided in the Canaries from 1556 to 1558, a period of 12 years.

Haklyut Travel Books

The book "Description of the Canary Islands" became part of the famous collection of travel books related by Haklyut which ensured that the facts about the inhabitants and their customs would be widely disseminated (London, 1764). Translator's note, which is based on their contacts and business dealings with the people of Lanzarote and Fuerteventura. The first five chapters of his book are based on the climate, terrain and products of both these islands and also with the way of life, dress and customs and products of both of these islands and the population. At times Georg Glas appears very hard on the inhabitant when for example he writes, the peasants on their diet of gofio of which they are very proud and are equally scornful of the inhabitants of the other islands for preferring bread. They drink very little wine in fact rarely drink anything but water. Translator's note, gofio which is made from toasted maize meal and sugar is still eaten by the local population some two centuries years later. Translator's note, the reference to drinking water is interesting as most of the water available was that collected from individual roofs and catchments which was then stored in crude "aljibes" underground. It is, however generally agreed that the rainfall in those days was much more plentiful than it is today.

Lower Court of the Inquisition

Their main occupation is to plough the land, sow the seeds and harvest the crop of maize and to rear livestock. There are very few artisans among the men of Lanzarote and Fuerteventura so that nearly all their clothes are made by the women and furniture and household equipment have to be imported from the other islands. There are few monks and no nuns on these islands, there are however no lack of priests to servi-



ce the parochial churches as well as a Lower Court of the Inquisition on both islands which is ready to stamp on any heretical leanings. The result is the only religion which the inhabitants profess is that of the Church of Rome.

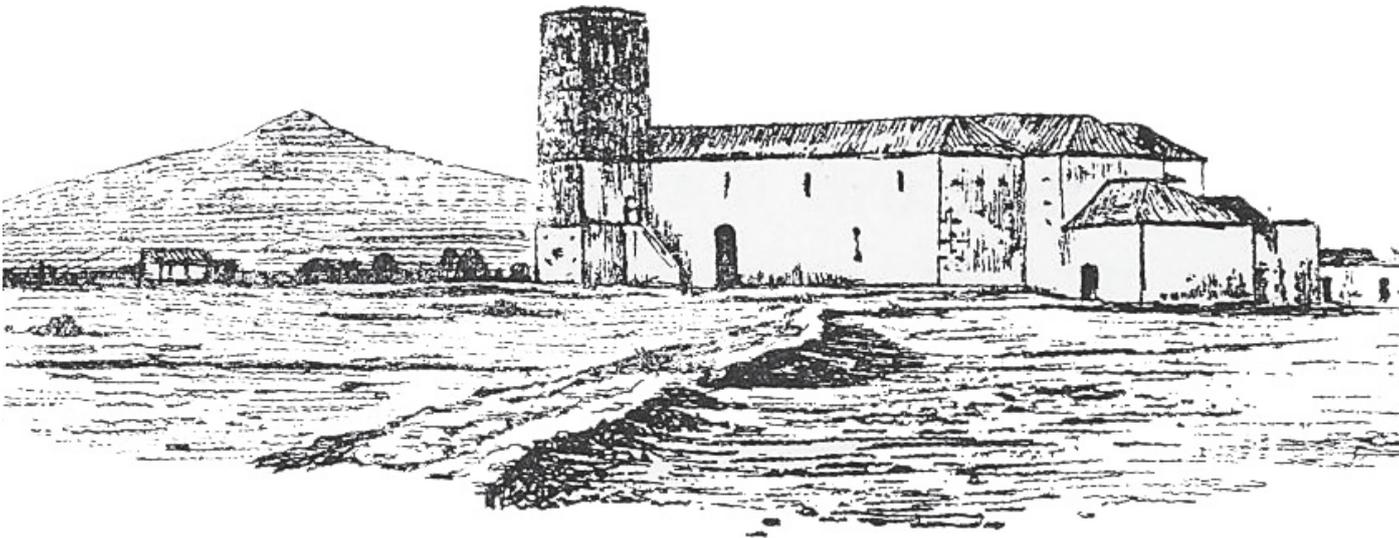
For the people of Lanzarote who read George Glas' books it is to delve into the forgotten past but perhaps his strictures are well worth remembering.

Pioneers of the Tourist Invasion

Early in the 19th century the Canaries were visited by a wide variety of English travelers such as adventurers, explorer, writers, painters and explorers, merchants and tourists. This varied assortment of fortune

hunters and sightseers continued to arrive on the islands throughout the 19th century but it would seem that the scholars and scientists who most contributed to the contemporary knowledge of the environmental conditions who, in fact, were the pioneers of the tourist invasion. It is known, however, that in those days communications were very irregular and that, furthermore, visitors to the eastern islands of Lanzarote and Fuerteventura had to be brave enough to expose themselves to the bad weather and high winds which often made their crossing much longer than anticipated. Nevertheless there were many intrepid explorers who had the patience and faith to overcome these

*Camels on the slopes of the
Fire Mountains in Timanfaya*



Oliva Church and camel causeway, Fuerteventura





obstacles and chose to work and study and chose to work and study in these islands which many described in their books as being the furthest poles of civilization.

The Canarian Inter Insular Postal Company

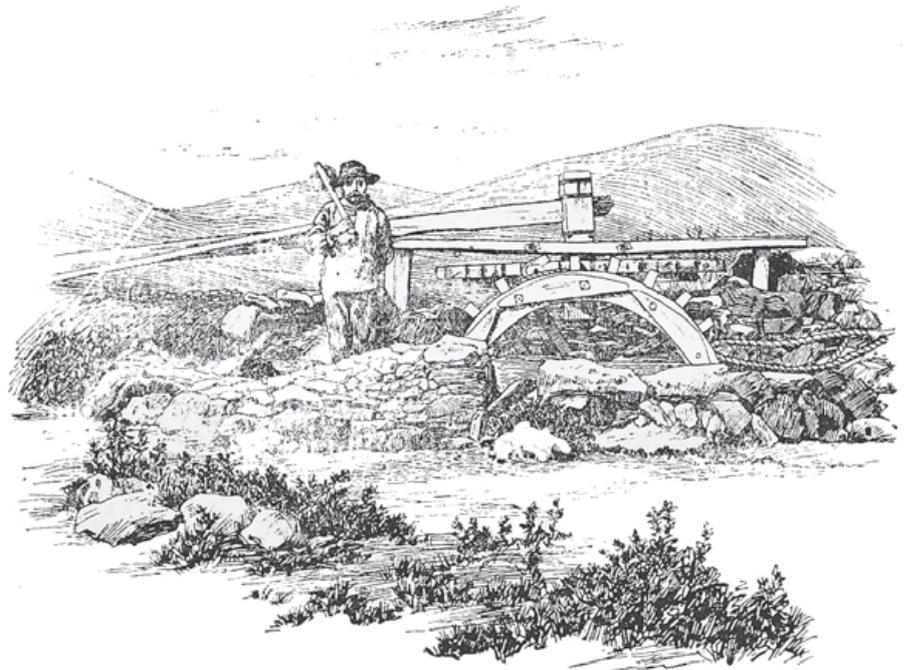
Regular sea connections were extremely difficult and the few which existed depended on English vessels running to the North African coast. These ships financed by English capital formed the basis for the founding in 1888 of the “Compania de Vapores Correos Interinsulares de Canarias” (The Canarian Inter Insular Postal Ship Company). They called twice a week at the seven islands but as the seat of the Spanish Government was centred on Santa Cruz de Tenerife and Las Palmas, the other islands were somewhat neglected as only the most enthusiastic and intrepid travelers were prepared to suffer the deprivations and poor accommodation and food to be found on them.

Despite these many difficulties there is no doubt that there was considerable interest in Lanzarote and Fuerteventura during the whole of the 19th century. Their names were to become known throughout Europe and the Americas, their beauty conveyed through paintings and travel books and a vast quantity of local plants, artifacts, etc. were taken by naturalists and scientists for exhibition in European museums.

Prominent Writers George Hart and James Miller

Among the many visitors in the 19th century two of the most prominent writers were already settled in the Eastern islands in 1811.

The first of these was George Hart, an affable and educated Englishman, who as the editor of several London newspapers had offended the Prince Regent and later George the Fourth and was promptly exiled to this island. He later died of a deep tumor in the neck and as he was a heretic (i.e. not a Catholic) he was buried in the Arenal de Isote attached to the Castle of San Gabriel. In 1840 the



Water wheel Fuerteventura



Betancuria, Fuerteventura

Canarian press recalling this event wrote “maybe some of the inhabitants of Lanzarote will feel that this well-informed and distinguished writer was buried like an animal.

The other was James Miller, who it would appear did an enormous amount of work for the inhabitants of Fuerteventura. (Translator’s note—majorera is the local name for a lady from Fuerteventura much as a native of Lanzarote is known as a “conejero”, a rabbit and built himself a county house in the English style. Seeing, however, that his neighbors were disinclined to imitate this style of architecture he began to instruct and explain to them the advantage of this style of building. In due course he succeeded in convincing

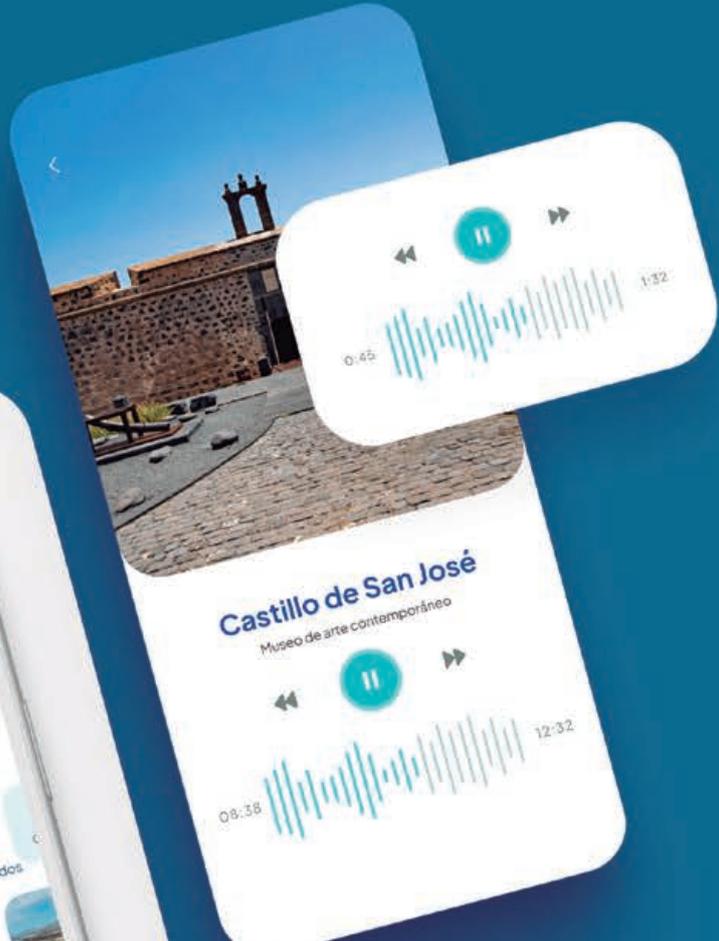
them and following his example they built a beautiful street which, apparently, was worthy of a large city. From 1811 onwards, thanks to James Miller’s influence, all new construction followed an organised pattern. New streets were laid out and some of the older ones were rebuilt. Among these was Puerto de Cabras, today named Puerto del Rosario, which was so changed that many visitors who had not been there for some time failed to recognise them.

PART TWO will follow in our next edition.

Illustrations from the books of Olivia M. Stone and Eileen Yeoward

Arrecife On Tour

- ✔ Tourist attractions
- ✔ Photographs and videos of the city
- ✔ Audio guide
- ✔ Map guide



DISCOVER
ARRECIFE ON TOUR



The Ermita de San Antonio Art Gallery in Tías hosted the presentation of the book *North Americans with Roots in Lanzarote* by Lanzarote journalist and teacher José Juan Romero

During the event, a tribute was paid to Puerto del Carmen resident journalist Larry Yaskiel



Tías Mayor José Juan Cruz, author José Juan Romero, Editor Larry Yaskiel and event presenter Andres Martinon

Photography Dory Hernández
Additional photos Dariusz Chmielewski, Juan Valido and Rafael Curbelo

The Mayor of Tías, José Juan Cruz, stated that “it is an honor for the municipality to host the presentation of a work that explores the historical and cultural ties between Lanzarote and North America. This English edition will allow us to further raise awareness of our roots and the mark that the Canary Islands, especially those from Lanzarote, have left on the world.”

Councilor for Culture, Pepa González, stated that “at City Hall, we enthusiastically support initiatives like this, which highlight our history and strengthen ties with communities of Canarian descent abroad. We are especially moved to pay tribute to Larry Yaskiel, a key figure in the dissemination of our cultural identity.”

José Juan Romero explains that this document, an English edition by Americans with a Lanzarote background (Teguise City Council, 2023), narrates the founding of the city of San Antonio (Texas) and the friendship forged in the last quarter of a century between the descendants of Canarians from that North American city and Lanzarote society.

The English edition, produced by Words for World with sponsorship from CICAR, Tías Foro Por La Identidad, and Tías City Council, with translations by David Shea and Verónica Marrero, represents an opportunity to internationalize knowledge about the so-called “Canarian odyssey,” which featured Canarian families, most of whom came from Lanzarote.

This outreach effort will soon be reinforced by a new English edition of this book, launched at the ini-

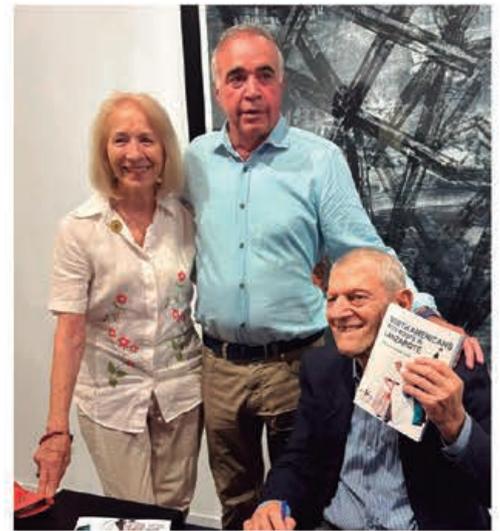


The book's author José Juan Romero combines his qualities as a teacher and journalist to produce a highly readable history aimed at an audience of both adults and children

tiative of the Canary Islands Descendants Association and presented in San Antonio, Texas. The book documents the important work carried out by the Canary Islands Descendants Association in San Antonio, the Teguise Archive, and Puerto del Carmen resident journalist Larry Yaskiel in bringing these two people together and uniting them.



Mayor Cruz with Councillor for Education Miriam Hernández, Councillor for Finance and Hacienda Tomás Silvera, Councillor for Culture Pepa González with Liz and Larry Yaskiel



Mamerto Cabrera Medina President of Cicar the book's sponsor whose company has supported English Lancelot Island Journal from the very first issue



Jorge Coll, Managing Editor Lancelot Digital who entertained the audience with his highly humorous comments and thanked graphic designer Betty Romero and Office Administrator Pili Garcia for their valuable contribution



The plaque is presented by the Mayor and the Culture Councillor



Presenter Andres Martinon with former Cabildo Culturer Councillor Óscar Pérez who spoke about Larry's career in the music industry



La Tiñosa historian Juan Cruz, Graphic Designer Betty Romero and husband teacher and musician Sergio de Paiz with the Yaskiels



The book was presented to educational establishments by the Tias Identity Forum and Sponsors Cicar Car Rentals



Teguise Historian Francisco 'Paco' Delgado and Archivist Maria Rodriguez 'Maruchi'



Director Escuela de Idiomas Nacho Vilalba



Education Insular Director on Lanzarote Carmen Pellón, CEP Teachers Educational Board Jesús Martín and Gloria Alemán



President of the Lanzarote Professional Association of Interpreters APIT Natalia López



Lecturer Lanzarote University of Tourism Pedro Calero



Teacher at the Department of Hotels and Tourism Zonzamas Professional Formation Syra Jiménez and Juan Cruz



Highly respected pianist and composer Bosco who played an entertaining selection of Beatles songs



The signing ceremony by author José Juan Romero



Main section of the audience with Lancelot TV cameraman Fernando Díaz





The Lanzarote Cabildo, together with the Mayor of San Antonio, officially announce the celebration of Lanzarote 360°-Texas 2025

The agenda of the Lanzarote business and institutional mission to Texas included joint promotional events with Iberia and Turespaña, as well as participation in international sustainability forums, “with the aim of opening new paths for our companies,” said the President of the Cabildo, Oswaldo Betancort.

The Lanzarote Cabildo, through its Economic Promotion Department and SPEL-Tourism Lanzarote, intensified its strategy to open up the North American market with a high-level agenda in Boston (USA), Toronto (Canada), and San Antonio (Texas).

It also has the collaboration of Councillor Ángel Vázquez of the Centers for Art, Culture, and Tourism (CACT), Proexca (Government of the Canary Islands), and the President José Valle of the Chamber of Commerce of Lanzarote and La Graciosa. It has the support of Texas institutions such as the City of San Antonio, El Álamo, the USA-Canarias Society Foundation, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Canary Islands Descendants Association, among other strategic allies.

President Oswaldo Betancort, believes that “Lanzarote has a shared history with North America, but also a shared future. With these missions, we want to break new ground for our companies and strengthen the island’s position as a competitive, sustainable, and global destination.”

The CEO of SPEL-Turismo Lanzarote, Héctor Fernández, emphasized that “these initiatives are part of a comprehensive strategy that con-



President Oswaldo Betancort, Education Councillor Ascención Toledo, Consul Steve Chiscano, José Juan Romero, Carina Chiscano and Freddie Bustillo

Lanzarote strengthens its strategy in the United States and Canada with initiatives in Boston, San Antonio, and Toronto

nects tourism, culture, and trade, and which has been designed in coordination with the business sector. These are not isolated initiatives, but rather an international roadmap that seeks to broaden horizons and attract high-value visitors from the United States and Canada.”

Boston: Sustainability and Partnerships with Iberia

Lanzarote participated in an event organized with Iberia in Boston, aimed at travel agencies in the city. The aim is to present the island as a tourist destination accessible from the United States through the Madrid hub.

Opening up the Canadian market

The North American strategy extends to Canada. In Toronto, Lanzarote participated in another Spain Talks event, sponsored by Turespaña, which brings together travel agents, operators, and opinion leaders from the Canadian market.

The Lanzarote Council positions the island's companies in HEB Supermarkets outlets, the largest upmarket supermarket chain in Texas, to market gourmet products in the United States

Oswaldo Betancort: "This step represents a generation-long opportunity to grow, create jobs for our families, and bring the Lanzarote brand to the world with the help of our best ambassadors: local producers."

San Antonio: business and institutional mission

The agenda includes meetings with the HEB retail chain, a professional forum with importers, chefs, and tour operators, a major cultural event in Alamo Square, as well as institutional meetings with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and San Antonio Mayor Gina Ortiz Jones, who emphasized that "San Antonio and Lanzarote share a common legacy. And this event honors that past, but above all, it opens up a future of collaboration in tourism, culture, and commerce between our communities."

Regarding Lanzarote's business representation, the mission includes wineries such as Vega de Yuco, La Geria and Jable de Tao, Salinas de Janubio, and gourmet producers such as Bernardo's Gourmet Products, Bombonería La Corona, Sweetba and Quesería El Faro, who showcase the island's gastronomic and artisanal wealth.

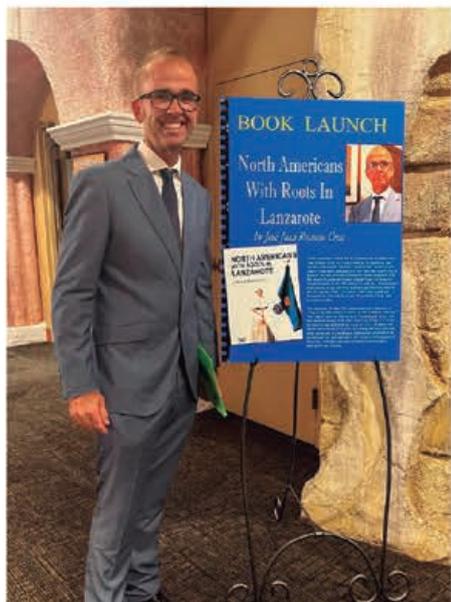


On display Lanzarote Tourist Promotion Board marketing material and the English Lancelot report of the twinning

Launch at Bexar County Heritage Center for José Juan Romero's book "North Americans with Lanzarote Roots"

"This is a peek into CIDAs early history and we prepare to celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2027!"

The warm and enthusiastic reception of the presentation of the book *North Americans of Lanzarote Origin* by José Juan Romero in San Antonio was described by the author as truly spectacular. The public were treated to the best of Lanzarote cuisine during the event especially traditional gourmet cheeses and wines.



Cabildo Presidente Oswaldo Betancort with José Juan Romero in the presentation



Marcos Cohen of Simancas with CEO of San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Luis Rodriguez



Cabildo Presidente Oswaldo Betancort with Marie Tamez



CIDA President Julia Lopez and Cabildo Councilor for Education Ascencion Toledo join the author



Photographer Paul García and José Juan Romero



Several descendants were in attendance to get a sneak peak at this newly translated book




LANZAROTE
A UNIQUE ISLAND



Inauguration ceremony with the mayors of all the municipalities

The Lanzarote Crafts Fair celebrates its 36th edition linked to island traditions

The 36th edition of the Crafts Fair at Mancha Blanca, with the participation of more than 120 artisans from across the archipelago and the international presence of creators from San Antonio, Texas

Photos Jesús Betancort / Sergio Betancor / Liz

The presentation ceremony was presided over by the President of the Lanzarote Cabildo, Oswaldo Betancort, accompanied by Canarian Government Councillor of Culture Migdalia Machín, Councillor of Crafts, Aroa Revelo, Councillor for Culture, Jesús Tavío Machín, and the Mayor of Tinajo, Jesús Machín among others.

The Lanzarote Craft Fair has established itself as a benchmark in the promotion, visibility, and preservation of the archipelago’s artisan heritage. Pottery, ceramics, rosetts, traditional carpentry, basketry, and other artistic expressions will comprise a broad and varied display of the know-how that defines the cultural identity of our islands.

For his part, the President of the Cabildo, Oswaldo Betancort, emphasized during the event that “this 36th edition is a collective success for the entire multidisciplinary team of the island institution and pointed out that craftsmanship is not just about highlighting trades, it’s also about industry, economy, and culture. We’re talking about fashion, sustainability, and recovering the hallmarks of the Canary Islands and abroad.”

The Island Councilor for Crafts, Aroa Revelo, emphasized that “the Island Crafts Fair not only represents an opportunity to market unique, handmade products, but also a space for meeting, learning, and recognizing the work of so many people who keep our traditions alive.”

The fair also featured gofio tastings, musical performances and parrandas, as well as talks and meetings about tradition, and exhibitions of Canarian games and sports such as Canarian wrestling, the tin can game, and plough lifting.

The Lanzarote Cabildo appreciates the involvement and collaboration of the municipalities, as well



The President of the Cabildo and leading authorities visiting the stand of the artisans from San Antonio, Texas



The team of artisans from San Antonio were heartily welcomed and exchanged gifts with the President

as the commitment of the artisan sector, whose dedication and creativity continue to strengthen the value of our roots.

The 2025 Lanzarote Craft Awards was organized by the Cabildo and the Centers for Art, Culture, and Tourism (CACT), with the aim of supporting the quality, profitability, and survival of the island’s traditional crafts.



President of Milana Sebastiana Perera with Councillor for Arts and Crafts Aroa Revelo



CEO and Commercial Director of the D.O. of Board of Origin of Lanzarote Wines Jorge Rodriguez and Nereida Perez at their stand





Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from the **Canarian Government**

President Fernando Clavijo completes the process to acquire the Virtual Encyclopedia of the Canary Islands as a heritage asset



**The president of the Canary Islands
Fernando Clavijo**

The Councillor of Universities, Science, Innovation, and Culture of the Government of the Canary Islands, headed by Migdalia Machín, has completed the administrative procedure to formally propose the acquisition of the exploitation rights to the Great Virtual Encyclopedia of the Canary Islands (GEVIC), a free-access digital platform that gathers and disseminates knowledge generated in the islands about their history, nature, culture, and society. The proposal, which includes an



investment of 800,000 euros, has been processed with all favorable technical and budgetary reports .

GEVIC was created with the aim of bringing the archipelago's heritage closer to the public , especially in the educational field. Originating from the emblematic work Nature and Culture of the Canary Islands , first published in 1977, this virtual encyclopedia expands on that legacy through specialized articles , multimedia resources, educational games , and cartography , organized by island, region, and municipality. Its thematic structure covers 14 major areas of knowledge, from literature, music, and Canarian speech to science, thought, and history.

The Canary Islands Government,

after several previous institutional attempts and multiple contacts with the project's promoters, has finally reached an agreement that will allow for the protection and consolidation of this invaluable resource. The proposal not only ensures its conservation and public use , but also symbolizes a determined commitment to preserving the origins of a collective effort that has shaped the culture of the archipelago .

The proposal is part of the regional government's commitment to protecting the Canary Islands' cultural heritage, promoting knowledge, and defending educational resources that reflect the islands' diversity, history, and uniqueness.

New campaign to continue promoting responsible tourism in the Canary Islands, aimed at the domestic market

This new campaign, active during the months of July and August, is aimed at mainland tourists, a profile that shows a special interest in the archipelago's traditions, gastronomy, and landscapes. The campaign redefines the term "tourist" with values linked to sustainability, appealing to visitors' commitment to the environment and local society.

We thus continue our strategy of prioritizing travelers who care for the Canary Islands' natural surroundings and respect our identity and local culture. It's not just about targeting these visitors who prioritize sustainability in their travels, but also about sending a broader message so that anyone visiting the islands is aware of the need for responsible behavior.



The jury selects the winning entries for the 2025 Canary Islands Tourism Awards

Fifty-six proposals were submitted for this edition. The vote of the Minister of Tourism and Employment, Jéssica de León, was not necessary, as the awards were mostly granted unanimously.



**Tourist and Employment Councillor,
Jessica de León**



The awards will be presented on September 25th at an official ceremony at the Teatro Circo de Marte on the island of La Palma.

The jury for the Canary Islands Tourism Awards, awarded annually by the Canary Islands Government, met online to recognize organizations, companies, and professionals who have played a prominent role in the tourism sector.

In this edition, the professional jury, chaired by the Regional Minister of Tourism and Employment, Jéssi-

ca de León, recognized the following among the more than fifty candidates: Bodegas El Grifo with the Tourism Excellence Award; the State Security Forces and Corps with the Tourism Trajectory Award; GF Hoteles with the Sustainable Employment Tourism Award; the Circular Tourism Communities project with the Tourism Innovation Award. The results also recognized the Adeje City Council in Tenerife for its efficient use of resources; and the Taimar Hotel with the Accessibility and Inclusivity Award.



**Promotur Managing Director
José Juan Lorenzo**

The eyes of children are the focus of the Canary Islands' new campaign, which connects with family travelers

#MiradasDesdeUnMetro is the new family-oriented initiative in which children from Spain, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, and the Netherlands take photographs of their trips to the Canary Islands. Some of these snapshots are part of an exhibition organized in collaboration with PhotoEspaña in Madrid and Barcelona.

The campaign proposes something as simple as it is revealing: letting them explore the world at their own pace and level,



without prompts, filters, or poses. In this way, guided only by their natural curiosity, the little ones offer images of the destination fi-

lled with authenticity, surprise, and emotion.

The goal is for children, with their unique perspective, to take their own unique vacation photos on the archipelago, and for their families to share them on social media with the hashtag #MiradasDesdeUnMetro (Views from a Subway) to become part of this collaborative project. Through these snapshots, we focus on the more authentic and surprising way children see the world, a perspective we lose as we grow older.

Aer Lingus Airline wins Lanzarote Island Sculpture Award 2025

President of the Cabildo Oswaldo Betancort highlighted the importance of these awards “as an expression of Lanzarote society’s recognition of those who, in their respective fields, have helped build a more competitive, sustainable island, valued as a first-class destination.”

Photos Sergio Beatancor



President of the Cabildo Oswaldo Betancort

“Aer Lingus’s long-standing and ongoing relationship with Lanzarote is a clear example of loyal, sustained, and fruitful cooperation with tangible results for our tourism sector,” the president emphasized.

For his part, SPEL-Turismo Lanzarote CEO Héctor Fernández stated that “it is great news that the council, as the awards jury, has considered this proposal, as Aer Lingus represents the Irish market, the most loyal to the island, with significant spending capacity.”

Fernández added that “this recognition fits perfectly with the destination’s strategy, which is focused on targeting its customer base. Aer Lingus passengers belong to a mid-to-high-end segment, and the company, as part of the Oneworld alliance, channels higher-net-worth tourists to Ireland.” “Its stable connectivity with Lanzarote and its continued contribution to island tourism justify receiving this award,” he concluded.

The 2025 Tourism Awards are divided into three categories. At the corporate level, the award went to Ereza Hotels & Resorts. In the events,



SPEL-Turismo Lanzarote CEO Héctor Fernández

cultural and/or sporting events category, the Montaña Blanca Vertical Award went to the awardee. Finally, in the personality category, the jury awarded Naji Zegdaoui Bardoukh.

In addition, two Special Mentions were awarded. Salinas de Janubio, as an emblematic site of natural and scenic heritage, and to Pedro Orlando (Ico) Montelongo Pérez.

The awards ceremony will take place on September 29th in Costa Teguise, at an institutional event that brings together key representatives of the island’s tourism sector and local authorities.

Lanzarote News Roundup

The Lanzarote Visual Music Festival opened ticket sales for its 20th Edition 8-18 October

The Lanzarote Visual Music Festival, organized by the Lanzarote Island Council, celebrates its twentieth edition this year since its founding in 1989 by artist Ildefonso Aguilar. “This festival symbolizes Lanzarote’s ability to connect contemporary creation with its surroundings. Music, visual arts, and the island’s landscape converse every October in a unique encounter,” said Jesús Machín Tavío, Councillor of Culture for the Lanzarote Island Council.

Artists Appearing

The musical program for this twentieth edition features prominent names from the international contemporary scene. Among them Norwegian saxophonist Mette Henriette, opens the festival on October 9 at the Cueva de los Verdes with an intimate and experimental performance; pianist Bugge Wesseltoft, a pioneer of nu jazz and electronic fusion, who performs at the Jameos del Agua Auditorium, alongside legendary double bassist Arild Andersen and percussionist Sanskriti Shrestha; and the unclassifiable British artist Keeley Forsyth, who brings her vocal and theatrical intensity to Jameos del Agua.

Shida Shahabi, a Swedish composer of Iranian origin whose minimalist piano pieces have placed her among the greats of contemporary music; the Alizulh trio, formed by Héctor Matacherry and Santi Pérez, which unites sound creation and visual art from an island perspective; and Lajalada, the alter ego of Gran Canarian artist Belén Álvarez Doreste, which explores new electronic and poetic landscapes.

Complementary Activities

One of this year’s most unique offerings is TIBATAJE. Aural Affections of the Canary Islands, a sound



Shida Shahabi



Keeley Forsyth



Bugge Wesseltoft



Mette Henriette



Ildefonso Aguilar



President of the Cabildo Oswaldo Bercantort with Jesús Machín Tavío, Councillor of Culture

installation by Pablo Sanz that can be visited in the Cubo room at the CIC El Almacén with free admission. The work offers an immersive experience based on field recordings made on several islands in the archipelago, including the Tajogaite region, and proposes an expanded, sensorial, and transformative listening experience of the Canary Islands’ soundscapes.

In addition to the concerts, FMVL 2025 includes film offerings and

events. One of the most special events is the screening of the film “Last and First Men,” directed by musician Jóhann Jóhannsson and narrated by Tilda Swinton, in the Buñuel Room at the CIC El Almacén. This cult visual and audio work connects with the landscapes and the conceptual spirit of the festival. Tickets for all FMVL 2025 concerts and activities are on the festival’s official website: www.festivaldemusicavisualdelanzarote.com.



Lanzarote presents Equinox: an international event to rethink our relationship with light

The first edition takes place on September 18 and 19 at Jameos del Agua and its closing ceremony at Mirador del Río, with a light art proposal that explores the secrets of the universe. The initiative proposes a deep and multidisciplinary reflection on light and its influence on nature, health, culture and daily life, and positions Lanzarote as a privileged setting for an urgent dialogue on sustainability, art and science.

Presentation by Samuel Councillor for Biosphere Reserves, Environment, and Climate Change; Isabel Betancort, Director of Customer Experience and Audit (CAC); Héctor Fernández, CEO SPEL-Turismo Lanzarote; and the event's creators, Paula and Cristina Martínez Abad, founders of Maraba Studio.

"The conclusions of this Equinox Conference will help us address the impacts of light pollution we are currently experiencing on the islands and possible alternatives that can be implemented to reduce them, benefiting natural biodiversity, the landscape, and the health of residents and visitors," said Samuel Martín.

SPEL Promotion Society CEO Héctor Fernández emphasized the strategic nature of the event for the island's positioning: "Lanzarote continues to be a benchmark in cultural and sustainable tourism. Equinox will provide an intellectual and sensorial dimension that will enrich our offering and attract very diverse profiles."

Paula and Cristina Martínez Abad, presented the project's philosophy: "Equinox arose from the need to look at something as mundane as light with fresh eyes. We want to foster an intersection of disciplines and create experiences that invite contemplation, reflection, and dialogue from a place like Lanzarote, which is an inspiration in itself."

The program, is on the event's official website: www.equinoxlanzarote.com

Equinox is supported by the Lanzarote Island Council, through the Biosphere Reserve, the Lanzarote Art, Culture and Tourism Centers and SPEL-Turismo Lanzarote, and other entities committed to sustainable development, culture and innovation.

The Lanzarote International Film Festival plants trees as part of its commitment to sustainability

The 25th edition of the festival strengthens its environmental agenda with the "Roots of Cinema" initiative, a tree planting project in Arrecife that consolidates its commitment to integrating culture, ecology, and territory.

Measures for a greener future

The Lanzarote International Film Festival (FICL), which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, has reinforced its commitment to the environment with a symbolic and transformative action: the planting of native trees in various urban spaces in Arrecife. Under the name "Raíces de Cine" (Roots of Cinema), this initiative is part of the compensatory measures included in the festival's Sustainability Plan, which seeks to mitigate the event's environmental footprint and leave a green legacy for future editions.

Lanzarote Island Councillor for Culture, Jesús Machín Tavío, stated that "actions like this demonstrate that culture can also be a driving force for ecological and social transformation. We're not only celebrating 25 years of cinema, but also reinforcing our commitment to building a festival aligned with the environmental challenges of our time, linked to the territory and the future of the island."

With this initiative, the Lanzarote International Film Festival reaffirms that making films also means caring for the planet. Culture thus becomes a tool to promote a more conscious, fair, and territorially committed development model.

Organized by Fisme Producciones, FICL is supported by the Department of Culture of the Lanzarote Island Council, the Government of the Canary Islands, the Canary Islands Institute for Cultural Development, Canary Islands Film, the Lanzarote Foreign Promotion Society through the Lanzarote Film Commission, Promotur Turismo de Canarias, the Arrecife City Council, and the Lanzarote Art, Culture, and Tourism Centers.



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The Safety Consortium and the Lanzarote Tourism Federation provide training in choking prevention for restaurant staff

Under the premise of strengthening the emergency response capacity in the tourism sector, both organizations have collaborated to promote two training sessions

In an effort to expand safety standards in the restaurant sector, the Lanzarote Safety and Emergency Consortium and the Lanzarote Tourist Federation have signed an agreement to provide specialized training in choking prevention and response. This initiative, which is part of the need to provide hospitality and restaurant staff with the necessary tools to respond effectively in critical situations, was implemented through two training sessions on Monday, February 24.

“Ensuring an effective response to unforeseen emergencies that may arise in the restaurant industry is essential for the well-being of local and visiting diners. With this agreement, we seek to provide professionals with practical and effective tools that allow them to respond quickly and safely to choking situations, reducing the risk and strengthening emergency response,” said the Consortium’s President, Francisco J. Aparicio.



Consortio President Javier Aparicio with his team of executives and President of the Lanzarote Tourism Federation Susana Pérez

For her part, Susana Pérez, President of the Lanzarote Tourism Federation, highlighted the sector’s commitment to safety in all areas that contribute to maintaining service exce-

llence: “This training represents a decisive step in that direction. Our goal is for every professional to feel prepared to act in critical moments, ensuring the safety and well-being of our clients.”

The Lanzarote Safety and Emergency Consortium organized the “Safe Swim this Summer” campaign

The initiative aims to reduce and prevent accidents in the beaches, coasts and swimming pools of Lanzarote and La Graciosa

The Lanzarote Safety and Emergency Consortium is organized a new edition of the prevention campaign “This Summer, Take a Safe Dive,” with the aim of reducing and preventing accidents in the beaches, coasts, and swimming pools of Lanzarote and La Graciosa.

The kickoff event for this activity took place at the María Auxiliadora Primary School in Montaña Blanca. The event was attended by the President of the Safety and Emergency Consortium, Francisco J. Aparicio; the San Bartolomé Councilor for Safety and Emergency, Mamadou Yero; and Laura Ojeda, head of prevention for the MAPFRE Canarias Foundation.



Francisco Javier Aparicio, explained the various activities to protect and care for citizens in these natural spaces. “Participants will acquire basic knowledge of drowning prevention and will participate in various workshops on basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and PAS (Protect, Warn, and Rescue) behavior”.

More than 8,500 students from the island “discovered” the Tourist Centers during 2024 thanks to the Department of Education and Cultural Action’s visitor program



Tourist Centres Councillor
Ángel Vázquez



More than 8,500 Primary, Secondary and Baccalaureate students in Lanzarote, 8,630 specifically, participated in the educational visits program of the Department of Education and Cultural Action (DEAC) of the Art, Culture and Tourism Centers during the year 2024. This educational proposal aims to bring Manrique’s artistic work closer to the island’s population from an early age through educational visits that allow them to understand the Universe created by the Lanzarote artist, thus aiming to contribute to their cognitive growth, boost their environmental and heritage awareness, and foster their identity and sense of belonging

“It’s a commitment to Lanzarote’s educational community,” said the entity’s advisor, Ángel Vázquez. “It’s essential that young people understand what the CACTs are, what it took to conceive them, what it took to create them, what values they represent, and what their goals are, because young people are the masters of this island’s future, and they will have to choose Lanzarote’s direction,” he reflected.

The proposal aims to disseminate the importance of Manrique’s work at an early age to contribute to children’s cognitive development and foster their identity and sense of belonging. Vázquez: “It’s essential that young people know who we are and what we stand for because the future of the island depends on them.”

Visit methodology

Based on an active and participatory methodology, the visits are tailored to the age of the students. Thus, the goal is to be eminently practical for students in Early Childhood Education and the first cycle of Primary Education, while for those in the second and third cycles of Primary Education, attention is paid to key concepts such as awareness, knowledge, attitudes, skills, evaluation skills, and participation.

The visits for secondary and high school students are aimed at gaining a deeper understanding of the content explained, using more specific and technical language.

In addition to the value of the Art, Culture, and Tourism Centers, other aspects of the island are also highlighted during the visits, such as its membership in the UNESCO Global Geoparks Network and its status as a Biosphere Reserve. “We try to help them see more than just through the

Some relevant figures

In total, the DEAC team conducted 263 educational visits during 2024.

The most popular resort was Montañas del Fuego, with a total of 51, followed by Jameos del Agua.

The month in which the Centers received the most students was March, with 2,183. The month with the fewest was obviously August, with 8.

The DEAC has conducted a total of 2,138 visits with a total of 47,195 students since its launch in 2007.

Art, Culture, and Tourism Centers, and to provide them with tools that allow them to acquire the capacity to know, explore, and understand the world; to influence their environment; and to value the local environment and natural heritage as part of Lanzarote’s identity,” notes the DEAC.



The new minibus for transporting staff at the Tourist Centers is launched

Vázquez: *“Safer and more comfortable, it allows us to offer a more efficient service that will also help us reduce our carbon footprint on the planet.”*

This the new minibus will replace the one currently used to transport staff at the Tourist Centers has debuted on the island’s roads. It is a 163 hp Volkswagen Crafter 50 Van 2.0 TDI Extra Long Chassis with capacity for 16 passengers plus the driver. It will be used to transport the Entity’s employees to and from their jobs.

This service was launched more than three decades ago with the goal of streamlining staff’s access to their workplaces and, at the same time, reducing vehicle traffic on the island’s roads, as it provides an effective alternative to individual transportation.

“This new, safer, and more comfortable bus allows us to offer a more modern and efficient service that also helps to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet,” said the entity’s director, Ángel Vázquez. “We will continue working in order to have a fleet of vehicles that is increasingly committed to sustainability and the health of ecosystems,” he stated.

The cost of the new bus is sixty-three thousand six hundred and ninety-three euros, ninety-four cents, financed through the Canary Islands Development Fund managed by the Project Planning and Coordination area headed by the vice-president of the Lanzarote Island Council, María Jesús Tovar, “EPEL-CACT programs are included in the Lanzarote Strategy 2016-2025” (FDCAN) of Program 2.8.5. Sustainable Mobility.

Fermina Brunch in the heart of Arrecife Bay

Brunch lovers are invited to enjoy Brunch Fermina at Is-lote de Fermina , located in Arrecife Bay. This islet offers a peaceful setting , far from the hustle and bustle of the city.

Every Sunday, you can enjoy our brunch , prepared with a selection of menus highlighting our local products, in a spectacular setting. Remember that when making your reservation, you must select the dishes you wish to enjoy from the Fermina Brunch.

In addition to brunch, you’ll have the opportunity to explore and enjoy the rest of our varied menu, which includes delicious options that perfectly complement the brunch experience.



Tías launches bicycle-first cycle streets

The streets around City Hall and the Mayor Rafael Cedrés school limit the speed to 30 km/h for motor vehicles and prioritize bicycle mobility.

Photos Dory Hernández



Mayor of Tías José Juan Cruz



The main avenue, Alcalde Florencio Suárez, and Libertad and Fraternidad streets are now clearly designated as shared lanes with priority for bicycles. The goal is to promote bicycle use as a means of transportation in the municipality.

The Mayor of Tías, José Juan Cruz, and the Councilor for Mobility, Sergio García, confirmed the

governing group's determination to advance the municipal strategy for sustainable urban mobility, which entails a growing need to improve cycling infrastructure. This project has received a grant from the Ministry of Public Works, Housing, and Mobility of the Government of the Canary Islands amounting to €55,204.39.

“Cycle lanes can encourage more people to use bicycles as a means of transportation. With this system, bicycles can occupy the center of the lane to increase their visibility and safety, which gives users greater confidence,” explains García, who clarifies that vehicles must adapt their speed and behavior to the presence of cyclists.

The old La Tiñosa fish market will become an ethnographic interpretation center

The Tías City Council is drafting the project to adapt the old fish market at the El Fondeadero Civic Center and provide shaded areas outside

The Tías City Council is finalizing the project to adapt the El Fondeadero Civic Center, the former La Tiñosa fish market, which will be converted into an ethnographic interpretation center.

The two-story building, located next to Plaza del Varadero, will feature a multipurpose hall and exhibition space, as well as an office and restroom. The new space will aim to preserve and promote the municipality's seafaring and fishing history, as well as highlight the traditions associated with La Tiñosa.

The center will house exhibitions with objects, photographs, and doc-



uments related to fishing activity and the history of the town, as well as explanatory panels and audiovisual materials that will allow visitors to learn firsthand about the community's past and present.

Mayor of Tías, José Juan Cruz, points out that this initiative “represents a further step in the recovery of our town's historical memory and in the revitalization of an emblematic building for its residents and will contribute to enriching the municipality's cultural and tourist offerings, offering a new attraction for both residents and visitors.”



ZEConsciente experiences another magical night

The El Fondeadero Civic Center in Puerto del Carmen was the setting for an evening as magical as it was unforgettable. In an atmosphere filled with emotion and sensitivity, the ZEConsciente team officially presented short story “El Cabosito Tiñosero.” At the same event and inaugurated a photography exhibition entitled “Pasado, Presente y Futuro, La Tiñosa” (Past, Present, and Future, La Tiñosa) by environmental educator Cristina Camacho. With both

events, we connected attendees with the deepest essence of our marine and human landscape in this municipality of Tías.

After two years of intense work, the ZEConsciente team finally saw their dream come true: to present a children’s story that is not only a story, but also environmental awareness, community identity, and a heartfelt tribute to the underwater treasures enjoyed in ZEC (The Special Conservation Zone) surrounding the municipality.



Councilor for the Environment , Carmen Gloria Rodríguez, Ani Ruiz and Domingo Lorenzo from the Department of Tourism, and Cristina Camacho, the strategy coordinator and environmental outreach specialist

2025 Oceans Award for ZEConsciente

A pioneering project in the archipelago, Tías Council has established itself as a benchmark in environmental stewardship of Lanzarote’s waters, thanks to its outreach, awareness-raising, and citizen participation efforts.

Since we started in 2021, the ZEConsciente Project has turned the municipality of Tías into a benchmark for marine conservation in the Canary Islands . Our outreach , citizen awareness, and collective participation have been key to better understanding and raising awareness about our Cagafrecho SAC , a unique marine enclave on the coast of Lanzarote.

Success of tradition, coexistence and fervor at the Fiestas del Carmen

More than 90 activities over the two weeks was thanks to the variety of events for all tastes and audiences organized this year, such as activities for our seniors, traditional tournaments, the Canarian sancocho tasting, and beach activities for young people.

One of the most moving moments was the reading of the proclamation by Teodora Rodríguez Fajardo (“Dorita”) in the town church. Sports activities also played a prominent role in the festivities program, such as the popular race through the Barranco del Quíquere, the swimming crossing , the beach volleyball tournament , and the diving workshops

The maritime processions in honor of the Virgin of Carmen marked the religious high point of the festivities. The boats participating in the procession, which is encouraged to accompany the Virgin in her procession along the coast of our municipality. The musical lineup was extensive and diverse.





The Canarian Government Guarantees Yaiza the Construction of 136 Houses at Playa Blanca

Photos Alex Salebe



Yaiza Mayor Óscar Noda



Mayor of Yaiza, Óscar Noda said that “the project is only awaiting a report from the Island Water Council and the Canary Islands Government’s decision on the funding source, including, of course, the Island Council’s €10 million investment pledge, pending the incorporation of treasury surpluses.”

Following the meeting the Ayuntamiento transferred a 42,000 m² plot of land where these 50 m² public housing units will be built. The affordable rentals will be managed by ICAVI. The Mayor added “we have even informed the Director of Housing of our willingness to transfer additional plots, which we will consider in the new Yaiza Outline General Plan, with the aim of facilitating future public housing construction projects within the framework of the new Canary Islands Housing Plan. They will review applications from residents registered in the municipality as housing applicants who meet the requirements.

With this project, Yaiza took a step forward in Lanzarote to quickly alleviate the housing shortage. The Ayuntamiento urged Club Lanzarote, through the Yaiza Supple-

Yaiza Mayor Óscar Noda met with the Canary Islands Housing Institute Director Antonio Ortega (ICAVI) at the Ayuntamiento to discuss a proposed €35 million Social Housing building project at Playa Blanca for affordable rentals. He said “the government has confirmed the approval of the application and license and is considering implementing the project with European Union ERDF funds.”



mentary General Development Plan (2014), to reserve the plot at the Los Ajaches residential complex and is requesting the Housing

Authority to purchase 76 additional homes from the third phase of this complex which is currently under construction.

Special registration period now open for the 2025-2026 academic year at the Official Language School in Playa Blanca.

The Official Language School of Arrecife opened its special registration period for the 2025-2026 academic year. Its in-person teaching program includes the possibility of taking English levels A2.1 and A2.2 in Playa Blanca.

The Arrecife City Council reminds residents that this is a great opportunity to begin learning this language and that interested parties have until July 20th to formalize their applications.

The Yaiza Council encourages in-



terested people to take advantage of this training opportunity, which allows them to advance their knowledge of the English language, “a fundamental tool both for improving employability and for social and cultural integration, especially in a tourist town like Playa Blanca,” emphasizes the Mayor of Yaiza, Óscar Noda.

Those interested can access all the information on the website www.eo-iarrecife.com or by calling 928 805 806, during morning hours.

The traditional grape harvest captivates hundreds of visitors in La Geria

The presentation of the grape harvest with camels in the style of older generations of farmers, when the mechanization of the Lanzarote wine sector was not even remotely foreseen, always attracts hundreds and hundreds of visitors to the unique landscape of La Geria.

This routine was repeated up to three times, and the weighing of the harvest was performed up to three times on the old counterweight scales preserved in the winery and its ancient winepress, where children and adults helped tread the grapes. For Óscar Noda, Mayor of Yaiza, “maintaining the tradition means reminding the younger population of the hardships of rebuilding the landscape of La Geria, carried out by women and men with the help of camels after the volcanic eruptions, and of the eternal fertility of a stretch of land that amazes the world.”

Daniel Medina, Yaiza’s Councillor for Festivities, highlights “the public’s participation and the interest of young people in learning about the evolution of Lanzarote’s wine sector, which has included such prominent figures as Don Germán López Figueras, the promoter of the modern era of Bodegas Rubicón from 1979 onwards. Yaiza Town Council joins the tribute from the Lanzarote Wine Regulatory Council and praises the tireless work and vision of this veteran entrepreneur from La Geria.”



Yaiza cultural and leisure programmes held during August included Playa Blanca Vibra program, two summer mobile cinema sessions, a Lajalada concert, and a grape harvest festival. The Ayuntamiento provides free online courses on its virtual training platform at www.yaiza.es

As well as basic English language tuition (A1) and creative team leadership, aimed at residents of the municipality over 18 years of age interested in improving their professional skills, completing and enhancing their professional profile. Mayor Noda emphasized the importance of English language tuition because of its importance for obtaining work in the local hotel and accommodation industry.



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Reports from San Bartolomé

San Bartolomé experiences a ‘movie night’ with the municipal band’s masterful concert dedicated to cinema

The City Council organized the evening “Lights, Music and Action” at the Municipal Theater, where a tribute was also paid to its director Kenty Mauri Cabrera for his nearly twenty years of experience at the helm of the municipal party



The Mayor of San Bartolomé Isidro Pérez



San Bartolomé continues to celebrate patron saint festivities and hosted one of the most popular and moving events, featuring the concert “Lights, Music, and Action,” offered by the San Bartolomé Municipal Band, dedicated to the seventh art.

The evening was marked by a very emotional moment, with recognition of the work and dedication of the director of the San Bartolomé Municipal Music Band, Kenty Mauri Cabrera, over his 17-year career.

The Mayor of San Bartolomé, Isidro Pérez, on behalf of the Municipality, presented him with an award in recognition of his dedication, commitment, and contribution to the cultural enrichment of the municipality. “Under his leadership, the group has grown in quality, consolidating itself as one of Lanzarote’s musical icons, while also fos-



tering new musical talent by supporting local talent,” Pérez emphasized.

In this regard, the San Bartolomé Council thanked each member of the municipal band for their excellent work.

The San Bartolomé Council launched a service to control feline colonies and improve care for stray cats in the municipality



The Council will invest nearly 90,000 euros annually to promote animal welfare, provide the necessary resources for colony management, and strengthen the capture, sterilization, and return system. Starting in August, the San Bartolomé Council will launch a service to control cat colonies and improve care for the municipality’s stray cats.

Mayor of San Bartolomé, Isidro Pérez, emphasized that this investment by the City Council “will promote animal welfare in the municipality and control a feline

colony that numbers up to 600, both to maintain a stable number and prevent uncontrolled reproduction in the municipal area.”

Along the same lines, the Councilor for Animal Welfare, Fernando Vadillo, explained that this new service includes the management of these feline colonies, the provision of the necessary materials and resources, such as transport, tools, and clinical assistance, as well as cat care based on a system of capture, sterilization, and return.

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San Bartolomé honors its patron saint with a popular pilgrimage brimming with tradition and music

The municipality became the epicenter of Lanzarote's traditional festivals this weekend with a pilgrimage procession that brought together participants from different parts of the island.

San Bartolomé celebrated a massive popular pilgrimage to mark the town's patron saint festivities. Music, tradition, folklore, and a good atmosphere were the highlights of this pilgrimage. Residents entertained all the participants along the way, dressed in traditional clothing, in a pilgrimage that also included floats and revelry.

The mayor of San Bartolomé, Isidro Pérez, expressed his satisfaction and pride in the great success of this popular event. "The pilgrimage is the fruit of many years of history. It is a very accessible celebration in which the town generously welcomes those who visit us from other municipalities."



The Great Night of Parrandas of San Bartolomé attracts thousands of people to enjoy popular folklore



The Council organized a popular event that began with the celebration of the 23rd edition of the Don José María Gil Folkloric Memorial, in which the role of the dancer and teacher Juan Francisco Martín Carballo 'Quico' was recognized with the presentation of the Ajei recognition.

The good atmosphere thanks to the rhythm and vocals of the groups

El Golpito, Pal Porrón, and Gurfines, who put the finishing touch to an afternoon where popular music was the star of the day.

Mayor Isidro Pérez explained, "this is a great attraction for those who enjoy sharing common roots through music, thanks to the participation of local residents, which rounded off a day that offered great institutional recognition to folklore".

Successful participation in the fun night of the Hat Dance

Thousands of people gathered in Félix Rodríguez de la Fuente Park for an evening filled with humor from Maestro Florido and where music and creative talent shone brightly with original creations designed for the occasion.

Batateros (sweet potato farmers) and batateras (batter makers) poured all their creativity and talent into creating original hats and designs that reflected current events and local realities.

The mayor of San Bartolomé, Isidro Pérez, stated that "La Noche del Sombrero is now a well-established and highly anticipated event in our festivities."





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Reports from Arrecife

Arrecife welcomed 9,000 passengers on two large British cruise ships



Arrecife Mayor Yonathan de León



The mayor of Arrecife, Yonathan de León, and the councilor for Tourism and Commerce, Eli Merino, encourage small businesses to open on Sundays with cruise ship stops

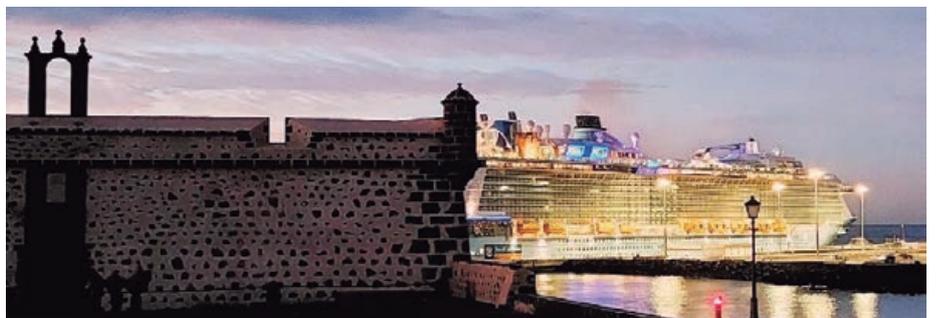
Mayor of Arrecife, Yonathan de León, “ encourages small businesses and the hospitality sector in the city’s Open Commercial Zone to open on Sundays and take advantage of the synergies with these thousands of visitors who have a high spending capacity.”

This call is made by the mayor of Arrecife, who is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Port Authority of Las Palmas (APLP), “so that small businesses can also benefit from the spending power of these tourists traveling on cruise ships, where many of the next stops will be on Sundays,” according to APLP forecasts.

Since 2019, by agreement of the Government of the Canary Islands, the entire municipality of Arrecife has been declared a high-tourism zone, which means the liberalization of business hours for all businesses in the capital. The order was published in the Official Gazette of the Canary Islands on March 12, 2019, at the proposal of the Arrecife City Council.

Specifically, the boom in cruise tourism that Lanzarote was already experiencing in the past decade enabled the Canary Islands Executive’s Department of Commerce to allow Sunday openings throughout the

The Department of Commerce and Tourism, headed by Eli Merino, reports that between August and November, 10 luxury cruise ships will visit Arrecife, making stops on Sundays. The entire municipality of Arrecife is considered a High Tourist Influx Zone and allows for the liberalization of business hours.



municipality of Arrecife, a situation that already benefits large food stores and shopping centers.

The Department of Commerce and Tourism, headed by Eli Merino, reports that “between August and November, 10 cruise ships will visit Arrecife, making their stops on Sundays. This schedule is already known to Arrecife’s hoteliers and merchants through the cruise line stopover requests submitted to the Las Palmas Port Authority.” The Councilor points out that these upcoming cruise ship visits are already known, and allows small businesses and the hospitality sector to plan their Sunday openings

in advance, reconciling workers’ rest and family life with the city’s busiest commercial days . The Arrecife Department of Commerce notes that several fashion franchises and perfume businesses are already open on Sundays with cruise ship stops, demonstrating the interest of local businesses in cruise tourism.

The Arrecife City Council also reminds us that the MSC cruise line, whose large cruise ship, the Virtuosa, will dock this Sunday, is already marketing several cruises for 2025, 2026, and 2027, with Arrecife as its home port. The first of these trips will be in December.

Los Mármoles will open a better operations area next to the cruise terminal in 2026

The port of Los Mármoles, in Lanzarote's capital, will open a new, more suitable operations area in 2026, following the recent inauguration of the passenger terminal. This dock has the capacity to accommodate up to four large cruise ships.



The mayor of Arrecife, Yonathan de León, who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Port Authority of Las Palmas, has detailed that among the improvements the port area will undergo during 2026 is the refurbishment of the new operations area next to the Cruise Terminal on the Los Mármoles breakwater, with an investment of over 400,000 euros.

This project is expected to be completed next fall and be operational by 2026, a year in which Arrecife will experience a significant increase in cruise ship arrivals, according to forecasts by the Las Palmas Port Authority, with docking requests from shipping companies.

Arrecife has two passenger terminals. The main one is at the port of Naos (next to Marina Lanzarote), and the smaller one is at the Los Mármoles dock. These terminals will have a larger operating area after this new port project.

Green light to restore the Yellow House, a symbol of downtown Arrecife

The Arrecife Municipal Council for Cultural Heritage, has approved two significant projects for the conservation of the Lanzarote capital's architectural heritage: the restoration of the façades of the Casa Amarilla (Yellow House) the former headquarters of the Cabildo and the renovation of the garage door at the San Ginés Parish House.

The Yellow House, declared a Site of Cultural Interest (BIC) in 2004, will be the subject of an intervention project promoted by the Lanzarote Island Council, which includes the conservation of the ceramic tiles on its facades. The approved technical study includes actions such as the restoration of walls, elimination of dampness, restoration of tiling, repair of decorative ornaments, and improvements to the clock room, all under criteria of minimal intervention and maximum reversibility, in accordance with the Canary Islands Cultural Heritage Law.

As for the Parish of San Ginés, also listed as a Cultural Heritage Site, the Council has approved the application for authorization to replace the existing wooden garage door with a similar one with an electric opening. The intervention, which has received a favorable report from the



Lanzarote Island Council, falls within the permitted conservation measures and does not affect the heritage value of the complex.

“The work carried out by this council ensures that each interven-

tion in our heritage is evaluated with the necessary technical rigor and with an integrative vision that combines conservation and urban development,” concludes Councillor Maci ot Cabrera.



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Reports from Teguise



Olivia Duque completes her second year in office, highlighting investment, citizen participation, and commitment to residents

Photos Raúl Prada



Teguise Mayor Olivia Duque



Mayoress of Teguiise Olivia Duque reviews her administration at the halfway point of her term, focusing on improving public services, investing in infrastructure, and her commitment to the residents of Teguiise and La Graciosa.

Among the most significant milestones, Duque highlighted the drive to improve essential public infrastructure such as schools, playgrounds, sociocultural centers, and sports facilities, as well as major sanitation, paving, and lighting projects in all the municipality's towns. In total, the City Council has already spent 70% of its budget, exceeding €26 million invested between 2023 and 2025.

In addition, she insisted on reactivating the Green Line, a direct communication channel for collecting incidents, proposals, and suggestions from citizens regarding public spaces, cleaning, and maintenance.

Costa Teguiise and La Graciosa, the focus of the actions

The Mayoress has focused on two priority areas for the governing group: Costa Teguiise and La Graciosa. "We have responded firmly to the long-standing demands of these areas, reinforcing cleaning and daily maintenance. In Costa Teguiise, we have carried out work on playgrounds, and a specific budget of €100,000 has been allocated for the purchase of new children's games and furniture. Work has also been

done to improve access and lighting," explained Duque.

Likewise, renovation and improvement works have been carried out on the sports fields on Panamá and La Laguna streets, with an investment of €500,000, as well as improvements to lighting and street furniture worth €160,000 on Cocoteros Avenue.

One of the major projects is the Costa Teguiise Preferential Bus Stop, already underway. It will feature shaded areas, a playground, a cafeteria, a taxi rank, and electric charging stations. This project involves a total investment of €2 million and responds to a long-standing demand from local residents.

Regarding the modernization of the coastline and coastal services, the governing group has allocated nearly €800,000 to improve beach access, install new railings, renovate public restrooms, create shaded areas, and purchase lifeguard equipment in locations such as Las

Cucharas, El Ancla, Playa Bastián, El Jablillo, Caleta de Famara, and Caleta Caballo. In addition, work has begun on general coastal maintenance, trail improvements, and the conservation of public natural spaces.

In the case of La Graciosa, the sanitation and water supply project, declared of regional interest, has been reactivated after four years of paralysis thanks to the collaboration with the Canary Islands Government. The drafting of the project has already been completed, and construction could begin in the coming months.

These initiatives are complemented by the renovation of the public restrooms at the La Graciosa Primary School and the recent €200,000 contract for the emptying of wells, a priority intervention to ensure the health and proper functioning of the island's sanitation systems. Furthermore, sociocultural programs and neighborhood participation have been strengthened, with activities in community centers such as theater, sewing, and crafting.



Tourism Councillor Rita Hernández with Distinguido de Turismo Winner Naje Zegdaoui Bardoukhand and Tourism Executive Inma Armas

Naji Zegdaoui Bardoukh, Distinguished Tourism Award 2025

Mr. Zegdaoui has received the island's tourism sector's annual recognition for his outstanding professional career and his valuable contribution to the development of the hospitality industry in Costa Teguisse. This award recognizes those whose work has had a significant impact on the development of tourism services in Lanzarote. Naji Zegdaoui's dedication, vision, and leadership have been instrumental in positioning the hospitality industry in Costa Teguisse as a leading tourist destination. His tireless work has been key to elevating the quality and prestige of our offering, attracting visitors and consolidating the area's reputation.

Tourism Councilor Rita Hernández expressed her pride at this recognition: "As Tourism Councilor, Naji's distinction makes me especially proud, both for being an exemplary resident of Teguisse and for what his role represents as an outstanding example of social integration and contribution to our community. His career serves as a mirror for us all. By counting on professionals like Naji, we ensure the success of Costa Teguisse as a tourist destination."

Restoration of the Costa Teguisse Windmills

The Costa Teguisse windmills are the last remaining remnants of the old salt flats that occupied most of Costa Teguisse until well past the mid-20th century. Their distinctive structure holds undeniable ethnographic, cultural, aesthetic, and identity value. Their current state of disrepair, with predominant rust on the metal parts, cracked and discolored wood, and poorly welded metal blades, will also be a thing of the past. With the decisive support of the Canary Islands Government's Department of Tourism, a restoration project has been planned with the utmost care to respect the morphology and original design that so distinguishes these windmills from the Costa Teguisse area.



Tourism Councillor Rita Hernández

The restoration work is currently in the bidding phase, and a budget of more than €200,000 has been allocated for its execution.



Costa Teguisse to have a dog-friendly area at Playa Bastián

This initiative still needs to go through several procedures to become effective. But the decision has been made. Having municipal spaces adapted for pets is a growing social demand. Rita Hernández, Councilor for Tourism and Beaches, comments, "The creation of this dog-friendly beach not only improves the quality of life of our residents, but also creates a more attractive and pet-friendly tourist destination. We know that more and more families are living and traveling with their pets, and offering them a safe and specially adapted space where they can enjoy the sea without worries is an indisputable added value for Teguisse."

Celebrating Local Fiestas During the Summer Months in the Tourist Municipalities



Puerto del Carmen. Tías



La Graciosa, Las Nieves. Teguiše



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Tinajo

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San Bartolomé



Femés, Playa Blanca. Yaiza



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Book on Lanzarotean Migration to San Antonio, Texas



Salvador Hernández, Jaime Puig from Biosfera TV and José Juan Romero

The story of the founding of San Antonio Texas by Canary Islanders in the 18th century by José Juan Romero, in Spanish and English was reported comprehensively on Lancelot Digital TV as seen on pages 36-39. It was also broadcast on Biosfera TV by Salvador Hernandez and Jaime Puig who are seen with the author in the photograph.

The English and Spanish-language books easily readable with comprehensive information are now on sale are at El Puente Arrecife, casa de libro.com and online at El Cortes Inglés.



International Beatles Day

In order to connect the Beatles with the Canary Islands TV producers Efrén Hernández and José Aldeguer interviewed Lancelot editor Larry Yaskiel about his co-translating their song “She Loves You” into German. He explained that he had asked their publisher in Germany to send him the German lyrics for his group the Teen Beats to record and was told “we don’t have a German lyric yet why not write it yourself, you speak German”. During the early days the Beatles were only well known by their fans at The Cavern in Liverpool and the Star Club in Germany. So I wrote “She Loves You” – “Sie Liebt Dich” On the other side they put “I Want to Hold Your Hand” in German written by someone else. At that time there was no thought of them recording it themselves in German. In fact they never ever recorded any of their songs in a foreign language. The programme was completed by a live recording of highly original Lennon- McCartney songs by the Rubber Beatles tribute band who are based on Lanzarote.

This TV broadcast was sent to the King of Spain who expressed his satisfaction on receiving it as can be seen in the letter.



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6 Million Euro Refurbishment of Hotel Las Costas



Mayor José Juan Cruz congratulates Managing Director of Hibiscus Hotels Roberto Reyes for the total upgrading of Hotel Las Costas

A major commitment to sustainable tourism by updating facilities and services for the hotel which opened in 1989 with traditional architecture and family-friendly atmosphere and designing new facilities including a spa for its guests giving them a fresher and warmer feeling in a privileged location on Pocillos Beach in Puerto del Carmen as part of the Hibiscus Hotels Chain which manage and own four establishments in the area.



Sanitation Works in Yaiza

Celebrating 50 years of Horinsa Civil Engineering building major quality projects on Lanzarote, both public and private. They are currently involved in a joint venture with Tiagua Excavations carrying out major sanitation works in Uga on behalf of the Ayuntamiento of Yaiza with the installation of two underground pumping stations at a cost of 1.8 million euros over a period of eleven months. The scheme involves collecting and pumping wastewater from homes and commercial establishments for treatment.

“Fresh To Go” arrives at Spar Lanzarote: homemade food, fresh and ready to enjoy

SPAR Lanzarote takes another step in its commitment to offering practical, healthy and quality food solutions with the launch of “Fresh To Go”, its new line of ready-to-go homemade prepared meals .

“Fresh To Go” was created to respond to an increasingly common need in homes: eating well without wasting time in the kitchen . The brand combines traditional flavor, fresh ingredients, and recipes made in the Canary Islands with a practical and modern approach, designed for those looking for quick options but willing to compromise on quality.

The range includes more than 20 recipes , including pasta dishes, rice dishes, meat dishes, fish dishes, salads, and side dishes , as well as some specialties of Canarian cuisine, such as tuna in mojo sauce , ropa vieja , and papas arrugadas .

All recipes are prepared following strict quality controls and are presented in practical and safe packaging , designed to preserve flavor and freshness until consumption.

“With “Fresh To Go”, we want to make our customers’



daily lives easier by offering them a convenient and tasty alternative, with the SPAR seal of trust and the same traditional flavor,” emphasizes SPAR Lanzarote management.

The new line is now available at the main SPAR and Eurospar stores on the island. For more information on points of sale and available dishes, customers can visit www.sparlanzarote.es or consult the QR code.

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Teguisse celebrates the tenth anniversary of the Famara Total with champions Alejandro Mayor and Yasmína Castro

The Ayuntamiento congratulates the organizers of the Famara Total on its tenth anniversary and thanks the participation of more than 1,300 runners.

The Teguisse Council would like to extend its congratulations to all the runners who participated in the tenth edition of the Famara Total, as well as to the event organizers, for consolidating one of the most emblematic sporting events in the Canary Islands, which each year projects the image of the municipality nationally and internationally.

Mayor of Teguisse, Olivia Duque, emphasized that “the Famara Total is not only a race, but also a showcase for our municipality, uniting sport and nature and is a source of pride for our residents.”



Avoris Banco de Camas Welcomebeds.com a department of Barceló Group Travel, which represents over 350,000 beds globally, opened their new offices in Puerto del Carmen. They were warmly welcomed by Mayor José Juan Cruz who is seen with the Director of Contracts for the Canarian and Balearic Islands Carlos Herranz and CEO Spel Overseas Tourism Promotion Héctor Fernández among others

Programme for Arrecife en Vivo Festival September-October Concerts

Besides acting as a showcase for the most popular groups enthusiastically enjoyed by both locals and holidaymakers, many documentaries have been recorded, and can be seen on Youtube

6, 19, 26 & 27 September & 3, 4, 10 October



The winners at the awards presentation are seen with Mayor Olivia Duque and Tourism Councillor Rita Hernández among other authorities



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Mural by César Manrique from 1954 on Santa Cruz de Marcenado Street, between the Princesa Building and the Casa de Canarias

The Lanzarote Cabildo is opening up opportunities to collaborating to preserve César Manrique's mural in Madrid



The President and Councilor for Historical Heritage Oswaldo Betancort: "It is the Cabildo's duty to safeguard César Manrique's heritage and artistic legacy, not only in Lanzarote, but anywhere in the world where his work is at risk of deterioration."

The work suffers from a state of neglect, which has worsened over the years. Advertising affixed to the ceramics, graffiti, and visible deterioration on the lower part of the building's façade threaten to erase an essential chapter of Manrique's legacy in the Spanish capital.

Betancort emphasized the historical and heritage significance of this work, which reflects the beginning of artistic modernity in 1950s Spain,

and reiterated his commitment to exploring all possibilities, including the eventual relocation of the mural on the island, provided that this is deemed the most appropriate option for its conservation.

"Manrique's legacy transcends borders, and it is everyone's responsibility to preserve it. Lanzarote is actively engaged to prevent the loss of an essential part of our shared history," Betancort concluded.



For the second year consecutively the highly innovative Bodega Stratus in Barranco del Obispo in the heart of the unique surroundings of La Geria wine region was recommended as the 2025 Trip Adviser choice for holidaymakers as the most ideal wine and touristic venue for a day's outing



Finca de Uga Cheese Factory won Gold Awards for their prestigious Bodega de Oveja and La Pluie brands at the official Agrocana-rias International Competition held in July at Jameos del Agua.

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Teguise Council celebrates the end of the archaeological campaign at El Bebedero

The work has confirmed the relevance of the site for understanding the lives of the ancient inhabitants of Lanzarote.

The Teguise Council announces the completion of the 2025 archaeological excavation campaign at the El Bebedero site, a landmark in the prehistoric history of the Canary Islands that continues to offer highly relevant discoveries for understanding Lanzarote's indigenous past.

The work, led by Pablo Atoche, professor of prehistory at the University of Las Palmas (ULPGC), and archaeologist María Ángeles Ramírez, has once again enjoyed the support of the City Council through a grant from the Canary Islands University Foundation of Las Palmas, in addition to the voluntary collaboration of a multidisciplinary team of researchers.

The Mayor of Teguise, Olivia Duque, emphasized the significance of this work. "El Bebedero once again demonstrates its value as a unique site in the Canary Islands, capable of providing us with new pieces to reconstruct our most ancient history. The City Council will continue to support this research, because investing in heritage means investing in identity and the future."

For her part, the Councilor for Historical Heritage, Mar Boronat, highlighted the municipality's role in preserving cultural heritage. "Thanks to the continued excavations, we can provide the population and future generations with a more rigorous understanding of the lives of our ancestors. Teguise is proud to be a benchmark in archaeological matters throughout the archipelago," she noted.

Among the main findings of this campaign are the exhumation of a double room dedicated to the treatment of sheep and goat skins, various hydraulic structures for



the collection and storage of water and several polished basalt stela, one of them anthropomorphic, which reflect the high level of adaptation and the cultural wealth of the indigenous community that inhabited the island between the 1st century BC and the 4th century AD.

Added to this are high-quality indigenous pottery, personal adornments made from mollusks, bone utensils, and fragments of Roman amphorae, which demonstrate the relationship between the ancient inhabitants of Lanzarote and Mediterranean navigators.

A reference site

After more than four decades of systematic research, the El Bebedero and Buenavista sites continue to be key to understanding the origins of the Canary Islands, revealing the complex interaction between indigenous peoples and Mediterranean cultures.

The Teguise Council appreciates the efforts of the research team and reaffirms its willingness to continue collaborating to promote this heritage through guided tours, conferences, publications, and educational activities, thus bringing the richness of Lanzarote's most ancient history closer to the public.



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

Norsk Kirkesentre and Social-Cultural Centre

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

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

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Puerto del Carmen Church

Postage and Post Office

Letters and postcards within Europe 1.50 euro, USA 1,90 euro. Puerto del Carmen post office is open Monday-Friday 08.30 - 14.30 hrs, Saturday closed. Arrecife post office: Monday-Friday 08.30 - 20.30 hrs, Saturday closed. Opening times are for stamps and registered letters etc. but both offices close earlier for money transfer.

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

Playa Blanca

Marina Rubicón
Wed & Sat to 10-2

Teguiise Market

Sundays and
Public Holidays 9-2

Costa Teguiise

Pueblo Marinero
Thursday mornings 9-2

Tinajo, Mancha Blanca

Sunday 9-2

Haría Artesanal Market

Saturday 10-14:30

BRIDGE No 157

By Maria Brandt

Play safe at all times

In the hand below, South is the declarer at a contract of 6 Hearts which at first view looks easy and with even a possibility of making 13 tricks if you can trump 2 Spades in dummy. But, how is the division of cards in the opponent's hands?

♠ 10 5
♥ Q 2
♦ 9 5 3 2
♣

♠ 6
♥ 7 4 3
♦ K Q J 10 7
♣ A Q 10 7

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♠ Q J 9 8 7 3
♥ -
♦ 8 6 4
♣ K 8 6 4

♠ A K 4 2
♥ A K J 10 9 8 6 5
♦ A
♣ -

Bidding:

W	N	E	S
1 D	pass	1 S	2 S
pass	3 C	pass	3 H
pass	4 H	pass	5 H
pass	5 H	pass	6 H
pass	pass	pass	



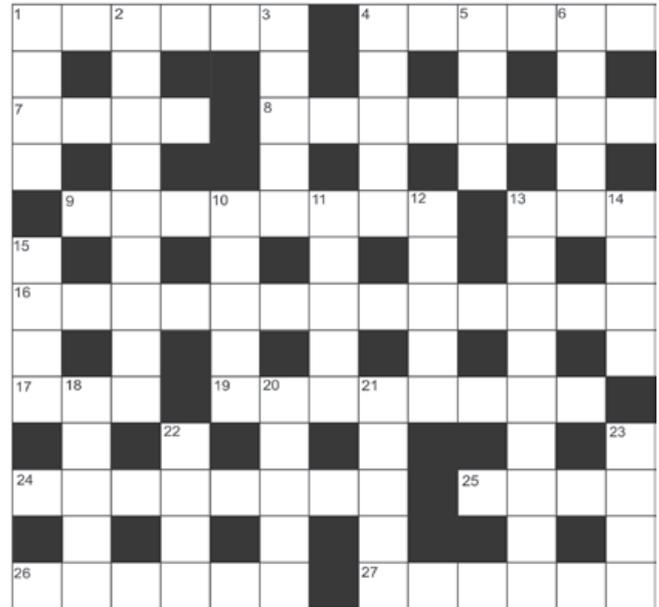
West leads the King of Diamonds which you take with your single Ace. Obviously the only problem is to avoid the loss of more than one Spade trick. If you thoughtlessly play the Ace and King of Spades with the intention of ruffing the third round, you will lose the contract, because West will ruff the second Spade and lead a trump. Plus, this will only permit you to ruff one of your little Spades and you will be obliged to concede another at the end.

When the Ace of Spades goes through, you have a 100 percent safety play which guarantees the fulfillment of the contract. That is to concede a Spade trick immediately before cashing the King. When the opponent who wins the trick is able to, he will return a trump, which you then take in your own hand. The remaining small Spade can be ruffed with the Queen of trumps. Re-enter your hand, draw the remaining trumps and claim the rest.

SOLUTION TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD NO. 95. Across; 1 Drop Leaf, 5 Ballad, 10 Easel, 11 Potassium, 12 Cardsharp, 13 Thyme, 14 Examine, 16 Domain, 19 Attend, 21 Janitor, 23 Adage, 25 Mogadishu, 27 Rehearsal, 28 Irate, 29 Donate, 30 Transept. Down; 1 Drenched, 2 Observant, 3 Lilos, 4 Appease, 6 Absit Omen, 7 Laity, 8 Damsel, 9 Stupid, 15 Inelegant, 17 Intestate, 18 Argument, 20 Damask, 21 Juggler, 22 Madrid, 24 Ashen, 26 Deign.

SIMPLE CROSSWORD No 156

By Imelda Coombes



ACROSS

- 1 Arid region. (6)
- 4 Communicate. (6)
- 7 String. (4)
- 8 Lineage. (8)
- 9 Gathers. (8)
- 13 Ovum. (3)
- 16 Social event for charity. (6,7)
- 17 Nocturnal bird. (3)
- 19 Evaluate. (8)
- 24 Detached. (of music) (8)
- 25 Leg joint. (4)
- 26 Plays. (6)
- 27 A long speech. (6)

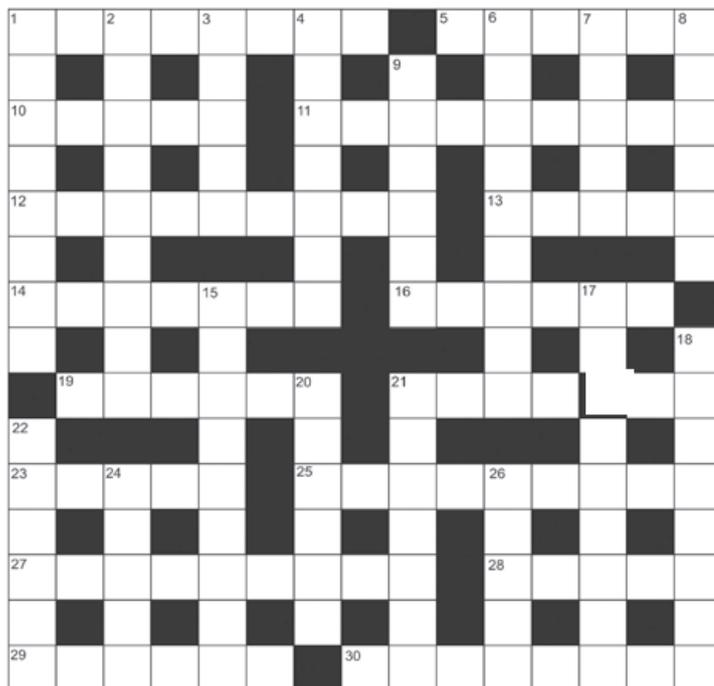
DOWN

- 1 Conduit. (4)
- 2 Sad. (9)
- 3 Vestige. (5)
- 4 Legal. (5)
- 5 Church recess. (4)
- 6 Gesture. (5)
- 10 Fuedal lord. (5)
- 11 Celestial body. (5)
- 12 A disorderly struggle. (5)
- 13 Presence. (9)
- 14 Jokes. (4)
- 15 Reverberation. (4)
- 18 Rain. (5)
- 20 Satisfies. (5)
- 21 Images. (5)
- 22 A swindle. (4)
- 23 An act. (4)

SOLUTION TO SIMPLE CROSSWORD NO. 155. Across; 1 Chalet, 4 Nodule, 7 Ajar, 8 Backbone, 9 Departed, 13 Dog, 16 Electric Mixer, 17 Tot, 19 Cleanser, 24 Attempts, 25 Lima, 26 Astern, 27 Stayed. Down; 1 Chat, 2 Amazement, 3 Tuber, 4 Niche, 5 Debt, 6 Lingo, 10 Attic, 11 Tripe, 12 Demon, 13 Dexterity, 14 Garb, 15 Meat, 18 Oaths, 20 Lupin, 21 Asses, 22 Mere, 23 Bald.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD No 96

By Imelda Coombes



ACROSS

- 1 A state of the central U.S. (8)
- 5 The way in which someone stands. (6)
- 10 A line of coaches coupled together and drawn by a railway locomotive. (5)
- 11 A drink consisting of tequila and lemon juice. (9)
- 12 An island in the Mediterranean between Malta and Tunisia. (9)
- 13 A horse especially one that is spirited. (5)
- 14 Compounds containing an iodine atom. (7)
- 16 Pipes or channels that carry off water. (6)
- 19 Anti-aircraft fire. (3-3)
- 21 Georgia --- ,1887-1986 American artist. (1'6)
- 23 Meat from the back and sides of a pig. (5)
- 25 Woodland fungus having a scarlet cap with white warts and white gills. (3,6)
- 27 A portable lamp used to transmit Morse Code. (5,4)
- 28 The reign of Emperor Mutsuhito 1867-1912. (5)
- 29 The act of going or coming out. (6)
- 30 Capable of being cut or divided. (8)

DOWN

- 1 Consisting of metal. (8)
- 2 Taking place in sudden brief spells. (9)
- 3 Another name for snow leopard. (5)
- 4 Circulating stories of unverified truth. (7)
- 6 To express words or text in another language. (9)
- 7 Lacking experience, wisdom or judgement. (5)
- 8 Large spiral-horned antelopes. (6)
- 9 A short journey made to deliver or collect something. (6)
- 15 The identification of diseases from the examination of symptoms. (9)
- 17 Egyptian Queen and wife of Akhenaton. (9)
- 18 To give an account or representation of in words. (8)
- 20 A man's long belted tunic, worn in the Near East. (6)
- 21 and 26 down. Sporting event to be held in London in 2012. (7,5)
- 22 To scrape away or wear down by friction. (6)
- 24 Alcoholic drink made from fermented juice of apples. (5)
- 26 See 21 down.

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Cabildo Consumer Protection Office

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

Visiting Rotarians Welcome - Lanzarote Rotary Club - Arrecife

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

English-Working Lodge

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

Local Bridge Club

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



Musical Conversations with the Classical Orchestra of Lanzarote



Founder and Director of the Lanzarote Classical Orchestra Roberto Fuentes with the musicians

The Lanzarote Classical Orchestra (OCL), with the sponsorship of the Culture Department of the Lanzarote Cabildo and the collaboration of the Tegui Council, has held Musical Conversations with the OCL.

This four-concert program at the Santo Domingo Convent in Tegui featured international musicians such as Natalia Nicolaeva, Josu Okiñena, Isaac Rodríguez, Atanás Krystev, Judith Pezoa, the OCL String Quintet, Luis López, David Barrera, and José Serrano, and featured poet Tere Perera, writer Juan Luis Quincoces, dancer Javier Ferrer, and actors Alby Robayna and Matías di Candia.

The event included a Lanzarote wine tasting during the concert. During the performances, various paintings chosen for the occasion could be seen, projected onto the walls of the Santo Domingo Convent, which welcomed an enthusiastic audience.



Song to freedom and diversity

On Saturday, September 27, the Jameos del Agua Auditorium hosts the musical monologue *The Invisible Diva*, a production by Amartes Escénicas starring actress and singer Alicia Ramos.

Winner of the Arkoiris Award for Best Play 2025 has been selected within the 2025 call for Cultural Projects of the Art, Culture and Tourism Centers, highlighting its importance and impact on the artistic and cultural panorama of the island.



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