

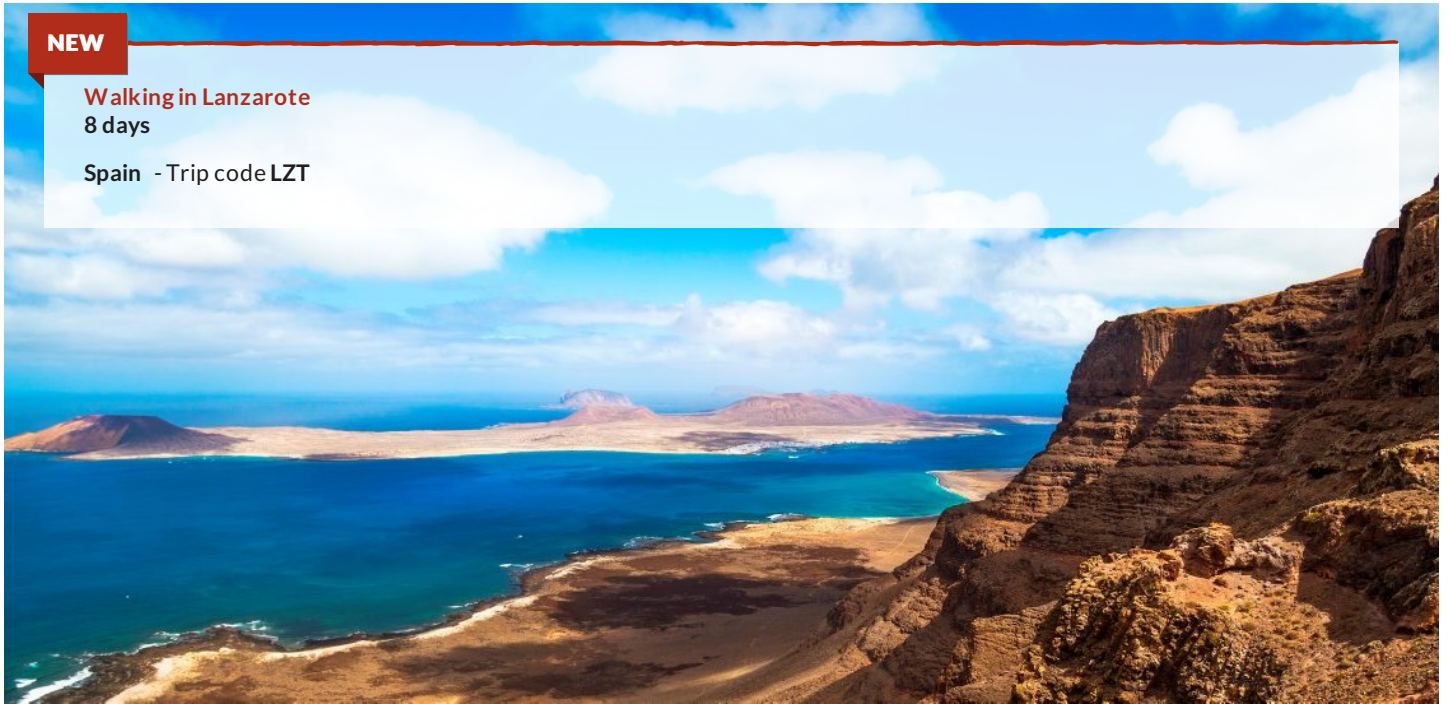
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NEW

Walking in Lanzarote

8 days

Spain - Trip code LZT



Walking in Lanzarote

Discover the surprisingly varied landscape of Lanzarote. Based in the beachside town of Costa Teguise, this trip incorporates some of the best walking routes across the whole island. Explore the north of the island with its rugged coastline and white-washed villages and walk from Femes to the black sands of Playa Quemada in the south. The trip culminates with a walk through the volcanic scenery of Timanfaya - the most dramatic lunar landscape on the island.

Trip highlights

- ★ **Timanfaya National Park** - Discover this spectacular volcanic landscape on foot
- ★ **Famara Cliffs** - Marvel at these towering cliffs, the defining feature of the north of the island
- ★ **Rugged coastline** - Enjoy walks along the dramatic varied coastline
- ★ **Idyllic coves** - Explore small bays, coves and natural black sand beaches
- ★ **Delicious seafood** - Sample the local cuisine and freshly caught fish

ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

Standard

Our standard, mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service, often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will be comfortable with en suite facilities.

WALKING GRADE:

Easy To Moderate

This grade is ideal if you want to enjoy both easy and moderate level walks on the same tour. You'll be walking mainly on good paths and at low altitude, with occasional more demanding ascents or descents.

GROUP SIZE:

10 - 16

Maximum group size ranges from between 6 to 20 people, depending on the type of trip, the transport and accommodation used and activities included. We rarely have groups that are smaller than five or six people and the average is 12 people plus an Explore leader.

Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

DAY 1 - Arrive in Costa Teguise

Our trip starts in Costa Teguise, a coastal resort town on the east of the island, about fifteen minutes' drive from Arrecife Airport. If you arrive early there is a good selection of cafes and restaurants to choose from or you may wish to relax on one of the town's five sandy beaches. The hub of the town is the lively Pueblo Marinero square, designed by local artist and architect Cesar Manrique, whose work can be found across the island. Manrique was instrumental in founding the legislation that prohibits any high rise development on the island. Within a short walking distance of our hotel is a choice of local restaurants and bars, and Bastian beach.



Accommodation: Apartamentos Santa Rosa (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Single room available



Meals Provided: None

DAY 2 - Walk from Haria Village to Famara Beach

This morning we begin our discovery of Lanzarote, driving south to Haria, a pretty village of low lying white-washed buildings situated in the fertile Valley of the Thousand Palm Trees. Walking across the surrounding hills we pass cultivated plots of fig trees and grape vines. Reaching the clifftop area of Bosquecillo there are numerous wooden benches where we can take a rest and soak in the views down the cliffs to Famara beach. The Famara Cliffs are an impressive sight, rising to over 500 metres high and stretching along the coast for 15 kilometres. Continuing, we make our descent down a rocky path to Famara beach to be rewarded with five kilometres of golden sand, backed by the dramatic cliffs and panoramic views across to La Graciosa island. Located between the fishing village of La Caleta de Famara and the base of the impressive cliffs, Famara beach is Lanzarote's surfing hotspot. In the afternoon we transfer back to hotel. Today's 12 kilometre walk is expected to take approximately four and a half hours with a total ascent of 450 metres and descent of 650 metres.



Accommodation: Apartamentos Santa Rosa (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 3 - Descend from Femes through the Ajaches Hills to Playa Quemada

Today we explore the south of the island, driving 40 minutes to Femes, a small village at the base of the southern mountains. Our walk takes us on a well-marked trail through the lunar, remote landscape of the Ajaches hills. Lanzarote is an island of volcanic origin with a long history of eruptions, the most significant being the Timanfaya eruptions throughout the 1730's and in 1824, which shaped the landscape we walk through. Arriving at the coast, we follow the coastal path to reach Playa Quemada. This small seaside village maintains its charm with secluded beaches, idyllic coves and a handful of restaurants offering freshly caught seafood. Today's 13 kilometre walk is expected to take approximately four and a half hours with a total ascent of 350 metres and descent of 700 metres.



Accommodation: Apartamentos Santa Rosa (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 4 - Cliff top Walk to Mirador del Rio

Our walk today begins from Guinate on the north west coast. We follow the coast path along the top of the cliffs of Famara to Mirador del Rio. Mirador del Rio is a 475 metre high viewpoint located at the edge of the Famara cliffs, built into the lava rock. The building, designed by local artist Cesar Manrique, wonderfully blends into the landscape, the floor to ceiling glass windows and outdoor walkway enhance the panoramic views overlooking the Rio strait, between Lanzarote and the island of La Graciosa. From Mirador del Rio our walk continues, gently descending to Orzola which is the northernmost village on the island. Orzola is a famed for its excellent seafood; enjoy a plate of the local favourite Lapas, (grilled limpets drizzled with green mojo) in one of the harbour side restaurants. In the afternoon we drive back Costa Teguise. Today's 12 kilometre walk is expected to take approximately four and a half hours with a total ascent of 200 metres and descent of 550 metres.



Accommodation: Apartamentos Santa Rosa (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 5 - Free day. Opportunity to visit La Graciosa Island

Today has been left free to relax or explore the region more. It is possible to take day trip to La Graciosa - this small arid island has a population of less than 700, with unpaved sand roads, isolated beaches, a rich biodiversity of flora and fauna and a slow pace of life that makes you feel like you're stepping into a different country. On the island there is an enjoyable walk that takes you to Playa De las Conchas, and shorter or longer walk options can be discussed with your tour leader. The ferry to La Graciosa leaves from Orzola which is a 30 minute taxi ride from Costa Teguise. Another option today is to visit Jameos de Agua, designed by Cesar Manrique, Lanzarote's most influential architect. The venue has been built in the volcanic cave system formed by the eruptions of the Corona volcano; it features a swimming pool, restaurant and bar. This could be combined with a visit to La Graciosa as it is located on the way or it is a 25 minute taxi ride from Costa Teguise. Today's optional 12 kilometre walk is expected to take approximately three hours with a total ascent and descent of 150 metres.



Accommodation: Apartamentos Santa Rosa (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 6 - Walk along the east coast to Arrieta via fishing village

Today we drive from Costa Teguise to Guatiza where we turn onto a small road down to the coast. We take the coastal path along the rugged coastline, shaped by an ancient volcanic eruption in the vicinity, to the village of Arrieta, arriving in time for lunch. In the afternoon you can explore this typical Canarian fishing community, relax on the golden sands of Playa de la Garita or take a swim in the natural swimming pools. These seawater pools are sheltered from the waves by natural rock walls and filled by the sea at high tide. On the way back to our hotel there is the possibility to stop at Jardì'n de Cactus. This garden was also designed by César Manrique - built into an old quarry it showcases a collection of over, 1,000 cactus varieties. Today's nine kilometre walk is expected to take approximately three and a half hours with a total ascent and descent of 100 metres.



Accommodation: Apartamentos Santa Rosa (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 7 - Walk in Timanfaya National Park

Today we drive to the centre of the island and walk through the volcanic scenery of Timanfaya - the most dramatic lunar landscape of black lava dotted with craters. Our walk starts from Mancha Blanca; we follow wide dirt paths surrounded by volcanic lava varying in both size and shape, to reach La Geria. La Geria is famed for its unique vineyards; the local farmers have devised an ingenious way to cultivate wine in this harsh environment, creating funnel shaped pits protected with low dry stone walls in which to grow Malvasia grapes. There are Bodegas (wineries) dotted along the road selling the honey coloured sweet wine. Today's 15 kilometre walk is expected to take approximately five and a half hours with a total ascent of 300 metres and descent of 420 metres.



Accommodation: Apartamentos Santa Rosa (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 8 - Trip ends in Costa Teguise

Your trip ends this morning after breakfast, in Costa Teguise.



Meals Provided: Breakfast

Walking and Trekking information

Walking grade

Easy to moderate

Trek details

Walks on 5 days for between 3.5 to 5.5 hours. The majority of walks are on well-marked and maintained inland and coastal footpaths. On day 7, the terrain in Timanfaya National Park is rocky in places with little shade.

Why book this trip

The Canary Islands are a great destination for a winter escape to some warmth and sunshine. When looking at adding another island to our walking repertoire in the region, Lanzarote was the obvious choice. The island offers some spectacularly scenic walking not seen anywhere else from rugged coastlines, to white-washed villages and idyllic coves to lunar landscapes and dramatic volcanic scenery.

What's included?



Included meals

Breakfast: 7



Transport

Bus
Taxi



Trip staff

Explore Tour Leader
Driver(s)



Accommodation

7 nights standard hotel

Trip information

Country information

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Climate

Overall, spring, early summer and autumn are ideal times for a Spanish trip - though the weather varies enormously from region to region. The high central plains suffer from fierce extremes, stiflingly hot in summer, bitterly cold and swept by freezing winds in winter. The Atlantic coast, in contrast, has a tendency to damp and mist, and a relatively brief, humid summer. The Mediterranean south is warm virtually all year round. Spain's Islands the Canaries and Balaerics experience very mild winters and warm summers making them ideal year round destinations.

Time difference to GMT

+1

Plugs

2 Pin Round

Religion

Roman Catholic

Language

Castilian Spanish, Catalan, Galician, Basque

Budgeting and packing

Optional activities

Jardin de Cactus entrance fee: € 5.80 La Graocias day trip: € 36 per person including return taxis from Costa Teguse and return ferry to the island. Jameos de Agua: entrance fee € 9.50 and a taxi (max 4 people) will cost approximately € 25 for the return journey form Costa Teguse.

Clothing

Light windproof rainwear may be needed at any time of year, and a light warm fleece / jacket is recommended for mountain walks, and cooler evenings in winter, spring and autumn.

Footwear

A good pair of broken in comfortable walking boots are essential. In addition to walking boots please take comfortable trainers/shoes or sandals for evenings / relaxing. We suggest that on international flights you either carry your walking boots in your hand luggage or wear them - should your luggage be lost or delayed, your own boots are the one thing that will be irreplaceable.

Luggage

20kg

Luggage: On tour

Bring one main piece of luggage and a 20-30 litre day sack is recommended. You will need to carry what you need for the day which may include a raincoat, jumper, camera, sun-cream, picnic lunch etc. On hot days you will carry fewer clothes but more drinking water.

Equipment

A water bottle, sunhat and sunscreen are all essential and you may wish to bring a small torch with you as well. You may wish to bring walking poles if you regularly use them.

Tipping

Explore leader

At your discretion you might also consider tipping your Explore Leader in appreciation of the efficiency and service you receive.

Local crew

Local Crew: Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognised part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. In order to make things easier for you, the Explore Leader may organise a group's tips kitty and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the trip. Accordingly, you should allow approximately £15 for tipping.

Country Information

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Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Dinner price

£12.00 - 16.00

Beer price

£1.50 - 2.50 (depending on the region/area in Spain)

Water price

£1.4

Foreign Exchange

Local currency

Euros

Recommended Currency For Exchange

We recommend you take the majority of your spending money in Euros cash.

Where To Exchange

We recommend that you change any currency into Euros prior to arrival. Bureau de Change are generally only found in major cities and large airports.

ATM Availability

In cities and most major towns.

Credit Card Acceptance

Visa and Mastercard are generally accepted in larger restaurants and some shops.

Travellers Cheques

Not recommended.

Transport, Accommodation & Meals

Transport Information

Bus, Taxi

Accommodation notes

Booking a Single Room

All of our group tours are planned and operated on a twin-share basis, meaning that the standard cost is based either on individual travellers sharing accommodation with another group member of the same sex, or people who book together sharing accommodation. Please refer to the tour notes where the single room option availability is detailed on a night by night basis for this tour, and the price for the available nights is detailed on the dates & prices tab by departure date. For Self-Guided trips the Single Room supplement offers the option of a single room each and is charged per person. The Single Room supplement also applies to the third person in a party of three that will be accommodated in a single room.

Our hotel is situated on the edge of Costa Teguisse, a short walk from restaurants, cafes and Bastian beach. You'll be staying in en-suite apartments, in whitewashed low storey villas. All apartments have their own kitchenette, a patio or balcony and living, dining area. There is also a large outdoor pool and sun terrace, a welcome sight after a day of walking!

Essential information

FCO Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Essential Information

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

Visa Information

Spain/Canary Islands: Visas are not required by UK, Australian, New Zealand, US and Canadian citizens. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may consider applying through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See www.travcour.com to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our [Essential Information](#) and [Booking Conditions](#).

Transfers

[Find out more about Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions before you book.](#)

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour

specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. [Read more about them here.](#)

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

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Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory but Tetanus is usually recommended as a precaution. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at <http://www.explore.co.uk/Travelhealth/> and from your local healthcare provider. Vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed before departure.