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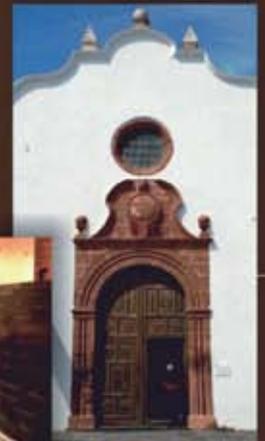
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*“Treat the Earth well. It was not a gift to you from your parents, it is on loan to you from your children.”*

Kenyan proverb

## 1919-2019 César Manrique and the Tourist Centres

Welcome to Lanzarote and welcome to Lancelot, the island's quality magazine. Lanzarote has been celebrating the centenary of the birth of its greatest citizen, César Manrique, which will continue until April 2020. Among the highest tributes paid to his memory was the visit of King Felipe VI of Spain who spent almost two hours visiting the special exhibition mounted of the life and works of the artist. The royal reaction was “Highly recommendable!”

The attraction he created for Lanzarote is what has given this island its unique identity and will remain so forever. The Sunday Times wrote at the beginning of the year 2000, “César Manrique was 15 years ahead of the rest of Europe in his creation of space specific sites. Each of them is located on a spot which had always been there, what the artist did was to frame it – he protected the environment from the very day a spade began digging out the first piece of earth for a tourist centre.

Jameos del Agua had been an underground cavern housing a lake full of boulders which had an aperture in the roof through which locals would throw their rubbish. The Mirador del Rio belvedere had been a military observation port guarding the straights between Lanzarote and La Graciosa. The Cactus Garden had been a stone quarry abandoned for over two centuries when he began converting it into one of the most beautiful garden in the world for cacti and succulents. And the Castillo de San José was a fort built in 1799 and later used as a military ammunition dump but converted by the artist into the Museum of Modern Art in 1974.

Having enjoyed your visit you may think of buying holiday-cum retirement home, located only a few hours from most of Europe's capitals and with sunshine all year round, you can't go wrong. Wishing you a safe journey home and a Happy New Year.

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**WTM London  
Excel Centre  
Canary Wharf**

Dear Sir,

What is the connection between the Excel exhibition centre at Canary Wharf, where the World Travel Market was held in November, and the Canary Islands?

Charles and Sheila Rupert  
34, Castle Street,  
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UK

**GUINEVERE** In 1936, this dockside area took its name from Ber-

th 32 at London Docks because of the large amount of fruit and vegetables unloaded at this quay by a subsidiary of Fred Olsen Shipping for the past forty years, especially during the winter months. At their specific request the Port Authority named it Canary Wharf. From the beginning of the 19th century the entire area formed a major part of London Docklands at a time when it was one the world's busiest harbours. After the 1960s, the port industry began to decline leading to all the docks closing by 1981.

Trade connections between the two island groups began in the mid-1880s when Alfred L. Jones, head of the Liverpool-based Elder Dempster Shipping Line established a coaling station at Las Palmas for his ships travelling to South Africa. Realising that his homeward bound vessels were empty of cargo he decided to take on board fruit and vegetables cultivated in the Canary Islands for the market in the UK.

**Eleanora's Falcon**

Dear Sir,

I am a great bird lover and was fascinated to read how the local authorities came to the rescue of a flock of migrating Eleanora's Falcons by filling up the reservoirs they use on their stopovers twice yearly on the tiny island of Alegranza, off Lanzarote's north coast. Do you have any more information about migratory birds which regularly visit the Canary Islands?.

Heinrich Steiner  
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**GUINEVERE** It took place during September when these falcons fly on their homeward migratory route. According to zoologists Horst Wilkens and Elrike Strecker, there are two main migration routes connecting Europe with Africa. The Western European route runs via



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western France, the Iberian Peninsula, the Straights of Gibraltar and the West Africa coast. The Canary Islands are thus lying on the outer edge of this migratory route and many European summer birds cross geographical barriers on their way to their African winter quarters.

Lanzarote, located a mere 100 km off the African coast, is thus regularly touched by the migratory movement of birds, including a number of species which shorten the long route via Gibraltar by directly crossing the Atlantic from Portugal towards the Canary Islands. More information on the subject can be found in the above mentioned authors' book "Blind Crabs, Hoopoes and Volcanoes."

## "Bon Jour Islas Canarias"

Dear Sir,

My husband and I are French and we came on holiday to Lanzarote for the first time in November. We came across a back copy of your

excellent magazine in the villa we rented and were delighted to read that Lanzarote and the other Canary Islands were discovered by a French nobleman Jean de Bethencourt in 1402. My question is, if that is the case, why do the Canary Islands belong to Spain and not to France?

Colette and Jacques Dupont  
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69002 Lyon  
France

**GUINEVERE.** The one word reply is "money." Before embarking on his voyage of discovery, Bethencourt had asked his monarch King Philip III for financial assistance but was turned down. He then presented his case to Henry III of Castile who agreed to subsidise the expedition on the condition that any territory he acquired would belong to Spain. However, when Bethencourt declared the Canaries as a Spanish

possession, Portugal stepped in and laid claim to the archipelago on the basis of the earlier exploration by Henry the Navigator. Both countries argued their cases before Pope Boniface IX in Rome for arbitration and he decided in favour of Spain.

We should add that the Normans did not actually "discover" the Canaries which had been known since Roman times but what their "rediscovery" did achieve was to bring the region to the attention of the major European Powers at the beginning of the 15th century having appeared on a map for the first time in 1339.

## Miniature Guitar

Dear Sir,

I and my family had a wonderful time at the Los Dolores Festival at Mancha Blanca in September. We normally come for Easter and it was our first experience of the fiesta. The folklore music was ex-




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cellent and we noticed a musician in every group playing a miniature guitar which looked like a ukulele banjo. We have never come across it in Spain where we have spent innumerable holidays. Can you tell us anything about the instrument and how it reached the Canary Islands?

Stanley Derbyshire  
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**GUINEVERE** The instrument is called a “timple” and is indigenous to the Canaries where it forms an integral part of every traditional folk group. In fact, the unique high pitch of the tone it emits is known as the “sound of the Canary Islands.” There are two versions of the timple, one with four strings which is used on Lanzarote but on some other islands musicians use five strings. The instrument is made from various kinds of wood, mulberry for the body, laurel for the base and pine for the back. It normally weighs less than three pounds. The origin of the word “timple” could be temple, maybe it was originally an instrument played during religious rites.

Teguise is the traditional home of the instrument on this island, where the Morales family have been crafting the timple for over a century. One of the most famous was

Esteban Morales – known as Juanele of the Timple – he learnt his skills from his father and grandfather. Juanele assembled the instrument on a foot-operated lathe relying on skill and experience to form the shape without the assistance of any measuring instruments and every folklore group on Lanzarote had at least one instrument made by him.

A permanent exhibition of the instrument can be seen at the aptly-named Timple Museum at Spinola Palace overlooking the central plaza of Teguise. The exhibit contains over 40 examples of miniature guitars similar to the timple from all over the world, which are all from the private collection of Benito Cabrera. Born on Lanzarote, he is considered the most accomplished timple musician and composer in the Canary Islands who, besides playing with folklore groups in the Canary Islands and abroad, has been invited to perform as a soloist with classical orchestras.

### Volcanic Surveillance

Dear Sir,

We very much enjoyed our first visit to Lanzarote, especially the tourist centres. Most fascinating was the tour on camel back and in the excursion bus through the Fire Mountains. Do the world’s changing weather patterns with tsunamis, devastating hurricanes and earthquakes affect volcanoes in any

way? How well guarded are this and the other Canary Islands from sudden eruptions?

Simon and Elsie Gregory  
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England

**GUINEVERE** A total of 140 sensors monitoring volcanic movement are installed on Lanzarote, more than anywhere else in Europe and most other volcanic regions in the world. The island’s main surveillance system is based at Casa de los Volcanes, Volcanoes House on the upper level of Jameos del Agua Cabildo Island Council tourist attraction.

Under the auspices of the European Union, this installation forms part of the European volcanic zones early warning system, the Sanaris Network for Natural Risks Monitoring. Under this scheme, which links up with Mount Vesuvius and the Azores, Lanzarote transmits up to date volcanic activity in real time to the Higher Council for Volcanic Research in Madrid from where it is relayed to all other European observatories.

Apart from the in-house laboratory at Casa de los Volcanes another one is located deep in the Green Caves and a third in the Fire Mountains. Besides the abundance of measuring equipment in the in-

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terior and exterior of the research cabins, the temperature a few metres below ground is taken weekly. For the purpose of comparison, thermometers are inserted manually one by one in a row of probes placed a metre apart over several hundred metres of ground. Temperature variations play an important role in the monitoring of unusual volcanic activity. The island's four seismographs operate on broadband with sufficient power to reach Australia.

Slight changes in the slopes or distances between survey points on the summits and flanks of active volcanoes provide another method of diagnosing internal changes taking place. Several techniques are involved including conventional leveling and the determination of distances with reflected light beams. Tiltmeters which can detect changes in slope smaller than 1 part per million are also used.

The reputation enjoyed by Casa de los Volcanes Research Labora-

tory has led several other countries to model their own surveillance systems on it. Most notably in Wuham province, China, with the building of the Three Gorges hydroelectric gravity dam which spans the Yangtze river, upon opening in 2012 it was claimed to be the world's largest power station. Volcanologists from the Casa de los Volcanes acted as consultants for the installation of surveillance equipment to detect volcanic activity and earth tremors in the region.

It is important for everyone who lives on or visits Lanzarote to bear in mind that every conceivable method known to science are in use in the locations mentioned above. All pre-eruption signs are monitored 24 hours a day by seismographs, tiltmeters, thermometers, barometers, water gauges which check underground water levels at Jameos del Agua. All information is transmitted directly to the Higher

Council for Volcanic Research in Madrid and observatories throughout Europe.

### La Graciosa Treasure Island

Dear Sir,

During our first holiday on Lanzarote we took a cruise to La Graciosa on Romero Ferries and the guide told us that the isle was linked to the Treasure Island of Robinson Crusoe according to a story he read in your magazine. Can you give us the details.

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the northwest coast of Lanzarote on the Isle of La Graciosa. Many ships bound for the West Indies and South America would pass through El Rio Straights which run between the two islands. On one occasion a British ship arrived at La Graciosa laden with spoils from a battle at sea not realising that they had been trailed by a pirate galleon.

The sailors managed to reach land and bury their treasure before the buccaneers stormed ashore. But as they were hopelessly outnumbered, the British crew were captured and tortured to force them to disclose the hiding place of their hoard. But they died to a man without revealing their secret. Unbeknown to the pirates a cabin boy managed to escape and made his way over to the Lanzarote mainland where he boarded a ship bound for England. But for some reason did not reveal the secret of the buried treasure until shortly before his death.

Robert Louis Stevenson originally called his book *The Sea Cook* but changed the title to *Treasure Island* at the request of the publisher. The cook in question was one-legged Long John Silver, who, in the book, lost his leg whilst serving on board a ship commanded by Admiral Hawke. He then applied for the job of cook on board the *Hispaniola*, and the narrative says that 'Long John Silver was certainly "no stranger to these waters."' Whilst researching local history, this writer came across a naval encounter which took place on Lanzarote in the 1760s and one of the major characters involved was the Admiral Hawke mentioned by Stevenson.

According to Canarian historian Clavijo, 'in 1762, two galleons under the command of Admirals Hawke and Anson regularly patrolled the sea lanes between the Canaries and the Azores, which included the El Rio Straight between Lanzarote and La Graciosa. Whilst attempting to capture a Spa-

nish vessel lying at anchor at Naos Port, they attacked Arrecife. Clavijo concludes, 'Obviously the crew sailing under Hawke had acquired a first hand knowledge of these waters by then!'

As the map of *Treasure Island* in the book is dated 1754 it is not unreasonable to connect the Long John Silver of fiction 'who had served under Hawke,' with real life sailors who by 1762 had acquired 'a first-hand knowledge of these islands' sailing with the admiral.

Incidentally, when the cannons of Hawke and Anson's ships began firing at Arrecife town, they were met with a response from the guns of Fort Gabriel, the Castillo de San Gabriel. This castle was designed by Italian fortifications engineer Leonardo Torriani in 1590 as part of a chain of defences throughout the Canary Islands ordered by Phillip II of Spain which also included Guanapay Castle overlooking Teguiise.






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*British Foreign Secretary  
Dominic Raab*

In less than two months, the will of the British people will be delivered and the United Kingdom will leave the European Union. This, of course, will be a time of transition. But for those living in Spain, I want to assure you that as Foreign Secretary, I am working to ensure that the rights and access to services for the 300,000 Britons have made Spain their home remain as strong as ever and that no matter the terms of our departure from the EU, you will continue to be able to live and work in Spain. To stay up to date, go to the Living in Spain Guide a

[gov.uk/livinginspain](http://gov.uk/livinginspain)

In Government, we are doing our bit to get ready for Brexit, too. We are making sure that on 1 November, every British national living in Spain can go on living, working, studying and accessing healthcare.

We are working with the Spanish authorities to make processes as smooth and straightforward as possible, whether you're applying for residency or a new driving licence. And we are working with the Spanish National Health System, SNS, to ensure that tourists, students and European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) holders will be able to access healthcare in the same way until at least 31 December 2020. We are working hard to reach a deal with the EU. But even if the UK leaves without a deal, the UK and Spain have each taken steps to ensure you will be able to continue accessing healthcare in Spain, exactly as you do now, until at least 31 December 2020 if you are an S1 form holder.

Of course, every circumstance is unique. And we know that some British people might need some extra support during this transition.

We want to support those who may find it harder to complete all the paperwork – like pensioners or

disabled people, those living in remote areas, and those needing assistance with language translation or interpretation. The Foreign Office has allocated an extra £3 million for charities and other voluntary organisations to help these people keep their rights and access to services in the EU.

This is an exciting time, but also one of unprecedented change. We're getting ready for Brexit on 31 January 2020, and I would urge you to do the same.

Stay up to date, go to the Living in Spain Guide at [gov.uk/livinginspain](http://gov.uk/livinginspain)

## General Elections 12 December

There are two ways to vote from Spain - by post or by proxy. To vote by post you must apply for your voting pack by 5pm (GMT) on 26 November. To vote by proxy the deadline is 5pm (GMT) on 4 December. It takes time for a postal vote to be delivered, completed and returned, so you should consider voting by proxy, if possible, to ensure your vote is counted. You can only register as an overseas voter for up to 15 years after leaving the UK.



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# The British Ambassador to Spain Hugh Elliott

*An open letter from HMA Hugh Elliott to British citizens living in Spain*



*British Ambassador  
Hugh Elliott*



*Ambassador with the British Consul General Sue Wilson and representatives of British organizations in Spain*

You will all have seen that the EU has agreed the UK's request for a further extension. This means that the UK will not now be leaving the EU on the 31st of October. The extension sets a new deadline of the 31st of January 2020.

I met with some of the citizens' rights groups yesterday here in Madrid and we talked about recent developments, about the continuing feeling of uncertainty and about the concerns of British nationals living in Spain.

The three month extension removes the immediate threat of no deal and provides an opportunity for the deal - which protects citizens' rights - to be ratified.

For as long as we remain in the EU, UK nationals will retain their full EU citizenship rights. So if you are a UK national living in Spain now, nothing will change on the 31st of October. The current rules on registration, healthcare and travelling will

remain exactly as they are now.

However it is still important to be prepared for Brexit. The extension period is a good opportunity to make sure you, your friends and family are fully prepared.

So I would encourage you all to use this time to ensure you are correctly registered as resident in Spain and registered for healthcare. And to ensure that you have exchanged your driving licence and checked your passport validity.

Secondly, I'm sure you have seen in the media that a general election will be held on the 12th of Decem-



ber. If you are a UK National who has been here for less than 15 years you can register as an overseas voter (further information can be found at [gov.uk/voting-when-abroad](http://gov.uk/voting-when-abroad)). The deadline to receive proxy vote applications will be the 4th of December.

The Embassy and our network of Consulates will keep you updated on further developments. We will continue holding outreach events – meetings, pop-up events in your local supermarket and the like; details are on our Living in Guide and on Facebook. Please do make sure you are signed up for the Living in Guide on [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) and stay in touch through our Brits in Spain Facebook page. →

*British Vice Consul Las Palmas Jackie Stevenson during her first visit to Lanzarote with Honorary Consul Sue Thain and Consular official Victoria Innes*



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# “Brexit” Consular Activities in Tias, Yaiza and San Bartolomé



During her first official visit to the island newly appointed British Vice Consul Las Palmas Jackie Stevenson accompanied by Honorary British Consul Sue Thain and Brexit Consular Official Victoria Innes, met with the mayors of the tourist resorts of Tias, Yaiza, and San Bartolomé. Jackie Stevenson had worked for British tour operators in the Canary Islanders for many years, including Lanzarote before joining the consulate.



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# Q&A Sessions for Local Brits Hosted by both Mayors

The most frequent questions asked by local British citizens seeking clarification were healthcare cover, pensions, whether passport validity could be checked on line and the need to exchange a UK driving licences for a Spanish one, among other queries. Consular staff Caroline Sproule and Victoria Innes were able to calm the fears of several Brits who feared confusion.

Tias Mayor José Juan Cruz, and his Councillors tourism official Domingo Lorenzo with information executives from the British Consulate at a meeting with local British citizens at the Ayuntamiento during the final question and answer session before the onset of Brexit. Mayor of San Bartolomé Alexis Tejera and British Consulate officials met concerned local citizens from San Bartolomé at the final “Pop In” information session at Guime Civic Centre before the final Brexit date.



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## Tax Increase proposals for 2020 by Canary Islands Government

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The recently constituted government of the Canary Islands, which is formed through a political pact by the parties PSOE, Nueva Canarias, Sí Podemos and Agrupación Socialista Gomera, will increase taxes in various departments, subject to approval of the Annual Budget by the regional parliament. The government deems this measure necessary in order to fund a 12% increase in social spending included in the Budget.

According to information released by the government these measures should increase tax revenue by approximately 75 million euros, which are applied to improve current deficiencies in certain social areas. These proposed changes will affect personal and consumer taxation and we'd like to resume them as follows.

### IGIC

#### (VAT of the Canary Islands)

a) The general rate of IGIC will rise 0.5% to 7%, the same rate established during the economic crisis back in 2012.

b) Telecommunications (phone, internet, etc.) will see their reduced rate of 3% changed to the general rate of 7%, which will see consumers bill rise.

c) Electricity bills, except domestic consumption, will suffer an increase from 0% to 3%, which will affect most businesses.

d) Purchase of luxury goods will be charged with a 15% tax instead of the current 13.5%.

### INCOME TAX

a) The marginal tax rate applicable to an annual income between 90.000 and 120.000 € will increase from 24% to 25% and above 120.000 € it'll be 26% instead of 25%. Please note, that these increases affect only the 50% portion, which the Canary Islands are receiving from the Central Government from the total Income Tax revenue generated from its residents.

b) There will be limits to the deduction of medical bills and apply only to annual income inferior to 39.000 € (individually) or 52.000 € (jointly).

### SPECIAL TAXES

a) Tax will increase on cigarettes with blond tobacco and tobacco cuttings for hand-rolling cigarettes.

b) Revenue generated from recreational gaming machines (slot machines without money prizes, billiards, etc.) will experience higher tax rates.

### DONATION AND INHERITANCE TAX

In 2008 the approval of a 99.9% reduction on tax due all but eliminated this tax for heirs of first line kinship with the deceased. In 2012 this reduction was suspended due to the economic crises and then again reinstated in 2016. It was even extended to second line kinship (brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews) in 2018. The government's actual proposals, subject to approval, contain the following changes to the reduction of 99.9%.

a) A full reduction applies to the first 300.000 € of the value of the gift or estate.

b) A reduction of 90% applies between 300.000 € and 350.000 €.

c) From 350.000 € onwards, each increase of 50.000 € diminishes the reduction by 10%.

d) It is completely eliminated for gifts or estates in excess of 1.200.000 €.

The parliament's approval of aforementioned measures for 2020 is most likely. If you are carrying the thought of donating any assets in the Canary Islands to your children or relatives, we recommend visiting your tax adviser or lawyer before the end of 2019, in order to still take full advantage of the current legislation.

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# 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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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## 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 ASOMADA. 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 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 sailing 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 magnificent PAPAGAYO BEACHES. Composed of several small bays and coves, many consider these golden sands to be the most beautiful in Spain.

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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 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.

**For the best times and conditions to visit the Cabildo Tourist Centres download the CACT Lanzarote App at Apple Play or Google Store.**

## Timanfaya Information

On exiting via the barrier turn left and after two kilometres watch out for the Timanfaya Visitors Centre



*Monumento al Campesino*

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.

## 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 devastated 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 purcha-

sed in the souvenir shop. Open daily 10.00 - 18.00, restaurant 12.00 - 16.30, bar 10.00 - 17.45.

## 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-



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ths after the Foun-dation 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 Agricola 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 Teguisse

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. Opposite, 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 Teguisse has

five beaches the largest of which is Playa de las Cucharas.

## Piracy Museum Santa Bárbara Castle

Standing on Mount Guanapay overlooking Teguisse 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 buccaneers prowled the waters of the Canaries in search of booty as well as attacking individual islands such as Lanzarote which suffered a se-



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ries 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.

### **Timple Music Museum Palacio Spinola, Teguise**

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.

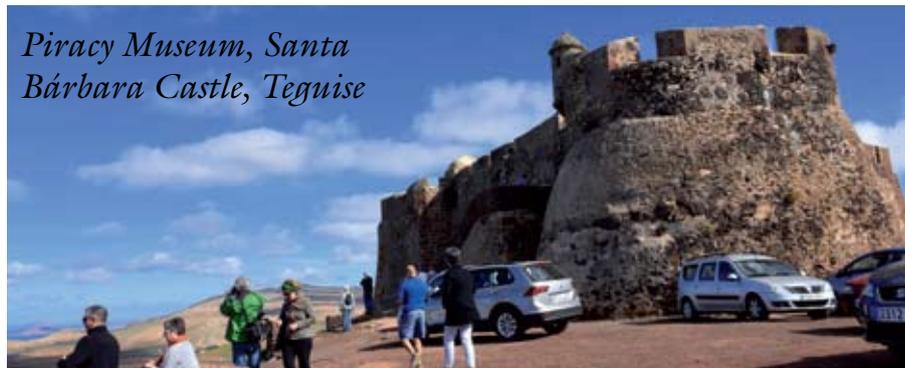
### **Haria**

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 Founda-

### *Piracy Museum, Santa Bárbara Castle, Teguise*



tion 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.

### **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 César Manrique, is the underground concert hall located in a massive volcanic cavern. Open daily 10.00 - 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 Teguis, 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.



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

### Rancho Texas

Rancho Texas is an animal and water park close to Puerto del Carmen and just off the main island road. Among multiple attractions: a live sea lion show, dolphin interaction, a huge pool with water slides, a splash park and a country and western show. Among services is a free bus pick up. Open 265 days a year.

### Golf - Theme Park

The island has two 18 hole par 72 golf clubs at Puerto del Carmen

and Costa Teguisse as well as Rancho Texas animal theme park at Puerto del Carmen.

### La Graciosa & Fuerteventura Car Ferry Service

Lineas Maritimas Romero operate 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.

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# Arrecife-Born Physicist Blas Cabrera Felipe

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*In 1928, Albert Einstein and Marie Curie recommended Blas Cabrera Felipe be named as a member of the 6th Scientific Committee of the Solvay Conference*

Francisco González de Posada

*Blas Cabrera Felipe who was born Arrecife in 1878 and died in Mexico City in 1945 was a Spanish physicist who worked in the domain of experimental physics with focus in the magnetic properties of matter. He is considered as one of the greatest scientists of Spain and as one of the founders of the study of physical sciences in the country.*

**B**las Cabrera Felipe 1878 - 1945  
Upon graduating from La Laguna University, Cabrera moved to Madrid to study law, but was convinced to switch to science and graduated from Madrid Central University in Physics and Mathematics where he earned a doctorate in physics in 1901.

Blas Cabrera was an experimental physicist mostly in the field of magnetic properties of matter, and in 1905, obtained the chair of Electricity and Magnetism at the university. In 1910 he was appointed Director of Research in Physics in the fields of magneto-chemistry, physical chemistry, electrochemistry, electro-analysis and spectroscopy which contributed greatly to the study and development of



*Felipe Blas Cabrera with Albert Einstein in Madrid in 1923, they remained close friends throughout their lives*

physics in Spain. With a grant from the Junta de Ampliación de Estudios (1912), Cabrera visited several European research centers at prestigious university laboratories in Zurich, Geneva and Heidelberg where he carried out experiments in magneto-chemistry. In addition he was welcomed as a member by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures in Paris.

## Modified Madame Curie Weiss's Law

On returning to Spain, Cabrera used the techniques he had learned during his European tour to continue his research on magnetism. His output was prolific, between 1910 and 1934 he published about 110 works, Pierre Weiss, director of Strasbourg University's Physics Institute, commented in 1932 that among the 180 articles about magnetism pre-

*Spain's most  
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*British scientists at the conference included Ernest Rutherford, a pioneer of sub atomic physics and Charles Galton Darwin a grandson of Charles Darwin*

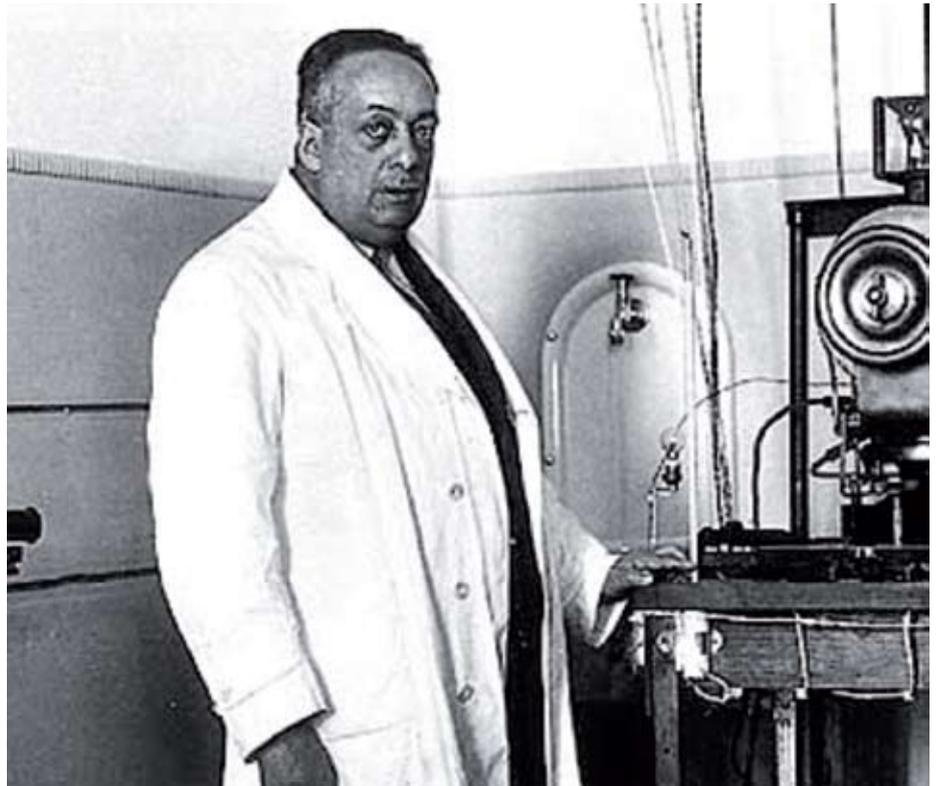
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sent in the institute's library, 24 came from Cabrera's Physics Laboratory. He interpreted magnetization curves in terms of the Weiss Magneton and modified Madame Marie Curie-Weiss's law deducing an equation to describe an atom's magnetic moment taking into account the effect of temperature.

At the same time, he improved many experimental devices and was the first scientist in Spain to use the methods of the theory of errors and of the "least squares" for the determination of physical constants. Some of his measures of magnetic susceptibility continue to be the most precise in existence.

However, his work was not solely investigation. Cabrera was also a great publisher and disseminator of modern theories of physics that were defined in the first thirty years of the 20th century.

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*King Alfonso XIII of Spain receives Albert Einstein and Felipe Blas Cabrera among other scientific dignitaries in 1923*

Einstein's visit to the country and five years later, Arrecife-born Blas Cabrera Felipe received the greatest recognition of his whole career. Albert Einstein and Marie Curie recommended he be named as a member of the 6th Scientific Committee of the Solvay Conference. This tri-annual event brought together the world's finest physicists and in 1930, Cabrera participated with a paper titled "The magnetic properties of matter."

That same year Cabrera had been appointed a member of the French Academy of Sciences at the International Bureau of Weights and Measures.

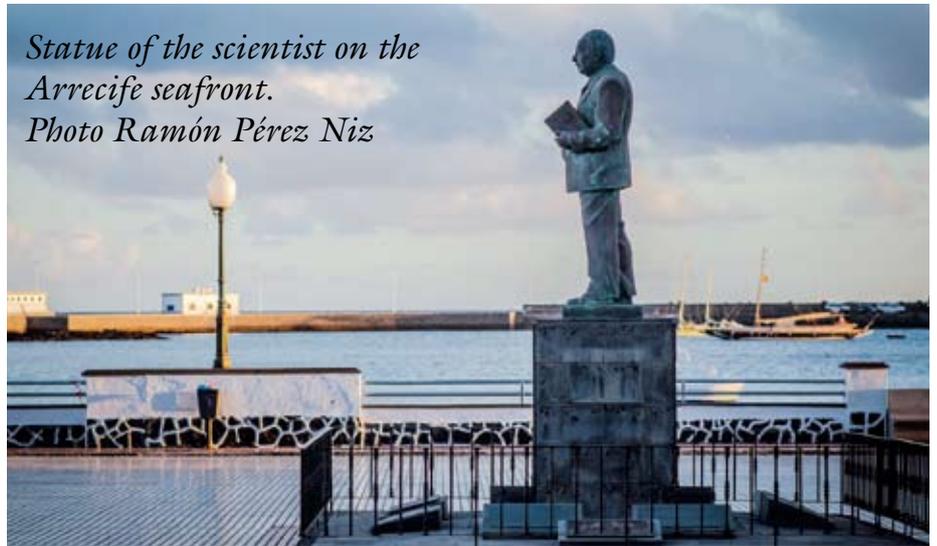
In 1931, Cabrera replaced Leonardo Torres Quevedo, who had abandoned his post due to health problems. In 1933 he participated in the creation of the Summer International University of Santander (now known as Menendez Pelayo International University) and was appointed director the following year.

### Self-Exile to Mexico

In 1936, he was in Santander at the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War. He went to France, and from there returned to Madrid. In 1937, the president of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures, Pieter Zeeman, named him secretary of that bureau, a post that would occupy him between 1937 and 1941, and he went to live to Paris. Nevertheless, after the end of the war, the Franco government demanded that he leave the post, even though the position had no representative value with respect to Spain. He resigned and went into self-exile in Mexico, where he was appointed Professor of Atomic Physics. Arrecife-born Blas Cabrera Felipe died in Mexico in 1945.

*Statue of the scientist on the Arrecife seafront.*

*Photo Ramón Pérez Niz*



*Former Cabildo President and Physicist Enrique Pérez Parrilla at the library of the Arrecife-born scientist located at the Casa de los Arroyo which has one of the oldest traditional balconies and staircases in the Canary Islands*

*Physicist Don Francisco González de Posada, President of the Lanzarote Academy for Sciences and Engineering, is the foremost author on the life and works of Blas Cabrera Felipe*



Francisco González de Posada (c) installed historian Alfonso Licata, as a member of the Lanzarote Academy of Sciences in the presence of (former) Cabildo Culture Councillor Oscar Pérez and Lancelot Honorary President Antonio Coll. Alfonso Licata, the biographer of Lanzarotto Malocello Volumes I and II spoke on the subject of the 500th anniversary of Leonardo de Vinci, 1519 - 2019.



# The XVI Lanzarote Visual Music Festival 12 - 19 October

Photography Joaquin Vera

The XVI Lanzarote Music Visual Festival (LMVF) in October conceived and produced by Ildefonso Aguilar, opened with Norwegian pianist Jon Balke performing his solo project, "Warp. The piano was complemented by a visual universe created by Tone Myske with subtle electronic soundscapes. Venue, Jameos del Agua.

The Lanzarote Festival of Visual Music was created in 1989 by artist Ildefonso Aguilar and sponsored by the Cabildo of Lanzarote. This outstanding artistic event based on the combination of avant-garde music with different artistic forms of expression, is in perfect harmony with the unique features of the natural stage landscapes offered by the theatres at Jameos del Agua and Cueva de los Verdes.

Over the years, the LFVM has attracted musicians of the caliber of Brian Eno and Jan Garbarek.

**"Everything work of art I have created throughout my life is about Lanzarote."**

**Ildefonso Aguilar**

Ildefonso is a multi-talented artist who has devoted his artistic talents to Lanzarote throughout his professional career. He was among the small team of collaborators involved with César Manrique and Jesús Soto when they were creating the Tourist Centres, and several years later he designed the extension to El Monumento. Known as a painter, sculptor, photographer, composer and musician, Ildefonso also served

as Cabildo Culture Councillor and organized a Brian Eno installation at the Cueva de los Verde in 1987, his first in Europe outside the UK, Awarded the title, Adopted Son of Lanzarote, Ildefonso has also exhibited his paintings and video works on the other Canary Islands including the TEA Centre of Arts in Tenerife as well as in Europe.

**Brian Eno on Lanzarote**

In answer to a question at a press conference as to why his own ambient music was so different to the mainstream pop he produced with David Bowie or Talking Heads (and later U2). He replied, 'It is not a case of ambient music being a different sound. It's more a change of



Julián Elvira at Cueva de los Verdes

**Julián Elvira**, who is the creator of the “Flauta Prónimo,” has become a renowned musician in the cutting-edge experimenting scene of the side flute. Venue, Cueva de los Verdes.

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## Falla Ensemble at Jameos del Agua



one's perception of how to use it. Music is solid like a painting and should form a part of the environment as does the atmosphere. You don't look at a painting for a while, and take it down, you have it there and occasionally enter into it. Ambient music is purely a new dimension of making music.'

During his first visit to Lanzarote in the 1987, Brian Eno went on a four hour solitary walk through the Fire Mountains. Upon returning through the red and white barrier at the entrance he commented, "these are the most vivid colours I have ever seen in my life and went on to say that they reminded him of the remarks made by one of the first astronauts to walk on the moon who said that everything seemed grey to him at first but after a while you can tell the difference between the various



*Brian Eno's first visit to Lanzarote in 1987 with Cabildo President Enrique Pérez Parrilla, Festival Founder Ildefonso Aguilar and Larry Yaskiel, who arranged for the artist to visit Lanzarote. Photo Liz*

shades of grey. In the Fire Mountains all the volcanic rocks seemed to be the same colour but after a while you can distinguish the various hues.

'Convention has it that there is a certain pattern of synchronization running through most music, and composers think it is expected of them to write with a vertical cross-section going through the whole piece. Take rock music for example. You know there is an intro a verse, a middle

eight or chorus with a hook line here or there. Classical music as such has a similar pattern moving through a symphony or a concerto, and however varied the compositions, a certain pattern exists and is recognizable.'

'Now, I believe that this is contra to what happens in real life. Take meteorological cycles, for example, what creates a high zone, is all different circles moving at different times, and at certain times, by



Trondheim Voices  
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chance they all peak together. This creates a certain weather pattern, but this is neither predictable, or a process that regularly repeats itself. A unique harvest for instance. But the same thing never happens every year or every day at the same time.’

‘The same applies to music. I deliberately compose to not follow a deliberate pattern, but to peak in

the same manner as the weather. If I may say so, when it does all synchronise, it is by chance, i.e. unsynchronized cycles.’ 10 years after his first visit Brian Eno said, “Nowhere else shall we see such a clear creative process like the one we can see in Lanzarote. The island promotes artistic behaviour and a physical approach to pure creation.”

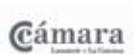


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# Founding of the Lanzarote Tourism Federation of 300 Members

## *Lanzarote Hotels Combine Eco-Friendly Accommodation with a Luxury Vacation for Conservation-Conscious Holidaymakers*

*The Lanzarote Tourism Federation was officially founded in the presence of the Tourism Councillor of the Canarian Government Yaiza Castilla and the Tourism Councillor of the Lanzarote Cabildo, Ángel Vázquez, at a reception in the Castillo de San José. This umbrella organization now represents 300+ small and medium-sized entities which previously belonged to various sub-sectors.*

### Asolan and Aetur

#### Forerunners of the Federation

Founded in 1992, Asolan Association Lanzarote hotels and Aetur Tourist Services, founded in 1979, were the forerunners of the Federation of Tourism who worked hand in hand with Spel Overseas Lanzarote Tourism Promotion. They sought to encourage the hotel-keeping sector to adhere to the highest international industry standards on a commercial level, in tandem with a policy for conservation of the environment and the fostering of the island's cultural heritage.

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*The view of La Graciosa from the Mirador del Rio*

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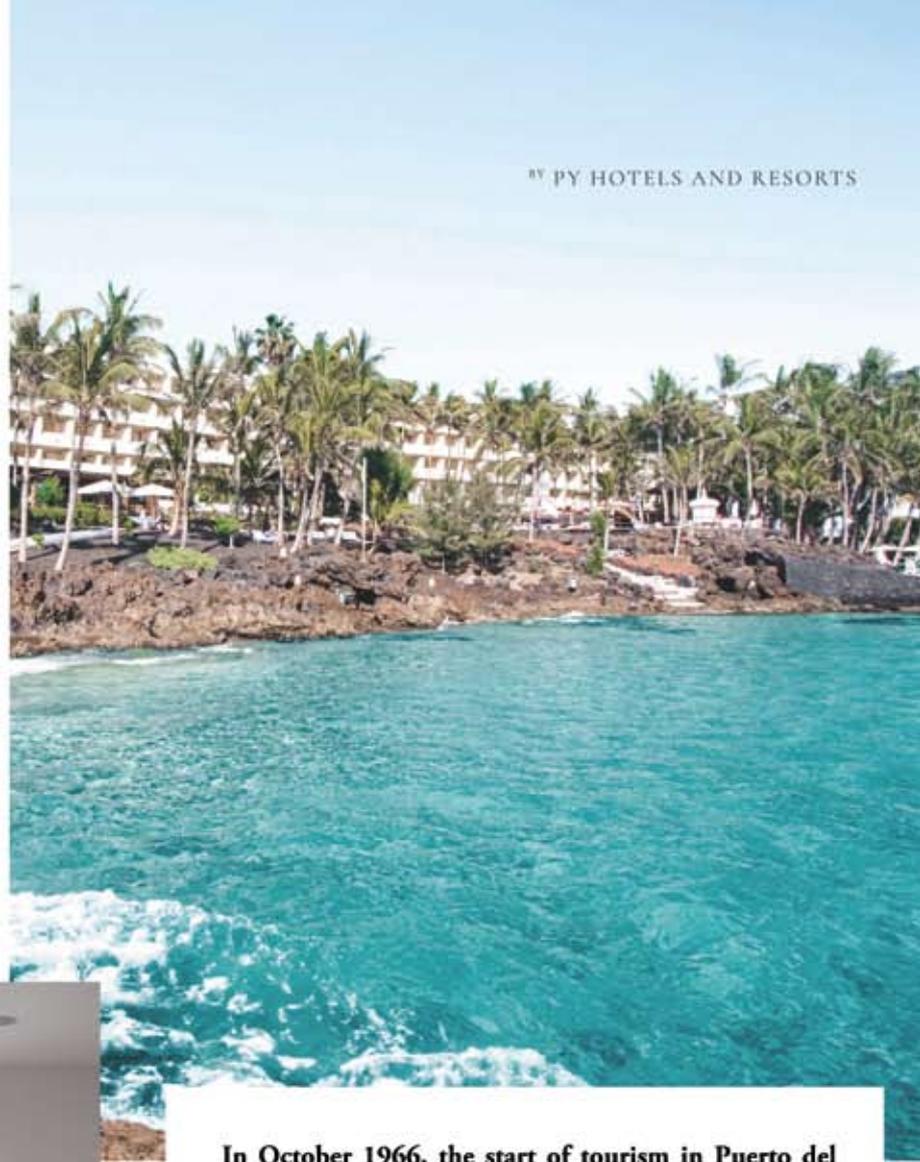
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# The Lanzarote Tourism Federation Inaugurated at a Gala Reception



*Canarian Tourism Councilor Yaiza Castilla, Cabildo Tourism Councillor Ángel Vázquez and Federation President Susana Pérez with all former Tourism Promotion Executives*

Canarian Government Tourism Councilor Yaiza Castilla and Cabildo Tourism Councillor Ángel Vasquéz presided over the official inauguration of the Lanzarote Tourist Federation, the umbrella promotion entity for all branches of the sector. The ceremony was held at the Castillo de San José and attended by newly-elected Federation President Susana Pérez, Vice President Francisco Martínez and their board, as well as senior Town Hall Tourism Officials. The highpoint was the presentation of Honour Plaques to each of the former chief executives and presidents. The keynote speech by the Cabildo Tourism Councillor pointed to the importance of unifying all promotion sectors in the Federation to combat the serious blow to tourism caused by the collapse of Thomas Cook.



*Federation Senior Executive Francisco Martinez and President Susana Pérez and former President Victoriano Elvira Guillen and Las Palmas Hotel Federation Executive*



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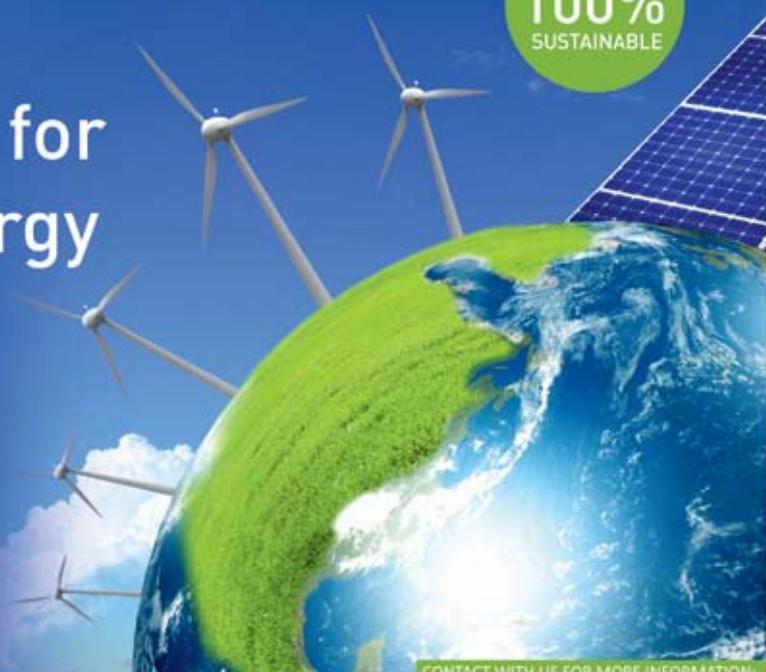


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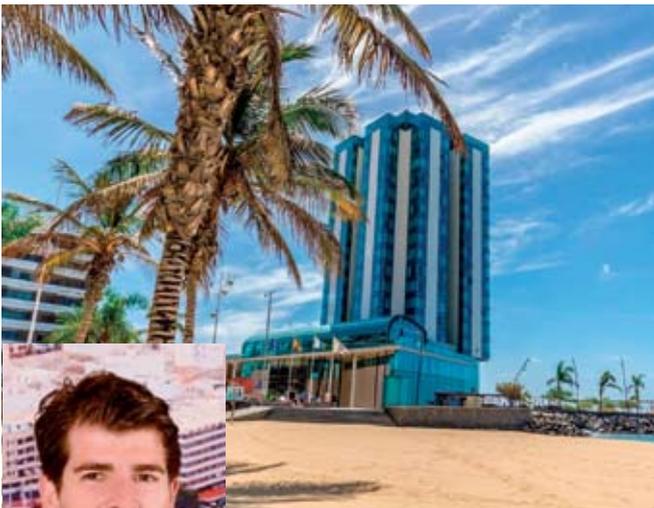
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*According to the Spanish Society for Pain Management, almost 20% of the Spanish population suffers pain daily*

*The healthcare group launches the service with a multidisciplinary approach to offer patients first-rate solutions*

Hospiten Lanzarote has included in its service portfolio a Pain Management Unit, which was created with the aim of improving the treatment of all types of painful conditions and to help patients who require special treatments.

Dr. Adela Torbado, anesthesiologist at the center, explains that, “Treating pain correctly, acute or chronic, in the 21st century is one of the biggest challenges for the health sector to take on. Dealing with the problem is the main aim of the unit”.

According to the Spanish Society for Pain Management, almost 20% of the Spanish population lives with pain. Typically they are patients who have been referred from one specialist to another, unsuccessfully trying to achieve a better quality of life and in many cases having run out of treatment options - pharmaceutical, surgical and so on.

“Since chronic pain is so common in this modern society, we must find quality, specialized solutions”, insists the doctor.

At present, the new unit will deal with patients suffering from degenerative neurological pain (following a cerebral accident, neuralgia and radiculopathies due to nerve entrapment), traumatic pain (osteoarthritis, arthritis, advanced degeneration of the spine, lumbago or cervical pain), post-surgical pain (failed surgery or scar pain) and pain caused by other causes like digestive, gynecologic conditions or fibromyalgia.

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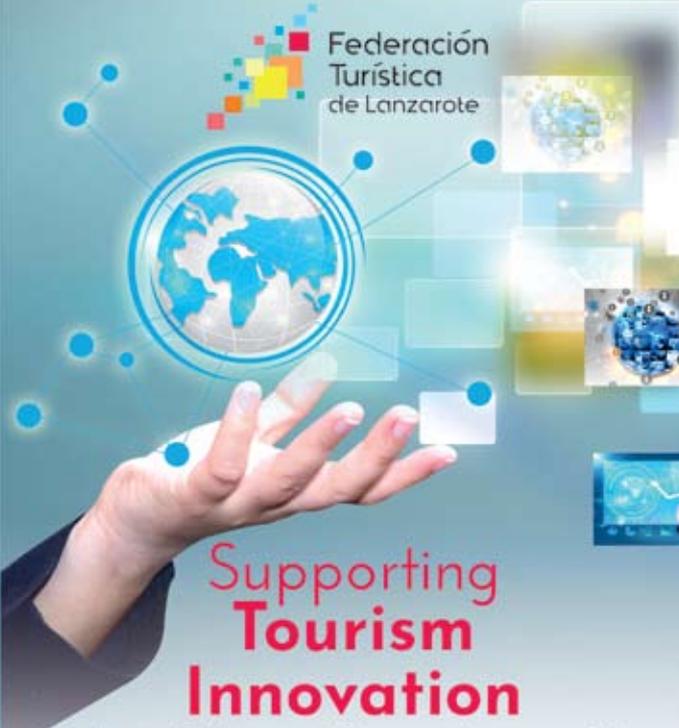
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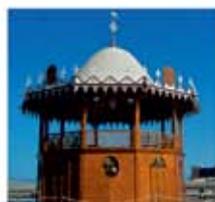
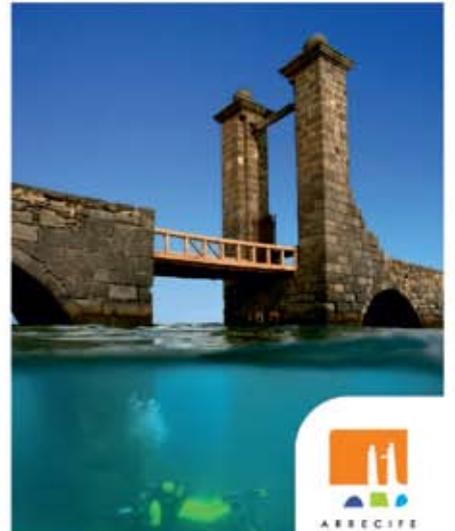


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Now under the management of Hamed Madani and Maria Elena, this is one of the truly pioneering restaurants of Puerto del Carmen which was opened by Toni Garcia in 1985 when tourism to the resort was just beginning. Hamed Madani, who had been working as chef de cuisine for 24 years, has retained the same staff under the direction of Miguel (Larin) and is offering the identical menu and introducing some new dishes.

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comprehensive variety of local and international dishes besides pizza choices which include vegan and vegetarian. Hamed points out that Pizzeria Capri cooks its pizzas slowly using only fresh natural products. Ingredients include wholemeal flour, mineral water and extra virgin olive oil without the use of pork fat, which results in a lighter and more digestible meal. Among other specialities on the 99-dish menu are aubergine, almond croquettes made with Canary palm honey.

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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. Enjoy an exotic cocktail at our newly open roof-top swimming pool bar. Open daily from 10.00 - 22.00 hrs.

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The Arrecife Gran Hotel & SPA has prepared a whole programme of events to celebrate the Holiday Season: a corporate dinner special package including a gourmet menu and a concert in the hotel Pool Bar, and, last but not least, the Gran Hotel Christmas and New Year's Eve Great Galas. For more information and reservations, contact with the hotel event department at [ventas@arrecifehotels.com](mailto:ventas@arrecifehotels.com).

### Bagatela Cocktail Bar Puerto del Carmen

The historic Bagatela cocktail bar, one of the first pubs to open on the beach avenue, is still among the most popular. Items on the menu include a choice of sandwiches: ham and cheese, sausage and cold chicken. Main dishes: fried egg with bacon and chips, 2 sausages, 2 eggs and chips, breaded fish with tomato salad and chips, chicken fillet, chicken Kiev, chicken Madras with curry and chips, steak and kidney pie. Sandwiches: chicken egg, bacon lettuce tomato mayonnaise and chips. Vegetarian: Egg, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, pepper, onion and mayonnaise. Plus a choice of salads, omelettes Many Brits return each year to eat and enjoy one of their twenty-three exotic cocktails including Gin L with peach, kiwi and fresh orange juice. Open daily from 8.30 to 24.00 hrs, seven days a week.

### El Almacén Central Arrecife

El Almacen Restaurant and Bar offers three dishes with a drink for 11€. On the menu, mini pork hamburger with

grill peppers, Piquillo pepper with Atlantic wreck-fish and Canarian-style potatoes, grilled octopus with sweet potato purée and caramelized red mojo, beef carpaccio, foie shavings, parmesan cheese and rocket, seasoned with citrus fruits and Charco salt, San Bartolomé chickpea hummus with vegetable crudité. Tuesday to Saturday; Kitchen: 12.00-16.00 and 19.00 – 23.00. Bar 11.00-24.00, C/ José Betancort 3 minutes from Plazuela and Club Náutico.

### 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. Lunch is served daily 12.30 – 16.00, closed Sundays.





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*King Felipe with a photograph of César Manrique in New York in 1964 when he met Andy Warhol*

## King Felipe VI Visits the César Manrique Foundation Exhibition Celebrating the Centenary Year of the Artist's Birth

*“Wonderful – Highly Recommendable!” Royal comment*

During his first visit as King, Felipe VI was accompanied by Foundation President José Juan Ramírez, the Spanish Minister of Education, the Canarian President, the President of the Lanzarote Cabildo and the seven mayors, among other officials.

The King had special warm greetings for Carlos and Juana Manrique, the artist's brother and sister, and nephew Fisco Matallana. He handed them personal mementos his mother, Queen Sofia, had received from César, which left them full of emotion.

The King then visited the exhibition entitled “Cesar Manrique. It's a Pleasure,” starting with a mural the artist painted for the original airport building in 1953. He was told about the life and work of Manrique and how he had built his first house on this location, by the Curator, Fernando Gómez Aguilera.



*Cabildo President, Fernando Gómez Aguilero, the Minister of Education, the King, José Juan Ramírez and the Canarian President*



*Affectionate greeting for César Manrique's brother and sister, Carlos and Juana*



*The King with the Presidency and Honour Committee of the Foundation and Carlos and Juana Manrique among other dignitaries*

The officials later described the enthusiasm the King had shown through the questions he had asked and clearly displayed his affection for Lanzarote which he had visited several times with his parents King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia who had maintained a holiday residence on the island for several years.



*The Cabildo President and the Mayor of Tegüise with the King*



*Juana Manrique contemplates her late brother's collection of art*

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*At the Lanzarote stand during the WTM in London, Cabildo President Dolores Corujo and Tourism Councillor Ángel Vázquez greet the Canarian President Ángel Victor Torres, Canarian Tourism Councillor Yaiza Castilla together with the mayors and councillors of the tourist resorts and the Tourism Federation*

## Positive Results for Lanzarote at World Travel Market, London Recovering the Void Caused by the Collapse of Thomas Cook

*“New Agreement with Jet2 brings additional 56,000 British Tourists to Lanzarote this winter, 16,000 more than originally planned! TUI and easyJet also increase flight capacity. We are confident of recovering the UK market to the healthy state it enjoyed before the collapse of Thomas Cook.”*

Cabildo Tourism Councillor Ángel Vázquez

Jet2, one of the major British tour operators has increased its flight capacity to Lanzarote from 163,471 to 219,407, marking a rise of 34.2% which absorbs 50% of passenger seats lost through the collapse of Thomas Cook. In addition two other major operators, TUI UK and easyJet have announced rises in capacity to the island.

Councillor Ángel Vázquez summed up the results of Lanzarote’s participation in the World Travel Market in London, “Our team at Spel Overseas Promotion headed by Héctor Fernández, conducted intense negotiations with 9 of the 10 most important

British Tour Operators over the two day period, concentrating on recovering the flight capacity lost through the Thomas Cook collapse, to fulfill the great demand still evident from the British public to holiday on Lanzarote. Statistics from September, the first month without Thomas Cook, showed a rise of 2%. In fact, Lanzarote was the only one of the seven Canary Islands to register an increase in UK holidaymakers.

The first nine months of the year showed an annual rise of 4.6%. The love affair between the Brits and the Volcanic Isle is still very much alive and flourishing!

## Upward Trends: Holland - France - Scotland - Ireland - Poland

*“It is very important to diversify tourist campaigns in order to compensate for any disturbances in the markets of traditional clientele, specifically Thomas Cook and Brexit.”*

Tourism Councillor Ángel Vázquez



*The Spanish Minister for Tourism with Canarian Government and Lanzarote politicians at the reception in the Spanish Embassy in London*



*Lanzarote was the only Digitally-Operated stand at the World Travel Market*



British Airways are also increasing flight capacity to the island next summer and the Spel Overseas Promotion division is negotiating with their upmarket subsidiary British Airways Holidays, which is now the 5th largest in the UK. They are also in talks with the major on-line British firm Travel Republic - with a clientele of two million - to include Lanzarote among their destinations.

### Upward Trends

Besides increasing flight capacity to Lanzarote following the Thomas Cook collapse Tourism Lanzarote is making every effort to focus on solidifying further markets. HOLLAND Among those showing an upward trend is Holland, Lanzarote's fifth most important country of origin for overseas visitors. Tourism Lanzarote is making plans with TUI Netherlands to expand flights to the island. In addition, they are in discussions with Sanoma Media the largest and most versatile media company in the Netherlands who have recently opened a tourist division. FRANCE Thalasso No 1 Voyages, the leader by far in French tourists to Lanzarote, announced a 5% rise in 2019 to be followed by a similar rise in 2020. SCOTLAND leading Scottish tour operator Barrhead Travel who work closely with Jet 2 and TUI also registered a rise in clientele to the Island. POLAND, leading tour operator Itaka announced an annual rise of 37%. IRELAND Principle Irish tour operator to Lanzarote Sunway, have resumed the weekly connection with Knock in addition to Cork, Shannon and Dublin.

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# easyJet Awarded Isla de Lanzarote Sculpture 2019

Photos Jesús Betancort



*Cabildo President Dolores Corujo and Tourism Councillor Ángel Vázquez present the winners with their awards*

easyJet, were declared winners of the annual Isle of Lanzarote trophy designed by César Manrique because of their loyalty to the Volcanic Isle as a top vacation resort. The directors of EasyJet for Spain and Portugal were asked by Lancelot if they would be able to schedule additional flights to pick up the slack to fill the large amount of slots to Lanzarote and the Canaries which had belonged to Thomas Cook and explain, in general, what could be done to redress the damage.

Director of easyJet, Spain and Portugal, Javier Gándar, replied that the company had already marketed their full allocation of seats for summer 2020 and winter 20/21 before the collapse of the British holiday giant. They pointed out that following the demise of Monarch and Air Berlin all airlines increased their flights, but it took a long time for the market to completely recover. But the Thomas Cook situation is much more serious and it may take a long time for the industry to

completely fill the vacuum they left. However, the law of supply and demand dictates that if an additional fifty thousand vacationers want to book seats to Lanzarote and other Canary Islands we would gladly accommodate them.”

The future looks good for Lanzarote because ecological consciousness is becoming more and more ingrained and this island Lanzarote enjoys a well-earned reputation for conservation of the natural surroundings as well as for its unique tourist attractions. These qualities are permanent and will continue to attract holidaymakers in search of an eco-friendly holiday.

Cabildo Tourism Councilor Ángel Vázquez said that easyJet, this year’s prizewinners deserved the award for their total commitment to Lanzarote as a major tourist destination. Their connections were largely responsible for César Manrique-Lanzarote Airport being the only airport of the seven Canary Islands to register an increase in tourism du-



*The Managing Director of easyJet for Spain and Portugal Javier Gándar at Jameos de Agua with his Director of Marketing Fabrizio Kali*

ring several months of the year.

Managing Director of Spel Overseas Promotion Héctor Fernández added, ‘easyJet is a highly important partner for Lanzarote Tourism. Their customer-friendly platform is manifested by a vast following on social networks including 1 million plus on Facebook and 470,000 on Twitter.



*Cabildo President Dolores Corujo and Cabildo Tourism Councillor Ángel Vázquez with all the prizewinners*

# Victoriano Elvira Guillén Personality Award Winner 2019 President of Aetur Founded in 1979

Joining the tourist sector at a very young age, Victoriano Elvira commenced his career working in the emblematic Hotel Fariones, the island's first tourist hotel in the mid 1960s. He then rose to direct and/or own other pioneer establishments in Puerto del Carmen such as the Barracuda, Las Vistas, Las Vegas and Cocktail Bar Bagatella. In 1979, Victoriano used his experience in providing amenities to holidaymakers in the early days to found a Federation of Tourist Businesses on Lanzarote called Aetur (acronym of its name in Spanish) as an umbrella organization to represent service companies such as car hire, coach tours, dive stations, surf and kite-surf schools as well as establishments in the hospitality sector.

In April of this year Aetur merged with Asolan Hotels to form the Tourism Federation representing over 300 tourist entities.



## Special Mention - *El Volcán de Turismo* by Juan Cruz Sepulveda

In 1964, the first water desalination plant opened and almost immediately work started on the Fariones Hotel on the beach at Puerto del Carmen the first hotel on Lanzarote purpose-built for quality international tourism. This was followed by the opening of the San Antonio Hotel by British and Commonwealth a multi-national shipping conglomerate.

In tandem with the two major hotels, many local businessmen began building and investing in hotels, apartment blocks, real estate agencies, apartment blocks, restaurants, car hire and other ancillary firms many on the Avenida



Las Playas and nearby streets which the author has meticulously researched and added some excellent photographs. Juan Cruz is a former head of the Canary Government teaching board on Lanzarote and author of the Postigo de Tias, a history of the local inhabitants of the municipality.



*The cocktail celebration in the beautiful grounds of Jameos del Agua*





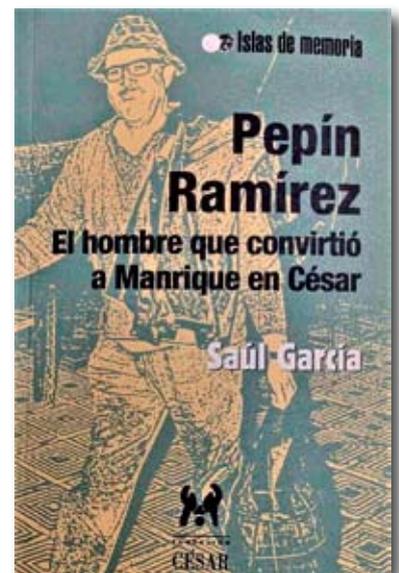
*César Manrique with friend Yeli Luengo, Pepín Ramírez and his wife and son, Concha Marrero Portugués and José Juan Ramírez*

# Pepín Ramírez

## the Man who Converted Manrique into César

by Saúl García

Published by the César Manrique Foundation



### **Pepín Ramírez and César**

In the year 1919, José (Pepín) Ramírez Cerdá and César Manrique were born in Arrecife within five days of each other. They grew up as close friends attending school together and were called up to the army at the same time. What the book establishes beyond doubt was the crucial role Pepín Ramírez played in developing Lanzarote into the unique tourist destination it became under the creative genius of César Manrique. However, without Pepín Ramírez providing the canvas, there would have been no opportunity for Manrique to paint and embellish the subject.

Essential for the close partnership of the politician and the artist was the uncompromising principle they shared that Lanzarote should not be developed by copying other tourist destinations, but should evolve as a role model for others to copy.

However unthinkable it may seem, the island could have been developed without César Manrique, to its detriment, of course, but not without Pepín Ramírez. Saúl García points out if the Lanzarote story would have been a movie, the credits would have read: directed by César Manrique, produced by Pepín Ramírez. This explains the book's title, Pepín Ramírez provided the

platform for the artist to be known simply as César, with no need for a surname.

At the start of their adult life both men entered totally different spheres. Ramírez graduated in law and entered politics as mayor of Arrecife and Manrique studied art and established his unique credentials by co-founding the country's first abstract art gallery, Fernando Fe, in Madrid. He spent the next 21 years working as an artist and architectural designer in the Spanish capital, followed by a few years in New York. He had

been invited to the big apple by Governor Nelson Rockefeller, a noted art collector, who happened to pop into the gallery one day and admired his works. Whilst away from the Lanzarote, Manrique frequently returned on short visits.

As mayor of the island capital, Pepin Ramirez doubled the amount of schools and then entered the Cabildo where he held various portfolios before being appointed president. Among his major qualities was the ability to choose the most suitable person for each project and clearly explain what was needed. The most crucial decision he made was to plan the creation of tourist sites to attract visitors to the island. He increased the Cabildo workforce to a crew of 300 who tarmacked the roads, built the airport and a desalination plant and installed a utilities network. In tandem, they commenced building the first tourist centres.

Having set this in motion, Pepin Ramirez was indefatigable in his quest, knocking on doors at parliament in Madrid to persuade the government to provide finance and



**Author Saul Garcia, a highly respected award-winning author and journalist, must be congratulated for this excellently researched biographical novel which runs to 235 pages and is published by the César Manrique Foundation. Reviewed by Larry Yaskiel. Photo Adriel Perdomo.**

supply heavy machinery and even persuaded several key ministers to visit the island to visualize his plans in situ. In his private life Pepin Ramirez was a devoted family man whose hobbies were fishing and chess.

In 1964, Pepin Ramirez received a postcard from America showing a landscape of volcanoes in New Mexico called Volcano National Monument and proposed that the Spanish Government grant this status to the Fire Mountains. They agreed and the area was designated as Timanfaya National Park. In the late 1960s Manrique sent Pepin Ramirez a message from New York written in huge letters saying he had decided to return to live in his beloved Lanzarote and intended converting the Castillo de San José into a Modern Art Museum. He added, “I feel strong enough to lift mountains with my bare hands.”

In 1992 César Manrique appointed José Juan Ramirez, son of Pepin Ramirez, as President of the Foundation and designated him his heir.



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# Los Dolores Fiesta at Mancha Blanca

## Arts and Crafts Exhibition and Folklore Music Festival

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On July 1st 1824, only some 90 years after the historic eruptions which created the National Park of Timanfaya in 1730-1736, a second period of explosions took place on the fringes of the Fire Mountains close to the villages of Tao and Mancha Blanca. Whilst they were underway, according to a local legend, a miraculous incident took place which is the basis for the annual Fiesta of the Virgin of Dolores, the Patron Saint of Lanzarote, held every year in September.



*Haría Master Carpenter Manuel Perdomo with his wife, accepts the award*

### Manuel Perdomo - 2019 Artisan of the Year Award

A major highlight of the annual Los Dolores fiesta is the award for the artisan who has consistently applied traditional arts and skills to the products he creates. This year it was received by Haría carpenter Manuel Perdomo Cabrera for his woodwork, which the Cabildo President described as “totally composed of Lanzarote traditions.”

Over the past 190 years this celebration has evolved into the most popular annual folklore gathering in the whole of the Canary Islands attracting up to 40,000 visitors over the four day event centred around the “Nano Diaz Cutillas” Folklore Festival and an Arts and Crafts Fair. Singers and dancers from all the islands perform every evening and hundreds of booths contain the products of local artisans.



*Islanders undertake a pilgrimage on foot from all over the island*



*The Cabildo President and Councillors for Culture and Education with Mayors and other authorities cut the ribbon to declare the fair open festivities open*



*The award winner with the Cabildo Culture Councillor*



*Master ceramicist Marcial de León with his handworked figures created without the use of the potter's wheel*



*The Church where the miracle was celebrated in the early 19th century*



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## Mararia Celebrates 25th Anniversary A Musical Tribute of Love in a Packed-Out Theatre

**M**araria Women's Rights Association headed by Nieves Rosa Hernández opened its doors 25 years ago to combat violence against women and promote Gender Equality. This signified economic justice, pay equity and full equality for women's rights through education and the fight against social exclusion which permits everyone, whatever their gender, to live with dignity, freedom, equality, justice and peace. Over the years Mararia has been supported by some 760 collaborators.

On Friday 25 October, the Atlantida Theatre in Arrecife was totally packed out with a public manifesting their solid appreciation for founder Nieves Rosa Hernández and her team, who have dedicated their lives to achieve equality for disadvantaged women. A film about Mararia's projector from its humble beginnings, its aims and achievements as well as projections for the future, concluded with the signing of the Act of Constitution in 1994.

Nieves Rosa Hernández expressed a heartfelt message of gratitude to the team of voluntary multi-lingual supporters upon whom Mararia has depended over the past 25 years.





*Birth of Mararia 1994*  
*Nieves Rosa Hernández*  
 “You may say I’m a dreamer, but I’m not the only one.”  
 John Lennon

*Mararia founder Nieves Rosa Hernández, Cabildo President Dolores Corujo and Arrecife Mayoress Astrid Pérez*

She was visibly overwhelmed by the participants in the gala whose performances demonstrated an outpouring of love for Nieves who had given so many thousands of disadvantaged women help and companionship as well as hope for a happier future.

The beautiful voices of Coral San Ginés sang Mararia’s message with the words of Leonard Cohen’s Hallelujah, “Your faith was strong but you needed proof” and John Lennon’s Imagine, “You may say I’m a dreamer but I’m not the only one,” among many other wonderful songs, all excellently arranged.

Then came a recital by three generations of the Corujo family, commencing with an aria by operatic tenor Pancho, followed by a recital of his cousin Ciro and niece, 10 year old Merceditas as well as his uncle Antonio all accompanied by maestro-timplist Domingo Rodríguez, El Colorao. Their solos and duets really brought the house down. Although we were listening to a concert in a sold out theatre, it felt as if you were enjoying an evening of music at home with your family.





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## Canarian Rhapsody

### “We Will Rock You” at Roque de los Muchachos

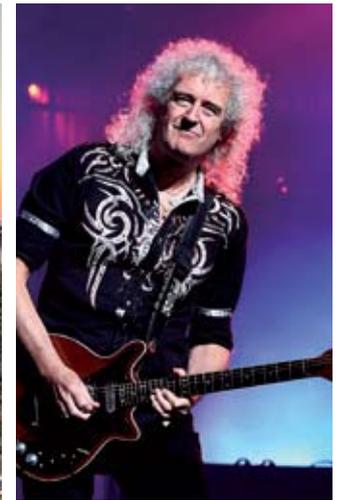
*\*Canarian Government Approves the Construction of the TMT 30 Metre Telescope, Largest in the World, at La Palma Observatory*

*Brian May, founding member of Queen is also a Doctor of Astrophysics*

By Larry Yaskiel



*Canarian Government President, Ángel Víctor Torres approved the 30m Telescope*



#### A Musical Interruption

Accomplished astronomy student Brian May’s PhD studies’ at Imperial College, London, were stalled in 1971 when a musical career superseded. The following four decades saw Queen amass a staggering list of sales and awards to become the most successful albums act in UK chart history. Brian penned 22 Queen top 20 hits, among them the powerful ballads ‘Who Wants to Live Forever’, ‘No-One But You’ and ‘Save Me’, along with anthems ‘The Show Must Go On’, ‘I Want It All’ and ‘We Will Rock You.’ Millions of fans all over the world too young to have ever seen a live performance by Queen had a wonderful opportunity of enjoying their pulsating music in the

movie *Bohemian Rhapsody* for which Brian May was Executive Producer.

#### Back to School

In 2007, Brian May resumed his scientific vocation after an interruption of 36 years, using the Telescopio Nacional Galileo (TNG), located in the Observatory of the Roque de Los Muchachos on the island of La Palma in the Canaries. As stated in his official biography, the famous musician carried out spectroscopic observations in order to study the formation of the “zodiacal dust cloud”. The quality of the Canarian sky of La Palma and the benefits of the TNG 3.6m optical telescope, which allows astronomers to study extremely faint objects, convinced the artist that this was the ideal location

to conduct further research.

Brian May presented his astronomy PhD thesis at Imperial College, London and successfully received his doctorate in science. Dr Garik Israelian, astrophysicist at the IAC commented, “I have no doubt that Brian May would have had a brilliant career in science had he completed his PhD in 1971. Nevertheless, as a fan of Queen, I am glad that he left astronomy “temporarily” for a musical interlude.”

\*The TMT 30-metre diameter primary mirror allows scientists to see deeper into space and observe cosmic objects with unprecedented sensitivity. It could take until 2025 until construction is completed.

With thanks to Esther Martin of Las Palmas Rotary Club.



The Canarian Parliament celebrated the start of its 10th legislative year on the Isle of La Graciosa to celebrate its new autonomous status. Parliamentarians were welcomed by the President and Vice Presidents of the Lanzarote Cabildo as well as by the Mayor of Tegüise whose district is responsible for the isle’s administration.

## La Gomera - The Key to the Discovery of America

*The above title was the opening statement by President of the Canary Islands Ángel Torres, at the 59th Canarian-American Columbian Seminary. He added, “Columbus calculated the Trade Winds and Gulf Stream combined with the ideal conditions offered by the port of San Sebastián.”*

### La Gomera in History

Columbus spent several years in La Gomera ruled over by the legendary Beatrice of Bobadilla, with whom he was friendly. His three ships sailed forth on the voyage of discovery loaded with cattle and plants destined for the New World. Eventually, La Gomera sugar cane transformed the entire economy of the West Indies.



The harsh terrain and deep ravines of the island led the ancient Guanche inhabitants to develop an extraordinary form of whistle speech known as the silbo Gomero enabling them to communicate over large areas. This whistled language, a compulsory subject at local schools, was pronounced an “Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity” in 2009 by Unesco.



**British Ambassador Hugh Elliot and Tourism Councillor Yaiza Castilla discuss the impact of Brexit and Thomas Cook on British holidaymakers, 5 million of whom visited the Canary Islands this year. The meeting took place at the British Embassy in Madrid.**



### Pioneering Schooling

Tourism Councillor Yaiza Castilla has introduced an innovative 3 year hotel-keeping course for 43 apprentices in Canarian hotels, including the Fariones on Lanzarote. Operated by Hecansa, the scheme is backed by government subsidies and generous training opportunities at the expense of the hotel proprietors.

Canarian Tourism Councillor Yaiza Castilla chaired a meeting with the leading tourism associations in the Islands to explain the most important projects her department is planning over the next four years for all seven islands. They are led by long-term connectivity, domestic and international tourist promotion, products and infrastructure, but, the Councillor added, our overall policy is guided by ecotourism. She was accompanied by Tourism Vice Councillor Sergio Moreno and Asolan President Susana Pérez.



### Councillor Yaiza Castilla Requests No Kerosene Tax

Canarian Tourism Councillor Yaiza Castilla has appealed to the German Government not to impose the proposed “Kerosene Tax” on flights to the Canary Islands which could add more than 7 euros to the price of a ticket.





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## La Graciosa Saluted as the 8th Canary Island

Photos Sergio Betancort, Jesús Betancort, Liz



*Cabildo President  
Dolores Corujo*

The Canarian Government and the Lanzarote Cabildo led the official delegation on board the Juan Sebastián Elcano training ship on its first visit to the Isle of La Graciosa as a special tribute to its designation as the 8th Canary Island. Some historians believe that this is the Treasure Island of Robert Louis Stephenson's book.



*At 113 metres long, the Juan Sebastian Elcano is the third largest tall ship in the world and has covered more than 20 million nautical miles during its 92 year history*



*The Cabildo President with the ship's officers*



*La Graciosa schoolchildren enjoy the visit of the training ship to their island*



The Cabildo, San Bartolomé, the Fire Brigade and the wild animals sanctuary teamed up in efforts to rescue a tortoise they called "Tamadaba" who had been trapped in a net and nurse her back to health before releasing her in the sea off the coast of Playa Honda.

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*The Cabildo President met with the Spanish Minister for Tourism at a meeting with the Cabildos of all seven islands who were discussing how best to combat the adverse effects of the bankruptcy of Thomas Cook*



**The Cabildo President and Vice President announced that the regional health authority, Sanidad, has allocated just over two million euros to install a cancer radiotherapy bunker at Hospital Molina Orosa.**



*The Cabildo President and a regional finance official discuss the possibility of extending the duty free area of Gran Canaria to include Lanzarote*



*Speakers from the Canarian Government, the Cabildo and Arrecife Town Hall at the start of the new school year reminded pupils that during the celebration of the 100th year of the birth of César Manrique they should be inspired by his creation of the unique tourist attractions and seek a sustainable future for Lanzarote*



**Lanzarote youngsters protesting against Climate Change have formed “Fridays-for-Future.” The pupils marched from Las Bolas Bridge to the Cabildo where they expressed their concerns to Vice President Jacobo Medina and Energy Councillor Ariagona González.**





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Leading Canarian and Insular authorities visit the Cicar Cabrera Medina car hire group during the World Travel Market in London. The largest car rental firm in the Canaries is very popular among tourists because their multi-lingual audio tour guides cover every detail of the island.



*Cabildo Education and Publications Councillor Paula Corujo*

Cabildo Councillor for Education and Publishing Paula Corujo, released the 2018 list of statistics published by the Centro de Datos, described as containing the most exhaustive and complete set of details ever contained in the annual report. The population numbers 149,183, of which 41% live in Arrecife. 22% of the island residents are foreign-born, countries of origin in descending order are the UK, Morocco, Italy, Columbia and Germany. In addition the average amount of tourists present is 55,011 meaning that the total amount of persons living on the island is more over 204,000.

Tourist accommodation: 71,852 bed nights with an average occupation of 82%, the visitor total for 2018 was 3,063,316. The statistics also report the average length of stay and daily spending habits of the tourists.

Also included are: Air and Sea Transport, Education, Health, Unemployment, Social Security, Water, Energy and Residuals.

The entire report is available on line at [www.datosdelanzarote](http://www.datosdelanzarote). Councillor Paula Corujo advises readers that a comprehensive collection of photographs of the history of tourism can be seen, and downloaded (with certain provisos), at [memoriadelanzarote.com](http://memoriadelanzarote.com).



*Visitors enjoyed denomination of origin volcanic wines and home-grown products at the Canarian stand*



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## Tourist Centres Staff Remember César Manrique Local Schoolchildren Sung a Tribute for César Manrique



*Managing Director of the Tourist Centres Juan Félix Eugenio*



Cabildo Vice President Jacobo Medina and Managing Director of the Tourist Centres Juan Félix Eugenio joined the staff of the Tourist Centres on their annual visit to pay tribute at the grave of César Manrique in Haria Cemetery on the anniversary of his death. They were joined by Mayor Alfredo Villalba of Haria and his Council.

Tourist Centres MD Juan Félix Eugenio is intent on adhering to the principles of the great artist in the preservation of his unbelievable Tourist Attractions on the island of Lanzarote. Any further works and alterations are carefully examined to ensure they conform to the Manrique environmental symbiosis between Man and Nature. One of the most important and major changes at the present time involves moving the main restaurant at Jameos del Agua to the upper level, the location where Manrique originally placed it.



*During the centenary year of the birth of César Manrique the Cabildo and Haria Town Hall paid a floral tribute to the artist who lived in the town during the last years of his life*



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Reports from the Cabildo

## FTI Group to Open New Air Routes from German Cities Saborea Lanzarote at Saborea España Gala in Madrid



*Cabildo Tourism Councillor  
Ángel Vázquez*



Tourism Lanzarote and Spel Overseas Promotion presented a road show at the Castillo de San José for the Munich-based FTI Group, Europe's fourth largest Travel Agency who plan on introducing flight schedules between several German cities and Lanzarote next year. According to Cabildo Tourism Councillor Ángel Vázquez, this initiative could compen-

sate for many the gaps left empty by the demise of Thomas Cook. FTI employs more than 12,000 people worldwide operating at more than 40 destinations in 20 countries. Also present at the promotion Héctor Fernández of Spel, Susana Pérez, President of the Tourist Federation and José Torres President of the Cámara Chamber of Commerce as several hoteliers.



*Héctor Fernández,  
Managing Director  
of Spel, has  
many years  
of experience*

*organizing Lanzarote tourist  
campaigns in every major  
European market*



Saborea España, Taste Spain, the international promotion campaign for Gourmet Tourism celebrated its 10th anniversary in the Spanish capital during October. Tourism Councillor Ángel Vázquez headed the Lanzarote delegation which included chefs Luis León, Ernesto Palomar and Orlando Ortega of Lanzarote Cocina, who elaborated some of the most popular dishes of Lanzarote cuisine. The island's wines and cheeses, among other local products, attracted a lot of attention among good food connoisseurs.



Ángel Vázquez points out that during several months of the past year, Lanzarote registered a larger annual increase in tourism than any of the other Canary Islanders. Despite the problems. Brits showed a 14.2% rise and Ireland 17.6%. Spanish mainland visitors were up by 10% and France, 9%.



*Chamber of Commerce technical assistants Francisco Melián and Yanira Paz*

## One-Stop Programme for Lanzarote to “Go Green” A Cabildo Initiative Administered by the Cámara

According to a study by the Cabildo Water Board Biosphere Reserve Committee, 75% of the island’s electricity consumption could come from renewable sources by 2038. An agreement has been reached with the Chamber of Commerce to establish a channel of communication to the public via a One-Stop Shop providing advice and assistance on all formalities required, in both Spanish and English, in order to minimise the consumption of conventional and polluting energy sources.

Unique in Spain, the scheme will facilitate access to relevant information for each individual applicant and reduce the time it takes to issue permits for renewable energy installations. The Lanzarote Cabildo, which initiated this programme, has provided the Chamber of Commerce with a grant to administer the project which ensures that all information is provided free of charge to the inhabitants of Lanzarote. Call 928 824 161 ext. 2800 or 3000.



## The Hotel Industry in the Canary Islands Post Thomas Cook

At a meeting of major hotels in Gran Canaria the major subject on the agenda was the present and future of the hotel industry in the wake of the Thomas Cook collapse. Representatives of the major hotels participating included, Grupo Satocan, Gloria Thalasso and hotels: Meeting Point Hotels, Barceló Hotels, ASOLAN Lanzarote Hotels Association, HIP Hotel Investment Partners and Les Roches, Marbella.

Asolan and Tourism Federation President Susana Pérez reported “that for the 1919-1920 winter season, it was possible to recoup up to 50% of the lost passenger seats, demand still exists but there is not sufficient seat capacity to satisfy it. Prospects for the year 2020 are positive following meetings with tour operators and airline companies at the World Travel Market in London in November.

But there are other areas which can also cause problems to airline connections, chief of which is the (German) Anti Climate Change Kerosene Tax being debated by the EU which could add up to 8% to the price of a ticket. The Canarian Government and hotels associations such as Asolan have presented a motion to the EU requesting that the flights to the Canary Islands and others in the exceptional Outermost Regions Category (RUP) should be exempt.

Another major proposition was to market the Canary Islands brand as an umbrella organization working together to coordinate activities and pool resources for all the Islands.



*Asolan and Tourism Federation President Susana Pérez*



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Reports from Tías

## Tourism Programme for Puerto del Carmen as a Sustainable and Accessible Destination with Gastronomy and Sports

*Presentation attended by CACT Councillor Juan Félix Eugenio, SPEL Director Héctor Fernández and President of the Tourist Federation Susana Pérez*

*Mayor of Tias José Juan Cruz and Tourism and Beaches Councillor Mame Fernández, “cooperation between the Town Hall and the business sector will result in reclaiming our position in the market”*

Photos Dory Hernández



*Mayor of Tías José Juan Cruz*

Besides providing details of the plan, the meeting was also shown the newly-designed Town Hall web page. Gratitude was expressed for the hard work of the technical team (“the backroom boys”) composed of Ani Ruiz, Pedro Rodríguez and Domingo Lorenzo.

José Juan Cruz stressed that the meeting served as a declaration of our friendly and neighbourly intention to work on improving the tourist sector and raise the quality of life of the local community. It was also essential to ensure compatibility between development and protecting the environment.

Four major areas of the Strategic Plan: Sustainability, Accessibility, Fine Food Cuisine and a strong programme of both Nautical and Land Sports. Domingo Lorenzo called on all sectors involved to present their suggestions for improvement in their particular ambit to the Town Hall. It is of primary importance to reduce the carbon footprint to negligible levels.



*The Mayor, Tourism Councillor and Federation President thank Hibiscus Hotels for hosting the Tourism Programme at Lava Beach Hotel represented by General Director Roberto Reyes and Manager Nicole Winkler*



The Third Phase of the modernization of Puerto del Carmen under sustainable criteria of primary importance is the removal of architectural barriers for the handicapped, eliminating the use of single-use plastics. And fulfill the position of Tias as a Canarian Observatory for the dangers of Climate Change. Another aim is the reopening of El

Fondeadero Restaurant in the harbour as a Training School for the hospitality sector to introduce the use of locally cultivated fruit and vegetables, preferably ecologically, as a major priority.

The local authority expressed their thanks to the management of Hibiscus Hotels for placing the exceptional new and modern facilities of the Lava Beach Hotel at the disposal of the Town Hall. Tourism Councillor Mame Fernández concluded by saying “this establishment, which opened less than one year ago, is a clear example of how to approach the future with class and quality.”

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*Mame Fernández praises his tourist promotion team: Pedro Rodríguez, Ani Ruiz and Domingo Lorenzo for preparing the Tourism Programme*



Tourism Councillor Mame Fernández promoted Puerto del Carmen as a sustainable tourist resort at the WTM Fair in London during activities with Promotur and Spel. He met with Spain's Tourism Minister Reyes Maroto and Secretary for State Biel Oliver who together with

the Canary Government and the Lanzarote Cabildo expressed a strong note of optimism for next year's tourism statistics in the wake of the Thomas Cook bankruptcy saying that reservations for next year's summer season pointed to strong signs of recovery.



*The Mayor and his Councillors at the Fiesta de los Dolores*



The Canary Government is investing 250,000 Euros to establish a Restaurant School at El Fondadero in Puerto del Carmen harbour to increase employment opportunities in the tourist centre for local youngsters. A strong emphasis is placed on the use of home-grown products to support the local market and attract sustainable tourism. The facility is to open by 31 December 2020.



The Plaza de Naciones Leisure Park on the beach avenue is being extended to add to the facilities and amenities for holidaymakers and the local population. The extension was originally planned under the 2016 Modernisation

of Puerto del Carmen programme but unfortunately overran the time limit stipulated, which would have led to the loss of the 500,000 euros allocated by the Secretary of State of the Spanish Government.



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Reports from Yaiza

## Yaiza Pays Tribute to the Traditional Janubio Salt Pans Adoptive Son of Yaiza, Master potter Tino Alemán

Photos Alex Salebe



*Yaiza Mayor Óscar Noda*



During the annual Folklore Fiesta de Los Dolores, Yaiza Municipality payed tribute to the historical salt pans at Janubio which contribute greatly to the unique countryside along the coast. Now a major tourist attraction, these salt ponds gave employment to hundreds of people at the turn of last century which was historically recorded by the poetry of Victor Fernández Gopar (1844-1920). Known as El Salinero he started out as the manager of the salt works and later in life dedicated himself to writing lyrics about the difficult life of the workers and his works have remained highly popular with the inhabitants of Yaiza and throughout the island. In fact, Lanzarote's Teatro Insular in central Arrecife was named "El Salinero" for him by popular demand.

The unique scenery evoked by the salt pans on Lanzarote's coastline prompted César Manrique to create wind mobiles at several major junctions on island roads as a reminder of the island's historic connection to the traditional vista of windmills and salt ponds.



*The Mayor and his Councillors at the Fiesta de los Dolores*

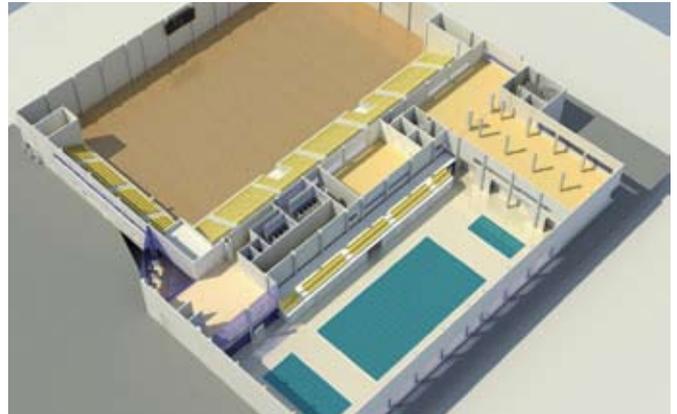


Adoptive Son of Yaiza, Master Potter Tino Alemán, has celebrated the traditional Los Dolores Folk Fair annually for 31 years. Named Artisan of the Year in 2012, Tino is seen at his stand with ceramics he crafted by hand without the use of the potter's wheel at his Cérámica Yaiza studio in Uga.

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## Playa Blanca Sports Pavilion Well Underway Three Pools and Pitches for Football and Basketball



Mayor Noda announced that following bidding tenders, contracts were awarded building firms for the Atlantic Sports Complex at Playa Blanca and works are already well advanced located behind the bus station. The Town Hall is investing 5.2 million euros in the project which will cover an area of 58,000 m<sup>2</sup> with terraces for 1,040 spectators. Also pitches for football 8, basketball, volleyball and handball other sports facilities include two tennis and paddle courts, biking and hiking trails and outdoor workout equipment. Further amenities: children's playgrounds, changing rooms, toilets, gardens and car parking.



Maestro Salinero Modesto Perdomo received the Distinguished Tourism Award 2019 for extracting salt through craftsmanship as the manager of Janubio Salt Works. His skill as an artisan preserved the environmental beauty of this natural work, a declared Site of Scientific Interest. It requires plenty of hours of sunlight with low levels of moisture and



just a gentle sea breeze and the touch of the master to get them in the right proportions.



*Celebrating the most important local fiesta of the year Los Remedios during September with the Priest leading the Mayor and his Corporation from the church through the town*



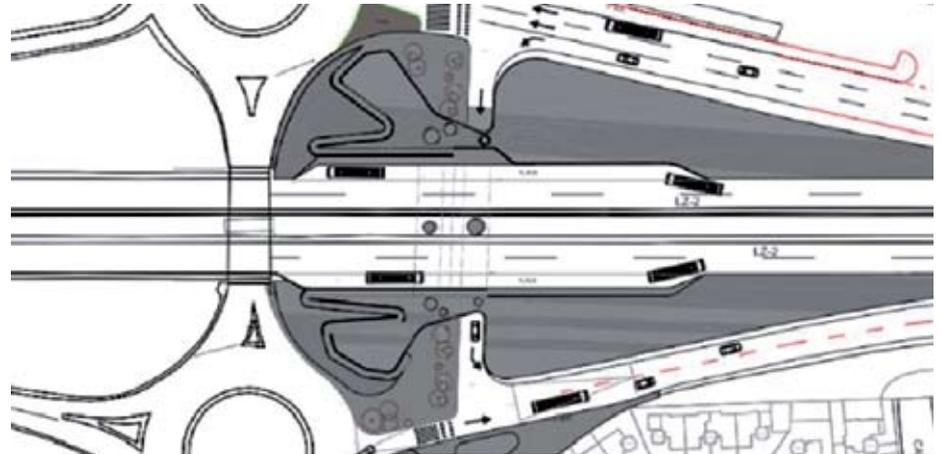
*Singing and dancing to the sound of Latin rhythms at the Merenganzo de Remedios*



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Reports from San Bartolomé

## Roper Tunnel as Interim Solution to Playa Honda Bottleneck Connecting Industrial Zone with Deiland Plaza



*San Bartolomé Mayor Alexis Tejera*

Cabildo and San Bartolomé agree temporary solution pending completion of entire project. Mayor Tejera detailed a short term underground diversion for 10,000 vehicles arriving at the Roper roundabout destined for the Deiland area, to include a pedestrian path and bicycle lane.

Cabildo President Maria Dolores Corujo and Vice President Jacobo Medina met with Mayor Alexis Tejera and a team of traffic flow experts.



**Alexis Tejero during discussions with Arminda López, coordinator of the Erasmus programme for CEIP Playa Honda. Erasmus is a European Union programme providing free movement between registered high schools to provide students with a global education exchange in education, training, youth and sport.**



### IV Edition of Si Quiero Wedding Fair offered

Cabildo President Dolores Corujo said that the local design market is a key element in presenting the latest technologies and tendencies offering a prime opportunity for visitors to gather inspiration for their special day and meet suppliers you might want to work with.

This event by San Bartolomé has developed into one of the most important of its type in the whole of the Canary Islands according to Tourist Centres Director Juan Félix Eugenio. Industry Councillor Ariagona González added the amount of exhibitors and visitors has grown every year as has the quality of the products from items like wedding dresses to bridesmaids' corsages.



*The Mayor and his Councillors at the Fiesta de los Dolores*



*Mayor with Brexit Consular Officials*



*Mayor Alexis Tejera with Councillors Rafael de León and Isidro Pérez announced the completion of alterations on three major projects: Casa Cerdeña, Sports annexe to Casa Mayor Guerra and the Municipal Kindergarten*



*Tourism Councillor Mamdou Yero Sy Sisse*



### **Horinsa Civil Engineering Works**

Horinsa, one of the Canary Islands' largest civil-engineering firms, especially on Lanzarote where they are based. The prize-winning company is currently engaged in several important projects on the Island. They include, the final phase of the Playa Honda-Airport Bike Route; Avenida de Las Palmeras at Costa Teguisse; the promenade linking Puerto Naos with Charco de San Ginés, Calle Marte-beach avenue Puerto del Carmen.

All projects are destined for completion in the first quarter of 2020 as part of the Lanzarote Infrastructure Improvements Programme.





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Reports from Arrecife

## Arrecife Mayoress Astrid Pérez Unveils Centenary Memorial Plaques for César Manrique and José Ramírez Cerdá The Mayoress Commissions Manrique Waterfall for the Charco



*Arrecife Mayoress Astrid Pérez*



Two plaques commemorated the building of Arrecife's first tree-lined park, named for José Ramírez Cerda, the town mayor and Avenida César Manrique, the path that runs around the Charco San Ginés. José Juan Ramírez, the mayor's son and President of the César Manrique Foundation together with Juana and Carlos Manrique, the late artist's sister and brother assisted Arrecife's Mayoress at the unveiling ceremony close to the entrance to the former Parador de Turismo de Arrecife. José Juan Ramírez's wife and their two sons, grandchildren of the former Cabildo President were at his side. The second unveiling was held at the Charco de San Ginés which was also embellished by César Manrique. The Mayoress is also planning to install a waterfall with surrounding lighting designed by Manrique but which was never completed.



*Cabildo Vice President Jacobo Medina with Arrecife Mayoress Astrid Pérez observe the start of the project scheduled to be completed by the summer, to enhance the beauty of the capital's shoreline scheduled*

### Cycling and Pedestrian Lane Scheduled for Arrecife Promenade

Work has already begun on a cycling-pedestrian trail along the Arrecife sea shore running from the Escuela de Pesca to the cruiseline passengers walkway at Puerto Naos, measuring between five to fifteen metres in width. The new initiative is budgeted at 616.000 euros of which the Cabildo is contributing 20% and the EU Overseas Development Fund the other 80%. A par-

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## Councillor Santana Allocates €500,000 to Boost Commerce

king zone will run from the Puerto Naos roundabout to the end of the lane and the entire project will form part of the Homage to the Mariner landscaped gardens area. Mayoress Astrid Pérez said that this extension will add continuity to the beautiful seafront promenade for the benefit of both cyclists and pedestrians. These are among the steps we are takings are being taken to convert Arrecife into a truly modern city, open to the sea and with the right conditions for visitors and residents to enjoy them to the maximum.



The Britannia, one of the world's most luxurious cruise-liners, docks at Arrecife to enable passengers to visit the town and tour the island. The capital has become one of the most popular ports in the Canary Islands because its top class shopping and restaurants, historic buildings and spacious

landscaped boulevards meet all the demands of luxury clientele. During one weekend in November six ships, including the Seven Seas Explorer – the most luxurious cruiser in the world - docked at Los Marmoles carrying 12,000 passengers on a day trip to the island.



*Tourism and Commercial Councillor Armando Santana following the successful Arrecife en Vivo weekend live concerts, winners of the Lisbon international prize*



Arrecife Tourism and Commerce Councillor has received €500,000 from the Canarian Government to invest in a major programme to galvanise the business sector of Arrecife and create more jobs. He presented his plan at the monthly meeting for tourism and commerce attended by the CEL Business Federation and the Chamber of Commerce, among others.



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Reports from Teguise

## Amigos de Costa Teguise Awards on World Tourism Day Autos Famara, Benito González and the local Taxi Guild



*Mayor Oswaldo Betancort*

Mayor Oswaldo Betancort presided over the annual awards for local businesses and individuals who had provided excellent facilities and amenities for holidaymakers at Costa Teguise during the past year.

The Mayor thanked the large amount of people attending the presentation of the prizes at a time when firms and employees in the tourist industry on the island face such a challenging situation. The event was attended by an important amount of executives and staff members of firms based in the resort.

### Surf Film Festival

Teguise Promoted surf culture during the three day “Surf Film Festival” CSFF as part of the Ayuntamiento campaign for conservation of the environment. The itinerant exhibition, celebrating its seventh exhibition this year, helps film directors, athletes, friends and families stay in touch with each other and enjoy the variety of stories brought to the screen.

Teguise Mayor Oswaldo Betancort said I would like to congratulate them all on yet another year of success and am delighted that Teguisé has once again been among the locations chosen by surfing en-



*Mayor Oswaldo Betancort with prizewinners Autos Famara, Chef de cuisine Salinas Hotel Benito González and the local Taxi Guild, for providing excellent services for holidaymakers over the past year*



*Domestic Tourism and Culture Councillor Toni Callero and Tourism Information Executive Inma Armas with the winners*



thusiasts as it greatly enhances the reputation of the resort among Lanzarote’s principle markets. The UK, 500,000 surfers; France, 450,000; Spain, 300,000 and Portugal 200,000. As a matter of interest, USA 2. 8 million; Australia 1.7 million).



*The improvements at Las Cucharas Beach promenade and gardens are going ahead according to schedule*

## €1 Million Scheduled for Refurbishment of Castillo Santa Barbara Home of Europe's Most Exciting Piracy Museum

Plans are underway made for the total restoration of the Castillo de Santa Barbara, now the home of the Piracy Museum. This applies to both the exterior and interior walls, and to the drainage which requires a total overhaul. Standing on the top of Mount Guanapay overlooking Teguise, the fortress was strategically placed by Italian naval engineer Leonardo Torriani to overlook both coastlines and warn of impending pirate attacks.

Mayor Oswaldo Betancort referred to the refurbishment as being of major importance as it is one of the most historic buildings in the whole of the Canary Islands and a close to 1 million euro budget has been allocated by Central Government for the project.

As explained in the multi-lingual panels of the museum, the history of pirate attacks on Teguise commenced with two major raids by the Portuguese, one by Henry the Navigator in 1450 followed by a second by a French buccaneer known as "The Cleric" who plundered the town. In 1569, Moorish corsair Calafat commanding 600 men on ten galleys disembarked at Arrecife and ransacked the island over the period of a month and sailed off with 200 captives.

Francis Drake, Walter Raleigh and William Harper were among well known English buccaneers who raided the Canaries. In 1567, English privateer John Hawkins turned up in the Canaries on his way to capturing slaves in Africa destined for America. Unlike most of his ilk, he was a real character and well liked by the local Canary Islanders with whom he traded.



Mayor Betancort said, 'As a Reserve of the Biosphere, it is obligatory for Teguise and the whole of Lanzarote to continue our investment in solar energy. The advantages are many-fold, it is environmentally friendly and cost effective as the source is unlimited requires very little maintenance. Solar power is pollution free, causes no greenhouse gases and reduces our dependence on fossil free gases by producing clean power.

Teguise collaborates with the local El Cribo Association devoted to raising the standard of life for the mentally challenged by offering temporary work assignments conserving the environment at La Caleta village and Famara beach. The World Health Organization (WHO) defines mental health as "a state of well-being in which the individual realizes his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community."



# Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from Haría

## WMRA World Final Championship 2020 Confirmed for Haría €400,000 Refurbishment of Arrieta Promenade Underway



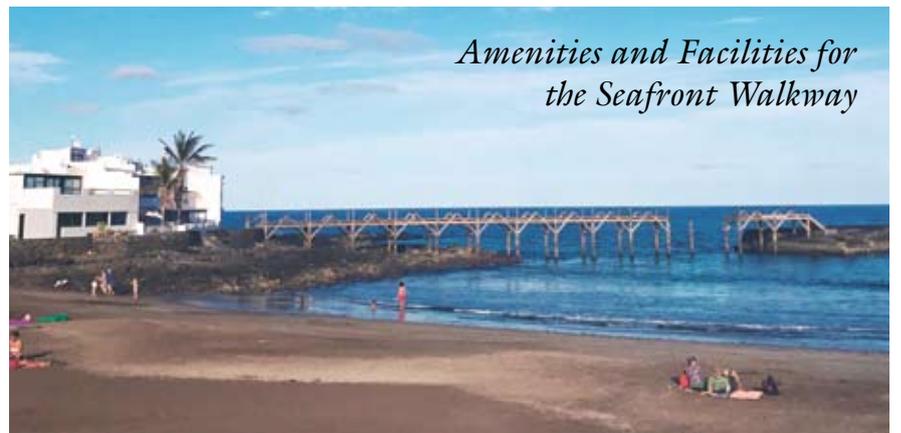
*Haría Mayor Alfredo Villalba*

Tourism and Industry Councillor Yaiza Castilla announced that the renovation of the Arrieta Promenade has begun. The intention is to improve facilities for holidaymakers by creating landscaped shaded areas on the sands and install an access ramp for people with reduced mobility as well as connect the walkway with a solarium.

Arrieta seafront is a naturally beautiful location enjoyed by walkers, both holidaymakers and locals, who appreciate the rolling waves and bracing fresh sea air as well as unique views of the volcanic countryside in the background as they stroll along the path. Maybe with the improvements in place Haría Town Hall could apply for the Blue Flag of the EU denoting water quality, safety, environmental education and information.



*Jonathan Wyatt, President of the World Mountain Running Association, WMRA, visited Haría to assess the terrain as a venue for the next international race*



*Amenities and Facilities for the Seafront Walkway*



*Haría Mayor Alfredo Villalba and his staff are seen during a meeting with the Canarian Education Vice Councillor Lanzarote-born Maria Dolores Rodriguez, to discuss general aspects of planning for the new high school as well as with the technical team involved with the building of the facility*

# Lanzarote News Roundup



*Jonathan Wyatt, President of the World Mountain Running Association, confirmed that the Haria Extreme Trial has been selected as the location of the most important international race of the WMRA during 2020 season. Haria Alfredo Villalba and staff are seen with the race organizers at the ceremony in Jameos del Agua*



*Haria Tourism Councillor Celestino Socas believes that the WRMA at Haria could attract many holidaymakers seeking a rural and eco-friendly environment for their vacation*



*Haria Town Council unanimously approved to support the United Nations objectives for the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030*



*The Mayor and his Councillors with Artisan of the Year Manuel Perdomo*



## Líneas Romero

Over 100 people from both Lanzarote and the La Graciosa cleared away rubbish from the beaches of the 8th Canary Isle on World Cleanup Day. The volunteers sailed from Orzola Lanzarote at 8 am on Líneas Romero and by lunchtime they had collected 100 sacks of debris divided into plastic, glass, metal and cigarette butts. The initiative by Lanzarote Limpia, founded by Tobias Heeb and Steff Cerf was supported by Líneas Romero who invited all the volunteers to a lunch following the cleanup.



# PhotoNews Lanzarote

## Interior Design, “Pamper Yourself!”

“Interiorista” Maria Eugenia explains the role of the Interior Designer and how it differs from that of the decorator or architect. We interior designers specialize in offering solutions to suit the lifestyle of our clients in their homes, businesses, recreational areas, open spaces, restaurants, public premises, plus many more.

But what do we actually do? Interior designers ensure that the places in which you spend most of the day are comfortable, attractive and functional. Whether refurbishing an old home or building a new one, we examine the premises with a view of redistribution of space in line with the client’s necessities.

Interior designers are budget-conscious and aim to improve efficiency in natural or artificial lighting, and to enlarge smaller areas. Many refurbishments take place in buildings belonging to a bygone area whose space requirements must be adapted to present day demands. When it comes to major projects we consult with architects on the necessary security aspects.



As our surroundings greatly affect our moods and well being we should invest in making them as comfortable as possible.

An interior designer can also save you time and money. Some people think it’s cheaper to do renovations themselves but in our experience it costs much more in the long run. It is not easy to decide how to remodel large parts of your home, design a project, choose materials or hire a work crew. A small investment can be far more beneficial in terms of time, peace of mind and an optimum final result.



## The New Audi Q3 Sportback Now Available on Lanzarote

The new 2020 Audi Q3 Sportback, a coupe-like version of the Q3, gives the crossover a new look without the need for a new platform. New creases in the sheet metal paired with the lower and sloped roof give the new crossover a sportier appearance. For sure, the Q3 Sportback is built on an excellent chassis offering taut body control with very little roll, even when you really start to lean on it. And this while riding on 19-inch alloy wheels, and offering good bump compliance on the rare occasion you come across some uneven road

The operating and display concept proves how Audi is pushing ahead with digitalization. Even the basic instrument cluster with a 25 cm (10.25-inch) screen diagonal, which the driver operates using the multifunctional steering wheel. In the top-of-the-line system, MMI navigation plus, the displays appear in the Audi virtual cockpit, which offers many additional functions. A touch display measuring 25.6 cm (10.1 inches) is positioned in the centre of the instrument panel. When a function is selected, it emits an acoustic feedback.

This new Audi gives up absolutely zero interior volume to its larger model. Moreover, the cargo space in the boot (530L) is the same when the second-row seats are in place, and only loses some room when the seats are folded flat, but it’s nothing to panic about. It feels more spacious than it probably looks, and that’s no illusion because rear-seat leg space is pretty good.



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## Santos Kitchen Designs Adapted for New Lifestyles Showroom Opens in Arrecife - Under the Management of Woodstore

Newly opened in C/ Manolo Millares, 39, Arrecife, Santos Kitchens have been a family business for over sixty years, Santos have vast experience in developing and manufacturing kitchen cabinets of the utmost quality, which are hard wearing, ergonomic and functional. Their carefully designed interiors and exteriors satisfy users' needs with regard to work and offering the greatest versatility in the least amount of space.

The kitchen has now become a space to entertain and interact in, meaning that the line separating what goes on in the kitchen and the experience of relaxing at home is no more, resulting in open spaces that feel so much bigger.

The Santos kitchen adapts—in those moments when it is not in use, to aesthetic functions inherent to the living room, the study, etc. The innovative solutions to conceal or reveal its interiors help to change the kitchen's appearance as called for by the occasion.

The opening took place in mid November and attracted many visitors interested in seeing this novel approach to what is now, the old fashioned kitchen. Under the management of Woodstore Maderas & Cocinas, who are themselves expert kitchen makers, this new addition to the capital's shopping opportunities is highly exciting for its new approach to the traditional kitchen.



*The Quevedo family, founder Jeronimo, his sons, Yeriel and Jeronimo (junior) with Alejandro Rijo*



Showroom open Mon - Fri 8.00 - 20.00 hrs Sat 8 - 13.00 hrs

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Roper's Grocery has donated 1,818.65 euros to the Children with Cancer charitable organization which was collected through the sale of reusable and biodegradable plastic bags. The company now use bags composed of 70% recycled plastic and is committed to eliminating single-use bags as established by the norm. During the course of their agreement with Children with Cancer, Roper has raised a total of 6,400 euros through their dedicated sustainability activities as part of the world-wide public awareness campaign.



*The Roper donation to charity event was broadcast on local TV*



*A selection of tasty Spanish Christmas delicacies not available in other shops on the island*



Indelasa now stock the Colorker Porcelain and Ceramic Stoneware Collection. This company was founded in 1987 by a group of ceramic industry entrepreneurs committed to the environment with products that contribute to reducing energy consumption whilst staying at the forefront of creativity and technology. Other brands include: New Discovery outdoor non-slip tiles, Kainos and Linnear, indoors and Colonial for bathrooms. Their products have been awarded the highest European environmental certificates.



*Our old friend Imelda Coombes, who has written the crosswords for Lancelot for over 30 years has retired to England but has kindly prepared several puzzles for future editions. Thanks Imelda*



**Save Money on Fuel**  
Pcan Garage at Tias offers fuel and petrol loyalty vouchers of **50 euros** for five of their customers at each of the draws which take place on the 15th of every month. The Christmas draw takes place on 22 December with the winner taking home **200 euros**. Come by for more information.

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*Our very best wishes and thanks to our friends and colleagues at Lancelot Medios, Monthly Newspaper, TV, Digital and Radio headed by General Manager Javier Betancort and TV Director Jorge Coll, for yet another wonderful year of excellent support for the English edition of Lancelot. And special thanks to Betty Romero. Abrazos y Felices Fiestas*



In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of Mararia Larry Yaskiel was invited to talk on the subject of Olivia Stone, the woman who pioneered British tourism to the Canary Islands through her book published in London in 1887 at Casa de la Cultura Agustin de la Hoz.

Larry with Mararia President Nieves Rosa Hernández and with Canarian Government Education Vice Councillor María Dolores Rodríguez and Lanzarote Member of Parliament in Madrid Ariagona González.



## Concejo Regulador Organizes 5th Annual Semana Malvasia

President Victor Diaz expressed his thanks to all participants and was delighted that the 5th annual Semana Malvasia coincided with the 25th anniversary of the Denomination of Origin of Lanzarote Wine. During the week many hundreds participants enjoyed Lanzarote Wines and Food “eno- andgastronomia” at the Castillo de San José as well as several bodegas.

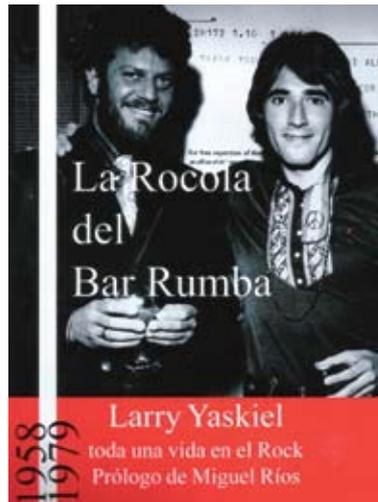
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## Obituary - Dr Alfonso Chiscano

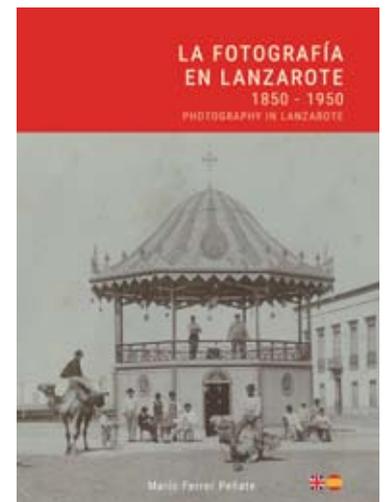
We regret to report the passing of Dr Alfonso Chiscano, who was the heart and main driving force of the close relationship between the Canary Islands Descendents of San Antonio and their native isles, over the past four decades. Born in Tenerife, Dr Chiscano studied medicine in Madrid and emigrated to San Antonio Texas where he became a prominent cardiothoracic surgeon operating on and saving more than 6,000 lives. Fortunately, just before he passed away, he was able to witness the installation of the Founders Sculpture, a project close to his heart, he had worked on incessantly for the last years of his life. Among Dr Chiscano's numerous awards, the Honour of Queen Isabel the Catholic, bestowed by King Juan Carlos, and the Gold Medal of the Canarian Government.

Dr Chiscano left behind his best friend and loving wife Mary Alice, their four children and eight grandchildren. He had many friends on Lanzarote and bequeathed his personal collection of Lancelot magazines to the Aula Canaria at the University of Texas. The Mayor of Teguiuse Oswaldo Betancort is naming a street for him.



## 1958 - 1979 toda una vida en el Rock

Prólogo Miguel Ríos "Tenia veiteseis años y llevaba unos ocho grabando versiones en español de los mismos éxitos americanos que Larry escuchaba en el Rocola Bar Rumba....." Miguel Ríos  
**Presentation** El Almacén  
 12 December 19.00 hrs. Spanish-Language music biography



## La Fotografía en Lanzarote 1850-1950

by Historian and Author Mario Ferrer - First 100 years of photography on the Island.  
**Presentation:** 6 Dec 18.00 hrs, Casa Cerdeña; 13 Dec 20.00 hrs: Sociedad Democracia; 26 December 20.00 hrs Club Náutico.

*Newly appointed British Vice Consul Las Palmas Jackie Stevenson with Guillermo Femenías, General Manager of Costa Calero Hotel*



*A favourite among Brits, Pizzeria Capri on the beach avenue is under new management with the same friendly staff plus some tasty additions to the menu*

## Hospiten Best Spanish Hospital Award

Hospiten Lanzarote, and four other branches in Spain, has been awarded the BSH Prize of Best Spanish Hospital from among the 80 medical centres hospitals which were candidates for this outstanding prize. Managing Director Juan José Hernández reacted to the news by saying: "It is a great stimulus for the Hospiten Group

of medical establishments that our services and efforts to better the health of the population have been recognized in this manner." Hospiten have 50 years of experience in the field of private hospital treatment in Spain and Central America where 1,700,000 patients are treated annually by the 5,000 qualified.



## EMERGENCY CALLS

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Atuntamiento 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 1.40 euro, USA 1,50 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.



*Puerto del Carmen Church*

## Markets

Arrecife Markets  
Charco de San Ginés  
Wed and Thur 9-2

Recova Town Market  
Mon to Sat 9-2

Historic Old Town  
Saturday 9-2

Puerto Calero  
Friday 9-2

Puerto del Carmen  
Plaza del Varadero  
Friday 10-3

Playa Blanca  
Marina Rubicón  
Wed & Sat to 10-2

Teguiise Market  
Sundays and  
Public Holidays 9-2

Costa Teguiise  
Pueblo Marinero  
Thursday mornings 9-2

Tinajo, Mancha Blanca  
Sunday 9-2

Haría Artesanal Market  
Saturday 10-14:30

## CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES



### British Honorary Consul Lanzarote

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Norway	928 495035/6

### British Consulate

Jackie Stevenson 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](http://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.

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### Catholic Church

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

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### 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.

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### Inter-denominational Sunday Worship at Costa Teguiise

Services are held in English at the Hotel Beatriz Costa & Spa every Sunday morning at 11:00am. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.

For more information please contact Stuart 630 175 810 or via our website [www.sundayworshiplanzarote.com](http://www.sundayworshiplanzarote.com)

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### 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

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

# BRIDGE No 137

By Maria Brandt

A contract goes down that could have been made.

Dealer: East All vulnerable

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

♠ J 6  
♥ 10 3  
♦ A 9 7 6  
♣ J 10 7 6 4

N  
W E  
S

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

♠ A Q 10 9 5 2  
♥ K 9 2  
♦ Q 8 4  
♣ 3

Bidding

E	S	W	N
1 H	1 S	pass	3 S
pass	4 S	pass	pass
pass			



South pushed to four Spades knowing that most of the high card strength, presumably including the Ace of Hearts, was on his right.

The ten of Hearts was led and East took the Ace and returned the Queen. South won with the King, drew Trumps and eventually pinned his hopes on a finesse of the Diamond ten. He failed and therefore went one down.

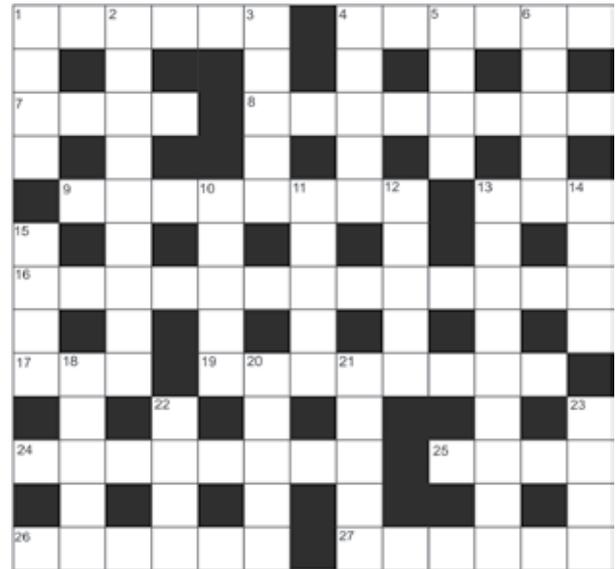
At the third trick he should have led his three of Clubs and played low in dummy. This would leave him with enough entries in dummy (King of Spades, a Heart ruff, King of Diamonds or Spade 8) to ruff Clubs twice and establish the Queen for a Diamond discard.

The extra chance is far from negligible since East is marked with honour strength for his opening bid.

**SOLUTION TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD NO. 76. ACROSS:** 1 Flambeau, 5 Liffey, 10 Ovine, 11 Altissimo, 12 Exanthema, 13 Nurse, 14 Chimney, 16 Dieppe, 19 Antrim, 21 Everest, 23 Ditch, 25 Grenadine, 27 Enclosure, 28 Reins, 29 Settee, 30 Stollens. **DOWN :** 1 Florence, 2 Animation, 3 Brent, 4 Academy, 6 Insincere, 7 Friar, 8 Yeomen, 9 Strand, 15 North Pole, 17 Precipice, 18 Atheists, 20 Magnum, 21 Element, 22 Adders, 24 Tacit, 26 April.

# SIMPLE CROSSWORD No 137

By Imelda Coombes



ACROSS

- 1 Abduct. (6)
- 4 An eccentric person. (6)
- 7 A speech defect. (4)
- 8 A heating device. (8)
- 9 Hides. (8)
- 13 Barrel. (3)
- 16 Equipment. (13)
- 17 Bind. (3)
- 19 A piece of music. (8)
- 24 Issues. (8)
- 25 A portico. (4)
- 26 Scottish word for children. (6)
- 27 The largest state of the US. (6)

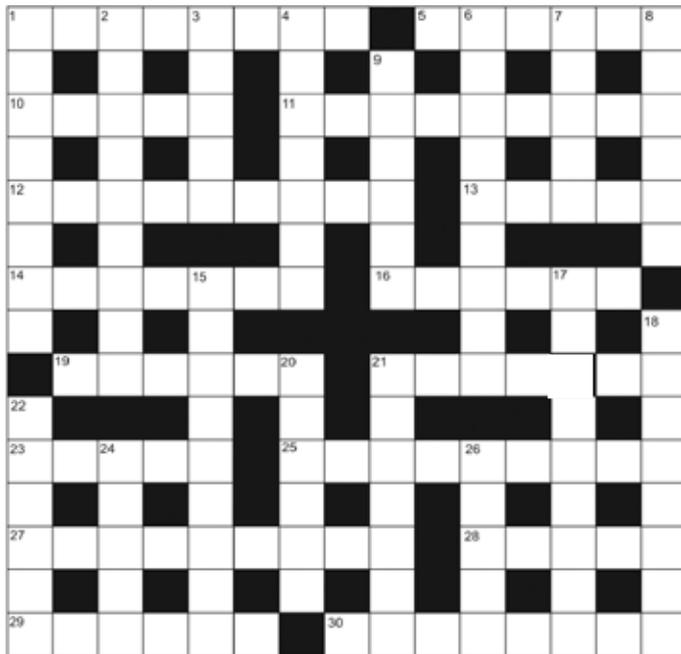
DOWN

- 1 A variety of cabbage. (4)
- 2 Conversation. (9)
- 3 Money bag. (5)
- 4 An award. (5)
- 5 Expensive. (4)
- 6 Scent. (5)
- 10 Prank. (5)
- 11 Stadium. (5)
- 12 Submerges. (5)
- 13 Verifies. (9)
- 14 A hard durable wood. (4)
- 15 A petty quarrel. (4)
- 18 A country in S. Asia. (5)
- 20 Rings. (5)
- 21 Lasagne for example. (5)
- 22 Agitate. (4)
- 23 A Spanish sparkling wine. (4)

**SOLUTION TO SIMPLE CROSSWORD NO. 136. ACROSS;** 1 Amazed, 4 Bucket, 7 Mist, 8 Emigrate, 9 Assassin, 13 Pro, 16 Neighbourhood, 17 Sag, 19 Serpent, 24 Garrison, 25 Bare, 26 Reveal, 27 Absent. **DOWN;** 1 Arms, 2 Assessing, 3 Dress, 4 Blini, 5 Care, 6 Enter, 10 Aches, 11 Scour, 12 Nurse, 13 Prostrate, 14 Odds, 15 Onus, 18 Adage, 20 Easel, 21 Panda, 22 Brie, 23 Lent.

# GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD No 77

By Imelda Coombes



## ACROSS

- 1 The seat of government of the Netherlands. (3,5)
- 5 Pathological inability to make decisions. (6)
- 10 Natural ability or talent. (5)
- 11 A branch of the British Forces. (5,4)
- 12 Any of a group of synthetic textile dyes. (9)
- 13 A state of the Northwestern US. (5)
- 14 To believe or assume without foundation. (7)
- 16 To chatter or gossip. (6)
- 19 A group of seven singers. (6)
- 21 The manner of enunciating words. (7)
- 23 An older person, one's senior. (5)
- 25 Causing hatred or disgust. (9)
- 27 A mazelike network of tunnels. (9)
- 28 A short witty attack. (5)
- 29 To write in notation. (6)
- 30 Touched or stroked gently. (8)

## DOWN

- 1 The upper part of the transom of a sailing vessel. (8)
- 2 Develop or present in further detail. (9)
- 3 The main artery of the body. (5)
- 4 A republic in SE Europe. (7)
- 6 Relating to projectiles or their flight. (9)
- 7 A domesticated pack animal of the camel family. (5)
- 8 Sri Lanka's previous name. (6)
- 9 A winged two-legged dragon with a barbed tail. (6)
- 15 To clarify or explain the meaning of. (9)
- 17 Short postscripts to literary works. (9)
- 18 To submit a lower offer than other dealers. (8)
- 20 Natural aptitude or skill. (6)
- 21 Monetary unit of Greece before the Euro. (7)
- 22 The capital of Germany. (6)
- 24 The first public appearance of an actor. (5)
- 26 Excessive speed or urgency of action. (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/ Fajardo n° 24 - 1°B. C.P: 35500 Arrecife (Lanzarote). Tlf. 928 804 834. 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 Teguisse 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

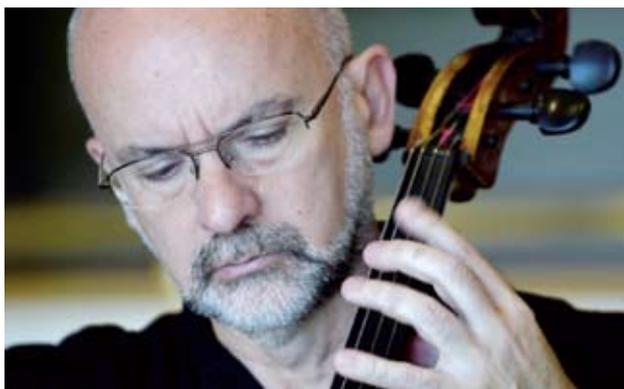
(Emulation) in the Spanish Constitution (recognised by U.G.L.) will welcome visitors October-April. Information: Tel: 928 83 34 90



## 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

# Concerts – Art Exhibitions – Theatre – Music and Dance



## The Orquesta Clásica de Lanzarote

The Orquesta Clásica de Lanzarote performed an Anthology of the Zarzuela at the annual dinner of the Club Náutico. Comprised of a string quartet whose works were arranged by Juan Manuel Diaz; soloist soprano Judith Pezoa and tenor Aridane Betancort. They were joined by nine actors and the Club Nautico Choir conducted by Beni Ferrer. The libretto of Boda de Paloma was written by Roberto Fuentes, founder of the orchestra.

Further dates: 20 December Casa Saramago, Arrecife, as part of the celebrations for the centenary of the birth of César Manrique, “Trio de Ases.” Three famous classical musicians, pianist, Josu Okiñena, violinist David Ballesteros and cellist Angel Luis Quintana perform an unconventional concert followed by an interchange of music and opinions about music, artists, composers and life.



The exhibition entitled “El dedo índice” or The Index finger, which remains open until 11 January. Cabildo exhibition coordinator Pepe Betancort, said that Lisbon, Oporto, Berlin, Prague, Granada, Paris and London are featured in the photographs taken Pepe Vera during his travels in which he captures images which the naked eye can easily overlook and which are now registered for ever.



*The Culture Councillors of the Cabildo and Arrecife with José ‘Pepe’ Betancort is a highly talented artist specializing in original and incisive creations from works of nature*

## Pepe Betancort *Anthropology of a Murder*

Exhibition Commissioner Pepe Betancort presented this adventurous display based on the public’s fascination with locations where celebrated crimes took place and weighing up the reasons behind it.

Art historian and independent curator Amelia de la Mesa describes the exhibition as follows: Anthropology of a murder is an artistic project around the idea of how certain places, images or objects have the power to arouse in us a strange restlessness or an anguished uneasiness for having witnessed or formed part of the scenario of a crime, or even a murder. Before the landscapes before the photographs or before the collages it is inevitable to think about the iconography of the audiovisual culture linked to the classic horror movies the imagery of the black novel or the perverse literary geography of children’s stories where the protagonists are persecuted captured or killed in the dark depths of leafy forests in this exhibition you don’t want to tell the story of a crime.

This time we are not before a writer, but before a plastic artist. There is a firm purpose to try visually from the field of figurative representation to configure a referential and landscape universe endowed with a suffocating dark and disturbing atmosphere, where trees play an important role, converted into a metaphor for an enigmatic murder.

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