



## Canary Islands Walking - Lanzarote

CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN - TRIP CODE LZT

WALKING AND TREKKING

### Why book this trip?

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Discover the unique landscape of Lanzarote, and enjoy some winter sun, based on the island's east coast. Lanzarote offers some spectacularly scenic walking along rugged coastlines and beaches, through white-washed villages and lunar landscapes with dramatic volcanic scenery.

- **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
- **Idyllic coves** - Explore small bays, coves and natural black sand beaches



**INCLUDED MEALS**  
Breakfast: 7



**TRIP STAFF**  
Explore Tour  
Leader  
Driver(s)



**TRANSPORT**  
Bus  
Taxi



**ACCOMMODATION**  
7 nights  
comfortable hotel



**WALKING GRADE:**  
Easy To  
Moderate



**GROUP SIZE:**  
10 - 16

## Itinerary

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

### DAY 1 - Join trip in Puerto del Carmen

Our trip starts in Puerto del Carmen, a coastal resort town on the east of the island.

For those arriving on time our Leader plans to meet you in the hotel reception at 7pm for the welcome meeting and for those that wish, there is the chance to go out for dinner afterwards. There are no activities planned today, so you are free to arrive in Puerto del Carmen at any time. If you would like to receive a complimentary airport transfer today, you'll need to arrive at Arrecife Airport (ACE) which is around 15 minutes' drive from our hotel. Should you miss the meeting, your leader will inform you of any essential information as soon as you catch up.

If your flight arrives earlier in the day, there is a good selection of cafes and restaurants to choose from or you may wish to relax on one of the town's beaches. Hotel Costa Mar is a modern apartment complex close to Pocillos Beach on the quieter edge of the Puerto del Carmen resort. Its location makes for a great base from which to strike out and explore the whole of Lanzarote.



**ACCOMMODATION:**  
Aparthotel Costa Mar (or similar)

**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



**SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE**





SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: NONE

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## **DAY 2 - Descend from Femes through the Ajaches Hills to Playa Quemada**

Today we explore the south of the island, driving 20 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 moderate 10 kilometre walk is expected to take approximately four hours with a total ascent of 350 metres and descent of 650 metres.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Aparthotel Costa Mar (or similar)



**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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## **DAY 3 - Cliff top Walk to Mirador del Rio**

Our walk today begins from Maguez village close to the north west coast. We follow the path along the top of the cliffs of Famara, first to the Montaña del Gayo with spectacular views across the Atlantic and surrounding cliffs and finally reach the Mirador del Rio. Mirador del Rio is a 475 metre high viewpoint located at the edge of the Famara cliffs, built into the larva 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. In the afternoon we drive back Costa Teguisse.

Today's easy 14 kilometre walk is expected to take approximately five hours with a total ascent of 550 metres and descent of 350 metres.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Aparthotel Costa Mar (or similar)



**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

#### **DAY 4 - 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 close to Mancha Blanca village; we follow wide and narrow dirt paths surrounded by volcanic lava varying in both size and shape. At the end of the walk we drive to 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, we will visit one.

Today's easy 10 kilometre walk is expected to take approximately four-and-a-half hours with a total ascent and descent of 300 metres.



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**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### **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 Teguisse.

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 Teguisse. 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 optional moderate 17 kilometre walk is expected to take approximately six hours with a total ascent and descent of 150 metres.



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Aparthotel Costa Mar (or similar)

**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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## DAY 6 - Walk from Haria Village to Famara Beach

This morning we begin our discovery of Lanzarote, driving north 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, stopping en route for a stroll through the lovely centre of Tequise, Lanzarote's old capital.

Today's moderate 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:  
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Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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## DAY 7 - Walk along the east coast to Arrieta via fishing village

Today we drive from Puerto de Carmen to the outskirts of Guatiza where we start walking along trails leading to a quarry serrated into a volcano crater and later down to the coast. We take the coastal path along the rugged coastline, passing some traditional salines that are still operating. This area is shaped by an ancient volcanic eruption in the vicinity, to the village of Arrieta, arriving in the early afternoon. There is time to explore this typical Canarian fishing community, relax on the golden sands of Playa de la Garita or take a swim in the ocean.

Today's moderate 15 kilometre walk is expected to take approximately five-and-a-half hours with an ascent of 100 metres and descent of 250 metres.



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Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### DAY 8 - Trip ends in Puerto del Carmen

The trip ends after breakfast at our hotel in Puerto del Carmen.

There are no activities planned today, so you are free to depart from Puerto del Carmen at any time. If your flight is departing later in the day luggage storage facilities are available at our hotel. If you would like to receive a complimentary airport transfer today, you need to depart from Arrecife Airport (ACE) which is around 15 minutes' drive.



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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## Trip information

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### Climate and country information

### Canary Islands

## Climate

The Canary Islands enjoy a relatively stable climate making them a good year round destination. The warmer temperatures in the winter months also make the islands a great winter walking holiday choice. The best months for walking are October to April, avoiding the heat of the summer, the evenings can still be chilly and rain is possible in January and February. The Canary Gulf Stream and trade winds provides each island with its own micro-climate, bringing different climatic conditions to each side of the islands.

## Time difference to GMT

The Canary Islands are -1hrs from mainland Spain

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## Spain

### 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	Plugs	Religion
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### Language

Castilian Spanish, Catalan, Galician, Basque

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## Budgeting and packing

### Optional activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations. Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

Jardin de Cactus entrance fee: € 5.80

La Graocias day trip: € 36 per person including return taxis from Costa Teguisse 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 Teguisse.

### Clothing

Bring light and comfortable clothing that can be layered according to the temperature. It can become cool, especially at night, so bring warmer layers. Tops made from wicking materials which keep you drier,



a warmer fleece is recommended as a mid layer, and walking trousers are preferable to trousers of heavier material such as jeans.

- Breathable wind and waterproof jacket (you may also wish to bring waterproof trousers)
- T-shirts
- Long sleeved tops
- Sunhat
- Long trousers
- Shorts (if you prefer to walk in them)
- Swimwear and towel
- Midlayer Fleece/pullover
- Socks (liner and thicker pair)

## 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

- Sunglasses
- Sun cream
- Small Torch (with spare batteries and bulb)
- Camera
- Walking poles (if you usually use them)
- Personal toiletries
- Personal first aid kit - On each walk a first aid kit is carried but you should have your own blister kit, supply of plasters, aspirin and other essentials.
- Insect repellent
- Small waterproof dry bag (for items such as your mobile phone)
- Reusable water bottle (minimum 1 litre) - Get 15% discount on a Water-to-Go bottle [www.explore.co.uk/about-us/responsible-travel/water-to-go-discount-with-explore](http://www.explore.co.uk/about-us/responsible-travel/water-to-go-discount-with-explore)
- Lunch bag/Tupperware (for packed lunches)

## Tipping

Explore leader

Tipping isn't compulsory, and we work hard to ensure that our leaders all receive a fair wage. You may however, want to recognise a leader that has done a great job or really added to your trip by giving them a tip. We're often asked about the recommended amount. It is a tricky one, and down to personal preference, but we would recommend £15 to £20 per person per week as a guideline.

### **Local crew**

Although 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. Accordingly, you should allow approximately £15 of local currency for tipping. 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.

## **Canary Islands**

### **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.

### **Foreign Exchange**

## **Spain**

### **Food and drink**

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<b>Lunch price</b>	<b>Dinner price</b>	<b>Beer price</b>
£8.00 - 12.00	£16.00 - 20.00	£1.50 - 3.50 (depending on the region/area in Spain)

**Water price**  
£1.4

### **Foreign Exchange**

<b>Local currency</b>	<b>Recommended Currency For Exchange</b>
Euros	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.

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**Transport, Accommodation & Meals****Transport Information**

Bus, Taxi

**Accommodation notes**

Hotel Costa Mar is a modern apartment complex close to Pocillos Beach on the quieter edge of the Puerto del Carmen resort. Its location makes for a great base from which to strike out and explore the whole of Lanzarote. There's a variety of shops and restaurants close by. The relaxed apartments have separate living room area and kitchenettes, satellite TV and balconies; most have sea views. Wi-Fi is available for a fee. There's an outdoor swimming pool and breakfast is taken at the hotel restaurant.

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**Essential Information****Government Travel Safety 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, Commonwealth & Development 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.

**Price Guarantee**

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 and Passport 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 be able to apply through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See [www.travcour.com](http://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.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

## 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 receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The complimentary transfers will be arranged from the Explore designated airport or train station to your trips joining point, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. Generally the airport or station that Explore have selected will be the one that is closest to the town or city where the trip starts, or the one nearest to the joining point. It will be either an airport or train station but not both.

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, Polar, 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. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. 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.

## **Canary Islands**

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### **Spain**

#### **Vaccinations**


Nothing compulsory but Tetanus is usually recommended as a precaution. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at Explore Travel Health and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

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## **Walking and Trekking information**

## DAILY DISTANCES

Day 2	10km	4hrs
Day 3	14km	5hrs
Day 4	10km	4.5hrs
Day 5	17km	6hrs
Day 6	12km	4.5hrs
Day 7	15km	5.5hrs

 Optional Walks

### Walking grade

Easy to moderate

### Trek details

Walks on 5 days for between 3.5 to 5.5 hours. The 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.

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### Additional Information



## 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.

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## Reviews



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