

Festive Walking in Gran Canaria

Trip style: Festive breaks

Destination: 📍 Spain

Trip code: GAC07-LXL09

Trip Walking Grade: ul 2 & 4

Carbon Footprint: 🌳 1027kg CO2



Holiday Overview

Enjoy Gran Canaria's world-class walking, varied scenery and 'eternal spring' weather as we uncover the island's beautiful central mountains and rugged coastline. Our base in Agaete is away from the hustle and bustle of the larger resorts and offers great access to trails in the north, tucked away villages, as well as the dramatic landscapes of Tejeda and the eye-catching rock formation of Roque Nublo. Walks along balcony paths provide sweeping views across the island.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- The wonderful walking climate, especially in winter
- Walking through stunning scenery and rock formations
- Visiting Europe's only coffee plantation at San Pedro
- Relaxing at our comfortable seafront hotel in Agaete
- Admiring the dramatic landscapes of Tejeda

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- A choice of 2 guided walks per day with local leaders (on walking days)
- HF Holidays Tour Manager
- 7 nights at the 4-star Occidental Roca Negra, Agaete
- 7 breakfasts & 7 dinners including a gala dinner on Christmas Day
- All in-destination transport
- Return flights from London Gatwick, baggage and transfers

WALKING GRADES AND OPTIONS

This is a level 2 and level 4 graded Activity, Easier walks: 4.5 to 5.5 miles (7 to 9 km) on good but sometimes rocky paths. Up to 920 feet (280m) of ascent in a day. Harder walks: 5.5 to 7 miles (8.5 to 11 km) on rocky paths with some steep sections. Up to 2,600 feet (780m) of ascent in a day. On days 6 & 7, the descents are notably higher than the ascents, due to the terrain covered downhill - this is up to 2,800 feet (700m) on the easier level and 3,500 feet (1,100m) on the harder level.

ITINERARY - CHRISTMAS

Day 1 Arrival Day

Welcome to the Hotel Occidental Roca Negra. Unpack and settle in.

Day 2 Finca De Osorio And Teror

Visit Parque Rural de Doramas, which has one of the last strongholds of laurel forest in Gran Canaria. We finish our day with a visit to one of the most charming and typically Canarian villages, Teror.

Option 1 – Osorio Pico de Rayo, Laguna de Valleseco & Teror

Distance: 5.3 miles (8.5km)

Ascent: 1,200 ft (360m)

Descent: 1,100 ft (340m)

In summary: Our walk explores the Finca de Osorio which covers over 200 hectares of forest and farmland surrounding the Pico de Rayo, our summit for today which is a small volcano that reaches a height of 3,176 feet (968m).

Highlight: Reach the summit of Pico de Rayo.

Option 2 – Finca de Osorio and Teror

Distance: 4.7 miles (7.5km)

Ascent: 300 ft (100m)

Descent: 400 ft (120m)

In summary: We journey through laurel forest that forms part of the ancient forest of Doramas, which once occupied the entire north of the island. As we explore the forest further we will discover trails with tree species of American and European origin, too.

Highlight: The ancient forest of Selva Doramas and the charming village of Teror

Day 3 Cruz De Tejeda Circuit

Walk on the rim of Caldera de Tejeda to the village of Cruz de Tejeda. Take in the impressive volcanic scenery and discover the striking rocky outcrop of Roque Nublo.

Option 1 – Lianos de la Pez and the balcony path to Cruz de Tejeda

Distance: 4.5 miles (7km)

Ascent: 530 ft (160m)

Descent: 1025 ft (315m)

In summary: We start walking on a spectacular balcony path round the rim of the Caldera de Tejeda, before arriving at the welcoming cafes in Cruz de Tejeda.

Highlight: Views on the Balcony Path.

Option 2 - Roque Nublo and the Balcony Path to Cruz de Tejeda

Distance: 6 miles (9.5km)

Ascent: 1,100 ft (330m)

Descent: 1,600 ft (480m)

In summary: We start by ascending towards the stunning feature of Roque Nublo, standing at 5,800 feet at the heart of the island. We then transfer to start a further walk on a spectacular balcony path round the rim of the Caldera de Tejeda.

Highlight: Spectacular views from Roque Nublo.

Day 4 Tamadaba Natural Park & Agaete Valley

Ascend the foothills of Tamadaba Natural Park and the 'Sacred Mountains', finishing in the coffee plantations of the Agaete Valley.

Option 1 - Agaete Valley

Distance: 5 miles (8km)

Ascent: 920 feet (280m)

Descent: 100 feet (20m)

In Summary: Walking up Agaete ravine at the base of Tamadaba National Park's sacred mountains, we admire one of the last volcanic lava flows of the island and cross the fertile valley of Agaete before arriving at the aromatic coffee plantation in San Pedro.

Highlight: Visit the coffee plantation at San Pedro

Option 2 - Guayedra to the Agaete Valley

Distance: 5.3 miles (8.5km)

Ascent: 2,550 feet (780m)

Descent: 1,550 feet (480m)

In summary: We ascend to the foothills of Tamadaba Natural Park (a biosphere reserve), admiring the views over fertile Agaete Valley and Europe's highest cliff, before descending to the aromatic coffee plantations in San Pedro.

Highlight: Visiting the coffee plantation at San Pedro for a tasting of local produce and, of course, home-grown coffee.

Day 5 Christmas Day (Free Day)

Today is a perfect opportunity to relax at the hotel and make the most of its facilities, including the outdoor swimming pool, wellness centre, and roof terrace. You may also choose to enjoy a leisurely walk or explore the local area at your own pace.

If you plan to visit nearby places of interest, please keep in mind that most shops and supermarkets will be closed due to the public holiday on 25 December 2026. However, some restaurants in key tourist areas may remain open. Christmas Day in the Canary Islands is typically a quieter occasion, centred around family time following the main celebrations on Christmas Eve.

Suggested Places to Visit:

Las Palmas de Gran Canaria: Take the bus to the island's capital, Las Palmas. This vibrant port city is known for its UNESCO-listed old quarter and its expansive sandy beaches. Wander through its charming side streets and enjoy a relaxed lunch or tapas at one of the many cafés.

Playa de La Aldea: Travel by bus to this peaceful resort on the western side of the island. Its long stretch of pebble beach is lined with bars and restaurants, offering a scenic and tranquil spot to unwind.

Day 6 Montaña Del Viso And La Aldea

Visit the impressive province of La Aldea in the west of Gran Canaria. Take in the views from Degollada de Tasarte and climb Montaña del Viso, or traverse the valley below.

Option 1 - Mount Viso and La Aldea

Distance: 6.2 miles (10.8km)

Ascent: 1,400 ft (420m)

Descent: 3,300 ft (1,000m)

In summary: Starting from the Degollada we traverse a spectacular balcony path above the valley before rising to the ridge and along to the summit of Mt. Viso. There are spectacular views over the coast and to Tenerife. We descend the end of the ridge to a viewpoint above La Aldea and through farmland to the town.

Highlight: Reach the summit of Mt. Viso.

Option 2 - Degollada de Tasarte to La Aldea

Distance: 5.6 miles (9km)

Ascent: 700 ft (220m)

Descent: 2,300 ft (700m)

In summary: This walk starts at the Degollada before following a well used path to the town of La Aldea.

Highlight: Beautiful views on this walk.

Day 7 Moriscos And Pinos De Gáldar To Caideros

Enjoy the viewpoints over the Canarian pines and Caldera at Moriscos and Pinos de Gáldar before continuing to Caideros.

Option 1 - Pinos de Galdar to Caideros

Distance: 5 miles (8km)

Ascent: 200 feet (60m)

Descent: 2,800 feet (860m)

In summary: We begin at the viewpoint of Pinos de Galdar looking over its recent Caldera (volcanic crater), before descending through pine forest to open countryside with fine views of the north of the island.

Highlight: Extensive views of Pinos de Galdar and the charming village of Caideros.

Option 2 - Moriscos to Caideros

Distance: 6.8 miles (11km)

Ascent: 800 ft (200m)

Descent: 3,500 ft (1,100m)

In summary: This option starts higher up at Mirador de Las palomas with views over Caldera de Tejada and take us through Los Morsscoc before descending through pine forest to Lomo Galeote, and on to Caideros.

Highlight: Views over Caldera de tejeda and volcanic landscape.

Day 8 Departure Day

We hope to see you again soon.

Daily Walk Options



Easier Walks

Good paths but walks are a bit longer. Some walks, particularly in mountain areas, may have sections over rough or steeper terrain.



Medium Walks

Long distances in remote countryside and on rough terrain. You can expect some sustained ascents and descents; there may be occasional sections of scree and steep ground.

Accommodation

Occidental Roca Negra, Gran Canaria

Enjoying a seafront location in a quiet residential part of Agaete. This adults only hotel offers 140 large and bright en-suite rooms, a large freeform swimming pool and a wellness centre. This hotel combines a wonderful location from which to access Gran Canaria's superb walking as well as a comfortable stay, including a contemporary restaurant

and outdoor seating which enjoy sea views.

Food & drink

Our holidays in Gran Canaria are on a half-board basis and include breakfast and evening meal.

Breakfast

Breakfast is served in Restaurante El Juncal and there is an extensive selection of hot and cold options from a self-select buffet.

Lunch (payable locally)

Ingredients for packed lunches can be purchased in nearby Agaete and stored in the fridge in your room. On some days it may be possible to eat out at local cafes; your leaders will advise you of the best options.

Dinner

Dinner is also served in Restaurante El Juncal. A large and impressive buffet with a huge range of appetizers, at least 4 options of main course and a mouth-watering dessert section including a range of cheeses.

Rooms

The Roca Negra features 140 spacious and contemporary rooms. All rooms feature:

- Flat screen television
- Air conditioning
- Tea/coffee making facilities
- Complimentary toiletries
- Telephone
- Balcony or Terrace
- Room safe
- Hairdryer

About your stay

Whilst staying at the hotel guests can enjoy:

- Large outdoor swimming pool with sea views
- Extensive wellness centre
- Rooftop terrace with panoramic views and comfy seating
- Two bars serving a selection of beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks
- Gym
- Free Wi-Fi

Travel Details

Address

Occidental Roca Negra
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Useful Holiday Information

It's best to be prepared for all weather conditions. To make it easier, here is a list of items you should consider packing.

Essentials

- Walking boots
- Waterproof jacket
- Waterproof trousers
- Insulated jacket/top
- Walking clothing
- Walking socks (plus spares)
- Sunhat
- Gloves/mitts and warm hat
- Water bottle (minimum 2 litre capacity)
- Headtorch
- High-factor sunscreen (minimum SPF 30)
- Sunglasses with a dark lens
- Rucksack (15-30 litres)
- Mobile phone
- Personal first aid kit (containing your medication, blister plasters, etc.)
- Passport
- Visa (if applicable)
- Copy of your travel insurance policy
- UK Global Health Insurance Card (**formerly known as EHIC**)

Recommended

- Collapsible walking poles
- Swimwear and travel towel
- Snacks
- Dry bags
- Rubbish bags
- Insect repellent

Optional extras

- Camera
- Sit mat
- Flask for hot drinks
- Durable lunch box
- Gaiters
- GPS device (excluding Bhutan, Georgia and India)

Trip Information

Before booking, you should check with your doctor to see whether any health precautions are needed for your trip. Health advice and requirements can change, so we recommend doing this in good time before travel.

As a general rule, travellers should ensure they are up to date with routine UK vaccinations and boosters, including, for example, MMR and diphtheria, tetanus and polio. Some countries may require you to have specific vaccinations such as Malaria, Rabies and Yellow Fever. Please check with your GP if you are unsure.

Please note that the use or possession of some common prescription or over-the-counter medicines is restricted or banned in certain countries. If you will be carrying medication, you should check with the relevant embassy or consulate before travelling. As an extra precaution, we recommend keeping medication in its original packaging, carrying a copy of your prescription, and, where possible, asking your pharmacist to provide the medication name in the language of the country you are visiting.

For further country-specific health advice, visit www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk or www.traveldoctor.co.uk. If you are travelling from outside the UK, please consult your own doctor and check local entry requirements.

This information is for those travelling with a full 'British Citizen' passport; for all other nationalities or passport holders, please check with your local consulate for advice.

Passport Requirements

This information applies to travellers holding a full British Citizen passport. Entry requirements vary by destination and can change at short notice. For most EU and worldwide destinations, passports must be valid for the entire duration of your stay. Some countries also require a minimum period of validity remaining on your passport (often up to 6 months beyond your return date), even if you are not staying that long.

We strongly recommend ensuring your passport has at least six months' validity remaining at the time of travel to avoid any issues.

If you hold a different type of British passport or a passport issued by another country, you must check the requirements with the relevant embassy, consulate, or official government website.

Visa Requirements

Visa rules depend on your nationality, destination, length of stay, and purpose of travel, and they can change frequently. It is your responsibility to check whether you require a visa before travelling.

British passport holders should check the latest entry, passport validity and visa requirements for their destination on the UK government's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) website:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

Tripnote validity

TRIP NOTE VALIDITY These Trip Notes are valid based on the date printed at the bottom of the page. They will occasionally be updated post booking and pre-departure. We will send you the latest trip notes prior to departure through a link in your pre departure documents or we can send you a copy in the post if preferred. In booking this trip you should be confident in your ability to participate in all activities described in these Trip Notes. If you have any

doubt about your suitability you should call HF Holidays and ask to speak to one of the team about this itinerary. The information in these Trip Notes is given in good faith. Where differences exist between the Trip Notes and our current brochure, the Trip Notes supersede the brochure. All holidays can be subject to unexpected changes; so please be prepared to be flexible where necessary. At times, it may not be possible to follow the itinerary as planned due to weather conditions, political, physical or other factors. In these circumstances we will make the best possible alternative arrangements to maintain the integrity of the original itinerary.

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