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Main beach at Puerto del Carmen, Lanzarote's pioneering tourist resort, celebrating its 50th anniversary. Photo Liz

Free Guided Walks in Teguise



Villa de teguise

Walking through the historical old town of Teguise takes us back centuries, to times when the island was governed by Landowners, Lords and the Clergy (ecclesiastical). The architectural appearance of Teguise is that of another century, it looks like a town anchored between the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. In 1852 Teguise conceded Capital status in favour of Arrecife hence losing its growth of power obtained from previous centuries. Due to the profound economic crisis this created, there was a general construction paralysis and it thereby maintained its present day aspect as one of the most picturesque areas of the Canarian Archipelago. A walk through its streets which are steeped in history allows you to learn about the town, its buildings, its people, its cultures and its art and gives you a real insight into Lanzarote and its cultures and traditions, which are still kept alive today by the local people.

GUIDED TOURS:

Wednesday

"Historical Teguiise"

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Sunday

"Teguise and its surroundings"

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Duration: 10:00 to 11:30

Meeting point : At the Timple Museum's doorstep

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Cactus Garden 28th Anniversary

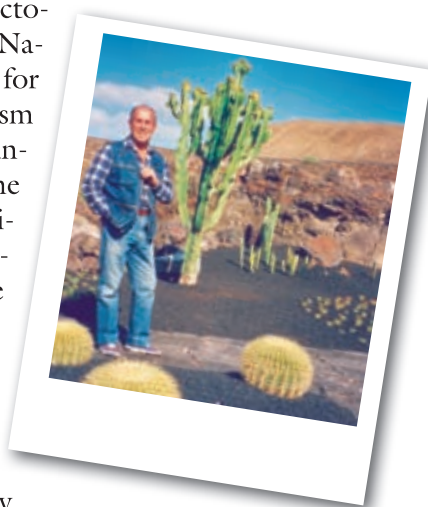
March 2018 marks 28 years since the opening of the Cactus Garden, the last Tourist Centre César Manrique (1919-1993) created for Lanzarote. However, his spirit continues to be the guiding force for the reputation of the island as a unique tourist destination. In October the United Nations Conference for Sustainable Tourism took place on Lanzarote. Out of the multitude of holiday resorts throughout the world the UN chose this island as the venue because it created a thriving tourist industry whilst following a policy of conservation of the environment.

Most suitably, the conference was held at Jameos del Agua Auditorium, one of the world's most beautiful theatres, created by Manrique in the 1960s.

Edwin Owen wrote in The Times, "César Manrique adored Lanzarote and made protecting its natural features his life's work. He was one of the most thoughtful and gifted artists of the 20th century, exploring the raw and rough-edged world of the Canary Islands to stunning effect."

Having enjoyed your holiday, you may wish to buy a holiday-cum-retirement home offering 12 months a year sunshine, just a few hours away from most European airports. We publish quarterly, our next issue is out on 1 March. Wishing all readers a Merry Xmas, Happy New Year and a wonderful holiday.

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Tate Gallery Lanzarote

Dear Sir,

In the editorial of the last issue you mentioned that in the 1990s the Tate Gallery organised a series of holidays in conjunction with a travel agency, to cultural destinations which included the Egypt of the Pharaohs, the German of Johann Sebastian Bach and the Lanzarote of César Manrique. How did they go about it and when did it take place?

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GUINEVERE In took place in

1998 and we received a copy of the itinerary from architect Bettina Bork, who is credited as being the only person who studied architectural design under César Manrique at his studio in El Almacén, Arrecife. As a tribute to the artist, she opened the Arte de Obra design studio in Haria as a Centre for Architecture and Science. Her friend Renée Pfister worked at the Tate Gallery and *Lancelot* thanks them both for supplying the following details. (We ask readers to note that this was written about 20 years ago). "Lanzarote, Inspired by Tate," "The Canary Islands are synonymous with holidaymakers seeking sun, sea and sand; the volcanic isles are hardy renowned as major artistic centres. However, the easternmost island, Lanzarote, is a treasure trove of hidden artistic and natural wonders. Noting the impact of mass tourism, the artist César Manrique, strived to ensure Lanzarote's natural beauty was maintained through the

subtle fusion of art with nature. His efforts resulted in a number of engaging works of art set against the visually-stunning rugged lunar-like landscape of the island. Lanzarote truly thrills the soul.'

The itinerary of course included all island's tourist centres as well as the César Manrique Foundation. However, following the tour of the Monumento Al Campesino with its 15 metres high cubist monument made from farming scrap and old fishing boats, there was a visit to the Agricultural Museum at El Patio to illustrate how farming methods from over 100 years ago have been brought back to life.

This large farm estate had originally been part of the estate owned by the Marquis de la Quinta Roja, a descendent of the island's first governor. Several years ago, following centuries of neglect, the family of a local doctor by the name of Barreto Feo began the work of restoring the manor house and grounds. Typical

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of the traditional architecture of Lanzarote, the principles of which strongly influenced the artistic work of César Manrique in the creation of the Monumento al Campesino and the Cactus Garden. The main buildings are grouped around the courtyard, and a windmill at the far end of an onion field.

Dollar Bay County Wexford

Dear Sir,

We have just been on holiday in Duncannon, County Wexford in Ireland and came across a beautiful beach called Dollar Bay. One of the locals told us over a pint of Guinness that the origin of its name is based on an incident which took place in 1764 when a crew had mutinied on a ship which had sailed here from the island of Lanzarote, in order to steal treasure on board which belonged to the captain George Glas.

As we have a holiday apartment on Lanzarote we would be de-

lighted if you could tell us anything more about this story.

Stewart and Sadie Gormley
Las Brisas Playa Blanca

GUINEVERE Besides being a seaman George Glas, a Scotsman, was also a famous historian who wrote a history on the Ancient Inhabitants of Lanzarote and Fuerteventura. His book was published in 1760 and is still considered one of the most important works on the subject and was translated into Spanish by La Laguna University, Tenerife in 1983. We have often quoted from his writings.

As a merchant seaman, George Glas had accumulated much wealth in the Canary Islands and the incident you refer took place when he and his family were returning to their home in England on board his ship the Earl of Sandwich in 1765. Glas was carrying his personal fortune with him, gold coins worth 100,000 pounds sterling concealed among a cargo of wine, silk and

cochineal dye. As they approached the English Channel, the four-man crew, who were aware of what was on board, overpowered Glas, stabbed him to death and threw his wife and daughter into the sea.

The mutineers then changed course and set sail for Ireland, sinking the boat close to Waterford Harbour, County Wexford. However, the following morning, the boat rose to the surface with the bloodstained body of George Glas on deck. Within a few days the Irish constabulary had caught the mutineers who stood trial, were found guilty and hanged at Dublin Jail.

For many years afterwards, local fishermen would find gold coins in the sea at that spot which gave rise to the name Dollar Bay. At one time Hook Tourist Office held an annual treasure dive to commemorate the event.

Guarapo Liqueur

Dear Sir,

I read your article about the date



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→ palm liqueur which originated on the island of La Gomera by Tony Garcia Martín of Pizzeria Capri in Puerto del Carmen whose restaurant serves a dish of crunchy aubergine sprinkled with Guarapo. Your readers, both tourists and locals, may be interested to know that the Guarapo drink is served in bars and restaurants in Haria and is especially good at Los Helechos View point above the Valley of the Palms and the town.

The liqueur is served in a small wine glass topped off with whipped cream and sprinkled with cinnamon mixed together using a small straw and sipped slowly. Drivers should note that the alcohol content is about 20 per cent.

Cheers

Geoff Woodmansey
Macher

Four Horsemen

Dear Sir,

Our boat stopped off for one day at Lanzarote during a cruise of the Canary Islands at the end of August but during our excursion by coach we were unable to visit any of the tourist attractions due to a strike. We were enchanted by the island's volcanic scenery and are definitely returning for a two week visit with our children over the New Year.

Whilst in Arrecife harbour we saw statues of four horsemen rising from the sea outside an old castle and wondered what they signified.

We came across a copy of your magazine in the main shopping street but looked in vain for an explanation. Can you help us?

Diane and Peter Wallace
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GUINEVERE In September 2016, British underwater eco-sculpture Jason DeCaires Taylor unveiled his Rising Tide exhibit of the Four Horseman at the foot of the MIAC gallery of the Castillo de San José, Arrecife. The identical display had been featured on the Albert Embankment during the Totally Thames Festival in London exactly one year before in September 2015. The horses have petrol pumps instead of their usual heads in order to question our dependence on fossil fuels. Two of the mounted figures are businessmen and the other two children indicating the choice facing mankind of doing everything for the sake of financial profit as opposed to leaving the world a better place for the enjoyment of our children. The representations of four horses and riders are fully visible at low tide but become immersed underwater twice a day as the Atlantic rises to reach full tide.

British passengers on board the P&O Lines ship Aurora which docked at Arrecife Docks on the day the exhibit was installed were able

to witness the actual placing of the Four Horsemen exhibit on the bed of the sea. (How many weary-eyed holidaymakers observing horses and their riders rising out of the sea in the early morning light wondered if they maybe shouldn't have knocked back that final brandy after dinner the previous evening)!

Timple Museum

Dear Sir,

During a visit to the Timple Museum in Teguiwe we noticed a ukelele among the comprehensive collection of miniature guitars from all over the world. Our friend is a keen member of the Ukelele Orchestra of Great Britain (UOGB) which is currently finishing a new album before embarking on a tour of the USA next year. Many people do not realise that ukelele music is still very popular in the UK and it would be nice if someone could organise a concert for a Lanzarote timple artist to play as a guest musician with the UOGB.

What is the history of the historic old building the Museum occupies?

Charles Rennie
C/ Costa Rica s/n
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GUINEVERE According to Teguiwe Town Historian Francisco Hernández Delgado, the building which houses the Timple Museum was known as Spinola Palace was built in stages between 1730 and

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1780 by Tomás Feo Peraza. Originally the site was occupied by officials of the Spanish Inquisition. Of all the well preserved homes of Tegui this is arguably the most important due to both its features and size. The three steps at the entrance are peculiar to grand residences of the period.

The major distinctive features of the interior include the tall and splendid fireplace, the bedrooms between levels, the water distiller embedded in the courtyard wall, the stone garret, the cupboard doors inlaid with vegetation motifs in the baroque style, roof flats of varying heights, and, above all, the chapel, reflect in a specific manner the homes of the high born classes living in 17th and 18th century Tegui.

In 1880 the house was inherited by Adelina Feo Curbelo who married Angel Spinola Cancio which is how the residence received its pre-

sent name. Eventually the premises fell into a great state of neglect and it wasn't until the 1970s that Rio Tinto, the company which developed the Costa Tegui, decided to refurbish the building to its previous state of elegance.

The architect was Fernando Higuera who had designed the Hotel Las Salinas with César Manrique. In 1984 the restored Spinola Palace was purchased by Tegui Town Hall and in 1989 was declared the official residence of the Canary Government on Lanzarote.

Canary Islands

Dear Sir,

We read your highly interesting article about the discovery of Lanzarote by Lanzarotto Malocello, for whom the island is named, and how he built a fortress overlooking Tegui in 1320. But what are the origins of the Canary Islands and the name?

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GUINEVERE Just to set the record straight, Lanzarote and the other Canary isles have been around at least since the time of the Romans based on artefacts dug up in various parts of this and other islands. What Lanzarotto Malocello did in 1320 was to bring the islands to the attention of the major European powers which led to the Norman annexation of the Canaries to the throne of Spain some eighty years later. The reason the Canaries did not become a French possession was that whereas the king of France refused to fund the expedition, the Spanish monarch agreed to do so on condition that they cede the territory to Spain.

As to the name "Canary" one thing that is certain is that islands



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are not named for the birds, rather the other way round. According to the publications of the Popular Centre of Canarian Culture, there are references to the place name 'Canary' in the works of the most famous writers of ancient Rome and Greece. The first mention is by the Roman writer Pliny the Elder, AD 23 – 79, who refers to the Fortunate Islands adding the word "Canaria". In book IV of his Natural History he writes, 'nearby there is Canaria, whose name is derived from the Latin word Cani for dog. So called for the great number of dogs which were given to king Juba of Mauretania, the closest country to the eastern islands of Lanzarote, Fuerteventura and Grand Canary, which he had tried unsuccessfully to conquer.'

In Homer's opinion they were the site of the Elysian Fields. Plato considered them to be the remains of the lost continent of Atlantis. Plutarch described in great detail the journey of a sailor who passed through the

Pillars of Hercules (Gibraltar) and calls at the Fortunate Islands. Horace declares 'these islands were set apart from the world by Jupiter for a pious people, when the Golden Age began to be tarnished by brass.'



Holiday Firm's License Stripped Dear Sir,

We would be grateful if you could bring the following to the attention of your readers: A holiday sickness firm responsible for pressuring people into making holiday-sickness claims has had its licence stripped by the Claims Management Regulator, CMR. Intelligence gathered by the CMR officers revealed that Lancashire based Allsure Ltd had encouraged holiday-goers to fabricate or embellish symptoms of gastric illness to get compensation. Further evidence showed the firm had used deceptive sales scripts – exaggerating expected pay-outs to

entice consumers which led to the firm's licence being cancelled. This means that it can no longer offer regulated claims management services to new or existing clients.

Kevin Rousell, Head of the Claims Management Regulator said: "We will take firm action against claims businesses which engage in serious misconduct. Seeking to encourage false claims will not be tolerated." CMR, based at the Ministry of Justice, regulates companies that offer to help people claim compensation for issues such as personal injury and mis-sold financial products.

The action taken against Allsure Ltd is the latest in a series of moves by government to crackdown on fake sickness claims, following concerns from the travel industry of a surge in insurance claims for gastric illnesses like food poisoning being brought by British holidaymakers. In July ministers stepped in to reduce cash incentives in bringing spurious claims against package ho-

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liday tour operators. Under these proposals tour operators would pay a prescribed sum depending on the value of the claim, making the cost of defending a claim predictable. During an audit, CMR identified potential systematic failings in Allsure Ltd's sales scripts and their call recordings were checked. They were found to have breached the conduct rules when making marketing calls to consumer for holiday sickness claims by: making false or unsubstantiated claims and misleading statements about the amounts due to consumers; trying to coach consumers in providing the answers needed to meet the criteria for making a claim. Allsure Ltd is based in Preston, Lancashire and has been operating in the personal injury claims sector since 22 April 2014. Information is available on the Justice website. Details on the action CMR is taking to tackle misconduct in holiday sickness claims can be

found in the CMR quarterly enforcement update.

Press Department
British Embassy, Madrid.

Doña Dorotea

Dear Sir,

We visited the folklore festival at Mancha Blanca and saw some wonderful photographs of a lady called Dona Dorotea making pottery. She was honoured as Artisan of the Year. But we could find no English language information about her.

Can you help?
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England

GUINEVERE Doña Dorotea, 1899-1997, spent the whole of her life making pottery and all the potters of the island owe their skills to her. She worked the clay in the

same small room used by her mother and grandmother from whom she learnt her craft. The tiny washed room was over 300 years old and remained unchanged except for the addition of an electric light.

The clay used for making the pottery comes from the cliffs above Famara close to the Ermita Las Nieves chapel (Our Lady of the Snows). Her pots and figures are all formed by hand and, having etched her name on the base, were carried out and placed on a metal frame standing in the ground in front of her house. She fired the pottery by burning corn cobs under the frame and brushwood and twigs laid over the ware. The strength and direction of the wind appear to influence the final shade of the clay so that no two pieces were every exactly the same.

In her collection are two primitive figures which often fascinate visitors. One is unmistakably male and the





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other equally unmistakably female. Doña Dorotea explained that they can be traced back to a custom practised in her home village of Mojon, (near the east coast) when she was very young. It seems that when a courting couple wished to get married the boy would propose by presenting the clay figure of the male to his girl and she, in turn, would signal her acceptance by presenting him with the female counterpart.

Visit to Lanzarote

Dear Sir,

My wife I were among the party of 25 Canary Islands Descendents from San Antonio, Texas who visited Lanzarote and other Islands in October. First and Foremost I would like to say that this experience will be forever in my heart as Once in a Lifetime Event that I will Never Forget.

My wife MaryAnn Sanchez-Benavides and I, George Rosales Benavides, made the trip in honour of my mother and grandmother (Mar-



Statue of the Virgin of Guadalupe



garita Huizar Sotelo Rosales). This was our first visit of many to come and I cannot begin to describe the emotion we both felt when we arrived in the Canary Islands. I immediately felt at home even though I had never visited this beautiful place before, I cannot explain it but it was something special. I could only wish that my mother and grandmother could have experienced it with me.

Enclosed a photo of my parent's home, Nora and Frank Benavides, in a small town in Texas called Beeville where they spent their whole life along with my grandmother. We are all descendents from Lanza-

rote families named Delgado, Travieso, Rodríguez, Curbelo and Leal who came to New Spain in the New World back in 1730 - 1731. My mother always had statues of saints and La Virgin de Guadalupe in and around our house when we were growing up. My mother, Nora Sotelo Rosales Benavides who passed away on 29 May 2012, always lit candles for La Virgin and we continue the tradition. My father passed away Dec. 18, 2016.

Sincerely,
George & MaryAnn Benavides
(See pages 78.-79)



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Fiscal Regulations for Letting of Real Estate

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In the last few years many owners of real estate have been asking questions about their fiscal obligations when they rent out their properties. In this article we try to explain, in an abbreviated form, the different types of rental income and their fiscal obligations as well as the time frame for presenting the corresponding tax declaration and when it is due. These dates can vary, depending on whether the property owner has the status of a resident tax payer or not.

Income from Long Term Rentals

In the current legislation there is no exact definition for long term rental, but the tax office states, that the duration of the rental contract has to be a minimum of one year, in order to be considered as such. Income obtained under this aspect is not considered to be a service or economic activity and therefore not subject to VAT or IGIC, as it is called on the Canary Islands. The current formula under which the tax is calculated is as follows: $\text{Income} - \text{costs} - \text{depreciation} = \text{net income} \times \text{tax rate}^* = \text{tax due}$.

The term costs means all expenditure (including council taxes and charges), paid by the landlord. Costs, which according to the contract are to be paid by the tenant, cannot be deducted. Please note, that all costs have to be accompanied by proper invoices, which clearly identify the two parties and also the property for which the cost, service, etc. was rendered. Failing these terms, those costs won't be accepted by the authorities. The term depreciation means the annual deterioration of the value of the construction (not the land). The value could be the Council value (Valor Catastral Construcción) or the purchase value of the property (if not stated separately in the deed of purchase,

it will be the same proportion as shown in the council value).

Time Frame for Presenting and Paying Income Tax and IGIC:

Fiscal Residents: Must be included in their annual income tax declaration (tax rate varies, depending on the rest of income, except for capital income).

Non-Residents: within first 20 days following each natural calendar quarter (i.e. between 01.04. - 20.04 for the month of Jan. Feb and March etc.), tax rates: *currently 19% for all EU residents + Norway + Iceland; *currently 24% for all others.

Income from Commercial or Industrial Rentals

Income obtained under this aspect is considered to be a service and therefore subject to VAT or IGIC (general rate currently 7%) meaning that the tenant has to pay 7% IGIC on top of the gross rent. The current system also foresees a withholding tax on these rentals, applying the same percentages for retention as the tax rates aforementioned. This means, that the tenant is legally bound to deduct this percentage from the gross rent and add 7% IGIC. These retentions have to be paid by the tenant every quarter to the tax authorities within the periods above mentioned. The owner is also obliged to forward the collected IGIC payment. Here is an example:

Gross rent = 1.000 €
+ 70 € IGIC
- 190 € Tax retention
880 € payable to the owner

Please note, this system applies to residents and non-residents. In reference to deductible costs, the same principle applies as mentioned in long term rentals.

Touristic Rentals

Please note that this article only points out the fiscal aspects. It doesn't comment on the legal situation, whether under the current laws these lettings are legal or not. Even though, that certain court sentences have declared invalid certain articles of the current legislation, the government have appealed those sentences.

Touristic lettings are considered a service and therefore subject to IGIC. The owner has to charge this tax to his customers (included in the price quoted). If the owner uses a third party (i.e. letting agency, etc.), who are registered in Spain, the same rules apply as described in commercial or industrial lettings (i.e. tax retentions) and the payment schedule is also the same.

Self-Use Tax in Relation to Letting a Property

The current legislation applies the principle of self-use of real estate to all periods in which the property is not rented out. This means, that if the owner occupies the property or family or friends without receiving income, self-use tax is applicable. It's calculation is based on the council value (Valor Catastral) of the property. The formula is the following:

$\text{Valor Catastral} \times 1,1\% \times (19\% \text{ or } 24\%) = (\text{tax due} / 365) \times \text{days applicable}$

This declaration is to be filed complementary to the income declarations and has to be made during the natural calendar year following the tax year.

We recommend that all property owners should seek legal and fiscal advice in relation to touristic letting, as well as to review the situation with the Owners Community Statutes, if your property is affected by one.



A Brief Guide to Property Purchase

LANCELOT has prepared the following for the benefit of holidaymakers unfamiliar with the language and laws of Spain. It is not, and is not intended as, a substitute to advice from a solicitor and/or an estate agent.

Only buy from the office of an Estate Agent and seek the services of an independent solicitor.

It is not advisable to give anyone a **GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY**. Where necessary, it is prudent to grant a limited power of attorney (only) to an independent solicitor.

Do not believe that you are protected because the conveyance will be notarised, as the Notary presumes that you are acting on the advice of your Lawyer.

When buying property insist on the presence of an impartial sworn translator. By law a Notary can refuse to notarise a deed if the conveyance is not translated into the language of the party(ies) concerned.

Before you purchase make sure the Vendor has paid all back property taxes, *Impuesto sobre bienes inmuebles*, to the local Town Hall, by checking the receipts.

If, by purchasing, you will become a member of an Association of Owners, make sure that the Vendor has paid all his community bills. Also check on the liquidity of the Association itself, and examine their statutes, *estatutos*. Their rules may not permit you to keep your domestic pets.

Before buying land present a written enquiry at the local Town Hall (with a return address on the Island) asking if there is planning permission to build on the site of your choice and if any building restrictions apply there.

Instruct your solicitor to conduct a search at the Property Registry, *Registro de la Propiedad*, immediately before the conveyance and return there as soon as the notarised document can be collected from the Notary.

Make sure that your architect is one of the 24 members of the Canarian College of Architects working on Lanzarote, otherwise you will have to pay a second fee. If in doubt call the Colegio de Arquitectos in Arrecife on 928 800799 or fax: 928 800798. Spanish-speaking.

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“Citizens’ Rights as we Leave the EU” Senior Embassy Official Visits Lanzarote

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*Tim Hemmings, Deputy
Head of Mission to Spain*

Tim Hemmings, British Embassy Deputy Head of Mission to Spain, gave a talk to British residents on Lanzarote, (in October of this year), at El Fondeadero Hall, Puerto del Carmen, about the progress of Brexit negotiations and the future relationship between the UK and Spain. Entitled “The UK and Spain: Beyond Brexit” he said that the subject of citizens’ rights is one of the main priorities for the British Government in the negotiations with the EU and pointed out that there was agreement in principle on this issue and most other areas of most concern. He added that it was important to note that Brexit had no bearing on topics such as Dual Nationality.

During the Question and Answer



*Tim Hemmings, Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández and
Councillor Olivier Roper with British Consul Canaries
Charmaine Arbouin, Vice Consul Las Palmas Esther Martín
and Lanzarote Honorary Consul Sue Thain*

session that followed, Mr Hemmings, who also conducted similar gatherings for British Communities on the other Canary Islands and on mainland Spain, said: “We want to provide as much certainty as possible to UK nationals who live in the EU, including the many thousands of British people who have made their home in the Canary Islands. We know that there are a range of areas where citizens on both sides are seeking clarity, ranging from residency rights to healthcare and pensions. Good progress has already been made in the negotiations and we are listening carefully to the concerns of British nationals across Spain. My visit to the

Canary Islands aims to ensure that these issues are included in the discussions. The goal is “to ensure that people should be able to continue living their lives broadly as before.”

“I would advise people living in the Canaries to follow our social media channels for updates, including the Brits in Spain Facebook page, and to sign up for alerts from the gov.uk page to ensure you are getting accurate information at www.gov.uk/guidance/advice-for-british-nationals-travelling-and-living-in-europe

It is important to remember that Mr Hemmings’s talk took place in mid-October (2017) and certain points may have been clarified in the meantime.



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Residents from all over the Island were invited to voice their concerns



Consul Charmaine Arbouin with members of the audience

Background information:

1. The negotiations on the UK exit from the EU began in June 2017 and some progress was made in the fourth and fifth rounds of negotiations. Around two-thirds of the outstanding issues on Citizens' Rights have been resolved. This includes healthcare, where we have agreed to protect the rights to reciprocal healthcare, including EHIC, for UK nationals in the EU on the day of exit.

2. Over the summer, we published a series of position papers on the new deep and special partnership the UK wants to build with the EU, such as on customs, on judicial cooperation, on science and inno-

vation, on Northern Ireland. These follow the paper we published on Citizens' rights in June.

3. We are working constructively, putting people above process. Businesses and citizens on both sides want us to move swiftly on to discussing the future partnership, and we want that to happen after this week's European Council, if possible.

4. Our overarching aim is to build a deep and special partnership with our closest neighbours and allies in Europe. We want to see a successful and prosperous EU. We want an agreement that works for our people, for our businesses and for both sides.



Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández presented Tim Hemmings with a copy of the bilingual booklet of the history of Puerto del Carmen-La Tiñosa produced by the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Amado Vizcaino's Tourist Department. Written by Larry Yaskiel, the work is being used to promote the resort at international events starting at the World Travel Fair in London

Important Notice

British Citizens who need an Emergency Travel Document should no longer apply to the British Embassy/Consulate. They should now apply and pay for their Emergency Travel Document on-

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Central Southern Route La Geria

Puerto del Carmen, the island's largest tourist resort, has almost 13 kilometres of beaches and a picturesque fishing harbour in the Old Town. On the main Island highway close to the Puerto del Carmen turn-off, a road opposite leads to ASO-MADA. Drive through and turn left at the first T junction until reaching a main road. This is LA GERIA, the wine-growing region of Lanzarote where grapes are cultivated in a manner not used anywhere else in the world. The result is an unforgettable landscape dominated by the sight of thousands of shallow pits stretching as far as the eye can see.

The young vines planted inside are covered with layers of porous black volcanic grains which feed them moisture and protect them



Puerto del Carmen

from the harsh rays of the sun. They are sheltered from the constant Trade Winds by the semi-circular walls of dry volcanic rock above.

Puerto Calero Marina

One of Europe's truly beautiful marinas in a magnificent setting which hosts international re-

gattas. The bustling commercial area is enhanced by an open air Museum of Sculptures located among the landscaped pathways comprising 12 impressive pieces by important artists. Watch out for the Puerto Calero signpost on the main island road between Puerto del Carmen and Yaiza.



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Yaiza and El Golfo

Turn left driving past UGA village until rejoining the Island highway where YAIZA is soon reached. The town square contains several buildings typical of Lanzarote's traditional architecture with the Town Hall at one end and the ancient Los Remedios Church at the other.

To the right a few kilometres along after the town is a sign to CHARCO DE LOS CLICHOS, the GREEN LAGOON, (and neighbouring EL GOLFO village), which is reached after a short ride along a winding picturesque coastal road. A brief stroll round the corner brings us to the GREEN LAGOON. Scientists are not absolutely certain as to the source of its colour, some believe it is caused by algae, others attribute it to the green olivine semi-precious stone, found



El Golfo

in abundance on the Island. (There are several good fish restaurants around the bay at EL GOLFO).

Returning along the coast there is a large parking area to the right. The seas below can frequently be seen battering away at the cliffs trying to force a way through. During the 18th century volcanic eruptions,

lava thrown out by the volcanoes covered a large area of the ocean in this area which it has been attempting to reclaim back ever since.

Yet another pretty scene just a few hundred metres along is presented by the JANUBIO salt ponds. Employing over one hundred workers at the turn of the century to provide sailing ships with salt for keeping food fresh, the salt works gradually fell into decline with the advent of refrigeration.

Playa Blanca Papagayo Beaches

Twenty years ago a tiny fishing village, PLAYA BLANCA on the south coast, is now a flourishing but tranquil resort with a beautiful beach bordered by a picturesque restaurant-lined promenade. The small harbour is used by ferries sail-




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ling to Fuerteventura, the Fred Olsen Express car ferry makes the 20 minute crossing six times daily.

Close by along the headland to the east several paths lead to the magnificenti PAPAGAYO BEACHES. Composed of several small bays and coves, many consider these golden sands to be the most beautiful in Spain.

Marina Rubicón

This harbour at Playa Blanca combines the most modern and well-equipped docks for sea-going yachts with the olde-world charm of traditional island architecture housing amenities and facilities on the shoreline including an art gallery. Two new deluxe hotels overlook the marina and the coastal promenade.

The Fire Mountains

Returning north on the main road turn left in YAIZA to MONTAÑAS DEL FUEGO, the FIRE MOUNTAINS, part of TIMANFAYA NATIONAL PARK. This region was devastated by intermittent volcanic eruptions over a six year period, 1730 - 1736. The scenery is both breathtaking and vividly awesome, a few hundred metres to the left a string of camels await passengers for a scenic ride round the rim of a volcano.

The red and white barrier at a toll booth signals arrival at the road which leads to the parking area at Hilario's Plateau.

Here the DIABLO RESTAURANT serves meals from a grill fitted across a natural volcanic chasm, with geothermic heat rising from the bowels of the volcano cooking the food!

A coach fitted with multi-lingual commentary leaves to tour the nearby region of volcanic destruction taking a route offering the clearest indication of what took place here



La Geria is the centre of the wine cultivation region

some two and a half centuries ago. There are stops for photographs and the 45 minute trip is included in the price of the admission fee to the Park. Open daily 09.00 - 17.00 hrs.

Timanfaya Information

On exiting via the barrier turn left and after two kilometres watch out for the Timanfaya Visitors Centre on the left before Mancha Blanca. This is an excellent source of multi-lingual information about the Park and its volcanoes. Admission is free, open 7 days a week 09.00 - 16.45.

Mancha Blanca

Continue towards Mancha Blanca where every Sunday morning a market selling authentic Made in Lanzarote food products as well as Arts & Crafts takes place opposite the church. Or, take the road to Tinajo from the Monumento and watch for the turnoff to Mancha Blanca on your left.

El Monumento

Continue past Mancha Blanca to Tao, turn right until the next roundabout. The MONUMENTO AL CAMPESINO at the right of the road was one of the first creations of the late Cesar Manrique whose intention was to commemorate past generations of Lanzaroteans who stuck to their toil in the fields even after volcanic eruptions had devas-

tated their most fertile land. These hardy early 18th century pioneers invented the irrigation method still in use throughout Lanzarote today. They had noticed that wherever an amount of black volcanic grains known as picon thrown out by the volcano had settled on fertile soil, some type of plant-life eventually emerged from the ground. Soon realising that the grains were porous, farmers began covering their fields with picon. The typical farm house contains a restaurant serving local cuisine. Nearby, the public can watch artisans create traditional arts and crafts which can be purchased in the souvenir shop. Open daily 10.00 - 18.00, restaurant 12.00 - 16.30, bar 10.00 - 17.45.

Wine Region

Turning right one enters Lanzarote's unique wine growing region. Each vine is planted in a deep pit and covered with layers of volcanic cinders, a semi-circular wall above serving as wind protection. The tableau of many hundreds of thousands of such pits is unique in the world. One soon reaches the oldest winery in the Canary Islands, Bodegas El Grifo, which dates back to 1775, and whose very beautiful Wine Museum is open to the public. A sculptured griffon, the vineyard's trademark, stands above the entrance. The museum is located in the



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wine region road San Bartolomé-Masdache and opens daily from 10.30 - 18.00. Guided tours daily at 10.30 from Monday to Friday.

San Bartolomé

A short distance along take the right fork towards San Bartolomé. This is the geographical centre of the island and an important agricultural region where vegetables grow in the sandy 'jable' soil, unique on Lanzarote. Sweet potatoes, water melons and squash are the main crops grown in this region. Buildings of interest in the town itself include the Casa Mayor Guerra, the 18th century home of the former military governor of the island.

Tanit Ethnic Museum

Close to the Town Hall is the Tanit Ethnic Museum which contains a display of the working and cultural life of the island over the past centuries. Open Mon to Sat 10 - 14, closed Sunday.

Cesar Manrique Foundation

On the outskirts of town cross straight over the main Monument-Arrecife road until passing some ruins on a plateau to the left. Continuing downhill round a sweeping curve for a few hundred metres the imposing white gateway of the FUNDACION CESAR MANRIQUE appears on your left with its adjoining spacious parking area. The Foundation is housed in what was originally one of the world's most uniquely beautiful homes built by Cesar Manrique for himself and where he lived for over twenty years. Set in a sea of petrified lava and constructed on two levels by interlinking five volcanic bubbles, this residence has attracted journalists from the world's leading architectural magazines and as a work of art in its own right is certainly worth visiting.

In September 1992 only six mon-

Tegüise



ths after the Foundation opened its doors Cesar Manrique was killed a few yards away in a car accident. Without his intuitive genius for enhancing without spoiling nature, Lanzarote would today look just like many other holiday resorts with sunshine and nice beaches. Open Monday to Saturday 10.00 - 18.00 hrs and Sunday 10.00 - 15.00 hrs.

Museo Agrícola El Patio

The buildings and grounds of El Patio Farm Museum represent an authentic and comprehensive reconstruction of traditional Lanzarote folklore and culture including its unique agricultural history. Take the Arrecife-Tahiche main road, turn right at Tiagua and follow the signs. Mon - Fri 10 - 5.30, Sat 10 - 2.30.

Northern Route Tegüise

The main road north from Arrecife leads to TEGUISE, the capital of Lanzarote for over 500 years until ceding the title to Arrecife in the middle of the last century. Moorish corsairs attacked this old town many times murdering, pillaging and carrying its inhabitants off into slavery. A small alley at the side of the church in the main square is called Sangre - Blood - on account of Christian blood flowing through the nearby streets on many occasions. Opposi-

te, the SPINOLA PALACE fronted by two stone lions was the home of a wealthy 19th century merchant family which has been restored and is open to the public. Every Sunday and Public Holiday a market is held in and around the square.

The resort of Costa Tegüise has five beaches the largest of which is Playa de las Cucharas.

Piracy Museum Santa Bárbara Castle

Standing on Mount Guanapay overlooking Tegüise is strategically placed to overlook the coastline on both sides of the Island and was originally built to warn the Island capital below if pirates were sighted.

A Piracy Museum is located in the medieval fortress with a wonderful array of interactive screens, panels and information boards with the names and histories of some of the most famous names of pirates and privateers in maritime history. British and North African buccanniers prowled the waters of the Canaries in search of booty as well as attacking individual islands such as Lanzarote which suffered a series of devastating raids from the 16th until the 18th centuries.

The Pirates Museum open Monday to Friday 9.00 - 16.00 Sunday and Public Holidays 10.00 - 16.00. Closed Saturday.





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Timple Music Museum Palacio Spinola, Tegui

This museum in the beautiful interior of the 19th century Spinola Palace is dedicated to the “timple” miniature guitar whose strident tones are known as the “The Sound of the Canary Islands.” A timple is an integral part of every folklore group and the museum traces its evolution on the island since the start of the last century. Fifty-five instruments from all over world are on display, all of which create a similar sound to the “timple”, the most well known of these is the Hawaiian ukelele. Open Monday to Friday 9.00 - 16.00 . Sunday and Public Holidays 9.00 - 15.00. Closed Saturday.

Haria

The road north passes Los Valles an important agricultural village continuing past several laybys offering commanding views across to the opposite coast. Rounding some sharp curves cut through the cliffs the road descends to HARIA, nestling peacefully in the Valley of 10,000 Palms. Reminiscent of a North African oasis the town was a spa for wealthy Canarians in the past. The Artesanal Market every Saturday 10.00 – 14.30 is rated 5 Stars by Trip Advisor; Arts & Crafts Workshop Mon-Sat 10-14.00.

Manrique House Museum

Follow the signs to the House Museum of César Manrique in Haria. It was the artist's second home where he spent the last few years of his life having converted his original residence into the Foundation at Tahiche which bears his name. Everything has been left in the original state it was in when he died. Open 7 days a week, but advance purchase of tickets is recommended due to limited capacity.

Cactus Garden



Mirador del Rio

Continuing northward past Maguez village a road towards the clifftop leads to Guinate Tropical Park. A short drive on the main road and you arrive at MIRADOR DEL RIO, a belvedere with breathtaking views of the straights below and islands out to sea. Open daily 10.00 - 18.00 hrs.

The Green Caves

The route continues downhill towards the GREEN CAVES, (open daily 10.00 - 18.00 hrs.), on the opposite coast over a region known as Malpais de la Corona, ‘badlands’ caused by the eruption of nearby Monte Corona. During an eruption whilst debris is shot out skywards, volcanoes also often break out below ground, a molten lava stream forging a tunnel. One such volcanic tunnel, the Atlantida, is below the earth's surface at this point which at 7 1/2 kilometres is the longest in the world.

Jameos del Agua

This large grotto harbouring an underground lake forms the last section of the Atlantida Tunnel and came into being when the molten lava stream met the cooler waters of the nearby Atlantic Ocean. An amenity not to be missed in this wonder of nature embellished by Cesar Manrique, is the underground

concert hall located in a massive volcanic cavern. Open daily 11.00 - 19.00 hrs. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights, 19.00 - 03.00 hrs.

The Cactus Garden

The route south passes through several villages until reaching an area where the fields are all planted with cacti. Known as the ‘tunera’ cactus it attracts the female cochineal beetle from which carmine dye is extracted. Dusty white patches on the leaf indicate a colony of this parasite and if crushed turn to bright crimson. Guatiza village is the centre of this cactus crop and is the home of JARDIN DE CACTUS - the CACTUS GARDEN - the seventh and last of the Tourist Centres, which opened in March 1990. Open daily 10.00 - 18.00 hrs.

Arrecife

Continuing south the road leads past a white stone gateway leading to Costa Tegui, one of the three major tourist resorts on Lanzarote. Arriving at the capital ARRECIFE, home to half of the 70,000 inhabitants of Lanzarote, whose tree-lined promenades and SAN GINES Lagoon are beautifully landscaped. A colourful street market takes place on the promenade every Wednesday selling traditional island arts and crafts among other items.

The main shopping area is in and around Calle Leon y Castillo



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which has a drawbridge at one end leading to SAN GABRIEL Castle, the Arrecife History Museum. A drive around the NAOS fishing harbour past some abandoned windmills leads to another medieval fort, CASTILLO SAN JOSE, whose 18th century interior was converted by Cesar Manrique in 1974 to house the International Museum of Contemporary Art. Open daily 11.00 - 21.00 hrs. On the lower floor an excellent restaurant with panoramic views out to sea. Open daily 10.00 - 01.00 hrs

Marina Lanzarote

Just a short walk from the town centre along the seafront leads to the shops and restaurants of the luxury Marina Lanzarote, newly-opened in October 2014. A first class selection of shops and boutiques overlooking



Castillo San José

the colourful tableau of transatlantic yachts bobbing at their moorings await the visitors as well as dining facilities to suit every taste and every pocket, offering everything from local and international cuisine to smart snack bars and cafeterias.

La Graciosa & Fuerteventura Car Ferry Service

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frequent sailings from Orzola Harbour to La Graciosa as well as excursions from Puerto del Carmen. Other services include: Water-taxi Puerto del Carmen-Puerto Calero and Water-bus Playa-Blanca- Marina Rubicón-Papagayo. Departure and arrival times are convenient for tourists wishing to spend a whole or half day on Lanzarote's sister isle.

The neighbouring island of Fuerteventura is only 12 minutes away by Fred Olsen and Naviera Armas car ferry with frequent crossings from Playa Blanca to Corralejo.

Golf - Theme Park

The island has two 18 hole par 72 golf clubs at Puerto del Carmen and Costa Teguise as well as Rancho Texas animal theme park at Puerto del Carmen.




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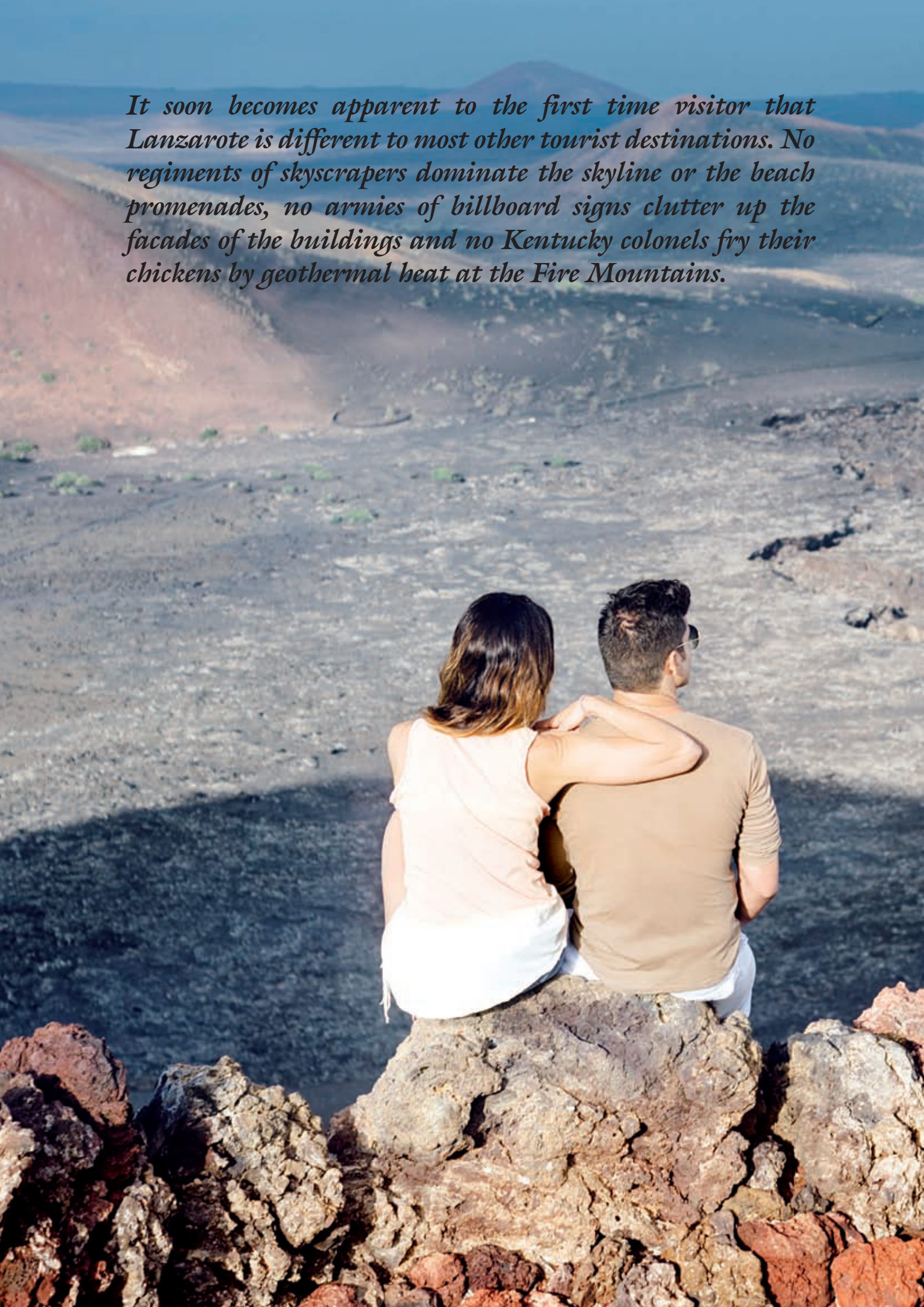


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Timanfaya National Park

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The reason Lanzarote is different is due to the artist César Manrique and his friend José Ramírez, President of the Cabildo Island Government, who had the vision and political power to support his ideas. Their far-sighted initiative began in the 1960s, almost a quarter of a century before the arrival of mass tourism.

Creation of the National Park

The idea for the creation of the area of the Fire Mountains as a National Park came about as a result of a suggestion by a friend of José Ramírez who had toured New Mexico in 1963 and came across an arid volcanic region with sparse vegetation very similar to the landscape of Timanfaya, and which the American government had declared a National Park. Thereupon, José Ramírez applied to the authorities in Madrid for a similar status to be granted the Timanfaya region of Lanzarote which was conceded just over a decade later in September 1974.

“Protect the Environment”

César Manrique came up with the idea of building a restaurant with wrap-around windows offering a panoramic view of the central area of the park from the summit of a small hill known as Islote de Hilario. The final section of the road leading up was specifically planned not to be straight but with curves so

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*All food is
cooked by
geothermal
heat*



that the ascent was gradual allowing visitors to fully appreciate the beauty of the volcanic tableau all the way from the foothills on the horizon to the volcano range.

Before the first shovel was lifted and the first coat of asphalt laid César Manrique told the workforce how important it was to conserve the natural environment. ‘Whatever we build must be adapted to harmonise with nature. It is essential that the new road is finished off with borders of volcanic rock allowing it to blend naturally with the field of lava below and on both sides’.

The Early Days

The Fire Mountains, Montañas del Fuego, began to emerge as a centre of tourist interest back in 1950 when a road was built to its central area from Tinajo in honour of the vi-

sit by General Franco to Lanzarote. That specific route, which ran cross-country, has since been covered up. However, for as long as one can remember, the local inhabitants were aware of the volcanic heat emerging from the depth of the volcano at the summit of Islote de Hilario, Hilario’s Islet, and would go there for picnics. It took less than a minute to fry an egg on the ground where the Timanfaya Restaurant now stands and where all food is now cooked by geothermal heat on the grill.

“Islet” is a term used in volcanology to describe an area which remained in its original state, undisturbed by volcanic eruptions. This plateau on the Tinecheyde Volcano, was named for Hilario, a hermit who lived there alone with his camel for fifty years. According to

*Rangers
demonstrate the
intensive heat just
below the surface*



local legend, Hilario planted a fig tree which never bore fruit because the flowers could not survive the heat of the flames just below the surface.

Tourism in the 1950s

When the first tourists visited the Island towards the end of the 1950s, the only facilities available were a few stone huts with roofs of palm leaf where water and souvenirs could be purchased. Soon, an admission fee was introduced. It was in the following decade that the first steps were taken to create a tourist industry on Lanzarote and a central element in this development would be the declaration of the Fire Mountains as Timanfaya National Park.

Volcanic Route

As mentioned above, Lanzarote was blessed with good fortune as Council President José Ramirez, the driving force behind the emerging tourist industry and a very close friend of the artist César Manrique, was determined to create a destination of quality right from the start. In 1965, he asked Jesús Soto to solve the problem of the improvised ugly-looking huts at Hilario's Islet

which the inhabitants considered an eyesore and which had attracted severe criticism in the local press. Soto replaced them with a belvedere which merged well into the local surroundings where visitors could obtain light refreshments. This was followed by the mapping out of the Volcanic Route a few years later which was 12 kilometres long and, in some places, up to 8 metres wide to allow excursion coaches space to manoeuvre.

Restaurant and Attractions

By the beginning the seventies the facilities were too small for the needs of the ever increasing amount of visitors and were replaced by the El Diablo Restaurant, designed by César Manrique and the adjoining car park. Underground piping was installed to harness the underlying thermal heat for cooking and for demonstrations by the park rangers. The site was chosen as one of the park's only three 'hot spots,' a superficial thermal anomaly due to hot emissions just below the surface with considerably high temperatures.

Avoiding Overheating

To avoid the restaurant premises

overheating, Jesus Soto came up with a new building method consisting of the use of alternative layers of cement, clayey soil and stone which allowed the flow of heat to pass through the building and conducted the hot emissions outward by way of a well. This well, covered by a grill, has been used by the restaurant for cooking food by geothermal heat ever since.

The metal pipes installed in the earth overlooked by the panoramic window of El Diablo Restaurant are 12 metres long with a diameter of 20 cm and sealed underneath. As the temperature reaches 610 degrees centigrade 13 metres below the surface, the metal was boiling hot and when cold water was poured into the pipes it was converted into steam by the extreme change of temperature and propelled out of the pipe, with tremendous force, a genuine man-made geyser.

This gave Soto the idea for the park rangers to simulate this occurrence by emptying a bucket of cold water into a hole to demonstrate to visitors the presence of volcanic heat just below the surface of the ground. An exciting demonstration admired by tourists over the past five decades.



→
*The noise of
the eruptions
on Lanzarote
could be
heard on the
other islands*



Lighting in the Green Caves

From an artistic point of view, the role of Jesús Soto was secondary only to that of Manrique in the development of the Cabildo Tourist Centres. An electrician by trade he had been approached by the Island Council some years earlier to convert the Green Caves into a tourist attraction by installing illumination. This was not easy as the interior consisted of long galleries along several levels with the roof so low at some spots that they could only be negotiated by crawling along the floor. When installed, this was the first completed job of the island council's department of works at a Tourist Centre, and, but for some small changes, still lights up the paths for tourists over half a century later. When Manrique saw the lighting in the Green Caves he turned to Soto and said, "You are a magician."

Jameos Upper Level

Among Jesús Soto's other projects was the design of the exhibition halls on the upper level of Jameos del Agua which housed the Casa de Volcanes. Jesús Soto, "During his first visit, Manrique noticed that I had designed a mural of the world in the shape of an oblong on one of the walls and he asked me why I hadn't made it in the usual round conventional manner. When I told him that it depicts the shape of the land mass of the world without water, a suitable shape for an island without a single river or stream. He just looked at me without saying anything. When Manrique died some thirty years later I saw that his grave in Haria cemetery was pear-shaped".

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There were no mortalities on the island during the six years of intermittent eruptions in the 18th century

Desalination Plant

The engineers who installed this facility were brothers, Manuel and José Rijo, who had pioneered the idea of providing Lanzarote with drinking water through the process of desalination they had learned whilst serving as ship's engineers in the navy. Before their plant opened in 1964, due to the scarce rainfall and periods of drought which could last for up to seven years, Lanzarote was provided with water by ship from the other islands and even the mainland. Besides the basic neces-

sity of drinking water for domestic use, agriculture was one of two main pillars of Lanzarote's economy, and without water, farmers could not cultivate their crops. Neither could the authorities contemplate building a tourist industry.

Result of the Eruptions

During the night of 1 September 1730 a massive earthquake preceded the eruption of the Timanfaya volcano, the first of many eruptions which continued intermittently until 1736. When they ceased, an

entire quarter of the surface area of Lanzarote, 174 square kilometres, was covered in volcanic debris! This included 23 farming hamlets located among the most fertile area of Lanzarote. At the same time as the eruptions on land, columns of dense smoke shot up from the sea raining thousands of rocks and boulders on to the island making which made such an incredible noise that it could be heard 250 kilometres away in Tenerife. It is estimated that as a result, the surface area of the island was increased by one third!

No Mortalities

No one has ever been killed through a volcanic eruption on Lanzarote not even during the historic six year period of intermittent eruptions from 1730-1736 which created Timanfaya Park. The reason being that the volcanoes of the Canary Islands belong to the Hawaiian, or Strombolian category. This type of volcano gives signs of impending eruptions many months in advance through volcanic ash and/or smoke emerging through fissures in the earth from a magma chamber below ground or through explosions at sea off the coast. This is what took place in 1730, enabling the inhabitants to flee their homes in time.

Before the Eruptions

Before the eruptions, this region was the most fertile area on Lanzarote and was described as "a pasto-



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ral landscape with an abundance of springs and with cattle grazing in lush pastureland alongside fields of wheat.” In 1999 the Cabildo Island Council commissioned a team of experts to discover what exactly lay buried beneath the central area of the Fire Mountains.

Their research unearthed the remains of 30 villages comprising 400 houses with 1,000 stone water storage tanks (aljibes) and 250 communal tanks, 200 ovens, 50 millstones, 50 shepherd huts, four churches, 40 paths, 110 ponds and 40 springs. In order to pinpoint certain locations the team studied the description of property boundaries in the title deeds of present day families whose ancestors had owned land in the Fire Mountains. Although the area is now a National Park and the families have no property rights as such, they are permitted to cultivate grapes and figs on their land for personal use.

Evacuate the Population!

At one stage, when the eruptions were at their most devastating and it was feared that the entire island could be destroyed, plans were made to evacuate the entire population. However, this never happened, and most of the refugees from the Fire Mountains fled to other parts of Lanzarote, most notably, Los Valles, close to Teguise which was the most fertile region remaining. But a few families did move

to the neighbouring island of Fuerteventura.

With hindsight, it can be said that historically and economically speaking Lanzarote gained more from the eruptions than it lost. Farmers discovered that the black and red grains thrown up by the volcanoes were porous, acting as a sponge to absorb the night dew and by covering their fields with layers of these porous grains they were able to double their crop. A life-saving discovery for a farming community on an island with hardly any rain.

Protected Zone for Wild Life Many years ago, the European Union declared Timanfaya a protected zone for wild birds as it is a natural habitat for both rare breeds and migratory species. Among them: a pair of Egyptian Vultures

and several hundred pairs of Cory Shearwaters, a coastal bird. Marine life: 59 of the 217 types of fish catalogued in Canarian waters can be found off the Tinajo coast, the park's outermost limit. Flora: reeds are found in linear formations in humid soil above underground canals or gas vents. Gorse, the most common thorny shrub, is used by the park rangers in the heat demonstrations at Hilario's Islet.

Finally, from the point of view of Lanzarote's present day economy, we must not forget that it was the 1730-1736 eruptions of the Fire Mountains which created what we now know as the Timanfaya National Park, Lanzarote's most popular tourist attraction and one of the most popular in the whole of Spain. Over the past 45 years it has been visited by over 30 million tourists.



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Further Eruptions.

A second major period of eruptions took place on Lanzarote in 1824 close to the villages of Tao and Tiagua on the fringes of the Fire Mountains when Monte Tinguaton exploded, but the eruptions were less intense and lasted for only a relatively short time. The last eruptions in the Canaries took place on the island of Hierro in 2011 and again in 2013 without causing any loss of life. Previously, Monte Teneguia exploded on the island of La Palma in October 1971 having spewed out lava for a period of 40 days. A few hours before the eruption the ground nearby had become almost too hot to walk on and within a few days the sea registered a temperature of 35 degrees centigrade. Once again there were no fatalities.



Disaster Risk Reduction in the Canary Islands

The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) welcomed 64 municipalities spread across Spain’s volcanic chain of seven Canary Islands, into the “Making Cities Resilient” programme, which now has 1,800 adherents around the world. Head of Advocacy Jerry Velasquez said: “The Canary Islands is a unique territory and is taking very

strong action to build its resilience to disasters across a range of hazards which include tropical storms, floods, volcanic eruptions and the threat of fires. The political commitment of the Canarian Government to making disaster risk reduction an integral part of its governance model is an example to other island territories across the world.”

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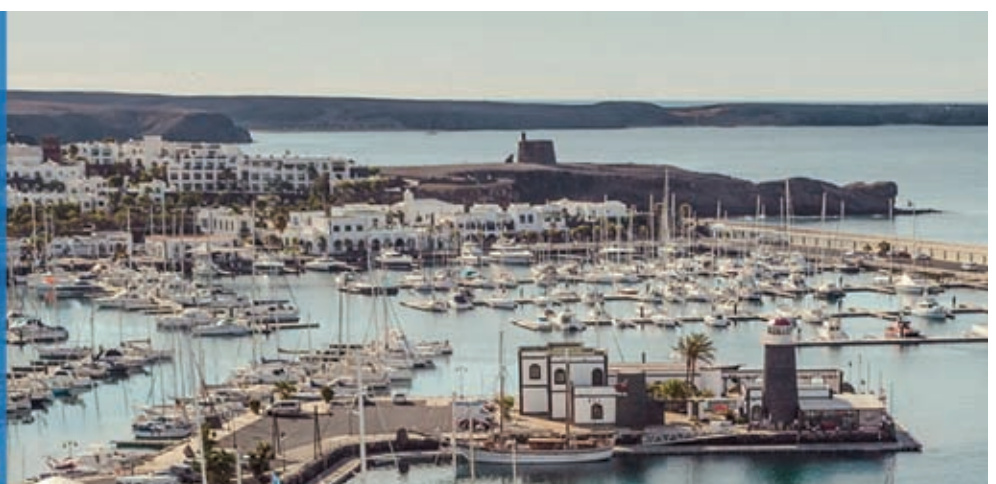
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Sustainability as a Resource Development

The concept of sustainability as a resource development permeates all levels of policy and responsible tourism practices assist active con-



servation. Entry fees of visitors contribute towards the maintenance of Lanzarote's Centres of Art, Culture and Tourism as well as other historical structures and monuments. It is obviously in the best interest of the island to protect its scenic and cultural heritage because without an attractive environment there would be no quality tourism.

Since its inception over two decades ago, Asolan, the Association of Lanzarote Hotels, has continually sought to encourage the hotel-keeping sector on the Island to adhere to the highest international industry standards on a commercial level, in tandem with a policy for the conservation of the Island's environment, traditions and cultural heritage. →

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25th Anniversary as a World Biosphere Reserve

In November 1992, the insular and regional authorities initiated proceedings for the recognition of the island as a Biosphere Reserve based on the principles of the Lanzarote Cabildo in tandem with the artistic guidance of César Manrique. The declaration was announced by Unesco in October 1993, exactly 25 years ago.



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Biosphere Reserve

As the island of Lanzarote is a declared World Biosphere Reserve, it is in practical terms, the responsibility of the island's inhabitants as well as visitors to help protect the environment. If Lanzarote has been chosen by the United Nations as a role model of a symbiotic relationship between nature and man, we are obliged to practise responsible tourism. To meet the many challenges it is essential that development must never be allowed to outpace infrastructure and natural resources. Sustainable tourism on Lanzarote is the declared aim.

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with the conservation of its natural resources. Biosphere Reserves areas are important for conservation and for the provision of human values that contribute to sustainable development, recognized internationally as the MAB programme - Man and the Biosphere in tandem.

An Entire Island Honoured

Lanzarote was the second Biosphere Reserve in the Canary Islands. However, its declaration was unique as Unesco nominated the entire Island as a Reserve, including towns and villages, whereas other declared locations only refer to specific natural areas such as parks, forests or volcano ranges, but never includes population centres. By thus doing, Unesco recognised the role of the local population and their homes in the policy of conservation as guided by César Manrique. Lanzarote serves as a role model for the benefit of Biosphere Reserves throughout the world by emphasizing the integration of





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technological advances to be competitive in today's market.

Asolan has focused on five major areas: Modernisation and refurbishment of accommodation; the Biosphere Smart Hotel programme; converting all technology to digital; improving efficiency and sustainability and the incorporation of quality standards and practises as the means of innovation and the improvement of competitiveness.

The basis of our data-driven "hospitality" economy should centre on digital transformation whereby all information, whether large or small,

leads to the improvement of efficiency, optimises and controls reservations and leads to tailoring services to the needs of each individual guest.

Asolan provides apprentices with a unique opportunity to gather practical experience in the various departments of their hotels and apartment complexes and combine hospitality and management education under one roof for the benefit of all 120 of their members. Asolan members also actively participate in overseas promotion campaigns by the Lanzarote Tourism Authority at all international trade fairs.



At a round-table meeting, Asolan President pointed out how Lanzarote hoteliers embraced the programme of Biosphere Hotels before any other tourist destination in the world. Although costly at the time to adapt certain alternative energy policies it turned out to be a wise investment a few years later. With the arrival of the ideology of "green" tourism, Lanzarote became the resort of choice for among conservationist-minded tourists.



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LANZAROTE BIOSPHERE RESERVE: HOW TO BE AN EXCELLENT VISITOR

A respectful attitude when visiting your chosen holiday destination contributes towards local conservation. If you plan to come to Lanzarote, the Biosphere Reserve office has set out some simple guidelines to help make your experience both satisfying and consistent with UNESCO's Man and Biosphere Programme. Lanzarote is home to countless treasures and we all have a part to play in ensuring that the island is treated with care and consideration.

1. SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL: EFFICIENCY



Public transport is the most ideal way to get around the island.

If you wish to use private transport, choose hybrid or electric vehicles. You can also choose to share with others and reduce exhaust emissions, promoting human contact with fellow travellers.

The most ecological option for travelling short distances is to go on foot or by bike.

Excursions using off-road cars, motorbikes or quads erode the soil and generate noise pollution which can affect the environment.

Try not to leave the engine running if you aren't moving; this way you can save fuel. Comfort and safety are optimised if you drive at a regular speed without too many stops and starts. The most efficient way to reduce fuel use and emissions is to drive in a high gear with low revs.

2. RESPECT THE RULES AND GUIDELINES COVERING PROTECTED AREAS



Please respect all regulations covering visitor access to protected natural areas. Read the information boards carefully and if possible, try and find out more about their particular features before your visit.

3. EAT RESPONSIBLY



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Plastic bags and bottles have an enormous impact on the environment. Please take home any packaging and pick up any non-biodegradable waste you see littering the area as it could end up being ingested by animals, causing them a great deal of harm.

Don't have a negative impact on the environment; be careful with your rubbish, depositing it in the correct containers.

If you eat out in a restaurant, choose one that serves local products; order water in a glass bottle and drinks that have been produced locally. Lanzarote offers some marvellous wines, beers and liqueurs, some of which are ecological.

4. WATER USE



Water is an increasingly scarce resource. On an island like Lanzarote, obtaining water is very expensive and is produced by burning oil for which reason we should optimise its use and most of all, avoid wasting it.

Don't leave taps running and make sure that detergents don't end up in the sea.

"With only one drop of water falling per second from a pipe in poor condition, 30 liters of drinking water a day are wasted"

5. CIGARETTE BUTTS



If you smoke, never discard cigarette ends on to the floor or into the sea. If you can't find any bins, take the cigarette end with you until you come across one. They are extremely toxic for the environment and difficult to collect from volcanic ash.

6. DON'T DISTURB SPECIES OR ALTER THE ENVIRONMENT

Lanzarote's natural wildlife survives in a delicate equilibrium that can be destroyed by the slightest modification, particularly in the case of vulnerable species.

It is advisable not to touch birds' nests; not to feed animals; not to raise your voice or generate loud noises such as car engines or music, especially in sensitive areas.

Please don't take volcanic rocks home; the souvenir should stay in your memory, not disappear into your bag. It is better to take a photograph rather than destroy the landscape for future visitors.

6.1 Birdwatching



Birdwatchers, whether the expert seeking rare sightings, a nature-lover, an eco-tourist or a birding enthusiast from any town or city, can all follow good, basic guidelines so that the experience is positive for the watcher, for the birds and their environment; minimising impact. A good ethical code is essential to be able to take pleasure in this activity without causing damage.

The birds' well-being is paramount. Whether a nature photographer, a scientist or simply a birdwatcher, the birds' welfare ALWAYS comes first.

Protect the habitat. The birds' habitat is vital to their well-being, meaning that our activities need to respect this and not cause any harm. We should leave everything exactly as we find it, taking care where we walk and staying on the pathways.

We shouldn't alter the birds' behaviour in any way. Birds' tolerance to human disturbances varies between species and the time of the year; particularly at nesting time where we would risk the hatchlings' survival or during autumn and spring migration periods.

If you come across a bird or animal in danger or requiring assistance, report this to the authorities who are better equipped to help. The contact number is: 696-7331-77 (included in emergency police protocols). The service is covered from Monday to Friday from 08:00 - 22:00.

Don't harass rare species. It is important not to disturb them; observe with caution and be careful how you divulge this information, since attracting large numbers of people can have negative consequences.

Respect landowners' rights. Don't access private areas without prior permission and be careful not to endanger conservation by wandering off the permitted pathways.

Respect other visitors in the observation area.

Share your information with local birdwatchers. Much of what we know today is a result of the collective data shared voluntarily between birdwatchers.

Behave as you would wish others to behave in your area. Birdwatchers then become conservation ambassadors for local wildlife and its habitats.

6.2 Responsible diving



Lanzarote is considered to have some of the most unique and best preserved diving grounds in the Canarian archipelago. To help with their conservation and make the most of each of your dives, please read the following best practice guidelines as they have universal applications for this fascinating sport.

- Control your flotation by using your jacket correctly and avoid swimming very close to the seabed. Currents created by fins can disturb large amounts of sediment which can obstruct breathing apparatus, especially in the case of sessile and filtering organisms.

- Avoid lifting stones or moving elements on the seabed. Many creatures use them for the shelter and their survival depends on remaining out of sight. If you do move them, replace them exactly as they were.

- Don't take away items that look as though they shouldn't be there. Some of these have remained a long while in the water (this can be measured by the amount of sediment and microorganism coverage) and have been adopted as shelter for many invertebrates meaning that removing them could be more harmful than beneficial.

- Don't take "souvenirs" from your dives. The best memories are your feelings and images of a place in perfect balance with all of its elements intact.

- If you enter caves or tunnels, beyond observing diving safety regulations, be aware that air bubbles rise to the cave ceiling where they can affect the survival of crustaceans that reside there, so be careful to minimise the time you spend inside.

- Whilst it might seem like a fun thing to do, avoid trying to feed the fish or other species that come close since this can lead to a loss of self-protective distrust, essential to their survival. Many of these fish later end up the target of spear-fishers - practicing legally or illegally.

- Despite the long-spined sea urchin, *Diadema antillarum* being a plague in many Canarian ecosystems, avoid killing them to feed the surrounding fish for the reasons given above and since doing so can release thousands of eggs that under the right conditions will produce new urchins.

- If you interfere in the natural processes of hunter and prey that you may have the privilege of witnessing; you are there as a visitor and human logic is not applicable in these circumstances.

- In pools with low levels of water, be careful not to pull out seaweed. Under stress they can release substances that can be toxic for other creatures that reside there.

- If you dive in an area where seagrass is growing, remember that these are protected areas and function as a nursery for many fish and invertebrates, so be careful not to pull up the plants, maintaining a suitable distance from them so that your fins don't create currents and disturb the sediment.

- Don't break off bits of coral as diving trophies. They may look like rocks but they are of course living beings that take decades to grow just a few millimetres.

- Don't cause stress by "playing" with underwater creatures since what may be a game to you could be mortal to them.

- Responsible diving can bring great satisfaction, not just as a sporting activity but also from the opportunity to observe at first hand this extraordinary and beautiful natural world, where we can contribute to ensuring that for our next dive, all will be as it should be.

7. DON'T INTRODUCE INVASIVE SPECIES



Before bringing your pets to Lanzarote, check that there aren't any restrictions. At times, invasive species have entered the island due simply to a lack of care or understanding of the consequences. Species should not be taken from one place to another.

8. REPORT ANTI-ECOLOGICAL BEHAVIOUR AND ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTERS



If you come across any type of activity that endangers wildlife or the natural landscape such as illegal tipping, irresponsible excursions, the use of poisoned bait, smuggling animals, etc., please report it. Call the emergency number 112 or the Environmental Protection Service (SEPRONIA) on 062.

9. ECO-VOLUNTEERS



Various ecological associations and organisations offer environmental volunteer programmes to raise citizen awareness and help to conserve and recuperate sensitive areas that don't receive sufficient funding. The WWF in Lanzarote runs a volunteer programme in the Chinijo Archipelago (<http://www.wwf.es>).

Tel: 91 354 05 78

10. BEING A RESPONSIBLE CONSUMER

Purchases made in a destination work as an indicator to mark the level of visitors' implication in their resort and their intention to reinforce a link by buying souvenirs as gifts. Part of these costs contributes to the local economy such as gifts or items you might buy or eating out in restaurants. A few brief recommendations can make this an even more positive experience:

- Opt for fresh foods that have been produced locally. Avoid over-packaged foods since the packaging represents part of the price you are paying.

- Use cloth or paper bags rather than plastic bags.

- Make the most of the area you visit by interacting with the local vendors.

- When buying souvenirs, look for those that express the local culture. These benefit the local economy and cultural diversity.

- Choose glass or cardboard containers over plastic.

- Help communicate responsible tourism guidelines when you share details of the destination's beauty and points of interest.

- Show interest in the local culture, customs, gastronomy and traditions - you may well be surprised...

- Try to make your visit count towards the sustainable and responsible development of the area; in this way, both you and the destination will benefit from your stay.

Following these recommendations, we can all help to conserve this part of the Biosphere that is Lanzarote.

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Eating out on Lanzarote

Amura Puerto Calero

Maitre d'Maxi Vidal offers the daily specials innovative cuisine whose cooking style is based on a fusion of Mediterranean dishes, top quality and a healthy diet. Recommendations include: classic Amura avocado tartar with sauteed prawns, apple ice cream and lime juice; lobster salad, tomato and ginger chutney, yoghurt and mango; seafood paella; centre of beef sirloin with foie gras, spicy sweet wine sauce, laminated potatoes and vegetables; boneless lamb in its juice, smoked cheese puree and vegetables; duck breast, pineapple sauce and ginger; Iberian pork sirloin "Joselito," comfit potato; cod loin, vegetable ratatouille, pil pil and Iberian ham; grouper, local yellow sweet potatoes, carrot and coconut sauce. Private banqueting suites for weddings. Open daily 13.00 – 23.00 hrs. Closed Monday. Bar and snacks from 12.00 - 23.00. Closed Christmas Eve only. Special New Year's Eve Festive Dining with the 12 Grapes of Luck for 2017.

Bar Bagatela

Founded in 1979, Bar Bagatela is one of the oldest cafeteria-bars in Puerto del Carmen. Located in Centro Commercial Maritimo, Local 8, and specialises in English Breakfasts and Combined Dishes. Nice relaxing bar for snacks and

drinks and reputed to serve up the best mojitos in town.

Open daily Monday to Sunday 08.30 to 24.00 hrs.

Altamar Restaurant Arrecife Gran Hotel

Located on the top floor of the hotel. Its incomparable and magnificent views combine with the turquoise green of the waters of the bay create a unique atmosphere. Local products prepared in a simple way form the centre of an explosion of natural tastes which reinterprets the Lanzarote cuisine. Our á la carte menu is complemented by an extensive wine list, particularly the white wines of Lanzarote. Our chefs have also prepared a tasting menu for clients as well as special menus for business dining and celebratory events. (Formal dress code is appreciated). Open 7 days a week 7 pm to 11 pm.

El Diablo Restaurant

A once-in-a-lifetime eating experience awaits guests at the El Diablo Restaurant in the Fire Mountains. Food is cooked on a grill heated by geothermal heat emerging from a volcanic chasm below in the bowels of the earth. The temperature inside the mountain at this point is 500° C and even a few inches below the surface it is 100° as can be seen in

two displays by park rangers. Before or after your meal be sure to go on the guided tour of the Volcanic Route on coaches equipped with multi-lingual commentaries. The tour is included in the admission price paid at the park entrance.

Lancelot Hotel Arrecife Promenade

Overlooking the golden sands of Reducto beach the Lancelot Hotel - which holds a Certificate of Excellence and is rated by Trip Adviser as "incredible price-quality ratio," is centrally located in downtown Arrecife. The restaurant offers a wide selection of dishes including specialities of Lanzarote and Canarian cuisine as well as a delicious range of tapas and snacks. The wine list includes the best of Rioja and other notable Spanish mainland wines together with Canarian wines cultivated in the island's unique wine-growing region of La Geria. The restaurant also caters for business luncheons, anniversaries, birthdays etc. as well as office parties during the Festive Season. Early dining on the 25th December to allow staff to spend the evening with their families. New Year's Eve Special Gala Dinner with music and all the trimmings providing fun and entertainment for the whole family. Open daily from 10.00 – 22.00 hrs.



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Eating out on Lanzarote

Pizzeria Capri

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are aubergine, almond croquettes made with Canary palm honey.

Half-size portions for kids and the elderly. Also, shared portions of pizza, lasagne and croquettes. The tables are laid out in the restaurant in a certain manner to give clients an ambience of comfort and privacy wherever you sit, and you feel as if you were eating a home-cooked meal in your own house. Highly popular with both tourists and residents. Open daily from 11.30 to 1 am.

Oyambre, Costa Calero

Welcome in the New Year with an excellent menu in the beautiful premises overlooking the marina with dancing, fireworks and free drinks at the bar until 4am in the morning. A spectacular gala buffet is offered in the La Magdalena restaurant, with wines and Spanish sparkling wine at

an all-inclusive price of 105 euros p.p.

Hotel Costa Calero Talaso & Spa offers diners a “Relaxing SPA-Lunch-Pools” package which combines entry to the active pool, sauna and Hamman at the Thalasso-Spa Centre, the use of the hotel’s pools and lunch at the Oyambre restaurant, including drinks, for 35€ p.p. (Lanzarote residents). Food is prepared in front of guests at the Oyambre, open daily from 12.30-15.30, serving the tastiest Spanish and international cuisine in an informal setting, caressed by a gentle breeze from Lanzarote’s mild climate. The exclusive Magdalena restaurant which features international cuisine opens for dinner from 18:30-21:30. Diners can once again watch their food being prepared in a more traditional manner, male guests are therefore kindly requested to wear long trousers.



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Jameos del Agua Restaurant

The restaurant at Jameos del Agua has to be considered among one of the most beautiful dining facilities in a natural setting anywhere in the world. It is located in the last section of the world's longest volcanic tunnel known as the Atlantida, which measures 7.5 kilometres before continuing on the ocean bed for a further 1,500 metres. Diners overlook the underground lake which is famous as the habitat of the blind albino crab, normally only encountered in the depths of the oceans. Hollywood star Rita Hayworth made a film on Lanzarote in 1978 which coincided with the opening of this tourist centre created by César Manrique, which she described to the international press as "the eighth wonder of the world." The restaurant opens daily from 11 to 16.30 hrs, tapas served from 10.00. Dining Saturday night from 19.00 – 22.00.

Casa-Museo al Campesino

The House-Museum of the Rural Worker at Mozaga is most certainly the most authentic of the Island's restaurants to enjoy traditional Lanzarote food. The buildings and patios are in the style of the typical farm houses of old even down to the spacious catchment areas for rain. The food is on display in a glass cabinet offering both hot and cold dishes. There is also a good selection of local wines and cheeses. The restaurant is beside the Monument at the junction of the Arrecife-Tinajo and Uga-Teguisse roads. Snacks and hot or cold drinks are also served throughout the day.

Qué Muac

Castillo de San José

The menu at the restaurant at the 18th century Castillo de San José has undergone an artistic facelift which combines modern day and traditional dining. Besides the international, Spanish and Canarian main dishes, exotic desserts and a comprehensive wine menu, an entirely new concept is represented by a rich variety of 24 present-day tapas served in avant garde style. Another innovation is musical evenings on Fridays and Saturdays from 9.30-1.00, accompanied by gastronomic delights. All to be enjoyed in an 18th century castle with exciting views of the sea. Reservations are recommended.

HEALTH

Dr Juan Antonio Santana

Director of Medical Services, HOSPITEN Lanzarote

Integral Treatment: The sum total of many

Many diseases and conditions require the participation of various healthcare professionals to be treated correctly. These diseases are often complex with the patient needing a global focus in treatment to improve his/her health and quality of life and this calls for the involvement of several specialists.

This is where the term 'hospital' takes on its real meaning - an environment in which that integral treatment, where the patient and his/her health are central, is the only aim.

Generally, as the patient we all are or will sometimes be, we turn to certain specialists to solve our health problems, whether these be urologists, gynecologists, internal medicine specialists, pediatricians, etc. and whether we go to the doctor's office or, in some cases, to the emergency room. In any case, a hospital providing integral services takes care that, from the first contact a patient has with their medical services, the various professionals can intervene as necessary to help improve the patient's health. Perhaps the most common example is image diagnosis or the laboratory tests which often go hand in hand with many consultations,

but there is also the part played by other consultant specialists who take part in achieving the goal - helping the patient.

It is that joint effort, let's call it that well-oiled machine, that allows us to give people service and the right treatment to help and support them in their prompt recovery.

15 years after the opening of HOSPITEN Lanzarote, that desire to apply the concept of personalized integral treatment to everyone coming to our hospital is still alive. We still try to keep a team that can respond to each patient's needs by working together, because we are all aware that when we talk about skills and putting talent together one and one is always more than two and, in the end, the greatest benefit of that collaboration is for the patient, who sees that his/her health is the first and foremost for the staff and is their main aim.

As the end results show, a hospital like HOSPITEN Lanzarote is the sum total of many people with a single aim - your health and your quality of life. That is why, when we attend you, we want to give you the best of ourselves, so your time in the hospital is as comfortable and effective as possible and, why not say it, as short as possible.



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Ambassador Simon Manley attends Remembrance Service in Madrid



The British Ambassador in Spain, Simon Manley, attended and read a lesson at the Service of Remembrance at St George's Anglican Church in Madrid. The Ambassador, who attends this service every year, was joined by diplomatic colleagues from across the Commonwealth, EU and other countries, as well as serving members of UK armed forces based in Spain, as part of NATO operations or bilaterally. In addition, a number of British consular teams also attended Remembrance Day events across Spain.

Simon Manley said: "Remembrance Day is a special moment for us all to remember those who serve, and have served, to keep us safe and free. I will remember the members of my own family who served: my father in the Eighth Army in North Africa and Italy, my maternal grandfather with the RAF in Sri Lanka, and my paternal grandfather with the RFC in France. And it's absolutely right, in these turbulent times, to underline that the United Kingdom's commitment to Europe's security remains absolute".



The piano recital by María Antonia was arranged by Tourism Councillor Rafael Juan González



"Miracle" Piano Concert

In 2008, Catalan pianist Maria Antonia Iglesias was the world's first artist to play the piano with bionic fingers. Five years earlier, at the age of 30 and with a new born child, this accomplished pianist and teacher suddenly lost the use of her hand and feet digits through septic shock.

Following five years of intensive medical treatment, Maria Antonia Iglesias had a device made by Touch Bionics of Livingston, Scotland, which fitted her with Pro-Digits, the world's first bionic fingers. This British invention of a powered device with a grip re-

turned her to a level of functionality and independence. According to the manufacturer, the device capitalises on the brain's determination to try to move a limb or finger when it is missing. Thinking it is still there, the brain sends signals to the nerves and severed muscles.

Prior to the recital, Maria Antonia Iglesias told a fascinated audience how she had had to face up to being struck down by such a debilitating illness whilst in the prime of her professional career and just after having given birth to her first child.

A Warm Welcome for the Festive Season and the Coming Year Lanzarote Hotels Practice Responsible Tourism on a Geopark Island

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The 2017 Distinction for Tourism Awards La Tiñosa-Puerto del Carmen -“Isla de Lanzarote” Marking 50th Anniversary of the Pioneer Resort

The annual awards ceremony, which took place on World Tourism Day, 27 September, was held in the dramatic setting of the Castillo de San José. La Tiñosa-Puerto del Carmen won the “Isla de Lanzarote” prize for the 50th anniversary of its founding as Lanzarote’s first tourist resort.

Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés said the prizes this year carried an additional distinction because the United Nations had declared 2017 as the Year of Sustainable Tourism Development. Lanzarote was specifically chosen by the UN to host the international conference celebrating this milestone because of its reputation for having developed a thriving tourist industry whilst adhering to a policy of conservation of the environment according to guidelines laid out by César Manrique.

The “Isla de Lanzarote” sculpture was designed by César Manrique just before his death in 1993



Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés presents the 2017 “Isla de Lanzarote” Sculpture to Tias Mayor, Pancho Hernández and Deputy Mayor and Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino for the 50th anniversary of La Tiñosa- Puerto del Carmen, the pioneer tourist resort on the Island. The trophy was designed by César Manrique in 1993



Tias Town Council proudly display their award for 50 years services to tourism in the resort





Arrecife Mayoress Eva de Anta and Tourism Councillor Rafael Juan González presents the award for Distinguished Services for Tourism in the “Business” category to Javier Garcia Pons, Canaries and Balearics representative of Logi Travel, the on-line travel agency whose co-marketing campaign brought 50,000 tourists to the island in 2016



A “Special Mention” award for Teguise Tourist Information Office for 10 years of excellent service for tourists at Costa Teguise was presented to Mayor Oswaldo Betancort and Tourism Councillor Antonio Callero by Cabildo Councillor Saray Rodriguez. Teguise Mayor

Oswaldo Betancort presents Antxon Otagui with the award in the “Event” category as co-founder of the European Freestyle Windsurfing ProTour which attracts the top ten riders from 20 European countries to compete annually at Costa Teguise.



San Bartolomé Tourism Councillor David Rocio, presents Ignacio Romero Perera, ecological guide and author, with the prize in the “Personality” category, for explaining Lanzarote’s conservation of the environment policy to visitors during environmental hikes throughout the island. His book “Isla de Lobos”, was highly acclaimed.

Yaiza Mayoress Gladys Acuña presents the “Special Mention” award to Juan Carlos Monzón, proprietor of La Bodega de Santiago, for combining traditional and avant-garde cuisine at his restaurant which specialises in serving local products



All the prizewinners with the Mayor and Tourism Councillors

World Travel Market Trade Fair London 2017

5.3m Brits “Exit” to Holiday on the Canary Islands

Photos Nacho González and Maite Ramos



Inaugurating the Canary Islands stand at the WTM, London, Government President Fernando Clavijo thanked British holidaymakers for their loyalty to the Canaries “which cleared up any uncertainty in this, our most important market, caused by Brexit and the demise of Monarch. Our major aim in attending this year’s event is to enlarge air connections and expand contacts with tour operators in the UK”.

Tourism, Culture and Sports Councillor, Isaac Castellano referred to the Responsible Tourism campaign which offers holidaymakers a widely diverse selection of opportunities to enjoy land and sea sports as well as traditional culture and culinary activities all year round.

The Canarian President and Tourism Councillor met with the chief executives of British Airways and ABTA, the UK’s largest travel agency and the Managing Director of TUI (formerly Thomson)



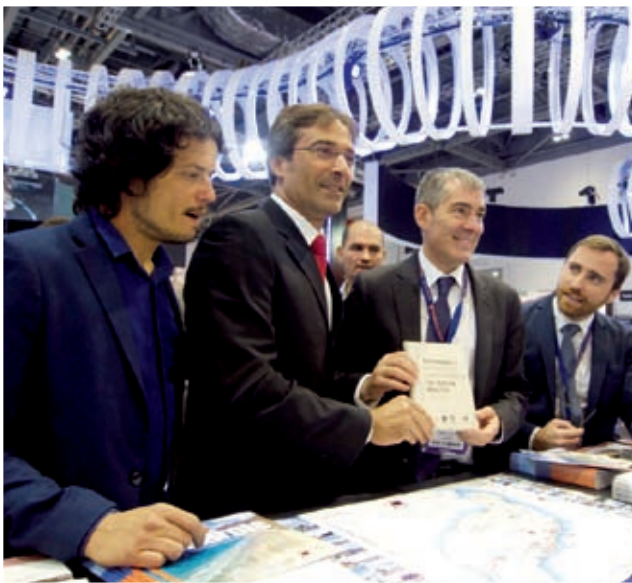
President Fernando Clavijo opens the Canary Islands stand with Tourism Councillor Isaac Castellano and other officials



Promotur Director Maria Méndez, Spel Director Héctor Fernández and Teguisse Tourism Councillor Antonio Callero with other dignitaries at the Lanzarote stand

Brits: Record-Breaking 51% of all Overseas Visitors

Cabildo President Pedro San Gines, who headed the Lanzarote delegation, said that for Lanzarote the most important aspect by far of our visit to London is to maintain tourism from the UK to our island as 1 out of every 2 visitors is British.



Canarian and Cabildo Presidents and Tourism Councillor with Acting Lanzarote Tourism Councillor Oscar Pérez



The Cabildo President with Tias Deputy Mayor and Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino at the Lanzarote stand manned by Spel Marketing Director Lorena Miranda

The three days of intensive work at the WTM bore fruit as the demise of Monarch meant the loss of 1.7% of aircraft capacity between the UK and Lanzarote, however other carriers such as Jet2 have picked up a large amount of the slack. Six British airlines are now operating a total of 40 flights a week to the island from London with many

more from other major UK airports. In other areas

TUI Sustainable has undertaken a major campaign in concert with Spel Overseas Promotion emphasizing the track record of Lanzarote towards Sustainable and Responsible Tourism over many years particularly through the introduction of the Biosphere Hotel status which was pioneered on Lanzarote.



As in previous years, Cicar, the largest car hire firm in the Canary Islands was present at the WTM. Canarian President Fernando Clavijo and Tourism Councillor Isaac Castellano were greeted at the stand by Commercial Direc-

tor Ramón Valiente and his team. The Lanzarote-based company, with offices on all seven islands, has a fleet of 10,000 cars equipped with multi-lingual guides and street maps as well as tips on conservation of the environment.



Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from the Canarian Government

“Bilingualism Essential for the Canarian Economy” Improving English-Speaking “Outside the Classroom”



*Canarian President
Fernando Clavijo*

President Fernando Clavijo has introduced a programme aimed at extending knowledge of the English language by Canary Islanders to complement what is learned at school. In a campaign entitled “Learning English outside the classroom,” he proposed the cooperation of the resident Anglophone community at a meeting to which he invited the British vice consuls of Las Palmas and Tenerife.

He stressed that bilingualism is indispensable for the economy of the Canary Islands in dealing with overseas markets as well as for the local tourist industry. In addition, a comprehensive knowledge of English is essential for Canarian students to allow them to compete when looking for jobs in today’s growing global economy where international companies seek employees who are bilingual. The Canarian Government would like more language schools to open and raise the level of teaching English in the islands’ schools. The President also noted that a closer relationship between Canary Islanders and Anglophone residents would lead to increased social and economic ties.

Generally speaking, researchers believe that a bilingual education can strengthen the executive function of the brain. Because bilingual students are able to use two languages at the same time, switching constantly, it develops skills for functions such as decision making and problem solving.



*Queen Letizia of
Spain accompanied
by President
Clavijo, opens the
school year in the
Canary Islands
at La Laguna,
Tenerife*



Students and teachers from La Gomera perform the pre-Hispanic “El Silbo” whistled language at the Canarian Parliament to celebrate the 8th anniversary of its declaration as an Intangible Cultural Heritage by Unesco.

Canarian Government and London School of Economics Innovation – Digitalisation and Implementing e-Sports

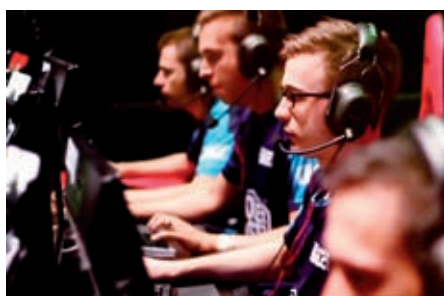
Canarian President Fernando Clavijo signs a strategic agreement with LSE-Enterprise to make the Canary Islands into a highly desirable area for international investment.

LSE-Enterprise is the commercial offshoot of the famous educational establishment. Their pool of internationally renowned experts has experienced and specialised knowledge across a range of industries and subject matters. They specialise in sourcing highly-skilled academics from the School whose unique insights, research excellence, industry experience and consultancy skills match the special needs of their clientele, in this case the Government of the Canary Islands.



E-Sports Cultures

Students are introduced to E-sports courses and learn about streaming techniques and layouts and how to host small and large scale events for single player and multi-player teams, create business plans to develop teams, create online communities and promote events through digital marketing. They



are also afforded an opportunity to explore the culture of esports, its audience and fan base and different game genres that make up the most popular in current times.



Canarian Tourism, Culture and Sports Councillor Isaac Castellano at the WTM

He said, “In the Canary Islands, tourism accounts for almost 40% of employment and has shown spectacular growth over the past few years. This booming sector has often tided us over during periods of crisis when the world economy was on a downturn. There are no magic formulas, but one thing is certain, “increasing airline connections and holding promotion campaigns are only beneficial when the tourist industry, public administration and the local population coordinate their efforts to ensure that the Archipelago remains a quality destination for holidaymakers.”

ExCel Centre WTM

The World Travel Market in London resulted in increased aircraft capacity to the Canaries with an additional 210,000 seats over the winter season. Canarian Tourism Councillor Isaac Castellano

The Canarian tourism industry is very happy that other British airlines and tour operators have taken up the slack caused by the demise of Monarch. In addition, the strategy of diversity in markets by conducting targeted promotion in other countries paid dividends. It resulted in 142,000 more visitors from Germany, a 9%



Isaac Castellano and Promotur Director Maria Mendéz during discussions on promotion campaigns in the UK

annual rise and 209,000 more from the Spanish mainland, up by 11.5%. Strong confidence in the Canarian holiday market has resulted in a total of 8 million seats allotted to flights to the Canary Islands from European airports for the winter season .

36% of the total workforce of the Canary Islands, which numbers 280,000 people, are employed in the tourist industry

Lanzarote Hosts UN World Sustainable Tourism Conference Sustainability

A Key Factor of Competitiveness in the Tourism Industry

The United Nations Conference on Lanzarote in October, attracted the leading Responsible Tourism organisations from Europe and America whose executives addressed the 500 guests attending two day event. Lanzarote was chosen by the world body because they consider the island a global role model for sustainability for having developed a thriving tourist industry guided by the principle of conservation of the environment.



We are very proud that Lanzarote was chosen by the United Nations as a role model of sustainable and responsible tourist development for all other resorts throughout the world.

Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés

As befitting, the forum was held at the emblematic Jameos del Agua Auditorium created by César Manrique who was responsible for Lanzarote being declared a World Biosphere Reserve in 1993. The final conference memorandum read, “the aim of the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development, was to inspire destinations everywhere to introduce a more responsible tourism sector for the benefit of both visitors and the host community.

Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés said: In greeting our distinguished guests I would like to say that historically, the first major step

towards Sustainable Tourism on the international stage was the meeting on Lanzarote in 1995 establishing the World Charter for Sustainable Tourism. This was followed by the creation of the ITR, Institute for Responsible Tourism, who named Lanzarote hotels among the first members of this elevated category.

Canarian Tourism Councillor Isaac Castellano: Sustainability and tourism must continue the march forward hand in hand because the strategy of sustainability is essential to the competitiveness of the Canary Islands on the map of world tourism. Our meeting provides us with an opportunity to chart the

sector’s course in helping to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Tourism is closely connected to the entire agenda, yet we still have to fully harness its power to be a transformative force for economies, societies and planet. This conference is aimed at supporting a change in policies, business practices and consumer behaviour elsewhere in the world towards a more sustainable tourism sector than can contribute effectively to growth of the industry.

Spanish Secretary of State for Tourism Matilde Asiad “The example of how tourism was developed on Lanzarote provides



Canarian President Fernando Clavijo, Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés and Haria Mayor Marci Acuña with Yolanda Perdomo, Director UN World Tourism Council, Heinz Korn Deputy Head of Unesco and Erika Harms, Founder of Planet4People



Spain's Secretary of State for Tourism with the major speakers and senior Cabildo and Town Hall officials

Canarian President Fernando Clavijo declared that Lanzarote was chosen to host the UN Conference because of its determination to place environmental conservation above all other factors whilst developing its highly successful tourism industry

the international industry with a unique opportunity to build a more responsible and committed tourism sector that can capitalize its immense potential in terms of economic prosperity, social inclusion, peace and understanding, cultural and environmental preservation."

Lanzarote-born Yolanda Perdomo, supervises the Advisory

Board to the Secretary General of the United Nations World Tourism Council. She told the assembly that sustainable tourism should make optimal use of environmental resources that constitute a key element in tourism development, maintain essential ecological processes and help conserve natural heritage and biodiversity. This should take place in tandem with the socio-cultural authenticity of host communities and their living cultural heritage and traditional values in or to contribute to intercultural understanding and tolerance.

Spel Overseas Tourism Promotion Managing Director Hector Fernández stressed the importance of analysing the relationship between innovation and sustainability and the role played by technology

in conserving the environment, a field in which Lanzarote has played the leading role especially in the supply of information for visitors to the Cabildo Tourist Centres. It is essential to maintain a high level of tourist satisfaction by ensuring they enjoy a meaningful experience to the full whilst on the island.

The tourism sector, when well managed, fosters economic growth, social inclusiveness and the protection of cultural and natural assets. Sustainable and responsible tourism is all inclusive as it addresses the needs of holiday-makers, the environment and host communities. Sustainability, in all its spheres is of growing concern especially among tourists a large percentage of whom select their holiday destination based on this premise. (See page 77).



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Reports from The Cabildo

€90M Investment from Canarian Government in 2018 New Drainage and Sewage System for Arrecife and San Bartolomé

Photos Sergio Betancort, Jesús Betancort, Liz



*Cabildo President
Pedro San Ginés*

A major new drainage network will be introduced to counter urban flooding and waste water spillage into the sea at Arrecife and Playa Honda, San Bartolomé. The European Union Sustainable Blue Urban Programme will provide 85% of the almost 12 million euro budget with the remaining 15% to be paid by the Cabildo and the Town Halls.



The Cabildo President announced that Lanzarote is receiving €90m from the Canarian Government budget for 2018, the highest amount in the history of the Island. Photo: President Pedro San Ginés, Vice President and Finance Councillor Luis Arraéz and Deputy Vice Presidents Manuel Cabrera and Juan Manel Sosa



President Pedro San Ginés, with San Bartolomé Deputy Mayor and Urban Councillor of San Bartolomé Alexis Tejero Lemes and Urban Councillor of Arrecife Jacobo Lemes

Lanzarotto Day in Italy

Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés congratulated the town of Varazze on the celebration of Lanzarotto Day in October honour of the Genoese navigator for whom the island is named. He literally put the island on the map of Angelino Dulcert in 1339.

Cabildo Culture Councillor Oscar Pérez, author of Lanzarotto's biography Alfonso Licata and journalist Antonio Coll were honoured guests at the celebration. The cover of English Lancelot took pride of place as it depicts the site of the castle built by Lanzarotto Malocello in 1312 and is also displayed by the Deputy Mayor of Varezza as well as by Alfonso Licata.



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Annual Cabildo Biosphere Reserve Reference Awards

The first prize for contribution to ambiental and environmental Biosphere Reference was awarded to biologist and teacher at the Insular University of Tourism, Domingo Concepción. Other winners included the president-founder of the Milana Association for promoting the revival of the traditional cultivation of cochineal on Lanzarote, Sebastiana Perera Brito, who are both seen in the photographs together with Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés and other officials.



"You can save a life with your own bare hands"

Cabrera Medina Car Hire and Spel Lanzarote Overseas Promotion have combined in activities for the benefit of the island. The car rental firm have published new multilingual folding maps of the island together with street guides of the four main tourist resorts. Cabrera Medina, founded over 50

years on this island, is the leading car rental firm in the Canarian Archipelago with 1,500 employees and a fleet of 10,000. Among other distinctions they were awarded the Gold Medal of the Canarian Government and the Distinguished Services to Tourism Trophy of the Lanzarote Cabildo.



Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés and Spel Managing Director Héctor Fernández with Pedro Cabrera signing the renewal of the contract between both entities which began in 2014



300 hundred pupils in nine Lanzarote schools were taught how to help heart attack victims in an emergency. In a course entitled, "You can save a life with your own bare hands," the youngsters learned how to press on the chest wall to restore blood flow and prevent or limit damage to the heart muscle.

The EU Health Authority, which holds annual Heart Failure Awareness Days, believes that if the percentage of people learning this method is increased, up to 100,000 lives a year could be saved in Europe alone.

President Pedro San Ginés congratulated Lionel Morales as Champion of Spain for winning the Spanish Para-Triathlon 2017 at Valencia in the PT2 category





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Reports from Tourism Lanzarote

“Lonely Planet” Lanzarote 2nd Best Vacation Resort in the World



Cabildo Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio said that the new work carried out has absolutely no negative impact on the environment as was the case with the original goods lift



A new cargo elevator has been installed at Jameos del Agua Auditorium which is in complete harmony with the natural surroundings and the

beautiful tourist centre created by César Manrique. The exterior is built of volcanic rock in the traditional architectural style of Lanzarote.



In their book “Best Travel in 2018,” Lonely Planet rated Lanzarote as the 2nd best value vacation resort in the world. With 1.5 million subscribers to their newsletter the publication is recognised as one of the best travel guides in the world.

Spel Overseas Promotion Managing Director Héctor Fernández pointed at that their evaluation, which is based on information supplied by holidaymakers and travel industry professionals, is a wonderful certificate of excellence for Lanzarote’s superb year-round climate and magnificent beaches, the superb tourist attractions and unique volcanic countryside.”



As additional promotion for the Lanzarote European Sports Destination programme Turismo Lanzarote attended the UniBike International Bike Fair in Paris to promote the wonderful opportunities for cyclists to practise their sport on the island – especially during the winter months when the rest of Europe experiences the cold grip of winter.

Apart from the sports sector Turismo Lanzarote represented

the island at the Top Resa 28th annual Top Resa International Trade Fair in Paris intent on increasing the number of French holidaymakers to the island as their intensive promotion campaigns have resulted in an incredible leap from just 3,400 in 2011 to 160,000 last year. In addition, airlines are operating additional flights to the island from Charles de Gaulle and Nantes.



Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés announced a warm welcome to Brussels Airlines on the arrival of its inaugural flight to Lanzarote from the Belgian capital, which will operate three times a week. At a reception at the airport Turismo Lanzarote was represented by Javier Armas together with the airport manager and senior airline officials.

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“Angaro” Music and Dance at Jameos del Agua Auditorium Unique and Mesmerising - Not to be Missed

A superb tapestry of the evolution of music from the beginning of time, via ethnic folklore, jazz-tinged trombone arrangements, pitch-perfect vocals sung a capella and a pervading exciting percussion rhythm to keep you on the edge of your seat by drummers using hands or sticks alternately on box-shaped “cajons” and banging on elevated drum skins whilst standing

This authentic historic-theatrical work is based on the social and religious traditions of Canarian Ethnographic Heritage. The tableaux of music and dance depicting life in the villages of the ancient inhabitants of the Islands show how articles from everyday life evolved from their natural sounds into song and dance. This musical texture links them to similar tales of early life in other parts of the world. Walking on sand, whistling, striking sea shells and bones of animals, or utensils of stone and wood used in farming, milling, sowing and fishing. The primitive implements of the prehistoric era which accompanied the very first folklore music gradually evolved into the crafted instruments of strings and brass for the piano, harpsichord and the trumpet.

“Angaro” was the ancient Greek



Pieles Theatrical Company Directed by Jonatan Rodríguez



word for lighting torches on mountain tops to warn of an impending invasion from the sea, similar to the pirate raids in Canarian waters in medieval times.

2018 Performance dates at Jameos del Agua Auditorium: 14th and 28th January; 11th and 25th February; 11th and 25th March. All concerts commence at 12:30 pm (mid-day).

A gourmet luncheon is served in the restaurant after the performance at a special price for concert-goers.

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The UN Conference was highly successful



Yolanda Perdomo of the World Tourist Organisation and Tourist Centres executive Carmen Teresa Cabrera



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Reports from Tourism Lanzarote



French and German Airline Increase Connectivity Frankfurt/Main - Charles de Gaulle - Nantes

According to Spel Managing Director Héctor Fernández, “During the WTM we established an excellent working relationship between the Director of the London branch of Spain’s National Tourist Office (OET) and Spel UK representative Arminda Delgado. High on the list is cooperation for Lanzarote’s European Sports Destination campaign. This contact is of major importance as London is the largest branch of the OET in Europe.

An important discussion entitled “Turbulent Skies and Challenging Times for the Airline Business” organised jointly by British Airways and EasyJet, dealt with the problem of Brexit once the UK had left the EU. It is highly important to develop a strategy well in advance to mitigate the effect in a manner which is of benefit both to Lanzarote (as well as other destinations) and the British airline industry.

The Lanzarote delegation also met with other major tour operators, Barrhead Travel, Scotland; Thalasso No. 1, France; Primera Travel, Sweden; Sunway, Ireland; Alltours, Germany and ViaSale, Hungary. Also, an important meeting about Lanzarote European Sports Destination with English Sports Tours International, who cover athletics and water sports all over the world.



Spel Team, Héctor Fernández, MD, London-based Arminda Delgado and Marketing Director Lorena Miranda



Direct route connections between Frankfurt Main, Germany, Charles de Gaulle, Paris through Ryanair and Easyjet and Nantes, France became a reality this winter according to Cabildo Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio and Spel Overseas Tourism Promotion Managing Director Héctor Fernández. The new routes are important because of uncertainty regarding tourism from the UK in the immediate future because of Brexit and a weak pound. In addition, Volotea Airlines, opened a Nantes-Arrecife weekly flight each Tuesday.

This new airline, which operates a fleet of CRJ 175-seater planes made by Bombardier, fly between small and me-



dium-size cities in Europe and is owned by two partners who founded Vueling Airlines, Europe’s third largest budget operator. Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio said that it was a sign of confidence in the Lanzarote market that prompted its inclusion among their list of destinations.

Another new weekly flight is operated by Germania who are based at Berlin Tegel. Finally, Austrian Airline Niki, formerly a subsidiary of the now defunct Air Berlin, now operates flights with its own planes from Berlin-Tegel, Cologne-Bonn, Dusseldorf, Hamburg and Munich, besides its weekly flight from Zurich which has been operating for over a year.

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Summit of the Outer Regions of the EU



President Fernando Clavijo assumed the Presidency of the EU Outermost Regions at a summit in French Guiana attended by Emmanuel Macron and Jean Claude Juncker

The Canarian Government has assumed the presidency of nine territories known as the Outermost Regions of Europe due to their distance from the mainland. Addressing the challenges they face, the EU introduced specific measures which takes into account their remoteness, insularity, small size, difficult topography and climate as well as economic dependence on only a few products. These regions benefit from Cohesion Policy funding through the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund. They include the Canaries, Azores, Madeira, Cape Verde and Guiana, where the summit was held.

Lanzarote was chosen by the European Union to promote “Intelligent and Sustainable Tourism” tourism in territories and countries which are on the outer geographic limits of the continent. Because the island was able to create a thriving tourist industry in tandem with conservation of the environment the EU is funding a programme known as Ecotur-Azul for watersports holidays for active-minded holidaymakers with Lanzarote as the role model for other peripheral areas like Madeira and the Azores. Spel Tourism Managing Director Héctor Fernández was present at the Funchal Naval Club’s congress to explain how the European Sports Destination programme can be of the greatest benefit for neighbouring resorts in the Atlantic area known as Macaronesia.



International Conference in Athens on Balanced Tourism Lanzarote Spel Overseas Tourism Director Héctor Fernández was a keynote speaker at the 16th Conference of the Greek Tourism Confederation. He described how Lanzarote was able to develop a thriving tourist industry in tandem with a policy of conservation of the environment. Agricul-

tural culinary tourism was a major topic of conversation and Señor Fernández described the Saborea, or Taste” Lanzarote campaign which centres on culinary tourism. The unique wine cultivation of La Geria was of great interest especially as a delegation from Napa Valley, California, was also present at the meeting in the Greek capital.



WTM London facilitates £2.8 billion in industry deals and has around 5,000 exhibitors from 182 countries and regions and more than 51,000 participants



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Reports from Tías

Puerto del Carmen-La Tiñosa Prize 50th Anniversary Prize Sea Fair Recalls Fishing Traditions of the Local Harbour

Photos Doris Hernández



Tías Mayor Pancho Hernández



For having converted the small fishing village of La Tiñosa, with many centuries of history, into one of Europe's most popular tourist destinations, the resort was awarded the Isle of Lanzarote Trophy for 2017.

(Full report of gala award presentation on page 54-55)



Leading the celebrations the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and local Councillors



The aim of the I Sea Festival was to promote nautical sports and revive the ancient fishing traditions of La Tiñosa harbour. Lanzarote European Sports Destination officials were present and over 20 companies involved in water sports and allied activities attended to fairgoers at their exhibits. Playa Chica is the most popular beach among the 120,000+ divers who come to Lanzarote on diving holidays annually.

A priority is teaching children how to master the art of balance in 'jolatero' canoes followed by sailing skills and scuba diving as well as acquainting them with the history of the La Tiñosa fishing fleet.



Aquatic therapy courses to restore strength and movement for the physically challenged, have been introduced at Centro Deportivo Fariones by the Tías-based NGO W.W.W.

presided over by Zoila Casanova. The opening was attended by Mayor Pancho Hernández and Tourism-Culture Councillor Amado Vizcaino, Social Services Councillor Aroa Pérez.

35,000 Snacks Served at Tapa de la Tiñosa 2017

Tias Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino announced that 35,000 snacks had been consumed at the annual Tapa de la Tiñosa Fair held in El Varadero harbour during the first weekend of October, breaking all attendance records with a very high percentage of holidaymakers among the local population. Lanzarote cuisine was on display at over 100 stalls each offering a variety of the island's tastiest snacks and drinks. Tuna fish, which is caught in nearby waters, was the main dish of the culinary event and the amateur cooking contest was won by the dish "Marmitako de atún" by Asunción Espinoza.

Entire families of adults and children enjoyed tasting the various combinations of tapas which sell at a very low price as part of the Cabildo campaign to promote local cooking. Known as Saborea Lanzarote, this programme introduces visitors to local cuisine to encourage 'food tourism.' Adding yet one more attraction to the island's amenities, but this one is as pleasing to the stomach as to the eye. All washed down with a glass of the unique local wines cultivated in volcanic soil so praised by none less than William Shakespeare throughout his works.



*Tourism Councillor
Amado Vizcaino*



Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández visited La Asomada Macher CEIP, the first rural Junior and Infants school on Lanzarote to incorporate the Amara Berri teaching system where pupils learn from their everyday life as opposed to their "future" life. They are taught through play, "real

life simulations" in class and in the relationship with others and participate in every aspect of the school with special focus on communication skills, empathy and creativity. Photo: The mayor, headmistress and staff visit the classroom during an Amara Berri-style lesson.



*The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the
Public Works Councillor*



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Reports from Yaiza

Laying the First Brick for Playa Blanca School Capacity for 600 Students from Infants to High School

Photos Alex Salebe



Mayoress Gladys Acuña looks forward to the opening of the new CEO Playa Blanca so that pupils who currently have to travel to Yaiza and even Tias will be able to attend the local school when it opens in two years

Facilities at the new school: 21 classrooms; 3 Infant, 6 Primary and 12 Secondary, science laboratory, Information and Communication technology centre, music and plastic arts areas, gymnasium and multi-use sports pitch, covered stadium, dining room, Parents-Teachers and Alumni Association. The CEO for 600 pupils plans to open in two years at a cost of €4.7m.



Mayoress Gladys Acuña watches the laying of the first brick with Canarian President Fernando Clavijo and Education Councillor Soledad Monzón, Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés and Education Councillor Marquez as well as other regional, insular and Town Hall education executives



Yaiza has honoured local poet Antonio Gutiérrez Reyes, who at the age of 88 is still actively involved in the cultural life of the municipality. Started off at a young age as a goats-herd and later skippered his own boat and spent 29 years at sea. Antonio only began writing poems try at the age of 70 but had always performed his own songs or read his own poetry at fiestas and friend's parties. His verses were always about life and the local inhabitants of Yaiza. He is seen at the ceremony with his family and Mayoress Gladys Acuña and Culture Councillor Daniel Medina.

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Award for Historic “Cofradia” Fraternity of Fishermen Pioneers who Established the Village of Playa Blanca



Celebrating Fiestas del Carmen in the early days, the fisherman in the photo is now 89 years of age

On World Tourism Day 2017, Yaiza Mayoress Gladys Acuña presented an award to the Playa Blanca Fraternity of Fisherman, whose members and their ancestors established the village of Playa Blanca which has since become one of the most popular tourist resorts in Europe.



Yaiza Mayoress Gladys Acuña and Tourism Councillor Olga Caraballo present the award to the oldest member of the “Cofradía”



100 swimmers competed in the 28th annual La Bocaina 15 km crossing between Playa Blanca, Lanzarote and La Oliva, Fuerteventura. Among the prize-winning international athletes was Spain's world champion Rebeca Santos who came in second only 15 seconds after Alfredo Montes' winning time of 5:03:10 hours. The youngest participant was 17 year old Raquel Melián of Yaiza. Town Hall Sports Councillor Daniel Medina greeted the contestants at the 7.45 am start of the race.



The 10k Pardelator race over beautiful mountainous terrain in Los Volcanes Natural Park during the Fiestas of El Golfo, was won by Rafael Trinidad of Fuerteventura in 33:15 minutes followed by Stephen Bayliss only 8 seconds later, who, but for a wrong turn, would have won the race. There was also a Kids race over a shorter distance. Yaiza Sports Councillor Daniel Medina is seen with the winning athletes



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Reports from Arrecife

Restored Manrique Murals at the Casa de la Cultura



Mayoress Arrecife Eva de Anta

Mayoress Eva de Anta said that the Casa de la Cultura once served as a free school for children of parents without means, thanks to scholarships donated by Luis Ramírez. Other notable personalities associated with the cultural centre in its early days includes a young César Manrique who gave light and colour to the walls with his very first murals as well as the writer and author for whom it is named, Agustin de la Hoz.

Canarian Culture and Tourism Councillor Isaac Castellano congratulated the Ayuntamiento on the reopening of “such an iconic centre of culture which can be assured of the continuing support of the Regional Government.”

Cabildo President Pedro de San Ginés spoke of the continuing efforts of the both the Ayuntamiento and Cabildo to reopen cultural and emblematic places of interest in the island capital for the benefit of both the local inhabitants and visitors.



Interior decorator Maria Eugenia was responsible for the light furnishings.



The refurbished murals on the walls are of historic significance as they were the very first examples of César Manrique's artistic creations on public display



Leading regional, insular and municipal dignitaries attended the reopening of the Casa de Cultura after total refurbishment



L-R Canarian Tourism/Culture Councillor Isaac Castellano, Mayoress Eva de Anta, Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés and Arrecife Culture Councillor Rafael Juan González

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Reports from Arrecife



Many Thousands Enjoy Prize-winning Musica en Vivo 2017 Tapas Fiesta Introduces Tourists to the Best Lanzarote Cuisine



Arrecife Tourism and Culture Councillor said that this year's four concert series had superseded all past events which had merited the prize as best live street concert-series in Spain. Arrecife en Vivo has concluded another year of Friday evening street concerts at emblematic locations of the island capital. The final show by Fuel Fandango on Reducto Beach was enjoyed by many thousands of enthusiastic fans of the stars Nita and Ale who were on a major tour of Spain which concluded at the 15,000-seater Wizink Centre, Madrid at the end of November.



Culture and Tourism Councillor Rafael Juan González said that he was happy that the Casa de la Cultura is once again serving the local community as a vibrant central meeting place for the arts and education as well as a source of information about the cultural heritage and traditions of Arrecife and the whole Island.



Organised by the Tourism and Youth Councillors, Rafael Juan González and Jacobo Lemes, respectively the 5th annual "Mojate Arrecife" 12 am – 12 pm Fair was a resounding success attracting thousands of visitors from all over the island including many foreigners. Central to the day's enjoyment was the Tapas Fair which took place at Reducto Beach where tourists were introduced to the most delicious tapas from the Lanzarote/Canarian cuisine plus



a glass of the unique local Malvasia wine grown in volcanic soil. This all took place to a background of Zumba and modern dance as well as games for children of all ages.



Culture Councillor Juan Rafael González and Senderismo Lanzarote organised a series of Family Routes where adults and youngsters learned about matters of historic importance. They included the ruins of Zonzamas, seen in the photo and birdlife on the shores of the capital. A visit to Naos Harbour is scheduled for December.



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Reports from Teguise

National Environmental Prize for Teguise Cemetery Soccer Stadium and other Sports Facilities for Costa Teguise



Mayor Oswaldo Betancort

In announcing the annual awards for cemeteries in Spain, Joaquín Araújo, head of the jury, stressed how in carrying out improvements to the historic town cemetery, the Ayuntamiento of Teguise had been careful to ensure the conservation of the environment. The same applied to the refurbished Path of the Crosses and other areas of anthropological-cultural value.



Mayor Oswaldo Betancort with the National Conservation Award for Teguise Cemetery



Mayor Oswaldo Betancort and Architect José María Pérez display the plans for the new sports centre at Costa Teguise

Plans for the projected Costa Teguise soccer pitch and sports facilities as well as a new Civic Centre were unveiled by Mayor Oswaldo Betancort. To be located behind the Beatriz Hotel next to Barranco del Hurón, a football stadium with a pitch of artificial turf and terraces with capacity of 350 spectators, an athletics track as well as handball and basketball courts. In addition, a building to house a gymnasium, premises for local sports clubs and a cafeteria with an outdoor terrace. The Mayor stressed that the structure would be in harmony with the environment

covered in volcanic rock in traditional local architectural style. The estimated cost of 1.3 million euros is co-financed by the Lanzarote Cabildo and the project is scheduled for completion by the end of 2018.

A new Civic Centre is also planned for Costa Teguise on municipal land adjoining Arenas College at a cost of 1 million euros to be financed by the European Union.

Other major building projects underway was the complete refurbishment of Paseo de las Cucharas, a new school and a new clinic, a prayer centre, a picnic area and a park for dogs.

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Amigos de Costa Teguisse 2017 Awards Ceremony 600 Years of History Lecture Series



Mayor Oswaldo Betancort and Tourism Councillor Antonio Callero and Héctor Fernández of Turismo Lanzarote with prizewinners José Guillén and wife Maria Rosa Morales proprietors of Restaurante Isla Bonita as well as the directors of Nada Mas Swim Club and Colegio Arenas Internacional.

This year's Amigos de Costa Teguisse Awards took place in conjunction with the World Tourism Day celebration when three winners were recognised for outstanding contributions to the quality of life at the tourist resort. Mayor Oswaldo Betancort and Tourism Councillor Antonio Callero praised the proprietors of Isla Bonita Restaurant for offering holidaymakers thirty years of excellent cuisine. Similarly Club Nada Mas Swim Club in the sports category which counts a membership of 70 adults and 200 children and who are responsible for enhancing the resort's reputation overseas. Finally Colegio Arenas Internacional were praised for raising the standard of educational and sports facilities at Costa Teguisse.



The Mayor with Archive Director Maria Dolores Rodriguez and UNED Lecturer Felix Delgado



Tourism Councillor Antonio Callero

To celebrate, "Teguisse – 600 Years of History," Mayor Oswaldo Betancort inaugurated a series of historic talks by senior lecturers at the universities of Las Palmas, Gran Canaria and La Laguna, Tenerife. Having commenced on the 27 October, they conclude on 4 May.



Tourism Councillor Olivia Duque encourages local schoolchildren to learn about the 600 year history of Teguisse, the first capital of Lanzarote and of the Canary Islands



Councillor Antonio Callero congratulates Tourism Information Executive Inma Armas and Office Director Teresa Curbelo for the quality of personal service to visitors which contributes to the high percentage of repeat visitors to Costa Teguisse.





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Reports from Haría

Official Ceremony for New Haría IES School Canarian President and Mayor Officiate

Three buildings housing 16 classrooms for Secondary and Bachillerato education and vocational training, music, the arts and sciences as well as indoor and open air sports facilities.



Haría Mayor Marci Acuña made the opening presentation

Present at the laying of the first stone was Canarian President Fernando Clavijo, Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés, Haría Mayor Marci Acuña as well as Education, University and Culture Councillors among other dignitaries. Work should be completed on the 5,800 m² site by the end of 2019 at an estimated cost of 4.5 million euros.



Laying the first stone Canarian President, Cabildo President and the Mayor of Haría



A local pupil's poem was place in a time capsule



Among the dignitaries, Canarian Education Councillor Soledad Monzon with Ana Dorte, Schools and Rafael Bailon, Personnel, Cabildo Education Councillor Carmen Rosa Marquéz, Insular Education Director Mario Pérez, CEP Director Eduardo Nuñez and Haría Councillors

Mayor Marci Acuña presided over the 50th Anniversary of Haría IES Primary-Secondary School at a gala presentation in Jameos del Agua Auditorium, one of the three Cabildo Tourist Centres located in the Municipality, the others are Cueva de los Verdes and the Mirador del Río. All former students and staff were invited to

attend as well as the education and culture executives from the Canarian Government, the Lanzarote Cabildo, CEP as well as councillors from the local Town Hall. The presentation was followed by a concert by the Toñín Corujo Quartet. During the same week, the first stone was laid for the 50 year old school's new premises.

Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from Haría



Councillor Dorte with viticulture students at Los Lajares

Haría Agriculture and Environment Councillor José Pérez Dorta spoke about a Viticulture Course through solar energy for local pupils of wine making at the 100,000 m2 Finca Los Lajares which is presently being used by the students of IES Zonzamas for training purposes. He said, "We would like the area to be seen as an example of environmental agriculture with trainees learning the basic principles of wine making, selecting which grapes to grow as well as an environmentally-friendly procedure for harvest and post-harvest treatment."



Haría Tourism Councillor Soraya Brito was very satisfied with the high profile the municipality received during the United Nations Conference

UN Conference at Jameos del Agua



Tourist Centres Managing Director José Juan Lorenzo with Tias, Haría and Tegüise Tourism Councillors, Amado Vizcaino, Soraya Brito and Antonio Callero, respectively at the UN conference in Jameos del Agua



Unesco spokesman at the UN Conference Heinz Korn spoke of holidaying on Lanzarote over the past 30 years and admiring the creation of a thriving tourist industry in tandem with conservation of the environment.

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25 Canarian Descendents from San Antonio, Texas Welcomed by the Cabildo and Teguiise Ayuntamiento



Teguise Historian Francisco Hernández Delgado with a group of Lanzarote Descendents scrutinising the early 18th century archives of the lives of their ancestors. Photos Liz

The San Antonians visited all the Tourist Centres as guests of the Cabildo, as well as the César Manrique Foundation. They spent many hours at Teguiise Archives where Town Historian Francisco Hernández Delgado showed them documentation dating back to the early 18th century detailing their ancestors' births, deaths, marriages, land purchases, wills etc. Many

were overcome by emotion to read the handwritten names and details of their forbears.

They visited Guadalupe Church where their families had prayed before leaving on their epic one year voyage by sea and land before arriving to found the first civil settlement in the history of Texas. San Antonio has since evolved into the seventh largest city in the United States.



Teguise Culture Councillor Olivia Duque presents Descendents Vice President Julia Cabrera with a statue of Los Diabletes, an ancient figure dating back to the original inhabitants now used as a costume during the local Carnival

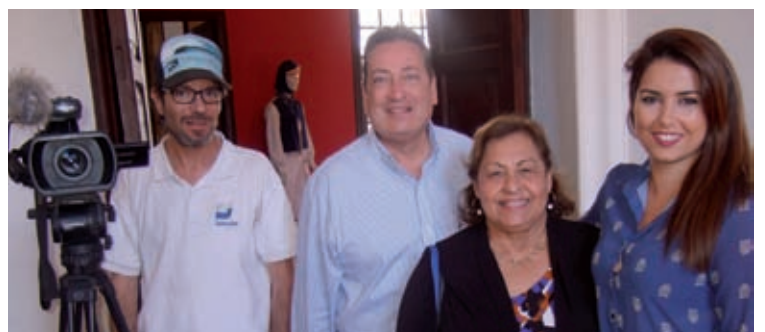


George Benavides, Victor Barreto with wife and family including daughter Rebecca Gomez Brookes who is studying anthropology at the University of California. See letters page 14



Historian Jesse O. Villareal presents Francisco Hernández with his book on the Patriots of Texan origin honoured as Sons of the American Revolution

Anthony Delgado and a fellow visitor after a Spanish-language interview on Lancelot TV with cameraman Juan Cruces and presenter Demelza Viña





President Pedro San Ginés received all 25 visitors in the main hall of the Cabildo and presented them with engravings of all the Tourist Centres they had visited as guests of the island government. The Descendents were accompanied by Susy M. Matheu (L). Photo Sergio Betancort



Descendents Vice President Julia Cabrera invited the Cabildo President to visit their city on 9 March 2018, its 300th anniversary, to which he replied, "The date coincides with my 50th birthday and I would very much like to celebrate it with you all in San Antonio, if possible."



Cabildo Culture Councillor Oscar Pérez hands San Antonio Descendents Vice President Anthony Delgado with a copy of Puerto del Carmen's 50th anniversary commemorative publication as the guests had spent their six day visit in a hotel at the resort



The visitors during their reception at historic Spinola Palace home of the Timple Museum



San Antonio author Jesse Villareal and wife Corinne with Lancelot editor Larry Yaskiel

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Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts at Mancha Blanca



The late Doña Dorotea, the mother of traditional Lanzarote pottery, was named this year's Artisan of Honour. Her granddaughter Rosalie and son-in-law Marcial de León- seen in the photo - as well as other descendents and pupils, continue to perpetuate her memory with the ceramics they create



Many hundreds of holidaymakers mingled with the local population at the yearly Nanino Diaz Cutillas Folklore Festival at Mancha Blanca celebrating the fiesta of Los Dolores. On display a variety of local handwork, both traditional and modern including, pottery, embroidery, weaving, carpentry, hats and baskets from palm fronds, wood carvings and jewellery, much of it from the local olivine semi-precious stone.

Concerts of Canarian folk music took place in the evening with local groups as well as from the other Islands. The best of local cuisine including wines and cheeses were also enjoyed.

Special guests at this year's event were the Cape Verde Islands Crafts and Design Centre who promote the legacy of traditional culture through fabric and textile-related art.

The Cape Verde Islands, with half a million inhabitants, are located in the Atlantic off the coast of Senegal and belong to Portugal. They say that the isles were formed from "the crumbs God brushed from his hands when he finished creating the world."



The regional, insular and local authorities visited all the stands at the Manch Blanca Arts & Crafts Fair



Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés at the San Bartolomé stand



Arrecife Mayoress Eva de Anta and Tourism/Culture Councillor Rafael Juan Hernández at the exhibit of the colourful display of carpets of salt which decorate the streets around San Ginés Church on Corpus Christi every year



Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández and Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino visit the highly original display of the historical port of La Tiñosa-Puerto del Carmen at the Tias stand



Artisans from the Cape Verde Islands were invited to participate by the Lanzarote Cabildo. Their colourful costumes, music and dancing as well as traditional arts and crafts made an exciting contribution to the Festival



Haria Deputy Mayor José Pérez Dorta at the Town Hall stand



Teguiase Culture Councillor Olivia Duque offers visitors delicious local biscuits baked by Doña Marija based on a traditional recipe



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The local police force, Mayor and Councillors and Canarian Government Tourism Councillor Isaac Castellano

As part of the annual celebration of Cristo de la Vera Cruz Saint's Day, members of Tias Municipal Police headed by Celso Betancort were awarded 14 medals for serving the local community for between 20 to 35 years. Mayor Pancho Hernández spoke of the impressive work they carry out every day through dedication, a sense of responsibility, professionalism and efficiency.



Bike Route Costa Teguisse-Guatiza

Horinsa Civil Engineering S.L. has been awarded a contract by the Canarian Government Tourism and Sports Department to build the 2nd phase of the Insular Access Bicycle Route from Costa Teguisse to Guatiza. The work is budgeted at a cost of close to 1 million euros and is to be concluded within six months.

Horinsa, a 100% Lanzarote-owned company was founded in 1973 by Eduardo Martín Armas and has been involved in some of the island's major public works projects: roads,

drainage, public parks, water distribution and harbours etc. The firm was highly praised for the Salinas de Janubio-El Golfo route which is totally compatible with the area's natural volcanic environment formed after the 18th century eruptions of the Fire Mountains.

Francisco Armas has been Managing Director for the past 30 years and Technical Director Jesús Escribano is a Civil Engineer. Senior Executive Roberto Fuentes devotes much of his free time supporting local culture and is the founder of the OCL.

Fernando González Gutiérrez Managing Director of Lanzarote Roper Grocery signed an agreement to support the **Pequeño Valiente (Brave Youngsters)** charity for the mothers and fathers of children in the Canary Islands suffering from cancer, with their President **José Juan Pérez Castro**. The non-profit organisation honoured the amazingly brave children facing the disease during September, **Childhood Cancer Awareness month**. Roper are donating the proceeds of the sale of plastic bags to the charitable non-profit organisation at the same time as reaffirming their commitment to follow the principle of conservation of the environment.



Spain's Once lottery pictured the Rotary Foundation on all tickets issued on the 25th of September in honour of the 100th anniversary of the international charitable organisation. Among many other installations funded by Lanzarote Rotary is a therapeutic swimming pool for the Adislan Handicapped Association as well as social and dining amenities for Caritas and Calor y Café charities.



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With the aim of continuing to offer visitors resorts of the highest quality, Hibiscus Hotels is opening Hotel Lava Beach at the end of 2018. It is the fourth establishment and the first with a 5 Star category, located on the first line at Playa de Matagorda. This 154 room hotel with a wellness zone and spacious gardens is designed for guests to enjoy an unforgettable holiday in an exclusive and relaxing ambience.



Lineas Romero Ferries Director Luis Padron at the firm's stand during the I Feria del Mar in La Tiñosa Harbour. The fair emphasized the historic connection of the resort of Puerto del Carmen to the sea and was visited by hundreds of holidaymakers

Following the 25th anniversary of the annual swimming contest across the Straights of El Rio, Lineas Romero Insular and Interinsular Ferries. presented Club Natación Vulcania with the yearly award for the enthusiastic promotion of the sport of swimming on Lanzarote. Vulcania's 27 members compete in five age groups from tiny tots to adults in regional, Spanish National and even international races. In addition, one of the swimmers is also a member of the Spanish National Triathlete Team.



The New Skoda Karoq

The new Karoq models on display in the Audi Lanzawagen showroom, has a distinct Skoda identity, the brand's design team has come up with an interior that is far removed from previous models and the dashboard feels more modern while a few metal and piano black trims add a touch of class. You'll find plenty of squishy plastics atop the dashboard and doors, while harder materials lower down have a good finish.

An 8.0in touchscreen infotainment system is your only choice on entry-level SE trim, but move up to SE L spec and this can be upgraded to a sharp 9.2in screen. Wireless phone charging is available via a plus-sized centre console cubbyhole, and the Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and MirrorLink smartphone mirroring functions are standard on all models.

Meanwhile, an optional digital instrument display lets you choose from four specific layouts. These range from Classic (which shows engine revs, speed and location) to Reduced, which only displays key information chosen by the driver, such as speed and remaining miles before a refuel is needed. Like the infotainment screen, it's easy to use and can display a vast range of information in a very clear manner.

The Karoq also promises to be at the top of its class for driver comfort. Indeed, there's a wide range of adjustment for both the steering wheel and driver's seat, and, thanks to thin windscreen pillars and big side windows, visibility is better than most rivals and the seat that is nicely aligned with the steering wheel and pedals allowing for lengthy drives in relative comfort.

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World Tourism Day Special Mention Award for Juan Carlos Monzón proprietor of La Bodega de Santiago, Yaiza, who is seen with Mayoress Gladys Acuña, Tourism Councillor Olga Caraballo and Aetur President Victoriano Elvira (L). In 2015, Aetur introduced the 1st Lanzarote Scuba Festival at Playa Chica Beach and El Fondeadero, Puerto del Carmen, in conjunction with Buco Schools and the Dice Centres Association



Kevin Roper, the driving force behind Roper Properties founded in 1984 and the island's longest established estate agency, has opened a new office in Playa Blanca where he looks forward to welcoming new clients. In addition, with the two offices in Puerto del Carmen - in the San Antonio and Fariones areas

- owners will be content with the first class service they receive when marketing their property. With 32 years of experience as an estate agent on Lanzarote, Kevin Roper has acquired a sterling reputation and his comprehensive knowledge of the local property market is of great benefit to his clientele.



San Bartolomé Town Hall organised a competition for local residents to put forward their ideas for the scheduled 50,000 m2 park to be located in the district, the largest open space leisure area on Lanzarote. The winning entry entitled "Activate the Crater" by Iván Torres Ramón and Martín Tomillo Mato won the €10,000 1st Prize



Estefania González created an innovative and eye-catching display of grains ground at Molino José Maria Gil in central San Bartolomé at Mancha Blanca Fiesta

Schoolchildren create art and murals for the Paint in "H" Onda project encouraging youngsters to take an active interest in natural surroundings of the municipality



New Book out in January!

The British Connection to Lanzarote and the Canary Islands 600 Years of History

by Larry Yaskiel - with parallel texts in Spanish

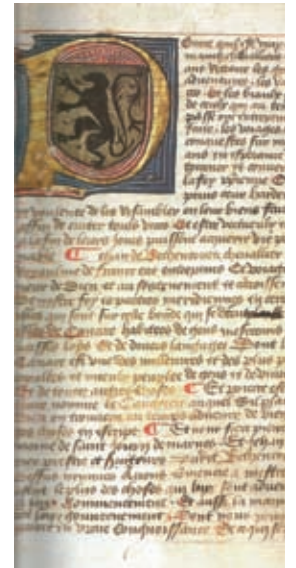
5.3 million British tourists visited the Canary Islands in 2017, the highest amount ever, which accounted for 51% of all foreign visitors and have headed the list of tourists from abroad almost every year for the past three decades.

Surprisingly, relations between the two island groups commenced with the Anglo Normans of the 15th century!!

Besides historical data, readers are in for a host of surprises: the drowning of a Pretender to the throne of England in a barrel of Canary wine; Walter Raleigh's trial for treason at the Tower of London; Benjamin Franklin and the American Revolution; Anglo Canarian P.O.W. at the Bridge on the River Kwai; Agatha Christie's plots; final "incognito" holiday in the lives of three Beatles.

To be published in January 2018
and available at all good book shops
and the Tourist Centres.

Published by Ediciones Remotas
www.edicionesremotas.com



"La ventana entreabierta" by Pedro José Pérez

Teguisse Photo Competition

Winning entries of "Refurbish Teguisse"
organised by the Ayuntamiento and the
Lanzarote College of Architects



"No hay edad para seguir siendo imponente" by Ayoze Morera

BRIDGE No 129

By Maria Brandt

A bridge procedure called "elimination."

Dealer South None vulnerable

♠ 7 6 4		♠ 9 8
♥ J 9 7 5 3 2		♥ Q 10
♦ 10		♦ Q J 9 8
♣ 10 9 5		♣ J 7 4 3 2

♠ 5 2		♠ A K Q J 10 3
♥ K 8 6 4		♥ A
♦ 4 3 2		♦ A K 7 6 5
♣ K Q 8 6		♣ A

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Bidding:

S	W	N	E
2 S	pass	4 NT	pass
4 D	pass	4 S	pass
5 D	pass	5 S	pass
6 S	pass	pass	pass



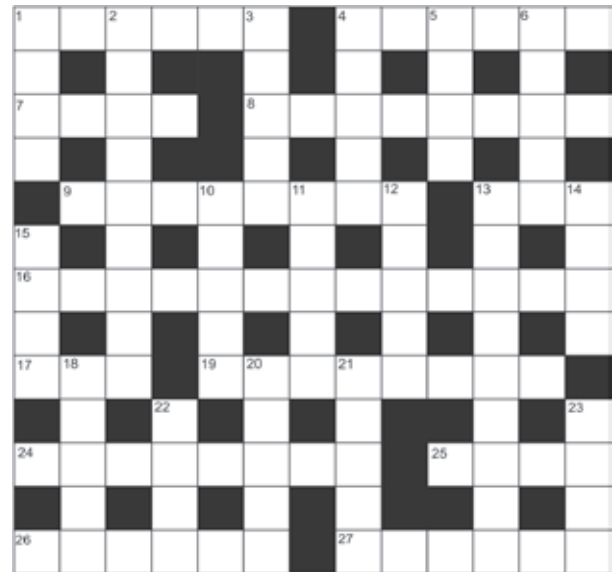
West leads 10 of Clubs and South wins with the Ace in his hand. Looking at both hands declarer realizes that is impossible for him to get into dummy. So, a plan must be found to get help from the opponents. South should play high trumps until there is exactly ONE trump outstanding. Then he should cash the Ace of Hearts and play the Ace and King of Diamonds.

Now, if a Diamond honour is ruffed, the opponent who wins the trick will be end-played and forced to give dummy three winners. Or if Diamonds break 3-2, declarer draws the last trump, gives up a Diamond and takes the rest. But if Diamonds break 4-1 or 5-0 and no Diamond honour is ruffed, South should lead his Spade THREE, hoping that the opponent with the long trump has no more Diamonds.

SOLUTION TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD NO. 68; Across; 1 Victoria, 5 Wagner, 10 Large, 11 Quickstep, 12 Amazement, 13 Eclat, 14 Lachet, 16 Rookie, 19 Psalms, 21 Thermos, 23 Enemy, 25 Freelance, 27 Angiogram, 28 Aches, 29 Parade, 30 Old-Timer. Down; 1 Valuable, 2 Cervantes, 3 Obese, 4 Inquest, 6 Anklebone, 7 Natal, 8 Repute, 9 Litter, 15 Hollywood, 17 Immingham, 18 Assessor, 20 Safari, 21 Thermal, 22 Revamp, 24 Eggar, 26 Leapt.

SIMPLE CROSSWORD No 129

By Imelda Coombes



ACROSS

- 1 An antelope. (6)
- 4 An attendant who carries golf clubs. (6)
- 7 The plural of mouse. (4)
- 8 Defied authority. (8)
- 9 Vehicle equipped for living in. (8)
- 13 An animal of the horse family. (3)
- 16 Combining in such a way as to form a complete whole. (13)
- 17 Insane. (3)
- 19 Areas that are swampy or marshy. (8)
- 24 A republic in Central America. (8)
- 25 A tangle as in hair or string. (4)
- 26 To disengage or separate. (6)
- 27 A small boat such as a dinghy. (6)

DOWN

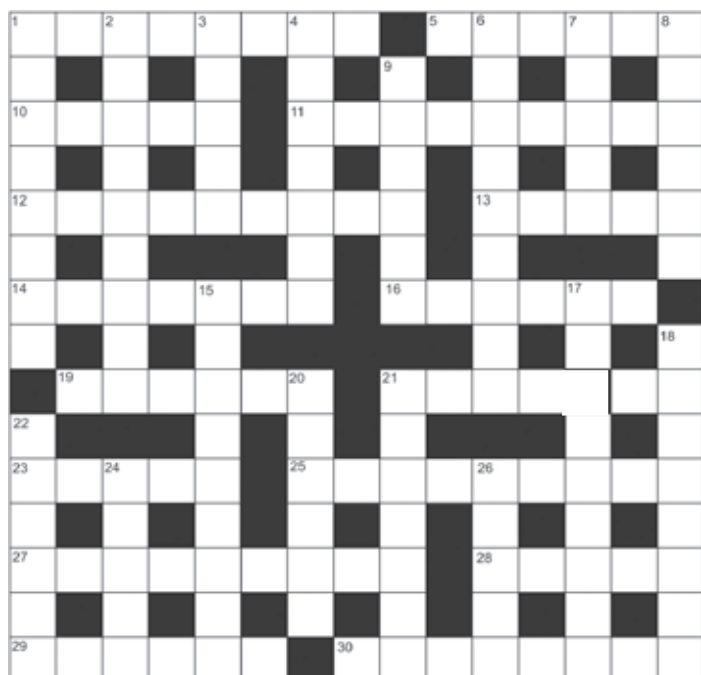
- 1 A sloping floor. (4)
- 2 Cried out suddenly. (9)
- 3 A city in NW Russia. (5)
- 4 A small simple dwelling. (6)
- 5 A herb. (4)
- 6 Things. (5)
- 10 Permit. (5)
- 11 Let in. (5)
- 12 The cassia tree. (5)
- 13 Deserted. (9)
- 14 Eye sore. (4)
- 15 A swindle. (4)
- 18 One's home. (5)
- 20 Planet. (5)
- 21 Franz - , Hungarian composer. (5)
- 22 A thought. (4)
- 23 Agitate. (4)

SOLUTION TO SIMPLE CROSSWORD NO. 128.

Across; 1 Aghast, 4 Curacy, 7 Lath, 8 Landform, 9 Channels, 13 Moa, 16 Knickerbocker, 17 Doe, 19 Distress, 24 Restrict, 25 Fine, 26 Enlist, 27 Rotten. Down; 1 Ally, 2 Hitchhike, 3 Talon, 4 Canal, 5 Rift, 6 Cargo, 10 Naked, 11 Earns, 12 Stour, 13 Makeshift, 14 airs, 15 Skid, 18 Ocean, 20 Idiot, 21 Tutor, 22 Etui, 23 Keen.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD No 69

By Imelda Coombes



ACROSS

- 1 Benjamin – 1804-81. British Prime Minister 1868 and 1874-80. (8)
- 5 A room used as a store for food. (6)
- 10 The third letter in the Greek alphabet. (5)
- 11 Liquid assets that can be converted to cash very quickly. (4,5)
- 12 A technical name for the naval. (9)
- 13 The top surface of a step in a staircase. (5)
- 14 - Islands, A group of islands in the West Indies. (7)
- 16 Limited in extent, amount or scope. (6)
- 19 To annoy or nag continually. (6)
- 21 The time during which a person is away. (7)
- 23 A sugar preparation for decorating cakes. (5)
- 25 A massif of the Himalayas, in Nepal. (9)
- 27 Management of affairs and resources. (9)
- 28 A piece of music composed for a group of nine instruments. (5)
- 29 A cloak of a kind originally worn in South America. (8)
- 30 Admired or revered greatly. (8)

DOWN

- 1 Charles – 1890-1970, French general and statesman. (2,6)
- 2 A note having the time value of two minims or four crochets. (9)
- 3 To make use of one's advantage. (5)
- 4 A large slender greenish-brown fish with golden spots. (7)
- 6 The rotating coils of a dynamo or electric motor. (9)
- 7 Closely compacted substance. (5)
- 8 The capital of Saudi Arabia. (6)
- 9 A small purple-black plum-like fruit. (6)
- 15 A handwritten signature, especially that of a famous person. (9)
- 17 Items packaged and marketed under the name of a retailer. (3,6)
- 18 Edited material for publication. (8)
- 20 A republic in Central Africa, capital Kigali. (6)
- 21 Harassed with repeated attacks. (7)
- 22 A clergyman having spiritual and administrative powers over a diocese. (6)
- 24 Henrik – 1828-1906, Norwegian dramatist and poet. (5)
- 26 A flat section of a wall or door. (5)

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Ombudsman - *Diputado del Común*

For complaints about a utility or public authority: Rambla Medular, 99, Arrecife. Arrecife, 8-2 Mon to Fri, Tel: 928 812 407 The service is free and confidential.



Cabildo Consumer Protection Office

For complaints about private or state-run businesses or services: Cabildo Building, Arrecife, 9-13 Mon to Fri. Tel: 928 80 33 67. E-mail: consumo@cabildodelanzarote.com



Cabildo Wildlife Protection Service

Tel: 696 733 177 (07.00-22.00)



Mararia - Official Women's Support Office

In case of maltreatment or abuse. All nationalities welcome. C/ Amigos de Portonaos, 1, 3rd Floor, tel: 928 804834/816074. E-mail: voluntarias.ascmararia@gmail.com. In case of emergency call 112



SARA Animal Protection Society

Next door to the Tahiche Garden Centre, Tahiche, open 10:30 - 13:00 Monday to Saturday, Tuesday 17:00 - 19:00. Tel/fax: 928 173 417. www.saraprotectora/eng



Alcoholics Anonymous English-Speaking Meetings

Call 638 484 113 or visit www.aalanzarote.com Costa Tegui Barcelo Hotel Mon and Wed 18.00-19.00. Tel: 928 511 846 or 928 173 525



Visiting Rotarians Welcome - Lanzarote Rotary Club - Arrecife

Weekly meeting Friday 14.30 at Lancelot Hotel Arrecife Visiting Rotarians welcome. Information: Tel.: 928 80 50 99.



English-Working Lodge

(Emulation) in the Spanish Constitution (recognised by U.G.L.) will welcome visitors October-April. Information: Tel: 928 83 34 90



Local Bridge Club

From September to June, two Bridge Clubs on Lanzarote hold weekly meetings in Arrecife to which visitors are welcome: Tuesdays 18.30 at the Arrecife Gran Hotel and Wednesdays at 19.00 at the Casino Club Náutico, Arrecife. Both are located on the promenade. www.bridgelanzarote.com

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EMERGENCY CALLS

Emergencies	112
Ambulance	928 812 222
Hospital	928 595 000
Fire Brigade	928 816 312
Police	928 597 107
Water Board	928 814 400
Guardia Civil	928 811 886
Ayuntamiento Arrecife	928 81 04 52
Ayuntamiento Haría	928 83 52 51
Ayuntamiento S. Bartolomé	928 52 01 28
Ayuntamiento Teguiise	928 84 50 01
Ayuntamiento of Tias	928 83 36 19
Ayuntamiento de Tinajo	928 84 00 21
Ayuntamiento de Yaiza	928 83 62 20

Postage and Post Office

Letters and postcards within Europe 1.15 euro, USA 1.30 euro. Puerto del Carmen post office is open Monday-

Friday 08.30 - 14.30 hrs, Saturday 09.30 - 12.30 hrs.

Arrecife post office: Monday-Friday 08.30 - 20.30 hrs, Saturday 09.30 - 13.00 hrs. Opening times are for stamps and registered letters etc. but both offices close earlier for money transfer.



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Markets

<u>Arrecife Markets</u> Charco de San Ginés Wed and Thur 9-2	<u>Playa Blanca</u> Marina Rubicón Wed & Sat to 10-2
<u>Recova Town Market</u> Mon to Sat 9-2	<u>Teguiise Market</u> Sundays and Public Holidays 9-2
<u>Historic Old Town</u> Saturday 9-2	<u>Costa Teguiise</u> Pueblo Marínero Thursday mornings 9-2
<u>Puerto Calero</u> Friday 9-2	<u>Tinajo, Mancha Blanca</u> Sunday 9-2
<u>Puerto del Carmen</u> Plaza del Varadero Friday 10-3	<u>Haría Artesanal Market</u> Saturday 10-14:30

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Norway	928 495035/6

British Consulate

Esther Martin is the British Vice Consul at Las Palmas. To seek advice, or make an appointment with a consular official in Las Palmas or Lanzarote, call the number above. Notarial bookings online service: www.ukinspain.fco.gov.uk

Christian Worship

Church of England

All services are Holy Eucharist with hymns. 10 am Nazaret: Iglesia Nuestra Señora, 1st and 3rd Sunday in the month. 12.30 pm Puerto del Carmen: Nuestra Señora del Carmen (Old Town Harbour). 5.00 pm Playa Blanca: Nuestra Señora del Carmen, Main Street. For more information call 928 514 241.

Catholic Church

Nuestra Señora del Carmen, Puerto del Carmen harbour. Sunday Mass 11.00, 18.00; Saturday night, 20.30. San Ginés Church central Arrecife, Sunday 10.30, 12.00, 20.00; Saturday 10.30, 12.00, 20.00.

International Evangelical Church

Meets at La Hoya, Puerto del Carmen Sundays 11 am, service in English, call 928 173618 for more details. Arrecife services in Spanish, Sunday 10.30 am and 18.30 pm, call 928 812027 for more details. For informal meeting at Costa Teguiise, call 928 590342.

Interdenominational Worship at Costa Teguiise

Services are held every Sunday at 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. For more information, contact Barbara on 928 833 382.

Norsk Kirkesentre and Social-Cultural Centre

Norwegian Church abroad - Religious and Social Cultural Centre C/ Rociego Puerto del Carmen close to Cinco Plazas. Open mid-September to mid-May: Tuesday-Friday 11.00 -16.00, Saturday 11.00- 15.00, Sunday Service 18:00. Office tel: 928 515 561 Pastor Knut Kaldestad: 616 407 693

There is no synagogue on Lanzarote. For information about Sabbath and Festival services on Las Palmas call 928 248 497.

Concerts Art Carnival Exhibitions

Check www.culturalanzarote.com for last minute changes



Cueva de los Verdes Concert Series

9 December 20.00 hrs

"Night Thinking"

Samuel Aguilar piano improvisations of recent recordings. Unique scenario created by Ildefonso Aguilar

20 January 20.00 hrs "Jazz Fresco"

Augusto Báez piano

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David Cordero

Tickets at CACT box offices
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IX ArtBiennial Arrecife

Lancelot 28º-7º

"Discovery of an Island"

Permanent Exhibition

Arrecife Opening 1 December

Casa Amarilla – Charco de San Ginés

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Puerto del Carmen December

"Music in the Open Air"

Friday 1st 19.30 "El Requito" Tourist Office Beach Avenue; Saturday 2nd "Duo Tabona" Jameos Playa; Thursday 7th 19.00 "Guerma Group" Tourist Office Beach Avenue; Saturday 9th 12.30 "Duo Tabona" Tourist Office Beach Avenue; Thursday 14th 19.00 "Guerma Group" Jameos Playa; Saturday 16th 21.30 "Duo Tabona" Tourist Office Beach Avenue; Thursday 21st 20.00 "Cho Morera" Tourist Office Beach Avenue; Saturday 23rd 12.30 "Duo Tabona" Jameos Playa.



Lanzarote Carnival Floats February-March 2018

12 February Arrecife Promenade

13 February San Bartolomé Parque
Felix Rodríguez

17 February Puerto del Carmen
Beach Avenue

22 February Haría

3 March Costa Teguise Avenida
Islas Canarias

10 March Playa Blanca Main Avenue



Ágaro Music and Dance

2018 Performance dates at Jameos del Agua Auditorium: 14th and 28th January; 11th and 25th February; 11th and 25th March. All concerts commence at 12:30 pm (mid-day).

A gourmet luncheon is served in the restaurant after the performance at a special price for concert-goers.

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Classical Orchestra of Lanzarote – OCL

The latest performance by the Lanzarote Classical Orchestra is a theatrical work entitled "The Mask of the Marquis de Ajei" which is a visual enactment of the cultural heritage of San Bartolomé performed at various locations in the town. Three hundred pupils watched scenes of local history performed by 25 actors and musicians at Plaza León y Castillo, San Bartolomé Church, Casa Cerdeña and Casa Ajei. A performance for adults takes



place at 8:30 in evening on Thursday 30 November, admission is free.

"The Mask of the Marquis de Ajei" was written by OCL founder Roberto Fuentes with historical input

by musicologist Maria Larumbe, selected by Ayoze Rodriguez and Ivanoff Rodrigueuz.

During December, the OCL and Comi-K Teatro are performing "A Christmas Tale" in various locations on Lanzarote.

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