



Down to Earth

"Earth science learning for all"

Tenerife & La Gomera

February 24 - March 2 2024

Fabulous scenery of Tenerife

A word from your leaders...

We last visited Tenerife in 2018, when we also took in La Gomera, this time we are running a 'classic' Tenerife tour. Tenerife gives an excellent insight into the fairly recent volcanic and sedimentary history of this part of the Canary Islands.

We will be having the services of our usual Canary Island guide the talented and highly knowledgeable Isabel Mora. Isabel is always a joy to work with and not only takes us to see great geology, she also includes some excellent lunchtime stops at some really good family owned restaurants. To complete our 'team' you will have the usual team of Colin and Chris. Whilst Chris will concentrate on the hard rocks Colin will cover the landscape and the sedimentary rocks, not to mention the geomorphology of the island!

We will be based in the comfortable Occidental Hotel in Santa Cruz, that provides en-suite rooms, bed and breakfast accommodation, with evening meals taken in the hotel restaurant. We will have the use of a local coach and driver for each field day.

We expect demand for this trip to be high, so early booking is advised, especially if you want a single room.

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Getting to Tenerife

There are flights from many UK airports to Tenerife. These are with the usual budget airlines such as Easyjet, Ryanair and Jet2.com. Remember that there's nothing to stop you travelling with different airlines for the two single journeys, especially if that gives you better timings. Schedules for the winter period may not yet be available, but keep checking. **As soon as you are clear to make your airline booking we'll let you know.**

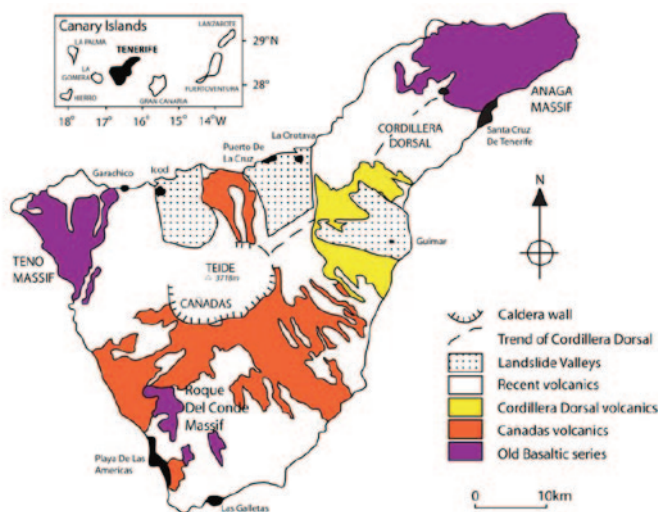
Getting Around on Tenerife

We'll have the services of Isabel Mora as our local guide on the island. Isabel is a native of Tenerife and knows the island really well. She has a great eye for natural history of all kinds. She will liaise with our coach driver on each day and also find us great places for our midday food. We hope to have a suitable sized coach that will get us as close as possible to our field sites.

Walking

Tenerife is a well known island for walking tours, however we won't be tackling difficult terrain, although there will be places where we will make modest ascents and descents to access some sections, in some cases this will involve steps. We'll get you as close as possible to the relevant sites and will, in almost every case, involve minimal walking distances.

Everything therefore should be within the capabilities of all of the party. However, if at any time you wish to 'opt out' that will be fully acceptable and understood. In view of the uncertainties of the weather you are strongly advised to bring all waterproofs and walking boots – particularly as you may be walking over rough ground.



Why Tenerife?

Tenerife is perhaps one of the best known of the Canary Islands with a geological history going back to around 7 Ma, at which point the oldest rocks, seen in the Northeast, were formed. As with other Canary Islands the story begins with submarine eruptions, followed by a shield phase which was in turn followed by caldera collapse and then uplift and considerable erosion. Today, the highest point Mount Teide is still classed as active.

The other reason for visiting Tenerife, especially at this time of year is that, compared to the Summer months, it is quiet, and the climate should be pleasant, even relatively warm. Even with cutbacks in air travel, there should still be options for you to get there from most UK airports.

Itinerary

At this stage, this is meant to be indicative of the course content. Final details will be worked out in accordance with the wishes of the group and the prevailing weather.

- The older rocks of the Anaga area, with their laurel forests and lush vegetation cover. There are some excellent road cuttings with a number of intrusions.
- The Bandas del Sur area with its distal deposits of the Las Canadas volcano, mainly pyroclastics.
- The Canadas volcanic edifice and Teide - some of the finest Tenerifian scenery, but not all may be possible as the winter snows may still be in place.
- The Dorsal de la Esperanza is a recently active area for fissure eruptions. Lots of basalt lavas and scoria cones with evidence for lateral collapse. The region contrasts sharply with the deeply eroded rocks of Anaga.
- Mirador de Arasa, magnificent views over Teide with lots of recent eruptions including that of 1909.
- A possible coastal boat trip to get a different angle on the landscape.



Accommodation & Food



Good food and a good night's rest are important elements to our tours and we have worked with our guide Isabel to secure accommodation at the Occidental Hotel in Santa Cruz, where we stayed on our last visit. All rooms are en-suite. Single rooms are limited and subject to a modest extra charge. We are happy to help anyone looking for someone to share a twin bedded room – simply indicate on the booking form.

Evening meals will all be taken at our hotel restaurant. It is likely that this will be buffet style, with plenty of choice on offer. Midday food will be provided on each field day and will be taken in a variety of local family owned cafe bars, often at the coast.

Cost

For 2 people sharing a double or twin room, the cost of the 7-night tour will be £1295.00 per person; for single occupancy, the cost will be £1595.00 per person. Single rooms are limited to a maximum of 5 and are subject to availability.

Prices as quoted are based on a rate of not less than £1.10 to the Euro, if there are falls below this level we reserve the right to increase the cost of the trip by not more than 5%.

What's included in the cost?

- The services of our local guide, together with Chris Darmon and Colin Schofield as tutors, who will be available to you at all reasonable times
- Accommodation and meals as specified in the brochure
- Use of hired coach and driver
- A coastal oat trip (if possible)
- Admission charges to any museum or attraction included in the programme

What's excluded from the cost?

- The cost of travel between your home and Tenerife and return
- Transfers between airport and hotel, but we will help to coordinate this to save you money
- Travel insurance
- Incidental expenses
- Lunchtime food on the final day



Insurance

Everyone booking a place and paying a deposit is required to take out holiday insurance. This can cover you against loss of money in the event of cancellation etc. Cover is often included in with your credit card or bank account.

Booking

Please fill in and return a completed booking form.. Your booking will be confirmed upon receipt of either a deposit of £300.00 per person or the full payment. The balance of the brochure price will be due by December 31st. 2023.

This trip will run provided a minimum of 15 people have booked by September 30th. 2023.

Your money...

Upon receipt, all monies paid for these trips are placed in a specific 'client trust account' where it cannot be drawn by us until after completion of the tour. This is in accordance with EU Directives and ensures that your money is safe in the unlikely event of corporate failure by Geo Supplies.

What happens next?

As soon as we are in a position of confirming that the trip will run - we will let you know. You will then be free to start making your own travel plans and to take advantage of any early deals on plane tickets.

Please don't make any such arrangements until we have been in touch with you.

Also see information contained in our 'Residential Field Trips 2024'.

If you have any questions or queries - contact Chris Darmon as follows:-

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