

ROUTE THROUGH THE VALLE DE GUERRA AND TEJINA Etnography and winemaking

ITINERARY

From exit 14 on the TF-5 North Motorway toward Santa Cruz – Tacoronte to the Viewpoint of El Boquerón

Distance: 2.7 km. **Approximate driving time:** 12 minutes **Estimated time of visit:** 10 minutes

By taking exit 14 on the TF-1 North Motorway towards Santa Cruz de Tenerife – Tacoronte we will arrive at the old Valle de Guerra Main Road. We will turn to the left and at the first roundabout we encounter we will exit towards Guamasa – Valle de Guerra and at the second towards Valle de Guerra – Tacoronte. We will then turn to the right where we will see a sign indicating El Boquerón – Valle de Guerra. After only a minute on this road we will pass the Bar Restaurant Hermanos Cairós on the left as we continue along the TF-156 which leads to Valle de Guerra by way of El Boquerón. After about three minutes we will arrive at the Viewpoint of El Boquerón, located on a very pronounced curve.

From the Viewpoint of El Boquerón to the Casa de Carta Museum of History and Anthropology

Distance: 4.4 km. **Approximate driving time:** 10 minutes **Estimated time of visit:** 1 hour

We will continue down the road where the Viewpoint of El Boquerón is located until we reach the TF-16 Main Road leading to a roundabout from which we will exit to the right towards Valle de Guerra. In just over a minute, at km 5, we will see the parking lot for Casa de Carta Museum of History and Anthropology.

From the Casa de Carta Museum of History and Anthropolgy to Casa de Los Zamorano

Distance: 6 km. **Approximate driving time:** 15 minutes **Estimated time of visit:** 1 hour

This route continues in Tegueste, where we shall visit Casa de Los Zamorano (The Zamorano's House), which is inside the same municipality. We continue along the same TF-13 road, without leaving the roundabout until we get to the next one at the entrance to the town. On this roundabout we take the third exit which leads to Casa de Los Zamorano.



INFORMATION

Estimated completion time:

4 hours., 3 minutes

Estimated driving time:

53 minutes

Total distance:

20.5 km.

Stopping points:

El Boquerón Viewpoint Museum
de History and Anthropology Casa
de Carta
Centro Interpretación Casa Los
Zamorano
El Lomo Winery

Other points of interest:

Farmer's Market in Tegueste
Farmer's Market in Tacoronte
House of Wine Tenerife

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From Casa de Los Zamorano to El Lomo Winery

Distance: 6,6 km. **Approximate driving time:** 12 minutes **Estimated time of visit:** 20 minutes

Return to the Portezuelo-Las Toscas road, the TF-154. Turn left and join the TF- 154. Drive on some 400 m. and at the junction with Las Toscas Street, turn right into it. Continue straight ahead approximately 220 m. to the junction with Alcalde José Hernández Street, turn right and drive on roughly 800 m. After that, at the second junction, take El Lomo Street and drive on for 1.1 km. Then you will see the El Lomo winery on the right.

STARTING POINT

VALLE DE GUERRA

The Valle de Guerra is a coastal district in the municipality of San Cristóbal de La Laguna, located in the north-east sector of the island within the foothills of the Anaga Mountain Range. Its gentle landscape and mild climate create ideal conditions for cultivation, and thus it constitutes one of the island's most important agricultural regions.

The predominant crop has been that destined for export, and presently it is the banana. This crop has found in this part of the island ideal environmental conditions for its development. It is quite common to see, especially in the lower part of the valley, plantations protected by high walls of laborious construction made from white tuff, condensed volcanic material brought from the south of the island. Another crop that requires special mention are the ornamental plants, particularly the species *Sterlizia Reginae* or Bird of Paradise, as it is commonly known, which we will see much of during our route. Forever present in the landscape are the Green vineyards which will accompany us on our route. They provide a portion of the grapes destined for the wine production under the Certificate of Origin Tacoronte – Acentejo label, the first to be created in the Canary Islands and traditionally recognized for its red wines produced from the grape varieties Listán Negro, Negramoll and Tintilla.

This valley is home to the people of Valle de Guerra and Tejina where they maintain the agricultural tradition reflected in the Tejina Growers Cooperative and the Distillery la COCAL, in the landscape and their town festivals such as the celebration of their saint's day in Valle de Guerra and the Fiesta de los Corazones, or Festival of Hearts, in Tejina.

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EL BOQUERÓN VIEWPOINT

Looking towards the ocean from this viewpoint we can admire the entire district of Valle de Guerra as well as its coast as far as the lighthouse in Punta del Hidalgo and looking inward, most of the municipality of Tegueste with the Anaga Mountain range in the background. The viewpoint offers information panels for tourists.

The route begins from this representative viewpoint which is located at an altitude of roughly 500m on the slopes of the Mountain of Guerra. From there we can appreciate a general view of the Valley of Guerra in nearly all of its extension. We will also be able to see the towns of Valle de Guerra, Tejina and Tegueste in addition to the Mountains of Anaga, The Mesa of Tejina, and following the contour of the coast, the lighthouse of Punta del Hidalgo.

An agricultural landscape will open up before us with its many terraces of traditional crops such as grapevines, potatoes and some fruit trees, greenhouses and dams to retain the irrigation water.

The viewpoint provides information panels for tourists.



Address:

Carretera Guamasa-Valle Guerra (TF-156), through el Boquerón.

UTM Coordenates:

28.507186,- 16.381703

Geographical Coordenates:

28°30'25.87"N 16°22'54.13"OW

STOPPING POINTS

MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

The Casa de Carta Museum of History and Anthropology is located on an estate and is considered to be a unique example of rural architecture from the eighteenth century. It has been renovated and currently houses the exposition *La Casa de Carta and Traditions*, consisting of a collection of objects and pieces representing the island's most popular traditions.

Its construction was carried out according to traditional Canarian style: whitewashed masonry, ceilings and woodwork fashioned out of Canarian pine and curved roof tiles. The layout is quite basic with two units: the home, where meals were cooked, people ate and the family got together and then there was the bedroom, where visitors were also received. These rooms had no interior communication, only exterior. The Casa de Carta that we can see today is the result of a process of successive expansions, fostered by the economic improvements of the owners, reaching its present design during the second half of the nineteenth century.

This visit features a detailed exhibition of traditional farming implements, clothing, basketry, ceramics, musical instruments and household items among others. There is also a display of different types of mills and tools for the preparation of gofio, traditional wheat meal, located in complementary facilities.

In addition, there is an outdoor exhibition of some elements of popular culture such as the water weigher and the traditional wine press.

The manicured gardens offer a pleasant stroll among both native flora as well as traditional outdoor crops: bananas, tobacco, sugar cane, small vegetable gardens and aromatic plants as well as greenhouse grown plants.

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- Request a visiting time in advance



Address:

Calle El Vino, 44. Valle de Guerra.
La Laguna

Tels. :

922 546 308 / 922546 300

E-mail: mat@museosdetenerife.org

UTM Coordenates:

28.514078,- 16.390106

Geography Coordenates:

28°30'50.68"N 16°23'24.38"W

Business hours:

Tuesday to Sunday from 9.00 to 19.00

Further information:

www.museosdetenerife.org

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CASA DE LOS ZAMORANO

This exhibition space is located in the heart of the Villa de Tegueste as a project for the cultural management of the heritage of said municipality. It began its journey in 2014, focusing its efforts on the creation of an exhibition with broad participation of the residents of the town in the construction of the exhibition discourse. The space is divided into different rooms, dedicated, for example, to cultural values so characteristic of Tegueste such as the Canarian fight, the carts of the pilgrimage or the Librea.

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Address:

Calle El Tejar, 1. Tegueste

UTM Coordenates:

28.514078,- 16.390106

Geography Coordenates:

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EL LOMO WINERY

The origins of the Bodega El Lomo (winery), situated in the area known as El Lomo, in Tegueste, are a result of the efforts of Félix Rodríguez Rodríguez. In the 1980s he bought the farmland where the winery is situated nowadays and started to produce small quantities of wine using the traditional methods of the area, by means of an open winepress and the old manual screw press. The excellent quality of the wine, as well as the reputation earned from that time on, has permitted a series of expansions and improvements which eventually made it necessary to build the wine cellar as it is at present. It has been renovated and enlarged, allowing the winegrowing tradition of the area to be combined with modern facilities.

The building where it is housed is in Canarian style. It has a main production hall where the wines are made and has a separate cellar specifically for the production and ageing of wines in wooden casks. Besides this it has areas for the quality-testing laboratory, employees' restrooms, a multi-purpose patio and a wine-tasting room.

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Address:

Carretera El Lomo, 18. Tegueste
Tegueste.

Tel: 922 545 254 / 678 821 342

E-mail: fincalaisleta@inicia.es

Business hours :

Monday through Friday:
from 9:00 to 12:00 hours and from
14:30 to 16:30 hours

UTM coordinates:

28.512678, - 16°21'6.64

Geographical coordinates:

28°30'45.64"N, 16°21'6.64"W

Further information:

www.bodegaellomo.com

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OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

FARMER'S MARKET IN TEGUESTE

At the Farmer's Market in Tegueste you can purchase local farm products directly from the farmers, which guarantees the freshest products at the best price.

- Request a visiting time in advance

Address:

Calle de las Asuncionistas, 6.
Tegueste

Tel.: 922 544 592

E-mail:

jjjalvarez@yahoo.es

Business hours:

Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 to
14:00 hours

Advance reservations are required

UTM coordinates:

28.519453,- 16.335061

Geographical coordinates :

28°31'10.03"N, 16°20'6.22"W

Further information:

www.mercadosdelagricultor.com

FARMER'S MARKET IN DE TACORONTE

The Farmer's Market in Tacoronte was founded in 1981 and offers the opportunity to purchase excellent farm products from the Tacoronte – Acentejo district directly from their producers. Fruits, vegetables, artisanal liqueurs, honeys and flowers are only some of the products that can be found in the many stalls, all directly managed by the farmers.

Address:

Carretera General Tacoronte a Tejina
(TF-16), Km. 3,5 km.

Barrio de San Juan. Tacoronte

Tel.:

922 563 805 /667 762 612

Business hours:

Saturday and Sunday: from 8:00 to
14:00 hours

UTM Coordenates:

28.499933,- 16.406764

Geographical Coordenates:

28°29'59.76"N, 16°024'24.35" W

Further information:

www.mercadosdelagricultor.com

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CASA DEL VINO DE TENERIFE (HOUSE OF WINE OF TENERIFE)

La Baranda is an old seventeenth century Canarian property which was restored in order to house of Wines of Tenerife. It also has a tasting room, a wine bar and a restaurant. The museum has an annex, which is the House of Honey, Visitor Center.

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Address:

Autopista Norte (TF-5), km. 21
Connection El Sauzal La Baranda
Calle San Simón, 49. El Sauzal.

Tel.: 922 572 535 / 922 572 542

E-mail:

casadelvinotenerife@teneriferural.org

UTM coordinates:

28.470425, -16.434681

Geographical coordinates:

28°28'13.53"N, 16°26'4.85"W

Further information:

www.casadelvinotenerife.es