



**CANARIAS** 

**TF 242** 

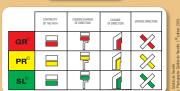


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### How to arrive

To get to Las Vegas from the TF-1 Motorway, take the Chimiche exit (at Km 48) and once in Chimiche carry on up through the houses until you reach the junction where the road joins the TF-28 (Carretera General del Sur). Continue straight ahead along the TF-555, which takes you directly to the hamlet.

Public transport users should bear in mind that the nearest bus stop is in Chimiche, on the TF-28 road, 3 km from Las Vegas.













# SL-TF 242 CAMINO DE LAS VEGAS

This walk will allow you to discover the upper rural areas of Granadilla de Abona, where the light-coloured rocks and hills blend with vestiges of human usage, from agricultural plots, water canals and kilns, to cave-dwellings and even an old water mill.

The walk commences in the district of Las Venas, outside the small church of Our Lady of Hope. From here we walk up Calle Santa Ana which leads us back to the main road up to the hamlet. Here we take Calle Guajara and past some traditional-style homes, some of which

When we reach the last of the houses, we come to a fork in the road and can choose either direction given that we will be walking in a circle as of this point. It is recommended that we carry straight on, up Calle Guajara. Another fork is encountered 200 metres further on, where take a right and immediately pass a water tank, where the path becomes a trail. Another water tank appears soon after, next to some farming land. After this we cross a small gully and

Itinerary (recommended direction): Ermita de Nuestra

Señora de La Esperanza – Calle Guajara – Cañadas del Valle – El Frontón – Molino de Las Vegas –

Barranco Seco - Fuentes Nuevas - Ermita de

Estimated duration: 3 hours 30 minutes

Nuestra Señora de La Esperanza

Estimated length: 7.700 m

Difficulty: Low

Estimated unevenness: 250 m

TECHNICAL DATA

zigzag our way uphill for about 1km. We cross the gully again and follow a trail for about 250 metres.

The walk takes a right here along the Old Mill path, which we follow for just over 1 km through a scattering of pine trees before reaching the trail leading from the hamlet of Las Vegas. At this point we will see the old Water Mill which is surrounded by an assortment of water-related constructions, such as drainage pines and water tanks.

Barely 10 metres from the Mill we leave the trail and cross the small ravine known as Barranco Seco, proceeding uphill after we cross it. We soon reach a water canal which is more than one metre deep and carved in the stone At this point we join the trail again and follow it for around 800 metres along Lomo Seco. On clear days this downhill stretch offers magnificent views of the mountain sides of south Tenerife as far as the coast, as well as of the nearby Barranco del Río

Immediately afterwards we cross Barranco Seco again and carry on as far as a spot known as Fuentes Nuevas (New Springs), which is dotted with typical elements of the rural south of Tenerife, including water canals, cave-dwellings and farming plots. About 300 metres further on, we again cross the trail connecting Las Vegas and the old mill. As of this point around 1 km remains of the walk, which takes us gently downhill along a path bathed in bright colours. Very close to the road we will see an old fruit-drying kiln which is still in good condition

On this last section we follow the side of the road until we rejoin Calle Guajara, which takes us back to the old church.

### Enclaves indicated in the mag 900 m 850 n 800 r 750 m 700 m 650 m 600 m 550 m 500 m ੌH 450 m 1 000 m 2 000 m 3 000 m 6 000 m 7.000 m 7.700 m 5 000 m

# LAS VEGAS HAMLET

THE CRADLE OF GRANADILLA





Las Venas is a small hamlet located in the heights of rural Granadilla de Abona. Today it is the remotest and smallest populated area in the whole municipality, but is also the oldest.

Following the conquest of the island of Tenerife and the distribution of its land, this location was considered the most suitable for the town due to the availability of water and its good farming land. In fact, the area takes its name from the vegas or fertile plains where rainwater accumulated regularly, making them excellent for growing crops. Crops grown down the centuries in Las Vegas include potatoes, cereals, vegetables and different types of fruit, etc. The area retains its rural character and today, in the 21st century, Las Vegas is the perfect refuge for those wanting to escape from the noise and

Heritage of note includes the old church of Our Lady of Hone and its curious bell tower, which "grows" every year since it is in fact an old pine tree that stands on the square. Visible from here also are the "tosca" stone walls of the oldest local house, which was built in the 16th century and was used to dry tobacco in the 19th and 20th centuries.

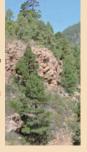
Every year the area around the church is the venue for the so-called Stick Dance, an old and original tradition which sees a group of village men dancing through the streets holding sticks decorated with brightly coloured ribbons and accompanied by musicians playing stringed instruments. The celebration takes place on 26 July, coinciding with St Anne's Day.

### At the edge of the CORONA FORESTAL NATURAL PARK

Of all the Protected Natural Areas in the Canarian Network of Protected Areas, the Corona Forestal (Forest Crown) Natural Park is the biggest. The Park forms a crown or ring around the foot of Mt Teide and, thanks to its large size, offers a spectacular variety of landscapes depending on the different combinations of relief, climate and life. Although dominated by Canarian pine trees, it also features leafy monteverde woodlands, scrubland of the type more commonly found down on the coast, and rural sceneries. In addition to agriculture, traces of other activities such as forestry and livestock grazing can still be seen

In the Las Vegas area, the Forest Crown is a meeting point for agricultural plots. scrubland and scattered nines that become increasingly dense the higher up you go.

Although this walk borders on the Natural Park, there are other options available to get to know the Park from within and enjoy its scenery. For example, the Park's own network of trails, one of which is PR-TF 83 Altos de Granadilla (Granadilla Heights), which links the hamlet of Las Vegas and the neaks of Tenerife



## **CAUCE SUR PROJECT**

Since 2005, the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Tenerife Island Council has been promoting a project to dynamise the mid-altitude lands of the South of Tenerife in order to economically and socially revitalise area that stretches from Candelaria to Arona.

The project is called CAUCE SUR, in reference to the Carretera General del Sur (General Southern Highway). The road took more than a century to build (1858-1975), and it became the true backbone of the South. As the roadworks developed, the highway transformed the way the zone was used and the personal and economic interaction of the po-

pulation. Today, the road provides an ideal starting point for discovering the historic quarters, hamlets, terraced farming land, ravines, volcanoes and hillsides that make up the distinctive landscape of the mid-altitude land of the South.

The set of four walks that are offered along this main road will allow you to discover for yourself the strength, simplicity and beauty of a land that is hostile by its very nature, but where human beings have used all their ingenuity to build a place to live.



### SERVICES

- Citizens Service Center: 901 501 901
- Granadilla de Abona City Council: 922 759 900 (010 if you call from the municipality)
- Cultural Space and Exposition Hall "Convento Franciscano de San Luis Obispo": 922 759 900
- Municipal Museum of Granadilla's History: 922 770 431
- Tourist Information Office: 922 176 002
- Center of Tourist Initiatives: 922 793 312
- Tenerife Tourism: 922 635 192 / 922 239 500
- Local police station: 922 722 917
- Health centre: 922 774 421
- . Civil Protection Service: 922 772 917
- Weather forecast: 922 213 222

 Guaguas TITSA Route 35 (parada Chimiche): Güímar–Carretera General del Sur–Fasnia -Arico-El Río-Chimiche-Granadilla Route 430 (parada Chimiche): Granadilla-Chimiche-El Río-Villa de Arico -Arico Viejo-Porís de Abona

Route 463 (parada Chimiche): Granadilla-Los Blanquitos-Chimiche-FI Río -Villa de ∆rico

Further information: 922 531 300

- Taxi service: 922 391 873 / 922 397 475
- . Incidents and suggestions: caucesur@tenerife.es
- Further information: www.granadilladeabona.org www.caucesur.com www.webtenerife.com

### YOU ARE A PART OF THE TEAM FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE NATURE RESERVES AND ROADS OF TENERIFE

- Walk on the signposted roads and be careful of the way of living, the privacy and the properties of the inhabitants.
- If you avoid noise, you will be able to discover much more life around you.
- Take all the rubbish with you, even the organic one. Therefore, you will contribute to keep the beauty of the landscape and you will avoid the spread of rodents. Be especially careful with the cigarette ends.
- The collection of plants, animals and other objects from the environment can lead to the loss of irreplaceable resources.

Prohibited uses









- mobile phone, sunscreen, hat, coat, raincoat, enough water and food.
- Look up the weather forecast in order to be sure that it is adequate
- Wear suitable clothes and footwear
- Walk always with somebody and only along the signposted path.
- Tell your relatives or friends about the route you are going to follow
- Bear in mind the daylight hours that you will need to finish your itinerary

Remember: Walking in the countryside can be dangerous. You do so at your own risk. So take care.