

ITINERARY

From the TF-5 to the Santa Catalina Barrio

Distance: 500 m **Estimated driving time:** 2 minutes **Approximate time of visit:** 20 minutos.

Our route begins on the Motorway TF-5. We will turn off at km 48 towards Santa Catalina and take Avenida Veinticinco de Noviembre. We will continue until we reach the first crossroads at which point we will turn to the right and go up the Calle Real until we reach the centre of Santa Catalina.

From the Santa Catalina Barrio to La Guancha's town center

Distance: 4 km **Estimated driving time:** 4 minutos. **Approximate time of visit:** 50 minutos.

We will leave the Barrio of Santa Catalina by taking the TF-351 until we arrive at La Guancha. When we reach the centre of town we will turn to the left into Calle de la Política and follow it until we reach Avenida de Hipólito Sinforiano.

From the Town Centre of La Guancha to the Topete Lookout

Distance: 1.8 km **Estimated driving time:** 5 minutos. **Approximate time of visit:** 20 minutos.

We will follow Calle Hippolytus Sinforiano in a westward direction and turn left into Calle de la Alhóndiga. We will continue for about 40 metres (130 ft.) until we come across the street called Cruz de los Clavales which will lead us to calle El Castillo. We will continue in the same direction for about 220 m. (720 ft.). We will continue our journey in the same direction down Alfareros street for another 240 m (790 ft.). We will continue in the same direction down the street of Las Eras for almost 1 km and turn left into the TF-344 towards Topete, about 180 meters you will find the turnoff to the lookout marked by a sign indicating Cerro Gordo. The access road up to the viewpoint is quite steep.



INFORMATION

Estimatred completion time:

4 hours, 10 minutes

Estimated driving time:

40 minutes

Total distance:

23.2 km.

Stopping points

Barrio of Santa Catalina La Guancha's City Centre and Craft Workshop of La Guancha El Topete Lookout Historic Center of Icod and Drago Park Village of Las Abiertas

Other points of interest:

La Casa de la Pradera Picnic Area Comarcal de Icod Winery Cueva del Viento Lava Tube El Lagar Recreation Area



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From the Topete Lookout to the Historic Centre of Icod de Los Vinos and the Millenium Drago

Distance: 10 km **Estimated driving time:** 17 minutos. **Approximate time of visit:** 1hour, 30 minutes.

In order to reach the Historic Centre of Icod de los Vinos we will need to head back the way we came until we reach the city limits of La Guancha on calle de Las Eras. When we reach calle Hipólito Sinforiano we will turn left into the TF-342 and head towards Icod de los Vinos for about 6 km (3.7 miles). Upon reaching the crossroads with the TF-362, we will turn left and continue on towards Icod de los Vinos for another 2.5 km (1.5 miles) until we reach our destination.

From Icod de Los Vinos' Historic Centre to the Village of Las Abiertas

Distance: 6.8 km **Estimated driving time:** 12 minutos. **Approximate time of visit:** 30 minutes.

In order to arrive at the village of Las Abiertas, we will leave the Historic Centre of Icod de los Vinos and drive northward towards El Amparo on the TF-366 for 3.7 km (2.3 miles), until we reach the crossroads where we will turn left towards La Vega. We will follow this road for about 220m. (720 ft.) until we come to another crossroads where we once again will turn to the left, and this time towards Las Abiertas.



STARTING POINT

LA GUANCHA AND ICOD DE LOS VINOS

On our route through La Guancha and Icod de los Vinos we will be visiting two of Tenerife's northwestern municipalities characterized by their agricultural landscapes and verdant hills of Canarian pines. Visitors will discover that these two cities are replete with art and history and afford spectacular views of Mount Teide and the Atlantic Ocean.

Our route takes us through the most picturesque corners of La Guancha, beginning at its origins, the Barrio of Santa Catalina. Agriculture has been the driving economic force in this municipality, which extends from the slopes of Mount Teide all the way down to the coast. Its rural characteristics are reflected in the numerous plantations which include vineyards and potatoes as well as fruit tree orchards among others. La Guancha is also well-known for its craftworks such as pottery, fretwork and basketry.

Icod de los Vinos is an important agricultural municipality in which an intense commercial activity has been developed as well. Its origins date back to the 15th century, although it was also an important population center for the indigenous people during the pre-Hispanic era. The historic center, declared Heritage of Cultural Interest, is understably of important historic and artistic value. Exploring its streets will allow the visitor to contemplate its emblematic buildings and enjoy the tranquility of its parks and squares.

<u>La Guancha</u>: **UTM Coordinates:** 28.375158, -16.652397 **Geographical Coordinates:** 28°22'30.57"N, 16°39'8.63"W

I cod de los Vinos: UTM Coordinates: 28.367156, -16.721058 Geographical Coordinates: 28°22'1.76"N, 16°43'15.81"W

Further information: www.aytolaguancha.com/ www.icoddelosvinos.com/



STOPPING POINTS

BARRIO OF SANTA CATALINA. LA GUANCHA

The Barrio of Santa Catalina is the oldest population center in La Guancha. Situated on the coast. Its most remarkable features are the traditional Canarian architecture and the Chapel of Santa Catalina.

In the Barrio of Santa Catalina, visitors can enjoy the captivating landscape of natural rock pools and fine examples of popular 16th century stone architecture. In the historic center there are several noteworthy streets such as Calle Real, which forms part of the centuries-old royal road connecting Garachico and Santa Cruz.



Address:

Carretera San Juan de La Rambla-La Guancha.(TF-351,)

UTM Coordinates:
28.39015, -16.65495

Geographical Coordinates:
28°23'24.54"N 16°39'17.82"W

Further information:
www.aytolaguancha.com/

CASCO MUNICIPAL Y CRAFT WORKSHOP

The city center of La Guancha has exceptional examples of typical civil and religious architecture of the islands.

As we tour the streets of La Guancha several buildings will inevitably attract our attention such as the 16th century Church of the Dulce Nombre de Jesús, declared Heritage of Cultural Interest, or the homes Casa de Los Pérez and Casa de Los Gomeros. During our visit we will stop by the Craft Workshop of La Guancha, which is an ideal place to discover this town's well-known craftwork: particularly basketry, fretwork and pottery. Here, visitors can make purchases and request any information on the traditional crafts.

- We recommend confirming the opening times of establishments



Address: Carretera San Juan de La Rambla-La Guancha, TF-351. UTM Coordinates: 28.375158, -16.652397 Geographical Coordinates: 28°22'30.57"N, 16°39'8.63"W

Craft Workshop

Address:

Avenida. Hipólito Sinforiano, 4. La Guancha

Tel: 922 828 551

Business Hours:

Monday to Friday: 9:00- 13:00 – 16:00-19:00.

 ${\bf UTM}\ Coordinates:$

28.373778, -16.649828 **Geographical Coordinates:**

28°22'25.60"N, 16°38'59.38"W



STOPPING POINTS

EL TOPETE LOOKOUT

Located in El Topete in the municipality of La Guancha, this lookout offers breathtaking views of Mount Teide, Icod de los Vinos and the entire north of the island.

In addition to spectacular views, this lookout provides a unique opportunity to observe the change from coastal to mountain vegetation and, in turn, note the contrast between the urban and rural landscapes of the mid-altitude regions.



Address:
Carretera. Icod El Alto - La Guancha, (TF-344).
UTM Coordinates:
28.362942, -16.654619
Geographical Coordinates:
28°21'46.59"N, 16°39'16.63"W

HISTORIC CENTRE OF ICOD DE LOS VINOS AND DRAGO PARK

The Historic Center of Icod de los Vinos was declared Heritage of Cultural Interest in 2004 under the category of *Historic Sites* and offers visitors the chance to discover its traditional wealth by exploring its streets and buildings. Our route will take us along cobblestone ways that lead to numerous places of great historic and artistic value: churches, convents, manor houses and gardens among others.

The origin of the town of Icod de los Vinos dates back to the 15th century, when the first colonists settled there and constructed the first buildings. However, its urban organization would not be defined until the 17th century.

The historic center is composed of a large number of buildings of striking beauty that provide a magnificent display of art and traditional Canarian architecture. Among the most emblematic sites we can find the San Marcos Church with its Sacred Art Museum; the Lorenzo Cáceres Erés Square; Pila Square; San Francisco Convent; the Emeterio Gutiérrez Albelo House-Museum; the recently renovated San Agustín Church, which houses the Art and Culture Center; the San Antonio de Padua Chapel and The Chapel of Las Angustias. Most of these places can be found on the streets of San Agustín, San Sebastián, San Francisco and San Antonio.

Drago Park is located near the San Marcos Church in the middle of the Historic Center of Icod. Within its walls, the visitor not only has the opportunity to discover other native plants from the islands, but can also admire the Drago tree from up close; it is the oldest known specimen of the species, Dracaena Draco, and has become the symbol of Icod.

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Carretera La Centinela-Icod de los Vinos (TF-362).

UTM Coordinates:
28.367156, -16.721058

Geographical Coordinates:
28°22'1.76"N, 16°43'15.81"W

Drago Park:
Address:
Plaza de La Constitución, 1.
Business hours:
Mon - Sun: 9:30-18:30 horas
UTM Coordinates:
28.366833, -16.722133
Geographical Coordinates:
28°22'0.60"N 16°43'19.68"W
Further Information:



STOPPING POINTS

LAS ABIERTAS VILLAGE

The village of Las Abiertas, whose origins date back to the eighteenth century, is located within the pine forest in the higher regions of lcod de los Vinos. The village of Las Abiertas is situated within the pine forest and is especially noteworthy for its prominently rural architecture. The first homes may have been built in the eighteenth century by families involved in agriculture, a practice that continues to the present day.



Address: Camino Fuente de la Vega. UTM Coordinates: 28.339769,- 16.733167 Geographical Coordinates: 28°20'23.17"N, 16°43'59.40"W



OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

LA CASA DE LA PRADERA PICNIC AREA

The Casa de la Pradera is a small picnic area located at the entrance to the Coronal Forest in the municipality of La Guancha.

This picnic area provides grills, picnic tables and benches, and at 500 metres (1,640 ft.) away there is an area where you can appreciate spectacular views of Mount Teide and the entire north of the island.

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COMARCAL DE ICOD WINERY

Since the harvest of 2005, the Comarcal de Icod Winery has been integrated into the Island Wineries of Tenerife. Its magnificent wines boast the Ycoden-Daute-Isora Certificate of Origin, which enjoys great prestige.

At the winery, visitors can taste wines whilst admiring the excellent views of Mount Teide and the Atlantic Ocean.

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Address:

Carretera Forestal. La Guancha UTM Coordinates: 28.361281, - 16.657908 Geographical Coordinates: 28°21'40.61"N, 16°39'28.47"W

Address:

Calle Cueva del Rey, 1. Icod de los Vinos

Tels.: 922 124 414 – 670 243 354

Business hours:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 a 16:00. It is necessary to reserve by phone

UTM Coordinates: 28.377519, - 16.705819

Geographical Coordinates: 28°22'39.07"N, 16°42'20.95"W **Further information:**

www.bodegasinsulares.es/bodegalcod.asp



OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

CUEVA DEL VIENTO LAVA TUBE

Located in Icod de los Vinos, Cueva del Viento is a very long lava tube formed by lava flows from the eruption of the volcano Pico Viejo, found near the Teide.

Both the visit to the Cueva del Viento and Los Piquetes Visitor Center offers the opportunity to discover this volcanic tube, an important geological and biological. The tube is 18 km (11.18 miles) long, making it the longest in Europe and one of the longest in the world.

Here, the visitor can admire beautiful geomorphological formations and unique structures, such as lava waterfalls, lava lakes, etc.

The guided tours are in groups of 16 people maximum. The walk is 1,200 meters (3,937 ft.) long.

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EL LAGAR RECREATION AREA

El Lagar is a recreation area and campsite located in the municipality of Icod de los Vinos. Surrounded by the natural setting of the Coronal Forest, it is the ideal place to relax amidst nature.

Situated among pines, myrtles and heath, it provides visitors with parking, a sports area, a playground, benches, picnic tables, grills and restrooms.

Address:

Camino El Almendro. Barrio Cueva del Viento. Icod de los Vinos.

Tel: 922 815 339

Business hours:

Tuesday to Saturday from 9:00 to 16:00.

Visits to the Cueva del Viento are at 10, 11, 12 and 14:00. Advance booking is required.

UTM Coordinates:

28.352044, -16.703733

Geographical Coordinates:

28°21'7.36"N, 16°42'13.44"W

Please note:

- It is necessary to wear hiking shoes, preferably boots.
- The estimated duration of the visit, which will include driving to the cave from the Visitor Center, is 1 hour and 50minutes.

Further information:

www.cuevadelviento.net

Address:

Carretera La Guancha-Casa Forestal, 2ª pista forestal, right., km 9.

Business hours:

Winter until19:00. Summer until 21:00.

UTM Coordinates:

28.341747, -16.65305

Geographical Coordinates: 28°20'30.29"N, 16°39'10.98"W