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#### Wednesday

"Historical Teguise" A guided tour through time gone by, visiting the historical old town of Teguise walking through its traditional streets and picturesque alleyways with its marvellous architecture gives you are real flavour of the island and its people.

#### Sunday

#### "Teguise and its surroundings"

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# Tourism from the UK Continues to Rise

Welcome to Lanzarote and welcome to *Lancelot*, the oldest English-language tourist magazine in Spain. In the thirty four years we are on the market, the UK has been the source of more tourism to Lanzarote than any other country. And the most remarkable statistic to emerge from the World Travel Market 2018 in London was - despite the fear that the Brexit issue might cause British tourists to change their holiday destinations - tourism from the UK to the island continued to rise yet again last year. Not only that, but the major tour operators and airlines predict that the popularity of the Island among Brits will continue to increase yearly until at least the year 2025!

The connection between the two island groups began in the 19th century when Anglo-Canarian pioneers built up a thriving export market to supply fresh Canary Islands fruit and vegetables to Britain during the winter. Eventually their cargo boats began carrying passengers and in 1903 they offered two week cruises to the Canaries for only 15 guineas! That is how it all began. Because of the large volume of imports, a quay at London Docks was named Canary Wharf in 1936 at the request of Fred. Olsen Shipping.

If you enjoyed your stay on the island and are thinking of purchasing a holiday home on Lanzarote, remember we are only a few hours by plane and the sunny weather on the Island lasts for 12 months a year. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Our next edition is out on 1 March 2019.

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#### Malvasia Wine

#### Dear Sir,

We have just returned from our first holiday on Lanzarote and brought back some wine as gifts for friends one of whom asked us the meaning of the word Malvasia seen on the label.

John Havestum Hausmannsgate 7, 0186 Oslo, Norway

GUINEVERE Malvasia is the name of a grape brought to Lanzarote and other Canary Islands by the Romans. It originated on the Greek island of Monembasia which translates as Malvasia in Spanish and Malmsey in English. Shakespeare writes about Malmsey in many of his works most notably in Love's Labour's Lost and Henry IV but the most famous reference to Malmsey in all literature can be found in Richard III, when Richard orders the execution of his brother, the Duke of Clarence. Richard's two hired assassins decided to drown Clarence in a large butt (cask) of the brew. When they arrive at the Tower of London to carry out the task, the unsuspecting Clarence asks for a cup of wine. The "Second Murderer" offers this ghastly retort: "You shall soon have wine enough, my lord."

#### Drago Tree Dear Sir,

My wife and I are fascinated by the regal-looking drago tree which we first saw many years ago at the Monumento Al Campesino. We understand that it has an interesting history and its sap was used as a healing remedy at one time. Can you tell us anything more about it? Helga and Manfred Schmidt Los Molinos Costa Teguise

GUINEVERE Dracaena draco, the Canary Islands dragon tree, or drago, is a subtropical species native to the Canary Islands, Cape Verde and Madeira.When the bark or leaves are cut they secrete a reddish resin, one of the sources of the substance known as dragon's blood was used to stain wood, such as the Stradivarius violin. The Guanche ancient inhabitants of the Canaries worshipped a specimen in Tenerife and hollowed its trunk into a small sanctuary.

The unique characteristic of the drago is its slow growth. It increases in height in the same way as a palm does, by putting out new leaves in the heart of its tufted crown and dropping an equal amount of old ones. When a dragon tree once branches, it never grows higher but continues to spread in width. The



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branching takes place only after it blossoms and it generally does not flower for fifteen or even thirty years or even longer.

Part of the mythology of these islands, the famous drago tree at Icod on Tenerife is estimated to be over 1,000 years old. The hollow trunk was large enough for a good-sized room or cave-dwelling. When the original Guanche inhabitants of Tenerife called an assembly to appoint a new chief, the meeting took place in the famous drago tree at Orotava. According to German scientist and explorer Alexander von Humboldt, at the beginning of the 19th century it measured 21 metres in height with a circumference of 14 metres and estimated to be 6,000 vears old.

According to Canarian historian Viera y Clavijo, the sap of the drago was used for dyes and varnishes and was in great demand in Europe as a cure for dysentery, haemorrhage, and diarrhia and was placed on ulcers and open wounds to dry them out. Known as dragon's blood, the resin only used to ooze from the bark in the heat of midsummer.

There used to be a custom in the Canary Islands to take any child suffering from a hernia to a drago at dawn on the feast day of San Juan. Before sunrise, an incision was made in his foot which was immediately followed by a cut by the same knife in the bark of the tree. If as a result of this, sap flowed from the bark, it was taken as a sign that that the hernia would heal. Medical experts are researching the use of the drago as a cure for leukaemia.

#### Spanish Civil War Dear Sir,

I read a report in a newspaper that at the start of the Spanish Civil War General Franco flew to Morocco from the Canary Islands in a plane which had come from Croydon Airport, England, flown by a British pilot. What was Britain's role in what proved to be the outset of the conflict and how was it connected to the Canary Islands?

Stella Abercombie 24, Commercial Road, Portsmouth PO11 HG

**GUINEVERE** Originally, historians believe that in 1936, when General Franco was stationed as head of the military in the Canary Islands, his supporters hired a plane to fly from Crovdon (London) to Las Palmas and then on to Morocco. On board the aircraft was another man and two girls, to give the appearance of two couples en-route for a holiday weekend in North Africa. However, in recent years other reports have thrown light on what could point to the covert involvement of the British Government. The following is an extract from the BBC History Magazine by Michael Alpert, Emeritus Professor of Spanish History at the University of Westminster.





One summer morning in 1936 a plane took off from Croydon airport, piloted by Captain Cecil Bebb, with a friend, Major Hugh Pollard as navigator. A flight log showed that it was bound for the Canary Islands. Two young platinum blondes were on board to make it look like a pleasure trip. Special Branch, who are responsible for national security in the UK, monitored all international flights at Croydon. They may have known that this was no joy ride. Major Pollard was an experienced MI6 officer, Spanish-speaking and with firearms expertise. He had worked under journalistic cover in Ireland, Mexico and Morocco. His superiors in the intelligence services probably had a fair idea of his object in flying to the Canary Islands.

The commander of the Spanish garrison there was one General Francisco Franco, whom the Spanish Government had sent there some months before to keep him out of the way as he had a reputation for his hostility to the Republic. Had a Spanish plane landed in the Canaries the authorities might have been alerted, but the British flight did not arouse suspicion

The plane flew Franco and right wing conspirator Emilio Mola to Tetuan in Spanish Morocco. On July 18 1936, some Spanish generals announced a coup against the elected Socialist government and Franco arrived in Morocco the following day to raise support from Spain's African army. The generals had thought that their coup would give them power within a couple of days, but the Spanish people resisted, and so the Civil War began.

Franco's flight had been planned over lunch at Simpsons restaurant in the Strand where Douglas Jerrold, editor of the right-wing Catholic English Review met Londonbased Spanish journalist Luis Bolin who was later Franco's propaganda and censorship chief. They decided to charter a De Havilland Dragon Rapide aircraft and a pilot, Captain Cecil Bebb from Olley Air Services at Croydon. Jerrold brought Major Pollard into the plot and arranged for him to travel on the plane as navigator, along with Pollard's daughter Diana, and another young woman, Dorothy Watson, as cover.

#### Tidal Wave Canary Islands Dear Sir,

Neighbours have told us that they had heard that scientists were talking about a possible catastrophe in the Canary Islands at some time in the future which could be triggered off by a large section of an active volcano on the island of La Palma falling into the sea after erupting. This would create a gigantic tidal wave which would cross the ocean and devastate the eastern seaboard of the United States from New York to Miami as well as the islands of the Carribean.

Are you aware of this and has there been any response by the authorities in the Canary Islands.

Teresa Mappins 14 Maple Crescent Swansea SA4 1EE England

**GUINEVERE** In a nutshell the answer is no. This red herring erupts every few years based on a highly misleading programme on BBC 2s Horizon series several years ago. The former head of the Casa de las Volcanes Seismology Centre, Joaquin Naverran explained the background to this unfounded rumour.

The "supposed" catastrophe scenario is based on the following three highly unlikely set of circumstances: 1. A possible eruption of the Cumbre Viejo volcano on La Palma which would result in most of the mountain to fall into the sea in one gigantic piece due to rainwater, absorbed by the volcano over the past millennium, putting pressure on tall columns of rock in the interior causing them to collapse. 2. In addition, there is a fault line running across the volcano. 3. This "supposed" monumental avalanche hitting the sea in one piece would create a giant tsunami wave fifty miles long and 2,000 feet high to





travel across the Atlantic at almost the speed of sound.

His response: 1. La Palma is the oldest of the Canary Islands and reckoned to be between two and four million years old. During numerous eruptions over this period only very small pieces of rock have been ejected into the sea. What new set of circumstances have taken place to suppose that suddenly an entire section will be thrust out. Rainwater has been a common feature in volcanoes for millions of years which should it suddenly cause the Cubre Vieja on La Palma to collapse? 2. The fault line was discovered in 1949 and has been monitored ever since. No changes have ever been registered to warrant alarm. 3. This has been confirmed by Spain's Superior Scientific Council in Madrid monitor volcanic activity in real time throughout the Canary Islands. They have observed no changes in the volcano's behaviour

pattern and say that catastrophe theories are highly speculative and not based on fact.

It is worth adding that the Royal Greenwich Observatory, responsible for the time zones of the five continents, is the best known in the world. They operate the telescopes at Roque de los Muchachos on La Palma, the highest observatory in Europe. The site is home to some of the premier astronomical facilities in the Northern Hemisphere including the adapted optics corrected Swedish 1-m Solar Telescope which provides the highest resolution solar imaging of any telescope and the 10.4 m Gran Telescopio Canarias which is the world's largest singleaperture optical telescope.

Is it credible that the eminent team of international scientists who built this facility would have chosen a location in the proximity of a volcano capable of causing one of the largest natural catastrophes in history?

#### Los Isleños St Bernard Louisiana Dear Sir,

Thank you for, once more, presenting our efforts in Louisiana to preserve and promote the heritage and cultural legacies of colonists from the Canaries and their "Isleno" descendants in Louisiana! No one has been more consistently supportive of our efforts in the Canaries than Lancelot. The layout of the articles about St. Bernard and quality of the publication as a whole remains nothing short of first rate. A special thank you to the Overseas Activities Department of the Canarian Government for helping with the shipment of the complimentary copies.

On another front, the Agrupacion Folclorico Timbayba from Lanzarote will travel to St. Bernard to perform during Fiesta 2019, March 9-10, 2019. We are eager to receive this very first folkloric group



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from Lanzarote. We were pleased beyond measure to have Hautacuperche from La Gomera perform for us in 2017 and Los Majuelos from Tenerife perform during Fiesta 2018.

William Marigny Hyland Historian Los Isleños St. Bernard, Louisiana. USA

GUINEVERE New readers may not be aware that 50 years after Canary Islanders emigrated to found San Antonio Texas in 1730 a second wave of immigrants arrived in Louisiana and settled in St. Bernard, some 15 miles from New Orleans. Nowadays some 40,000 people living in the area can trace their ancestry back to the original settlers. Many of them rose to prominence in politics, the law, public administration, commerce and other fields both in their native state and nationally.

In the early 1900s, Albert Estiponal was Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana and in the 1980s, Congressman Billy Tauzin was the Chairman of the Communications Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

#### San Antonio Texas Dear Sir,



Dear Sir,

Thank you for your excellent coverage of the work of the Descendents and kindly express our thanks to the officials of both the Cabildo Tourism Lanzarote and of the Canarian Government Overseas Activities for the despatch of the magazines.

Very best wishes Mari Tamez - President Canarian Descendents San Antonio, Texas

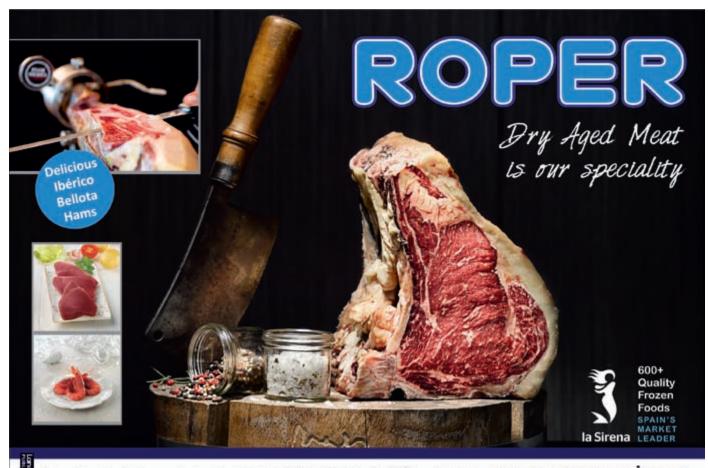
#### Hospital "Triaje" Dear Sir,

I was recently attended by the emergency department at Lanza-

rote hospital but mystified by the word "triaje" on the wall of the waiting area. What does it mean?

Raymond Edge C/ Costa Rica s/n Puerto del Carmen

GUINEVERE The word "Triaje" is of French origin and refers to the emergency medical staff evaluating the gravity of a patient's illness and whether it requires hospitalisation or he/she could be treated as an outpatient. Apparently the word dates back to the time of the French Revolution when field doctors gave wounded soldiers wristbands of differing colours indicating how serious their wounds were. Chambers dictionary gives the word Triage as the English equivalent with a slightly more ominous meaning: 'the selection for treatment of those casualties most likely to survive'. Thanks to Dr José Afonso and Jone for the information.



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## Brexit - Tourism and Aviation in the Canary Islands

#### Tim Hemmings, Deputy Head of Mission, British Embassy, Madrid



I have been asked to talk to you today about Brexit and what it means for aviation and tourism in the Canary Islands. The UK and Spain are important trading partners, with over €60 billion in goods and services traded between our countries every year. We share deep trade, investment and peopleto-people links. And these are links that we want to preserve and build on in the future.

#### Tourism

In 2017, 5.3 million British tourists - a third of all foreign tourists - holidayed here, more than any other nationality. The Canary Islands is also the most popular destination in Spain for British people, with over a quarter of all British tourists spending their holidays in these Islands. In fact, spending by British tourists here amounts to around  $\in 5.5$  billion- 10% of the Canary Islands GDP.

And that's no surprise. British tourists love the Canaries: Tenerife was recently voted as the favourite beach destination in the world by British tourists.

And for Spain as a whole, the UK was also the top source of tourists, with 19 million British tourist visits. British tourists contributed €17bn, 20% of the total contribution of foreign tourists.

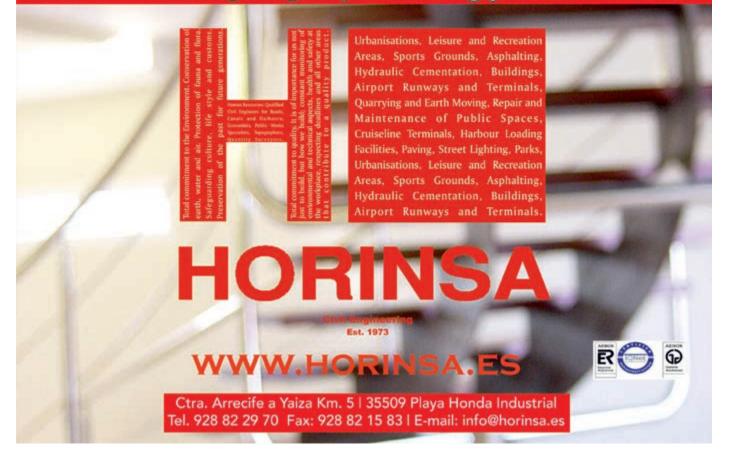
So I guess the question many of you are asking is: "How will Brexit affect the number of tourist arrivals to these beautiful islands?" And the answer to that is... "it depends." While the natural allure of the Canaries - the people, the food, the national parks - and, of course, the beautiful beaches - will continue to draw millions of British tourists, just how many, will ultimately depend on what our future relationship looks like.

The UK Government outlined our vision for a balanced agreement with the EU by releasing a White Paper last year which affirms the UK belief that this new relationship needs to be broader in scope than any other that exists between the EU and a third country. It should reflect the UK's and the EU's deep history, close ties, and unique starting point. One of the most positive things about the EU has been how it has brought people closer together.

#### Aviation

The UK and the Canaries are both archipelagos and we unders-

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tand just how important open skies are for our economies and for our ability to keep in regular contact with our family and friends. In 2017, 164 million passengers travelled between the UK and other EU Member States by air. Over 5.5 million passengers boarded a plane from the UK to the Canaries last year. It is in the UK's and the EU's interests to protect the connectivity, choice and value for money that UK and EU citizens enjoy today.

Our White Paper states that the UK will explore options for maintaining reciprocal liberalised access through an Air Transport Agreement. This would permit UK and EU carriers to operate air services to, from and within the territory of both the UK and the EU on an equal basis. This could be supported through an approach to ownership and control that avoids introducing additional barriers to businesses. There is precedent for this within the EU-Canada Air



Tim Hemmings, Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández and Councillor Olivier Roper with British Consul Canaries Charmaine Arbouin, Vice Consul Las Palmas Esther Martín and Lanzarote Honorary Consul Sue Thain, following a talk to the local British community during his last visit to Lanzarote

Services Agreement, which provides for the possibility of fully liberalised access subject to a sufficiently open bilateral approach to ownership and control. The above is an excerpt of a talk given in Tenerife by the Deputy Head of Mission British Embassy in Madrid, at the invitation of the Canarian Government.





## Asolan Focus on Digitalisation and Hospitality Trends



Asolan President Susana Pérez and Spel Managing Director Hector Fernández with CIDE Executives



President Susana Pérez stated that for the past three years the policy of ASOLAN is to ensure that the Lanzarote hotel sector operates in tandem with the latest digitalisation trends. With a new generation of travellers who want innovation and technology, many of our hotels and apartment complexes put technology first through digital transformation whilst embracing the latest trends in hospitality.

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

SPEL Managing Director Hector Fernandez stressed the essential role of digitalisation as the basis for the entire marketing programme of Tourism Lanzarote as well as the management of big data to ensure the holidaymaker is comprehensively informed about Lanzarote's attractions down to the finest detail.

CIDE is the most influential source of practical advice offered by ASOLAN to its members on the subject of innovation and technical advances for the tourist sector, a programme funded principally by the Canarian Government. Over 50 local businesses have directly benefited by learning about hospitality innovation and how to adapt to fast moving and continually increasing technological advances to be competitive in today's market. All information, whether large or small, leads to the improvement of efficiency, optimises and controls reservations and leads to tailoring services to the needs of each individual guest.

Prior to the opening, Asolan President Susana Pérez visited Hotel Lava Beach, the first 5\* Hotel in Puerto del Carmen. She is seen with Doña Elsa Beistegui, Director of Hibiscus Hotels, José Reyes, Group General Director; Nicole Winkler, Hotel Manager and Roberto Reyes Group Financial Director. Hibiscus Hotels have recently upgraded all their establishments in the resort

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# Changes in Inheritance and Donation Tax

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In the year 2014 Spain was sentenced by the European Court of Justice (Case C127/12) for not complying with its obligations resulting from article 63.1 of the Treaty of Functioning of the EU (TFEU) and article 40 of the Agreement of the European Economic Area (AEEA) Legislation applicable prior to this sentence established different fiscal treatment for inheritance or donation of assets in Spain between residents and non-residents. According to the judges, this "discrimination" was a clear restriction of the principle of "free circulation of capital" and therefore a breach of those two articles, which establish the prohibition of such restrictions. In accordance to this sentence the Spanish legislator modified certain parts of Law 29/1987 in 2014, in order to give equal treatment to EU and EEA non-residents, but leaving out all non-EU residents.

This situation brought a case to the Spanish Supreme Court, from a Canadian citizen who claimed against the Patrimony of the Spanish Administration, because of breach of European Legislation. In its sentence 242/2018 from February, 19th 2018, this court has put an end to this practice by saying that national legislation "discriminates" against non-EU residents and therefore is incompatible with EU rule.

It also declares that a direct relation exists between the economic damages caused to the claimant by applying a legal norm contrary to EU rules. This point is very important, because by doing so, the tribunal sets a necessary legal precondition, enabling claims against the Patrimony of the Spanish Administrations.

Every non-EU resident, who has paid inheritance or donation tax in the past under the now declared illegal legislation, can make a claim. It also establishes, that anyone can claim, who made prior objections against his/her inheritance or donation tax invoice, which have been rejected by the administration.

Claims can also be made even if the legal claiming period of four years has already lapsed.

Important!

Any claim against the Patrimony of the Administration has to be made within one year, in this case until 19.02.2019.

In cases, where the legal claim period of four years hasn't lapsed, it is possible to ask for the rebate of any monies paid in excess, plus the corresponding interest, by filing a normal claim at the corresponding tax administration.

In order not to jeopardize your possibilities, we recommend you use a professional fiscal adviser to file any of these claims.



# A Brief Guide to Property Purchase



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

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

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

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

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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.

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

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

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



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#### 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 turnoff, a road opposite leads to ASO-MADA. Drive through and turn left at the first T junction until reaching a main road. This is LA GERIA, the wine-growing region of Lanzarote where grapes are cultivated in a manner not used anywhere else in the world. The result is an unforgetteable 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 volanic grains which feed them moisture and protect them



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 regattas. 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.









#### 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 typícal 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, GREEN LAGOON,(and the 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 LAGO-ON. 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



Papagayo Beaches

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 sai-



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

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

#### Marina Rubicón

This habour at Playa Blanca combines the most modern and wellequipped 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 MON-TAÑAS DEL FUEGO, the FIRE MOUNTAINS, part of TIMAN-FAYA 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 RESTAU-RANT 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.

#### **Timanfaya Information**

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

#### Mancha Blanca

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

#### El Monumento

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

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

#### Wine Region

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



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

#### San Bartolomé

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

#### **Tanit Ethnic Museum**

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

#### Cesar Manrique Foundation

On the outskirts of town cross straight over the main Monument-Arrecife road until passing some ruins on a plateau to the left. Continuing downhill round a sweeping curve for a few hundred metres the imposing white gateway of the FUNDACION CE-SAR 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-



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 Teguise

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

#### Piracy Museum Santa Bárbara Castle

Standing on Mount Guanapay overlooking Teguise 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 series of devastating raids from the 16th until the 18th centuries.

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



#### 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 evolvement 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

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



Jameos del Agua

#### 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 MI-RADOR DEL RIO, a belvedere with breathtaking views of the straights below and islands out to sea. Open daily 10.00 - 18.00 hrs.

#### The Green Caves

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

#### Jameos del Agua

This large grotto harbouring an underground lake forms the last section of the Atlantida Tunnel and came into being when the molten lava stream met the cooler waters of the nearby Atlantic Ocean. An amenity not to be missed in this wonder of nature embellished by Cesar Manrique, is the underground concert hall located in a massive volcanic cavern. Open daily 11.00 -19.00 hrs. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights, 19.00 - 03.00 hrs.

#### The Cactus Garden

The route south passes through several villages until reaching an area where the fields are all planted with cacti. Known as the 'tunera' cactus it attracts the female cochineal beetle from which carmine dye is extracted. Dusty white patches on the leaf indicate a colony of this parasite and if crushed turn to bright crimson. Guatiza village is the centre of this cactus crop and is the home of JARDIN DE CAC-TUS - 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 Teguise, 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 treelined promenades and SAN GINES Lagoon are beautifully landscaped. A colourful street market takes place on the promenade every Wednesday selling traditional island arts and crafts among other items.

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



Charco de San Gines, Arrecife

every pocket, offering everything from local and international cuisine to smart snack bars and cafeterias.

#### 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.

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

#### Golf - Theme Park

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



# Hospiten opens a new hospital in Mexico

Hospiten continues to expand internationally and to consolidate their presence in the Mexican healthcare sector with the opening of a new hospital in Cabo San Lucas, in Bajo California Sur. The group has invested some 30m\$ to build and equip the center, which will be a reference in healthcare services in the area.

Hospiten Cabo San Lucas offers a 24/7 Emergency Room with 10 boxes, outpatients', hospitalization and intensive care, operating rooms, a birthing room, hemodialysis, a catheterization lab, image diagnosis, MRI, CT scanning, ultrasound and other state-of-the-art medical and diagnostic equipment.

The president of the Hospiten Group, Pedro Luis Cobiella Suárez, accompanied by the senior managers of the company and the Secretary of State for Health, oversaw the inauguration of the hospital, which was also attended by the Secretary



President of Hospiten Pedro Luis Cobiella, recipient of the Canarian Government Gold Award in 2007

for Tourism for Baja California Sur, the mayoress of Los Cabos and other state and local dignitaries.

During the ceremony local authorities gave a special mention to the contribution of Hospiten in providing health services to both the local resident population of the Los Cabos and to the many visitors to the region.

Pedro Luis Cobiella spoke of the special interest the company has in continuing to expand in Mexico, where the group has been working since 2003 and has five hospitals in Cancun, Riviera Maya, Puerto Vallarta, San Jose del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas, whose hallmark is their attention to quality and exceptional services.

The Hospiten Group is an international healthcare network dedicated to providing quality medical services, with 50 years of experience and twenty private medical-hospital centers in Spain, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Jamaica and Panama, and over a hundred ambulatory health centers under the Clinic Assist brand. Dr. Pedro Luis Cobiella Suarez presides over the group, which attends more than 1,700,000 patients every year from all over the world and has a workforce of over 5,000.



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# Arrecife Notary Antonio María Manrique 1857-1907 Major Influence on Commercial and Educational Facilities

Benchomo Guadalupe Oliva - Director Arrecife Municipal Archives

Antonio María Manrique was born in Fuerteventura in 1877 and graduated as a teacher at the age of 17. Following several years abroad and in the army, he returned to teach in Las Palmas whilst continuing his studies in various subjects and became proficient in mercantile law and surveying before qualifying as a notary public in Madrid. In 1876 at the age of 39 he was appointed Notary of Arrecife a position he held for the rest of his life.

Antonio María Manrique accumulated a vast treasure of knowledge in a variety of areas such as navigation, history and law as well as journalism, botany, economy, politics and industrial reform and used his erudition for the benefit of the island. Before the advent of tourism, fishing was one of the island's major economies and the fleet was totally dependent on salt, imported from England and France, to keep the catch fresh. Manrique's first major contribution was to recommend that the island open its own salt works instead of buying the mineral abroad.

At first the owners of the fishing companies dismissed his idea until he demonstrated the feasibility of creating salt ponds, principally on the Arrecife sea shore and at Janubio, south of Yaiza. By 1883 the islanders managed to produce an excellent salt harvest of a higher quality than the imported variety and at a much lower cost. In addition, it provided work for the local population and within a decade several hundred people were employed in these and other facilities.

On the educational level Antonio María Manrique opened a primary and a secondary school in the island capital and published a series of papers on arithemetic, geometry, drawing and surveying as well as a compendium on weights and measu-





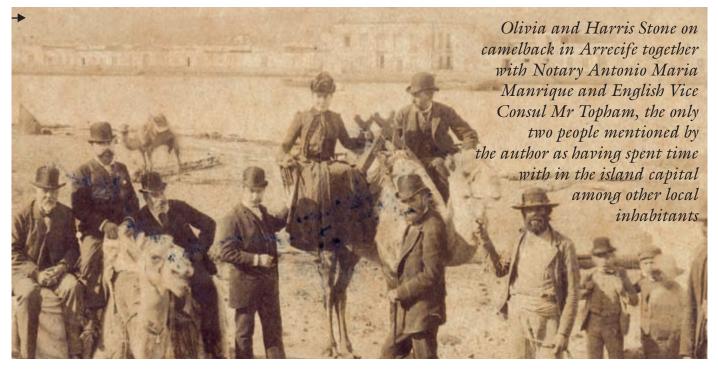
res. His writings were so well received by the Public Education Authority that they were authorised to be used as text books in the schools and universities of the Canary Islands.

In tandem with these efforts he became a leading journalist writing scientific and literary articles for *El Horizonte* and later founded his own title, *Lucero del Alba*. Manrique was also a leading advocate for the defence of Canarian rights and persuaded the Spanish Government to install a

Antonio María Manrique, famous supporter of turn of the century literature. Author of scientific and literary articles for El Horizonte and founding editor of El Lucero del Alba

> military presence at Villa Cisneros on the north African coast to protect trawlers fishing on the Saharan sandbanks. He also suggested to Parliament in Madrid that the Isle of La Graciosa be developed.

> Antonio María Manrique's writings were internationally recognised and he corresponded with some of the most important authors of the era. On a personal level, he was a highly respected honorable and upright person of good character and modest of manner. He had an incredible love for the island of Lanzarote and published articles about the Green Caves, Zonzamas Palace and San Ginés Lagoon. Antonio María Manrique died in Arrecife in 1907 at the relatively early age of 50. →



Antonio Maria Manrique Inspires Author Olivia Stone in 1883 Sketches Guide to the Tourist Attractions on Map of Lanzarote

#### Larry Yaskiel

"The public notary and amateur photographer Antonio Maria Manrique, who knows the island well, indicated for us our best route and marked on the Admiralty chart the principle places." Olivia Stone.

Excerpt from "Tenerife and Her Six Satellites" by Olivia Stone, London 1887. She and her husband Harris, spent six months visiting all seven islands and published the first book in history in any language recommending the Canary Islands as a holiday destination. 70 pages of the two-volume work are about Lanzarote for which she expressed a great affection by saying "I do not know among all the seven an island for which I entertain more love." Whilst on Lanzarote she also met with the English Vice Consul Mr Topham who accompanied her to the "salt lake" at Janubio and to the Fire Mountains.

The route recommended by Antonio Maria Manrique included several sites that would be converted into tourist attractions by the notary's great-nephew César Manrique almost a century later: the Cactus Garden, Cueva de los Verdes and Mirador del Rio.

#### 23 January, 1883, Wednesday Arrecife

'On arrival at Arrecife we entered the boat for the shore, a sharp shower of rain fell, a curious and unusual welcome to Lanzarote. We found out afterwards that more rain had fallen on the island this year than



Olivia Stone chose an illustration on camelback on Lanzarote as the frontispiece of her book about all seven islands. Illustration by Harris Stone

for the past century and that all cisterns are full of water with enough to last for three years. Every house of any size has a large tank beneath the patio into which rainwater runs from the roof top'.

#### Don Quijote Windmill at Guatiza - "Cactus Garden"

'We set forth from Arrecife on camelback the next morning and on surmounting an elevation we saw Guatiza lying beneath us, which we soon reached. Cochineal is the chief product, and everywhere the cactus rises from amid dry lava. The fields are simply composed of black cinders. The people wear immense broad-brimmed straw hats. Beneath the village is a windmill of the regular Don Quixote type, and so low down, that we can readily understand the noble knight charging it! Near the windmill is an earth quarry which has gone down some

twenty feet, leaving here and there monoliths of lava, pillars standing upright, originally on a level with the ground. The Cactus Garden opened on this site in 1990'.

#### Haria - "Cueva de los Verdes"

'We stayed overnight in a boarding house in Haria and early next morning made our way to the Cueva de los Verdes. A German explorer Herr von Fritsch who had entered and examined the cave gives an exact description, "The high vaulted subterranean galleries are piled one above the other like stories. This cave is incontestably the largest lava grotto that is known." Cueva de los Verdes opened as a tourist centre in 1965'.

#### El Risco - "Mirador del Rio"

'We then made our way to El Risco where we stood on the brink of a precipice with one of the most mag-

Tribute must be paid to Arrecife notary and historian Antonio Maria Manrique for introducing the island to international tourism by transmitting his enthusiasm for Lanzarote to Olivia Stone in 1883.

Route marked out by Antonio Maria Manrique for Olivia Stone on the map of Lanzarote





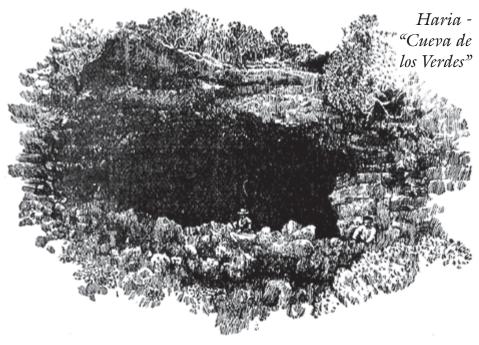


Calle Leon y Castillo, the main street in Arrecife in 1883



nificent seascapes imaginable spread below. The islets of Alegranza and Montaña Clara and La Graciosa. From this height we can see each grey island standing out clearly, edged with a narrow ribbon of white surf, and encircled by a band of blue sea. Seldom have I seen anything more beautiful than these rugged grey and brown rocks dressed in blue. Taken separately there is nothing in each island but what constitutes the beauty must be seen to be admired. It is the marvellous colouring, blue sky and fleecy clouds, and these rough, strongly coloured, barren islets, set as if precious gems in a turquoise sea.

Leaving this scene we sighed as one sighs after the conclusion of anything beautiful, such as the last chord of the Moonlight Sonata or the glorious hues of a sunset fading as the night draws on. The Mirador del Rio opened in 1973. In the final paragraph of the 70 pages Olivia Stone wrote about Lanzarote she says, "I do not know among all the seven an island



for which I entertain more love."

Olivia Stone's book was so popular with the English public that a second edition followed which contained advertisements for major British hotels opening including the Santa Catalina in Las Palmas as well as for local branches of major banks and insurance companies. The first ever cruises from England to the Canary Islands were soon introduced which was the start of a tourist industry between the two island groups which developed and grew throughout the 20th century and which has continued up until today.'



# Birth of the Upmarket Costa Teguise Tourist Resort

# Approaching the 50th Anniversary 1970-2020

#### Larry Yaskiel Major sources: Antonio Cruz, Rio Tinto - Rodney Barr

In 1970, the multi-national conglomerate Explosives Rio Tinto, or ERT, acquired 11 million square metres of land at Teguise, 7 million of which were approved for development. Their Commercial Director on Lanzarote Antonio Cruz, told Lancelot in the mid-1980s that their aim was to build a unique and meticulously planned upmarket development designed by a team of professionals who would create a traditional Lanzarote building style in total empathy with the unique volcanic landscape, where residents and holidaymakers could enjoy the magnificent natural surroundings. The site was to be named Costa Teguise as it was on the coast of the municipality whose county seat was Teguise Town, known as the Royal and Ancient Capital of Lanzarote since the arrival of the Normans at the beginning of the 15th century.

#### Artistic Director César Manrique

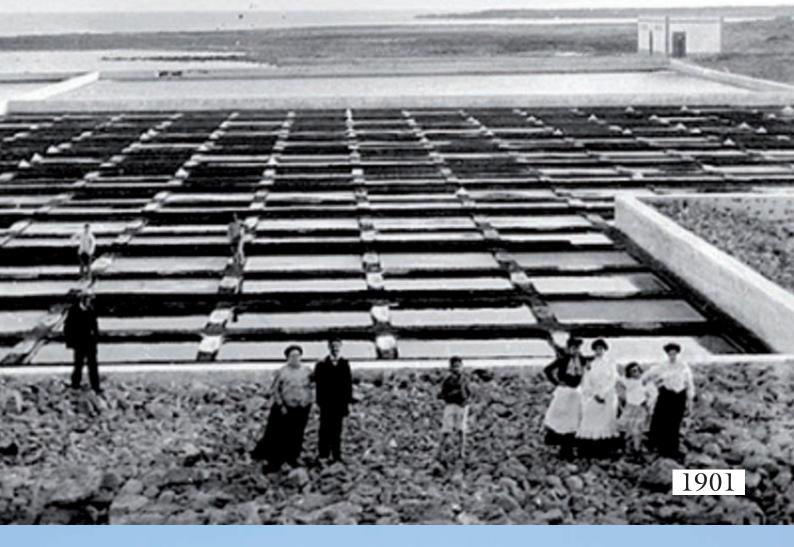
César Manrique, born on Lanzarote, and internationally acclaimed for both his art and highly original architectural style, was appointed artistic director and he assembled a team of artists, designers and architects to help carry out the plan. In conjunction with award-winning architect Fernando Higueras, the five star Las Salinas Hotel was designed and built, setting a building standard with a touch of class for the entire area. Salinas is the Spanish word for the salt flats which originally occupied this site. And the aerial view of the shape of the layout of the terraces and roofs is a perfect reproduction of the historical scenario which housed the salinas. This theme was continued in the construction of a high quality apartment complex nearby named Los Molinos, or, the Windmills, as they provided the power to pump seawater into shallow ponds dug out of the ground where the salt evaporated.



Ayuntamiento de Teguise



The Costa Teguise was developed on what had been a large area of salt evaporation ponds created in the 1890s on the initiative of Arrecife Notary Antonio Maria Manrique. Photographed 1901-1910 by Jacinto Alonso, courtesy, Family Andueza



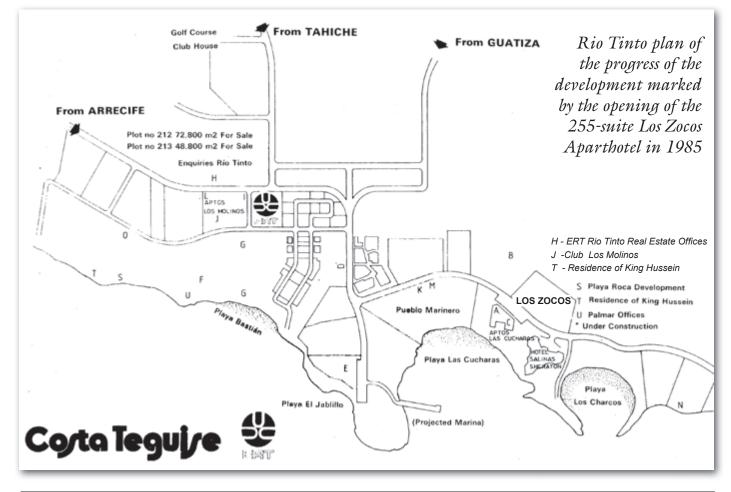
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Approaching the 50th anniversary of the Costa Teguise, a variety of recommended local hotels represent state-of- the- art awardwinning features for guest comforts as well as excellent facilities for family holidays. Many offer accommodation with superlative ocean views in a tranquil oasis in the heart of Costa Teguise. In addition, wellness, fitness and nutrition programmes with a healthy stroll along the scenic seafront promenade alongside beaches of golden sands. Shopping and good dining is always close by.

















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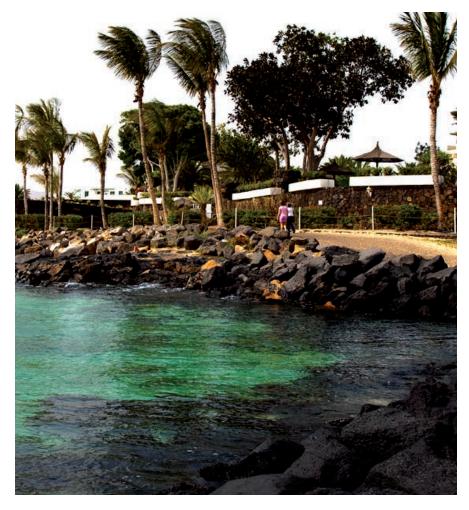
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César Manrique

When King Hussein of Jordan purchased a luxury mansion with 14,000 m2 of grounds on the seashore of the newly emerging Costa Teguise, the resort received a

major boost to its upmarket image. The monarch later made a gift of the residence to King Juan Carlos of Spain who spent several holidays there with Queen Sofia and other members of the royal family whose visits to the Tourist Centres created by César Manrique attracted national and international press coverage. Other notable visitors included Spanish Prime Minister Felipe González and German Chancellor Helmuth Kohl as well as Willy Brandt, Gerhard Schröder and former Russian President Mikhail Gorbachov with his wife Raisa.





# Harmonising Development with Development

Rio Tinto realised that the key to future planning for the entire urbanisation was to lay down a first class infrastructure in an ecological acceptable manner. Essential was an extensive network of roads, pavements, street lighting with underground connections for connecting the utilities wherever possible as well as sewerage with a recycling plant for gardens and other purposes.

Most important of all was building a seawater desalination plant for the supply of drinking water for the whole area, of major significance for an island with the lowest amount of rainfall in the Canarian Archipelago. At that time the ERT Rio Tinto conglomerate consisted of oil, mining, explosives, minerals, fertilisers and pharmaceuticals.

#### Los Zocos opens Ladbrokes and Intasun

Although there was a bit of a slowdown for the next couple of years,



things began to pick up again at the end of 1985 with the opening of the 255-suite Los Zocos Aparthotel owned jointly by Ladbroke and Intasun. At that time Ladbroke's hotel chain was the second largest in Europe and they joined forces with Intasun, a leading tour operator to found Riviera Resorts with the intention of introducing an entirely new holiday concept combining all the amenities of a luxury hotel with the advantage of staying in your own villa. César Manrique introduced his unique 300-bed Pueblo Marinero boutique complex, a concept based on a traditional fishing village. This was followed by the inauguration of the 400 bed Teguise Playa Hotel. Parallel to the hotel activity more individual holiday homes and apartments were built throughout the Costa Teguise. To provide leisure-activities, Toca VIP Sports Club, who also had a property division, began operating.





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#### The Rio Tinto Property Division

It is interesting to learn what prompted a major international mining conglomerate to become involved in property development. Antonio Cruz explained, when Explosives Rio Tinto started operating in the Canary Islands at the beginning of the 20th century, the local economy was based on agriculture and fishery and there was no tourist industry whatsoever. The company's core business entailed the use of toxic chemicals, industrial explosives, phosphates and other dangerous minerals which under Spanish law must be located far away from population centres in order to protect the public in the event of a magazine explosion.

Because the soil close to the sea was practically worthless as nothing grows there due its salt content, the company was able acquire huge areas on the shores of Gran Canaria and Tenerife at a very low price. But in the mid-1960s when holidaymakers from

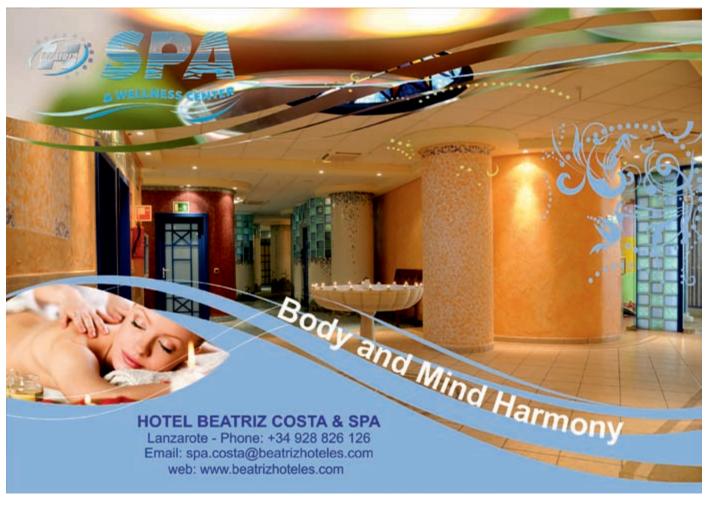


The information kiosk at Pueblo Marinero, received the Distinguished Services to Tourism Award in 2017

Britain, Germany and Scandinavia discovered that the spring-like warm climate and beaches of the archipelago were only a few hours away from the harsh European winter, developers began building hotel and apartment complexes on the shores of the Canaries to accommodate them.

This resulted in the price of this "worthless seaside land" shooting up astronomically and Rio Tinto realised that their explosives were sitting on prime real estate land and decided to enter the property business. By 1985, their annual sales in the Canary Islands reached today's equivalent of 33 million euros, which represented 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  % of the conglomerate's annual turnover.

Having laid down the foundations for a sophisticated building programme to attract developers and promoters Rio Tinto decided that a final touch was needed to demonstrate to prospective residents and holidaymakers that the seemingly rugged



lava-strewn landscape could be easily adapted to produce beautiful plants, trees and flowers. To this end a golf course was planned.

#### First Golf Course

The story of the emergence of the golf course is taken up by Rodney Barr, at that time senior executive of British and Commonwealth subsidiary Lanzaisis, which owned the San Antonio hotel in Puerto del Carmen among other assets.

The Costa Teguise golf course came into play in the summer of 1978, a keenly awaited moment by the small number of deprived golfers who lived on the island at that time. Up until that moment golf activity largely centred on knocking balls up and down stretches of Los Pocillos beach and a farming area at Oasis de Nazaret where a couple of dozen startled goats and two of their herders thought the three men with funny sticks had surely escaped from the funny house. So, country life returned to normal in Nazaret in 1978 when the miracle reached fruition at Costa Teguise, where a real green grass golf course was being formed out of the barren volcanic wasteland.

#### Designed by John D. Harris

The Rio Tinto course was the most ambitious of its kind yet seen on Lamzarote. John D. Harris designed the complex which comprised a full 18-hole championshiplength course with a 9-hole par 3 course in addition. The first nine holes of the main course came into play in the summer of 1978 with the



International windsurfing, diving and other nautical events take place annually in Teguise waters

second nine being opened in June 1979, and finally, the par 3 course in December of that same year. Unfortunately due mainly to the cost and availability of water for irrigation the sad decision was taken to close down the par 3 and the second nine holes so that the course was reduced to the original nine holes. Luckily that only lasted for two years.

#### Costa Teguise for Visitors

To sum up the well-known facilities for holidaymakers at Costa Teguise: five beaches of mostlyaccessible golden sands, a beautiful sea-front promenade along the length of its coastline: attractions include the Piracy Museum in Santa Barbara Castle with a vivid history of pirate attacks in the Canary Islands, the Timple Museum at Spinola Palace, and for the culturally-minded, a walk through the streets of the old town which are steeped in six centuries of history and traditions which are kept very much alive by the local citizens stimulated by the cultural authority

of the Ayuntamiento of Teguise.

As far as close-by tourist attractions go, the resort is only a short drive away from both the César Manrique Foundation at Tahiche, the artist's home whilst he was artistic director of the Costa Teguise and the Cactus Garden, the last of the Tourist Centres he was to create for his beloved Lanzarote which opened in 1991.

Accommodation is available to suit every taste and every pocket in hotels and apartment complexes and individual rentals from flats to luxury mansions.

Watersports are well catered for with approved dive clubs and all forms of surf board schools, dedicated cycling routes trails, athletes enjoy a variety of hiking trails as well as acknowledged international competitions for all disciplines. Fiestas are celebrated throughout the year where holidaymakers are heartily welcomed especially at the annual Carnival whose traditions are considered among the oldest in the entire Canary Islands. (See pages 57-59).



### 5 Star Lava Beach Hotel Puerto del Carmen

As the first 5 Star Hotel in Puerto del Carmen, Lava Beach, due to open at the end of December, is the crown jewel of the Hibiscus Hotel Group which includes Hotel Las Costas, Lanzarote Village and Hotel Floresta. Located in a dream setting with the beach and the Atlantic Ocean, literally on the doorstep, the hotel is ideal for health-conscious and activity-minded holidaymakers in search of tranquility. Guests can walk along miles of golden sands or walk along the traffic-free promenade as well as cycle on the dedicated traffic-free cycling path which runs directly past the hotel grounds.

Among facilities and amenities: Two restaurants, one buffet and the other, called Carta Aroma, a la carte, pool snack bar and rooftop lounge bar with panoramic views. A freshwater lagoon pool - heated during winter months – kiddies pool, paddle tennis, minigolf and modern



gym, sauna, Turkish bath, jacuzzi, relaxing area, ice fountain, massages and treatment.

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# Geopark Lanzarote Destination for Eco-Tourism 25 Years a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve

Larry Yaskiel

Lanzarote's hotel industry has been at the forefront of providing the best facilities to attract eco-tourism to the island over the past two decades, a category best described as an alliance between providing holidaymakers with the best possible facilities in harmony with conservation of the environment.

This principle was one of the most important elements of Lanzarote's recognition by Unesco as a "Geopark" where tourists who are attracted to eco-tourism destinations are able to find suitable accommodation at hotels which practice the efficient management of basic natural resources. Geoparks are single, unified geographical areas where the hotel industry and the natural surrounding enjoy protection, education and sustainable development.





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This island's hotel industry pioneered the concept of Biosphere Hotels 25 years ago which is recognised by Unesco. In addition the majority of the leading establishments adhere to the highest standards of quality and professional service required by the Spanish

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government's SICTED award for excellence. They can truly be described as Geopark Hotels.

According to the United Nations World Tourism Organisation, the business volume that tourism is generating today equals or even surpasses that of oil exports, food products or even automobiles. A primary goal in sustainable development has been to ensure that tourism protects and sustains the world's natural and cultural resources and meets its potential as a tool for poverty alleviation. Based on these principles, Unesco declared Lanzarote a World Biosphere Reserve in 1993. This distinction was awarded due to the efforts of César Manrique in tandem with the Lanzarote Cabildo, by imprinting the philosophy of harmony between Man and Nature upon the collective conscience of the inhabitants of the Island. This principle resulted in conservation of the environment practises in areas such restricting development in line with available infrastructure; careful management





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of the reduction and disposal of wastes; adopting wind and solar energyefficient practises thereby minimising environmental risks and undertaking "green" marketing which includes providing complete and credible conservation information for visitors to the island. In the 25 years that have elapsed since Lanzarote was declared a World Biosphere Reserve the island has maintained its reputation as a pioneer in the field of Sustainable Tourism as the first commercial tourism destination in the world to do so. This honour is reserved for establishments whose management operate an ecoefficiency policy resulting in minimum pollution due to the maximum use of alternative resources.

To practice co-efficiency, developers need to consider the environment creatively throughout project design, construction and operation. Once completed, those responsible for delivering services and products to tourists must examine their operations in light of sustainable resource management.





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### The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Tourism World Heritage Sites - Biosphere Reserves - Geoparks.

According to the General Assembly of the United Nations, "World Heritage Sites, Biosphere Reserves and Geoparks represent incredible opportunities for tourism, and we must ensure that they are managed responsibly and sustainably."

The UN noted the importance of international tourism in fostering better understanding among peoples everywhere, in leading to a greater awareness of the rich heritage of various civilizations, thereby contributing to the strengthening of peace in the world. Travel helps opens the doors to intercultural exchange and dialogue. It is in this spirit that Unesco has advocated for a stronger recognition of the role of culture as an enabler of development and creative economy, as a driver of growth and innovation and as a crucial part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Tourism.



We know the potential of tourism. We also know too well the impact of mismanaged tourism. Ancient monuments can be damaged under the pressure of mass tourism, and intangible heritage is at risk if not properly safeguarded. The International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development was an opportunity to strengthen this positive dynamic between heritage and tourism and several initiatives were launched to support sustainable tourism development, with the European Union and other partners. Sustainable tourism calls for new partnerships to better educate and inform, to foster new behaviour patterns and strengthen accountability among all tourism stakeholders.

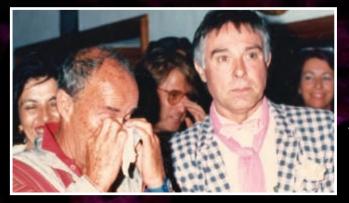
This spirit guides the cooperation between Unesco and the United Nations World Tourism Organization, to ensure sustainable tourism is a catalyst for positive change. Their data shows the significance of tourism as a vehicle for job creation, generating revenues for host communities, representing around 1 in 11 jobs worldwide. With over 1.2 billion people now crossing international borders each year, tourism represents a golden opportunity to break down the barriers of ignorance and prejudices. (See pages 57-59)



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# 40th AnniversaryMalpaís de la Corona at Jameos del Agua



César Manrique was overcome with emotion when he heard Malpaís de la Corona sing a popular folklore song with specially adapted lyrics referring to the name of the artist and a list of his achievements for Lanzarote. The group repeated this version of the song at the 40th anniversary concert. Gran Canaria artist Pepe Dámaso is seen with the artist. Photo Lancelot/José Luis Rojas

> The group 's very first public appearance was at the Fiesta de San Bárbara, Máguez in October 1978



Malpaís de la Corona Folklore Singers and Dancers of Haria, one of Lanzarote's most popular folklore groups, celebrated their 40th anniversary with a concert at Jameos del Agua attended by the President of the Cabildo and the Mayor with members of his Council. The group started in 1978 by knocking on doors in Haria district inviting anyone who could sing folklore or play an instrument to join them. Their name is a combination of the nearby Corona volcano and the 18,000 m2 of Malpaís (Badlands) from Orzola to Arrieta where nothing grows. They are composed of 35 musicians, singers and dancers who hail from the municipality and have performed on Lanzarote and throughout the Canary Islands. For over two

decades they gave weekly concerts for tourists at Jameos del Agua.

Throughout their career they have appeared in festivals and on Canarian and national TV, and invited as guest artists at the fiestas of Virgen de las Nieves, La Palma; Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife and Puerto de Rosario and Gran Tarajal, Fuerteventura. On World Tourism Day 2016, Malpaís de la Corona were awarded the Distinguished Tourism Award for their cultural contribution to Lanzarote. The costumes of Malpaís de la Corona are based on the traditional Lanzarote dress of the 18th and 19th centuries based on research by historian Ricardo Reguera. In their quest for authenticity the group's attire was woven on an original working loom, especially assembled for this purpose.



Luz Maria Rodríguez, president of the folklore group which was founded in 1978







The most respected folklore group in the Canary Islands, Los Sabandeños, founded in 1963, made a special appearance in honour of Malpais de la Corona. The highpoint of their concert was the epic "Islas Canarias" anthem

The head covering of the male members was that worn by men of Lanzarote and Fuerteventura whereas the women's straw hat and mantilla veil was exclusive to Lanzarote. Originally the headwear enabled women to carry loads on their heads and shield their faces from the sun





Commemorative Plaques to mark the 40th anniversary of the group were presented to Luz María Rodríguez by Mayor Marci Acuña of Haría and Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés



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Lanzarote is full of stunning landscapes and a deeply-rooted popular culture, where the local cuisine, craftwork and traditions have been passed on through generations.

The Art, Culture and Tourism Centres of the Cabildo of Lanzarote are organising the Sustainable Local Market in Casa - Museo del Campesino from 17th December.

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### Eating out on Lanzarote

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#### Bar Bagatela

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

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#### Isla de Lobos Princesa Yaiza Suite Hotel Resort 5\*L

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#### Lancelot Hotel Arrecife Promenade

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



### Eating out on Lanzarote

#### Pizzeria Capri

Opened by owner Toni Garcia Martín in 1985, this is one of the truly pioneering restaurants of Puerto del Carmen which has operated since tourism began in the resort. Family-run with 23 tables and a staff of 18, the standards of excellence in food, professional and friendly service as well as good value for money have never changed suiting every taste and every pocket. There is a comprehensive variety of local and international dishes besides pizza choices which include vegan and vegetarian. Toni 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.

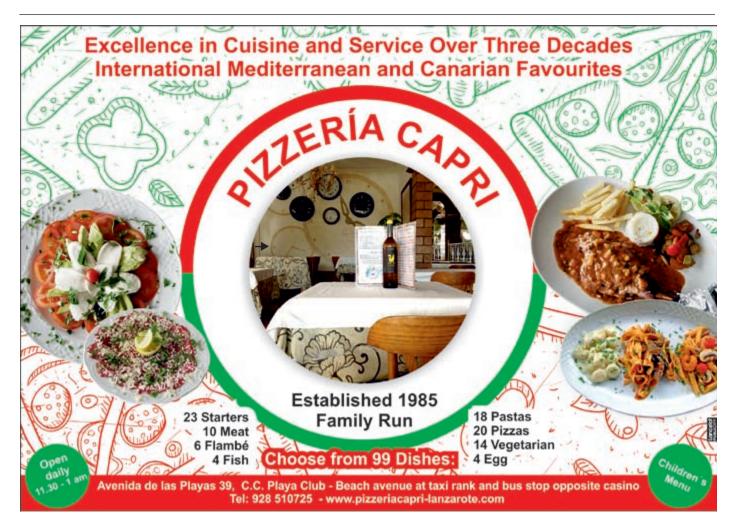
Half-size portions for kids and the elderly. Also, shared portions of pizza, lasagne and croquettes. The tables are laid out in the restaurant in a certain manner to give clients an ambience of comfort and privacy wherever you sit, and you feel as if you were eating a home-cooked meal in your own house.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

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### Eating out on Lanzarote

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nary surprise to the highest standards complemented by a wide range of wines. Catering for events in the banqueting suite. Open daily 19.00 - 11.00 hrs

#### Oyambre, Costa Calero

Welcome in the New Year with an excellent menu in the beautiful premises overlooking the marina with dancing, fireworks and free drinks at the bar until 4am in the morning. A spectacular gala buffet is offered in the La Magdalena restaurant, with wines and Spanish sparkling wine at an allinclusive price of 105 euros p.p.

Hotel Costa Calero Talaso & Spa offers diners a "Relaxing SPA-Lunch-Pools" package which combines entry to the active pool, sauna and Haman at the Thalasso-Spa Centre, the use of the hotel's pools and lunch at the Oyambre restaurant, including drinks, for 35€ p.p. (Lanzarote residents). Food is prepared in front of guests at the Oyambre, open daily from 12.30-15.30, serving the tastiest Spanish and international cuisine in an informal setting, caressed by a gentle breeze from Lanzarote's mild climate. The exclusive Magdalena restaurant which features international cuisine opens for dinner from 18:30-21:30. Diners can

once again watch their food being prepared in a more traditional manner, male guests are therefore kindly requested to wear long trousers.

#### Carta Aroma Lava Beach Hotel Puerto del Carmen

The first 5 Star Hotel in the 50 year history of Puerto del Carmen the Lava Beach, has opened its doors directly overlooking the golden sands of Pocillos Beach. In keeping with the luxurious modern interior design the cuisine of the establishment is also in the best possible hands. Executive Chef de Cuisine Juanjo Suarez, most recently of the 5 Star Hard Rock Hotel, Tenerife, adheres to the principles of "Km O", organic slow cooking with locally sourced products fused with the best of Mediterranean and Asian dishes. His skills have been praised by Martín Berasategui the standard bearer of Spanish avant-garde cuisine and holder of 8 Michelin Stars who considers Juanjo as one of the most promising of the next generation of Spanish chefs. The hotel opens on 28 December.

#### 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 wreckfish 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. TuesdaytoSaturday;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



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

Without an attractive environment there would be no tourism, which is why Lanzarote hoteliers play an active role by carrying out sustainable business practices. They have also encouraged conservation of the environment by pioneering Biosphere Hotels, the first tourist destination in Spain to introduce this category.





Iris Berger Hotel Manager

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### Lanzarote – "Unesco Model for Sustainable Tourism" Prize-Winning Hotels Win Quality Awards for Customer Satisfaction

According to the latest industry trends, tourist nowadays are highly knowledgeable about an appreciation of the environment and choose to holiday at a resort where the hotel industry and the local authorities respect the economic and social-cultural objectives of the local inhabitants.





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# Lanzarote Tourism Distinction Day 2018 Isla de Lanzarote Prize for the 600 Year History of Teguise

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The magnificent scenario of Jameos del Agua was the setting for the annual awards ceremony for organisations and personalities whose activities had generated Distinguished Services for Lanzarote's tourist industry over the past year. Teguise - 600 Years of History received the unique Sculpture designed by César Manrique for the conservation of its illustrious past hand in hand with a thriving tourism economy governed by the principle of conservation of the environment.

Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés congratulated the recipients by saying. We are approaching the year of the centenary of the birth of César Manrique who had designed the Distinguished Tourism Sculpture.



Isla de Lanzarote Sculpture: "Teguise 600 Year History", Councillors Antonio Callero and Manuel Jimenez with President Pedro San Ginés and Ángel Vázquez



All the prizewinners with the authorities

His legacy is the symbiosis between Man and Nature which means nurturing a thriving tourist industry in line with conservation of our natural surroundings.

Tourism Councillor Ángel Vázquez said that consensus is vital for increased connections and expanding markets through innovation to attract new categories of visitors in areas such as food tourism through campaigns like Saborea Lanzarote, European Sports Destination, Lanzarote Film Commission and Sustainable Destination.

Actor and model Jon Kortajarena was declared Personality of the Year for promoting the best aspects of the Island to his 2 million-plus followers on social networks through top brands: Just Cavalli, Calvin Klein, Versace, Jean Paul Gaultier, Giorgio Armani, Karl Lagerfeld, Zara, H&M and Guess as well as Tom Ford.



Cabildo Tourism Councillor with Rafael Morales, President Origin of Lanzarote Wine Association

Business Sector: Iberia Express, presented to Managing Director Fernando Candela for increasing connections to the island through hub Madrid-Barajas covering mainland Spain and the rest of the world via parent company Iberia.

Tourism of Cultural Interest: El Jardin Secreto, created by Juan Ma-



President with Tías Tourism Counceilor Amado Vizeaino

ria Cabrera, whose conservationist and archaeological attraction at Los Ajaches is enjoyed by thousands of tourists.

Special Mentions 2018: Denomination of Origin of Lanzarote Wine Board, acclaimed artist Rufina Santana and Cervecera Malpeis, the island's first brewery.



The entire team of Lanzarote Tourism with the Cabildo President, the Tourism Councillor and the Spel Managing Director

## Results of the World Travel Market 2018 in London Increase of 3.7m Seats Marking 899 Flights



According to Canary Government Councillor for Tourism, Isaac Castellano, despite Brexit, the British once again comprise 50% of all tourists to the Canary Islands



Councillor Castellano said that over the winter season, an increase in tourism is projected. For the 24.9 m passenger seats to the Canaries, 15.7m are from abroad and 9.1m from mainland Spain. Airline operations to the Islands will reach 899 flights, an annual increase of 29.

The outcome of the promotion campaign for the Canary Islands during the World Travel Market London during the first week of November was highly satisfactory. This was the first of the Big 3 international tourism trade events which takes place in the British capital annually to be followed by Fitur in Madrid at the end of January and the ITB Berlin in March.

Photography Nacho González



Spain's Minister for Tourism Maria Reyes Marota is greeted by Canarian Tourism Councillor Isaac Castellano together with other officials at the Canary Islands stand



Canarian Tourism Councillor Isaac Castellano with other members of the executive including Promotur Managing Director Maria Méndez

Cabrera Medina, Cicar, the leading Car Hire firm in the Canary Islands, attended the World Travel Market in London where they were visited at their own stand by Canarian Government Tourism Councillor Isaac Castellano where he was greeted by Cicar Commercial Director Councillor Ramón Valiente as were Managing Director Promotur Maria Méndez and Senator Joel Delgado. Cicar operate a fleet of 12,000 vehicles from 80 offices on the seven islands, equipped with multilingual tourist guides.



# Annual Increase of 8.2% Passenger Seats to Lanzarote UK Tourism Upsurge to Continue at Least Until 2025

37 airlines are flying to Lanzarote on 155 routes this winter, an annual increase of 7 despite Brexit

WTM 2018 at Canary Wharf, London, held from the 5th to the 7th November, attracted 5,000 exhibitors from 182 countries and generated around £2.8 billion of travel industry contracts from onstand business meetings. Almost 51,500 senior travel industry professionals, government ministers and international press were present at the must-attend three-day businessto-business exhibition for the worldwide travel and tourism industry.





The Lanzarote delegation: Cabildo Tourism Councillor Angel Vázquez, Senator Joel Delgado, Teguise Mayor Oswaldo Betancort and Tourism Councillors Amado Vizcaino, Tias and Olga Caraballo, Yaiza and Spel Managing Director Héctor Fernández





German tour operators are projecting an additional 27% in airline capacity to Lanzarote plus an increase in slots from Belgium, France, Sweden, Holland and Ireland

"The UK still the source of more tourists to Lanzarote than any other country" Cabildo Tourism Councillor Ángel Vázquez



"Expansion in routes by EasyJet signals the strength of our market as a prime destination"

Spel Turismo Managing Director Héctor Fernández

#### **Scheduled Meetings**

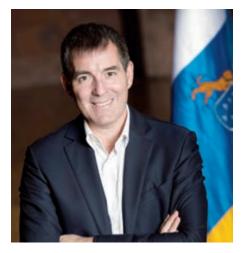
Tour Operators: TUI- UK Holland, Belgium, Northern Europe; Thomas Cook - UK, Holland, Scandinavia, Sunway Ireland Barrhead Scotland, Itaka Poland, Karavel France; Airlines: British Airways, EasyJet, Jet2.com Norwegian plus Turismark Management, Eurowings Germany and Relaxia Resorts. UK online: On the Beach, Travel Republic.





Reports from the Canarian Government

Canary Islands and LSE Partnership for Educational Programme Noted British Historian Paul Preston Delivers Address



President of the Canary Government Fernando Clavijo introduces the first conference speaker

#### Digital Innovation and Sustainable Infrastructure

In collaboration with the London School of Economics, LSE, the Government of the Canary Islands is implementing a strategic innovation and regional development agenda to position the Canary Islands in a highly competitive environment for global investment, development and future sustainable growth. The aim is to diversify and internationalise the regional economy for the digital age, to provide future employment and to enable long-term and sustainable social, tourism and economic development and consider specific areas of new technological engagement, including start-ups, e-Sports, and the digital economy in general.

#### Inclusive Economic Development

A key objective is to identify, pilot and implement sustainable and smart solutions for the Canary Islands in the area of digital innovation and social entrepreneurship, inclusive economic development, smart urban transformation and



Well known British historian and Hispanist Professor Paul Preston, who was knighted earlier this year, spoke about the internationalisation of the financial resources of the Canaries

sustainable infrastructure. Another key objective will be to identify effective innovation strategies for diversifying and internationalizing the Canary Islands economy and skills base for the digital age and to provide for targeted and inclusive employment opportunities and sustainable economic development.

#### Civic Innovation Summit

There are plans to organise a Civic Innovation Summit which will bring together international experts and institutions to explore the challenges of public innovation and digitalisation, regional economic development, future competitiveness and strategies for social inclusion. The high profile event will serve to debate and advance the internationalisation of the Canary Islands economy and civil society and will provide visibility to the future development strategy of the Canary Islands government.



President Fernando Clavijo personally attends an English lesson at a school in order to stress the importance of Bi-Lingual education throughout the Canary Islands

## Canarian Government Optimistic About Continued UK Tourism Targeting Specific Categories of Holidaymakers



According to Canary Government Councillor for Tourism, Isaac Castellano, despite Brexit, British holidaymakers once again show an annual increase to the Canary Islands

Although the looming shadow of Brexit was made apparent during all the meetings attended by Canary Government Tourism with airlines, tour operators, travel agents, hotels and apartment complexes, the consensus of opinion pointed to very little change and that the United Kingdom would continue to play its traditional role as the leading country of origin of holidaymakers to the Canary Islands as they have done over the past three decades. In fact, the astonishing statistic that emerged for the last 10 months despite the approach of Brexit, was that one in every three visitors still hails from Britain.

Councillor Castellano stressed the need for specialisation towards the individual needs of visitors and pointed out the effectiveness of the campaign to attract cuisine tourism, Saborea España, (Taste Spain). Each individual Canary Island displayed its own particular tasty menu from fish and meat dishes, cheeses and desserts to wines cultivated in volcanic soil using the same methods as practised for over 200 years, especially in the wine cultivation region of La Geria on Lanzarote. This is where Councillor Castellano supported the campaign by Tui Care to maintain the original customs and enlarge the audience to embrace hotel personnel whose role it was to pass on this appreciation of the traditional cultivation methods to tourists encouraging them to visit wineries where the cultivation was totally ecologically friendly.



Maria Mendez, Managing Director of Promotur, pointed out that the percentage rise projected for vacationers to the Canaries still marks out the UK as the major country of origin, despite Brexit woes, with London-Gatwick and Manchester heading the list of airports. The next most popular sources of origin are mainland Spain, Germany and Ireland.

The CEO of Promotur points to the rising popularity of the Archipelago for culturally-minded visitors who are able to enjoy a cornucopia of historical sites dating back to the 15th century throughout the Seven Isles. These include the architecture of military and religious buildings and museums many which have been



Maria Mendez, Managing Director of Promotur

tastefully refurbished as attractions. They also enjoy typical traditional Canarian products and artisanship on display at the fair such as pottery made without the use of the potter's wheel, palm weaving, embroidery, sewing, basketwork.

Reports from the Cabildo

### Micro 2018 Conference on the Impact of Microplastics

biasfera Hosted by: The Lanzarote Cabildo, Alfred Wegener Institute, UVSO, Plymouth and Cornell Universities Under the Patronage of UNESCO



Photos Sergio Betancort, Jesús Betancort, Liz



Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés

Knowledge - Actions - Solutions

While the accumulation of microplastics in marine ecosystems has been reported on since the 1970s, many questions remain open. The Micro 2018 conference provided an opportunity to share available knowledge, fill in gaps, identify new questions and research needs, and develop commitments to operationalise solutions. The conference provided an opportunity to reconvene, share what has been learned, and generate momentum for the work that remains to be done.

In 2004, Professor Richard Thompson of Plymouth University and his team were the first to



use the word microplastics in a research publication to describe the microscopic fragments of manmade products, it was not a word that many would have comprehended. After all, these fragments can measure a fraction of a millimetre in length, and be less than the width of a human hair. Individually, it is perhaps hard to see the potential harm they could cause. But when you consider some estimates suggest there are five trillion of these particles floating in our oceans, it becomes a different story.

### Italian Delegation Retraces the Voyage of Lanzarotto Malocello

President of the Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés, Culture Councillor Óscar Pérez and Biosphere Councillor Rafael Juan González greeted a delegation from Varazze headed by Giovanni Delfino of the Commemorative Committee for the navigator who first marked Lanzarote on the world map and for whom the island is named



The 14th century sailing route of the Lanzarotto Malocello voyage of discovery is repeated 700 years later on board the Costa Pacifica by a delegation from his home town of Varazze





The Lanzarote authorities with members of the Commemorative Committee of Varazze at Charco de San Ginés. See page 70

An exchange of mementos between Lanzarote and Italy is the first step towards the twinning of Geopark Lanzarote-Archipelago Chinijo with Geopark Beigua Region, Italy



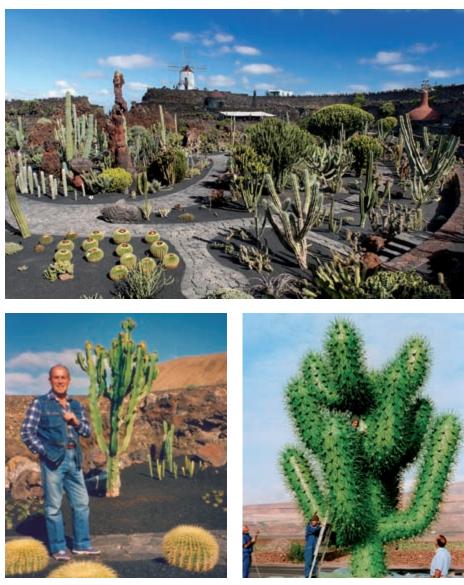
Jardín de Cactus Exhibition at Memoria de Lanzarote, Arrecife Awarded the Benneton Foundation Carlo Scarpa Garden Prize

Winning the prestigious XXVIII "Carlo Scarpa Prize" for 2017 has once again placed the Cactus Garden, created by César Manrique, as a focal point for leading articles in prestigious gardening magazines all over the world. The award-winning Jardin de Cactus was featured by botany writers and horticultural journalists with a love and appreciation for gardening excellence as well as travel journalists specialising in eco-tourism.

Keynote speakers at the Benetton Foundation Carlo Scarpa Prize, Luigi Latini and Patrizia Boshiero stressed that the purpose of the award is to enhance "stewardship and care of the landscape and public spaces" among a wider public as well as promoting the natural and historical heritage it embodies.

Lancelot once asked César Manrique which was his favorite among the Tourist Centres he had created and he replied "that's like asking a parent to name his favorite child, but if pressed, I would say the Cactus Garden." This could be because all the other Centres already existed and the artist adapted them for use, but this site had been an abandoned stone quarry for centuries. Already as a teenager, Manrique envisaged planting cacti and succulents from all over the world on this site to show the world how fertile the volcanic soil of Lanzarote was.

Photo: Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés, Tourist Centres Councillor Echedey Eugenio, Luigi Latini, Marco Tamaro and Patrizia Boschiero of the Benetton Foundation and Antonio Martin, Jardin de Cactus gardener and exhibit n commissioner Juan Manuel Palerm at the opening of the exhibit. The Cabildo also published the Spanish-language version of the book, Lanzarote, Jardin de Cactus which included texts by Fernando Goméz Aguilera and Juan Gopar.



"César Manrique was 15 years ahead of his time in the creation of natural site-specific sculptures," wrote the Sunday Times. Photo Liz



Memoria de Lanzarote, C/ Leon de Castillo, Arrecife - Monday to Friday 10.00 - 20.00 Saturday 10.00 - 14.00



Reports from the Cabildo

### Lanzarote Plans the Elimination of One-Use Plastic Bags



Biosphere Reserve Councillor Rafael Juan González and Parliament Vice President David de la Hoz discuss the "Zero Plastic" option with the Supermarkets Association of the Canary Islands



#### César Manrique Public Memorial Tribute Committee

Besides official events planned for celebration of the 100th year of the birth of César Manrique in 1919, the public are invited to donate towards a special tribute by the "Por César Amigos" Commitee. The members, Alfredo Matallana, (President), Herminia Fajardo, Marisol Álvarez, Domingo Gúzman, Roberto Fuentes and José Luis Martín are seen with the senior officials of the Lanzarote Cabildo and the CM Foundation.

For anyone wishing to contribute a special account has been opened at Bankia, no. ES31 2038 7248 2760 00155685





Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés and Sports Councillor Lorenzo Reyes congratulated four Lanzarote female athletes for winning gold medals in their age category at the Half Marathon World Championships in Malaga, Aroa Merino, Kelly Benitez, Puri Gallego and Gloria Cuéllar, who excused her absence.

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Honoring Excellent Service of the Cabildo Biosphere Committee TUI Care Promotes Traditional Wine Cultivation for Tourists



Tourist Centres Councillor Echedey Eugenio expressed his thanks to the committee for their sterling work in support of the Cabildo Tourist attractions

To mark the 25th anniversary of Lanzarote being nominated by Unesco with the distinction of World Biosphere Reserve, the Cabildo payed tribute to the excellent and dedicated work of six members of the Biosphere Reserve Committee for 15 years of dedication to the interests of Lanzarote in an honorary capacity.





Antonio, González Viétez, José Antonio Martin Pallin, Manuel Neredo Pétez, Emma Pérez-Chacón Espino, José Luis Rivero Cebollas and Lázaro Sánchez Pinto, received the public accolade from Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés in the name of the members of the Insular Council



#### Tui Care Foundation Sustainable Wine Cultivation

According to Ignacio Romero of Senderisno Lanzarote, the Tui Care Foundation has initiated a programme in support of the traditional cultivation practised for hundreds of years in the wine growing region of La Geria. Their practical suggestions included disseminating information among hotel staff which they, in turn, can pass on to holidaymakers. Three participating bodegas specifically mentioned for their ecological production methods are, La Geria, Los Bermejos and Vega de Yuca.

The presentation was attended by the President of the Lanzarote Cabildo Pedro San Ginés, Canarian Tourism Councillor Isaac Castellano, the Mayor of Yaiza Óscar Noda and Lanzarote Wine Origin President, Rafael Morales among other officials and hoteliers as well as Jost Neumann, Tui Care and Anja Renner, Futouris.





Reports from the Cabildo

### 100 French Travel Agents Visit Lanzarote on Fam Trip Jameos de Agua, Timanfaya, al Campesino and Top Hotels

Cabildo Tourism Councillor Ángel Vázquez said "With 150,000 tourists a year, France is developing into a significant source of holidaymakers to Lanzarote because of the close working relationship between Spel Turismo and Ô Voyages-Travel Star Carrefour."

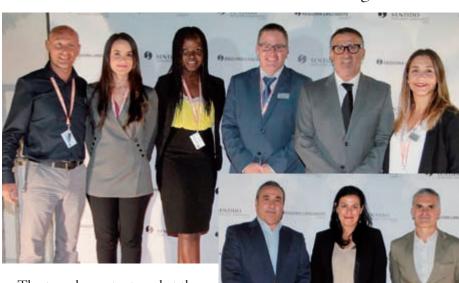
"Our partnership with Ô Vôyages has led to France becoming Lanzarote's fifth major market over a very short space of time," Héctor Fernández", Managing Director Spel Turismo.



Spel Lanzarote organised a workshop at the Monumento al Campesino for 80 of the visiting travel agents



Lineas Romero Ferries, who were major sponsors of the Fam Trip, hosted a dinner for the guests from France at Amura Restaurant in Puerto Calero



The travel agents stayed at the Aequora Lanzarote Suites Hotel in Puerto del Carmen where dinner was followed by some highly enjoyable entertainment on the second evening. Hotel Manager Victor Reboll and his team are seen with the visitors from France.

Senior executive of Ô Vôyages with the Tourism Councillor and the Spel Director





Annual Lanzarotus Day Leading State and local officials celebrating Lanzarottus Day in Varazze, Italy, commemorating the mariner for whom the island was named 700 years ago. Photo: Mayor Alessandro Bossano and Provincial President Mónica Giulano with historian-biographer

Alfonso Licata holding the second volume of his biography and Cabildo Biosphere Councillor Rafael Juan Gonzalez representing President Pedro San Ginés.



### Additional Routes Scheduled by EasyJet and Iberia Express

"Iberia Express additional flights allow passengers to fly to the Spanish capital and return to Lanzarote on the same day, of major importance for many." Tourism Councillor Ángel Vázquez



Tourism Councillor Ángel Vázquez said that the UK still provides more holidaymakers to Lanzarote than any other country

The Tourism Councillor gave the following details based on a report by Europa Press. During the current winter season which began in October 2019 and finishes 31 March 2019, a total of 37 airlines are flying to Lanzarote on 155 routes, an crease of 7 over last year. Of the plus 3.7m 2.6m are on international flights and 1 million from the Spanish mainland.

#### Iberia Express Increases Flights

Iberia Express, which won this year's Tourism Distinction Award in the business category, have increased the 20:10 hrs flights between Lanzarote and Madrid from two to four days a week, adding Wednesday and Thursday to the Friday and Sunday connections. Early morning departures at 07.00 hrs from Lanzarote will also increase from two to four days a week. The schedule of daily midday flights from Lanzarote at 13.35 and from Madrid at 11.25 remains unaffected.

The Spanish airline also joined Tourism Lanzarote as co-hosts at a





#### "We ae now flying 11 weekly flights to Lanzarote as a major tourist destination with unique natural attractions,"

Fernando Candela, Managing Director Iberia Express

presentation in The Kitchen Club Madrid to promote the Teguise "Eno-gastronomic Saborea Lanzarote" two day event held at the end of November. Leading Lanzarote chefs, wineries and cheesemakers combined to produce a Showcooking display and an exhibit of the island's traditional cuisine.

#### Lanzarote-France

French low cost airline Volotea has added three new routes to Lanzarote to operate between the 22 December and 9 March: Bordeaux, Marseille and Toulouse, in addition to Nantes.

Tourism Councillor Ángel Vázquez and Iberia Express Managing Director Fernando Candela joined Spel Managing Director Héctor Férnandez and other authorities at the Showcooking exhibition at the Kitchen Club, Madrid



Managing Director of SPEL Lanzarote Tourism Héctor Fernández participated in the Ecotur Azul Conference in La Palma, devoted to the campaign of environmental protection at 80 coastal ecotourism destinations, supported by the EU Interreg Fund



Reports from Tías

### Strong Support from Tias for Cancer Awareness Day Huge Rise in Construction Follows Elimination of Taxes



Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández

#### Cancer Awareness March

The Ayuntamiento of Tias and AFOL, the Association for Families of Cancer Sufferers, organised a walk which attracted 500 participants along the Beach Avenue from the Plaza de los Naciones to La Tiñosa Harbour carrying pink banners to signal the oncoming World Breast Cancer Awareness Day. Walkers were engulfed in a "Sea of Pink" in this third annual public participation in the fight against cancer.

The President of AFOL, Carmensa Arrocha, read out a statement calling on the health authorities to resist budget cuts and allow people to be tested for protection against cancer without any age restriction. Photos Doris Hernández



Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández and Deputy Mayor and Tourist Councillor Amado Vizcaino announcing the 2nd Annual Taste Traditional Local Cuisine Fair in the company of AFOL President Carmen Arrocha and Rotary Club President José Luis Otaduy Castanedo





The stand selling drinks and snacks was manned by Rotary Club volunteers with all proceeds destined to the AFOL Charity for Family Members of Cancer Sufferers. Photos Óscar Pache



50th Anniversary of the Peak of the Tomato Export Boom Tias District Exhibits Its Agricultural Past at Mancha Blanca

1968 marked the highest volume of tomato crops in Lanzarote's history with 510 hectares of land under cultivation mostly in the fields of Macher, Tias and La Asomada. Almost twenty years later in 1986, cultivation of the onion crop in Tias district was also at a record high with 350 hectares under cultivation. (1 hectare equals 10,000 square metres).

Before the advent of tourism in the 1980s the entire district of Macher was devoted to agriculture according to local prize-winning Tias historian Juan Cruz Sepulveda. Tomatoes were grown in most of the fields south of the main island highway down to the coast in Puerto del Carmen. On the other side of the main road all the way up to the foothills of the Fire Mountains the main crop consisted of onions.

José Ferrer, proprietor of the Macher Mill, was among the leading exporters whose most significant overseas market was England. In fact, an area of London Docks was named Canary Wharf because of the vast amounts of vegetables and fruit imported from the Canary Islands. A high percentage of tomatoes and onions from Tias district was among them, especially during the winter when fresh vegetables were hard to come by in the UK.



Christina Ioana Dudet of IES Puerto del Carmen was awarded a diploma by the Canarian Government for passing her high school certificate with the highest possible marks in Computer Engineering. The Tias resident is continuing her studies as a first year student at the Cumplutense University in Madrid.

Photo: With Christina who is holding her diploma, Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández, Culture Councillor Amado Vizcaino, Education Councillor Aroa Pérez and Headmistress Luz Baena.





Author Juan Cruz Sepúlveda, wrote the history of tomato cultivation in his book "El Postigo de Tias"





Tias Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino attended the WTM 2018 in London held at Canary Wharf, where the majority of tomatoes and onions exported from Macher were unloaded at a time when the local economy depended on agriculture. This was before the advent of tourism some 50 years ago.

# Huge Rise in Construction Follows Cancellation of Taxes

The decision of the Ayuntamiento of Tias to cancel taxes for permits for building or refurbishing residential premises in the municipality has resulted in an unprecedented rise of 59.1% over the past two years whereas for new construction is even more dramatic as it reached 645%. The figures were provided by Tinsa for the Spanish Ministry for Development.





Reports from Yaiza

El Tiempo de la Sal Documentary Presented in Granada Yaiza to Improve Energy Efficiency in Schools and Offices



Yaiza Mayor Óscar Noda is committed to the conservation of the local environment

### **Energy Efficiency**

Yaiza Mayor Óscar Noda has invited tenders to improve energy efficiency in public lighting at Yaiza and Uga schools, the football ground, Las Breñas Teleclub and local administration offices. Public Works Councillor Jonatan Lemes stressed that these measures were not only to lower costs but also to show the Town Hall commitment to the conservation of the local environment.

### El Salinero

The Filmoteca of Granada, one of Spain's most historic cultural ci-

Photos Alex Salebe



Yaiza Town Hall is installing additional facilities because electricity generated by solar photovolcaic panels is inexhaustible, does not pollute and is of great importance for the conservation of the environment. According to Forbes magazine this may soon become the cheapest form of producing renewable energy

ties, was the latest scenario for the presentation of the documentary on the life of poet Victor Fernández Gopar. Originally employed at Janubio Salt Works, which was the origin of his epithet, El Salinero, he only began writing his verses much later in life, much of the contents devoted to social injustice and the hard labour and poverty endured by farmers on the land and workers at the salt works. The celebration of his life which included the culture and traditions, the folklore and unique countryside of Lanzarote was enthusiastically received in Andalucia, the birthplace of the celebrated poet Federico Garcia Lorca, (1898-1936), the most important Spanish literary figure of the 20th century.



The film's director Carmen Tortosa, co-producers Manuel Concepción and Alex Salebe, among others following the presentation in Granada



# Esteban Rodríguez Eugenio Appointed Historian of Yaiza



Yaiza Mayor Oscar Noda and the Town Council with Francisco Hernández Delgado, the Vice President of the Historians of the Canary Islands who inducted him into office as the first official chronicler of Yaiza Municipality

### Yaiza Historian

The recently appointed Crónista of Yaiza, Historian Esteban Rodriguez, believes that the municipality merits an honoured place in the history of Lanzarote for several reasons. High among them is that Femés was the very first Archbishopric in the history of the Canary Islands, added to which, distinguished personalities born in the district included writer and historian Isaac Viera, 1858-1941, who travelled throughout South America publicising the merits of Yaiza.



Yaiza Tourism Councillor Olga Caraballo attended the WTM 2018 in London and is highly satisfied with the prospects of tourism from the UK to Playa Blanca over the next year



The Fiestas de El Golfo has become among the most popular in the municipality, mainly because of the beauty contest disputed among the best looking "misses" with a great sense of humour.

# Las Indumentarias de Lanzarote by Ricardo Reguera Yaiza Exhibit of Traditional Lanzarote Costumes



Culture Councillors of the Cabildo and Yaiza, Óscar Pérez and Daniel Medina at Casa Benito Pérez Armas with Ricardo Reguera writer of the definitive work on the history of Lanzarote's traditional clothing. The author explained the details of illustrations shown on the screen which included materials and textiles, men and women's working outfits, farmer's, shepherd's and fishermen's garb, protective clothing worn for cochineal harvesting and at the salt works, day clothes and Sunday best, children's clothing and headgear.

Also on display, variations in fashion throughout history particularly the radical changes brought on by textile manufacture and the dying industry as part of the industrial revolution in the second half of the 18th century and the eventual effect this had on clothing worn on Lanzarote and the other Canary Islands.





Reports from Arrecife

# Manrique Route Planned By Arrecife - City of His Birth



Arrecife Mayoress Eva de Anta proudly displays the planned Manrique Route for the city of his birth

The route includes famous sites and murals the artist created for the town as well as the Castillo de San José International Museum of Modern Art which is one of the island's major tourist centres. Built in 1799 as a fortress, the army, later used the building to store ammunition before Manrique converted the premises to contain an art collection and 5 star restaurant with panoramic views.







Painter, sculptor, architect, urban designer, environmentalist, Manrique was each and excelled in them all. What did the artist consider himself to be? In response to the oft-asked question, Manrique would invariably reply, "First and foremost, I consider myself to be a painter."

# The Manrique Route

- 1. International Museum of Modern Art Castillo de San José
- 2. Gardens of the Hospital Insular
- 3. Plaza deLas Palmas
- 4. Ramírez Cerdá Park
- 5. Murals Casa de la Cultura "Agustin de la Hoz"
- 6. "La Salamandra" Caixabank Office
- 7. El Almacen Insular Centre for Culture
- 8. Murals UNED Public Library
- 9. "Anatomy of a Ship"Real Club Náutico
- 10. "Barlovento" Gran Hotel Roundabout



"Toy Dolls" Star at "Arrecife en Vivo" Street Concert Lanzarote Kayak Club Wins Prize at Spanish Championship

Tourism and Festivities Councillor David Duarte praised this year's four weekend series of street concerts produced by HSmith Solutions as the most successful ever and truly merited the prize as the best in this category in the whole of Spain. The highly enjoyable events take place at various emblematic central locations in Arrecife and are attended by large crowds many of whom are holidaymakers from all over the island.

This year's stars were undoubtedly the Toy Dolls - an English English punk rock band formed in 1979 - who work within the parameters of punk to express a sense of fun, with songs such as "Yul Brynner Was a Skinhead" or their own unique version of "Blue Suede Shoes." But they are probably best known for their sole UK hit, a punk-rock cover of "Nellie the Elephant," which brought the proverbial house down in Arrecife with massive and enthusiastic audience participation.



Arrecife Tourism and Festivities Councillor David Duarte



### Marine Eco Systems Attracts Tourism The shoreline of

Arrecife supports an amazing variety of

bird species many of whom spend large portions of their lives over the sea but they all must eventually come out of the air to find a mate and reproduce. Sand, rocks, pebbles and plants serve as breeding grounds for many species of bird. Besides their striking natural beauty plants are an essential part of the marine eco system because once they have taken root sands begin to stabilise.



Lanzarote's Kayak Champions, Club de Piragüismo Marines



Lanzarote Kayak Club was awarded first prize at the 2018 Spanish Championships in Castellon in the category of "Promising Youngsters"





Arrecife Mayoress Eva de Anta with Cabildo and the Town Hall Councillors at the display of the César Manrique route planned for the island capital



Reports fromTeguise

# Teguise Celebrates 600 Years History 1418 – 2018 Statute of Niebla Established Spanish Sovereignty



Mayor Oswaldo Betancort thanked all members of the Town Hall and local community for their contribution to the cultural and historic legacy of the town

Mayor Oswaldo Betancort concluded the 12 months of historic activities for Teguise on 15 November 2018. This marked exactly 600 years since the Count of Niebla took possession of Lanzarote, Fuerteventura and El Hierro from the hands of Maciot de Bethencourt, nephew of Juan de Bethencourt and brought the region under the sovereignty of the Throne of Castile. The town is named for Princess Teguise, daughter of the aboriginal king Guadarfia.

The Mayor presented Medals of Honour to Historian Francisco Hernández Delgado, Director of Historical Archives Maria Dolores Rodriguez and Maria del Pino Fuentes, who coordinated all the events of the 6th centenary year, and inscribed their names in the Teguise Book of Honour

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The Spanish Royal Mint issued a special Gold Coin to commemorate the 6th Centenary of Teguise and the 4th Centenary of Cervantes

Document of 15 November 1418 verifying the transfer of the three Canary Islands to the Throne of Castile. Real Academia de la Historia





The Sister City Twinning ceremony was presided over by Mayor Betancort of Teguise and Mayoress Laura Pichard of Niebla, located in Huelva Province of Andalusia and with two municipalities of Uruguay established by Canarian immigrants, San José de Mayo and Las Piedras represented by Mayors José Luis Falero and Gustavo González, respectively. The authorities of the twinned cities with all the dignitaries.

# Sister City Twinning with Niebla and Uruguay Aerobatic Display Celebrates 600 Years of Teguise History



Among the various local and regional officials, Canarian Government Councillor Cristina Valido deputised for President Fernando Clavijo who was unwell, the mayoress of Niebla and politicians officials from Las Piedras and San José de Mayo in Uruguay, all three of which are being twinned with Teguise to maintain cultural links established over the centuries



The celebration, which took place in Convento Santo Domingo, commenced with a musical introduction by master timplist Benito Cabrera accompanied by Tomás Fariña





The history of the transfer written by historians Victor Bello and Enrique Pérez was presented at the Municipal Library where the authors are seen with Mayor Betancort

In honour of the 600 Years of Teguise History the Royal Palace at Las Maretas opened its grounds to the students of the University School of Tourism in the company of the Mayor of Teguise Oswaldo Betancort and School Director Eva Ciprés

Patrulla Águila, Spanish for Eagle Patrol, is the aerobatic demonstration team of the Spanish Air Force which put on a spectacular 30 minute exhibition over the skies of Costa Teguise which was greatly enjoyed by thousands of spectators on Las Cucharas beach.



A large contingent of holidaymakers were among the spectators lining Las Cucharas Beach watching the coloured smoke trails made by the planes



Teguise Mayor Oswaldo Betancort accompanied by officers of Patrulla Águila (Eagle Patrol) aerobatics team



Costa Teguise Tourism Distinction Awards for Businesses €100 Million Investment in Luxury Hotel and Aquatic Centre



All the Prize-winners with Mayor Oswaldo Betancort, Spel Tourism Managing Director Héctor Fernández Councillor Eugenio Robayna and Tourism Promotion executive Inma Armas

Teguise Mayor and Tourism CEO, Oswaldo Betancort, presided over the 2018 Amigos de Costa Teguise Distinction Awards under the slogan "Costa Teguise Advances United." The event stresses the role played by the local business community in providing quality services and facilities for the resort's many thousands of residents and holidaymakers. The Mayor said, "As we approach the 50th anniversary of the birth of Costa Teguise I am delighted to announce plans for a 5-Star luxury hotel with aquatic centre, total refurbishment of Toca Sport and Apartamentos Ficus and an upmarket category for Oasis Lanz Beach among other projects," the mayor concluded.

#### Award Winners 2018

Restaurante La Bohemia: Best Business Initiative.

José Pablo Hidalgo – Outstanding Professional Career Guiachinche de Luis – Local Business Initiative

Lifeguards – for rescuing drowning passengers on 15 Jan 2018 Sporting Event – 1,200 entries at VI Running CEIP Costa Teguise.



The Mayor with the executives of Toca Sport Foto Liz



Mayor of Teguise Oswaldo Betancort with Town Councillors celebrating the Artisan of the Year award by Teguise timple maker Antonio Lemes



Reports from Haría

# Tribute to 40 years of Malpaís de la Corona XII International MalabHaría Circus Celebration



Haría Mayor Marci Acuña



Haría Mayor Marci Acuña congratulates the President of Malpais de la Corona for 40 years extreme dedication to local folklore



# Circus Programme

### 29 December

11.00 hrs. Plaza de Haria Javier Jimémez -"250th Anniversary of the Circus" (60 min) 12.30 Lola "The Paca Prenda Show" (60 min) - Spain

### 02 January

20.30 hrs. Haria Sports Pavilion Kadavresky – L'effect scargot (60 min) France

### 03 January

17.30 hrs. Plaza de Haria "La Bella Tour" (50 min)
20.30 hrs. Haria Sports Pavilion International Circus Gala
Pablo Rada, Lola Paca Prenda, Dario Dumont, Leti & Fer, Marilén Ribot, Antonio





04 January 17.30 Plaza de Haria Nórdika "Rojo Estandar" 20.30 hrs Haria Sports Pavilion – International Circus Gala Iara Geller, Brasil; Danyzoo, Spain, Pepe Viyeula, Spain; Tripotes; La Femme Fatal, Spain; Aleksandra, Ukraine

#### www.malabharia.com

Tickets from 3 Dec: Ayuntamiento de Haria 08.00-13.00 hrs. Price 5€ euros, theatre capacity 500.



Haría Tourism Councillor Soraya Brito was very happy at the results of the cleaning of the beaches of Orzola which are so popular with holidaymakers



In October, a major oil clean up took place at Caleta del Mero beach, Orzola by a team of volunteers organised by Environmental Councillor Yessica Mesica together with the Lanzarote Limpia Association. Over 2,000 kilos of oil waste from accidental spills or leaks or careless use from ships and tankers carried in by tidal currents were collected in the first half of 2018 in cleansing campaigns. Antonio Lémes Hernández Timple Maker Artisan of the Year 2018



The authorities inaugurate the exhibition

# Fiesta de Los Dolores 2018 Artisan of the Year Award

### Arts and Traditions

Lanzarote's arts and crafts is in a healthy state because local craftsmen and women have gone with the times but the basic skills of the traditional artisans have remained unaffected. Pottery is still made by many artisans without the use of the potters' wheel and basket weaving from palm fronds, including straw huts. Items like jewellery and costume jewellery are crafted from local semi-precious olivine stones extracted from volcanic rock both on land and the waters of the Green Lagoon, Charco de los Clichos. Items are also chiselled out from blocks of volcanic rock itself by masons using innovative ideas but with the

use of modern day tools. The same applies to brooches, necklaces, pendants, earrings, bracelets and even watches, made from a variety of natural materials such as beads, cork and leather.

Traditional potters Marcial de León and his wife, Rosario, who is the granddaughter of Doña Dorotea - considered the Mother of traditional Lanzarote pottery – at their stand containing a variety of tasteful ceramics. A screen on the wall shows a half hour film of Doña Dorotea working the clay in the same small room and yard in the village of Munique used by her mother and grandmother from whom she learnt her craft. Alfareria popular de Muñique 32minute video Doña Dorotean traditional pottery (*https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=xWN9CF8oLoU*).

Antonio Lémes Hernández, Artisan of the Year 2018, has dedicated his life to the making of the timple, the musical instrument whose tones are known as the "Voice of the Canary Islands." This four-or five stringed miniature guitar, which is similar to the ukelele, is the principle feature of Canarian folklore and the most identifying of all the instruments used by local musicians. Antonio began learning at a very young age in the studio of timple maestro Simon Morales of Teguise, who taught him how to form the shape of the instrument working on a foot-operated lathe without the assistance of any measuring instrument. The Lanzarote Cabildo awarded him the highest distinction the island has to offer during the Mancha Blanca Arts and Crafts Fair celebrating the Fiesta de los Dolores. This distinction is only presented to craftsmen who exercise their profession based on traditional Lanzarote methods handed down over the centuries.



The Tias stand depicted 50 years since tomato exports were the major pillar of the local economy. (See front cover and page 73)



Master potters Marcial de León and his wife Rosalia continue the traditions of Doña Dorotea



Arrecife depicts the planned César Manrique Route for the island capital



Stone mason craftman Aurelio Miguel Pérez



Los del Gofio demonstrate the traditional way of preparing gofio for a variety of uses

Gofio, a cereal milled from maize (millet) or sometimes barley is the most typically traditional Canarian of all foodstuffs eaten in the Archipelago. Its most common use nowadays is to add a small amount to milk, to produce a wholesome breakfast rich in vitamins, proteins, fibre and minerals. As a highly versatile product, gofio can also be added to soups, stews, desserts, ice cream and sauces.





Sebastiana Perera displays the traditional art of cochineal cultivation revived by her Milana Association



La Geria displays the traditional art of wine cultivation celebrated each year on Las Caritas Saint's Day



#### Mr Larry Yaskiel

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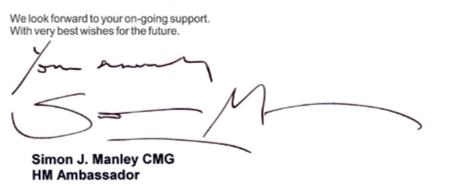
Madrid, 24th August 2018

It gives me great pleasure to add my congratulations to tonight's wonderful tribute to your outstanding music career as one of the top executives of Warner Brothers in Europe, having represented artists like The Beatles, Eric Clapton, the Bee Gees, The Who and other famous British artists.

I would also like to note that your success has continued in many different ways since moving to Lanzarote in the early 1980s, notably taking on the responsibility for the English edition of the *The Lancelot* magazine. The support you have provided the British Consulate publishing our key messages to the British population and supporting outreach events, has been, and continues to be, invaluable.

Your commitment to the promotion of English language in local schools should also be acknowledged, particularly your support of Chichester University's annual programme which allows professors and graduates to visit the island to teach English whilst they are involved in environmental projects.

I have no doubt that your success will continue with your recently-published book on the cultural links between the Canary Islands and the UK, which you so kindly gifted to me at our recent Royal Wedding party, and which is to be presented in the Canarian Parliament – I wish you all the best for this forthcoming occasion.





The Lanzarote Cabildo invited renowned Spanish singer and songwriter Miguel Rios to attend the presentation as the guest of honour, but he had to decline as he was on tour and sent a videomessage: "I would have very much liked to attend the tribute for Larry for what he has done for the island and which is very well deserved." The two

Miguel Rios on Lanzarote on World Tourism Day in 2002. Photo Liz

the UK charts on A&M Records.

met up in 1970 when Song of Joy, the English version of Hymno a la Alegria, went to the top of



Over the past close to four years, British Ambassador Simon J. Manley has constantly expressed his appreciation for the work of Lancelot on behalf of the British Community. Our sincere thanks to him for sending this message



Consul Las Palmas Esther Martín and Honorary Consul Lanzarote Sue Thain with Larry Yaskiel holding his gold record for the Rockin' the Fillmore live double LP by British group Humble Pie, starring Steve Marriot and Peter Frampton in 1971

Artist Leo Sayer starts the proceedings with one of his greatest hits Long Tall Glasses. Presenter Óscar Pérez made use of his former profession as a pop singer to select the most appropriate music videos to accompany the talk

# El Almacén Cultural Initiative Centre

Cinema - Exhibition Halls - Meeting Point





Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés and Culture Councillor Oscar Pérez with Larry Yaskiel

Report by Mar Couce in Spanish Lancelot Photos Jesús Betancort, Ángel Hernández, Liz

Culture Councillor of the Lanzarote Cabildo Óscar Pérez presented the talk about the pop and rock music of the 1960s and 70s as experienced by veteran record executive Larry Yaskiel. Videos of various artists accompanied the conversation which started with Leo Sayer's Long Tall Glasses followed by a photo of the album cover of producer Dave Courtney featuring him in a volcano in the Fire Mountains of Lanzarote which was the first time Liz and Larry had heard the name of this island in their lives. In answer to the question as to why this particular song and the two artists were chosen to start the proceedings Yaskiel replied because both their records were released in 1974, the same year El Almacen was opened by César Manrique, Pepe Dámaso, Luis Ibañez and Yayo Fontes.

This was followed by photographs of various artists the interviewee had been involved with in the early stages of their careers including the Searchers, the Kinks and Petula Clark on Pye Records, Eric Clapton, the Bee Gees and Jimi Hendrix on Polydor, Supertramp, Miguel Rios, Joe Cocker and Leon Russel on A&M and ELO, Deep Purple and the Pirates on Warner Brothers plus some English hits he had co-translated into German.



British Vice Consul Las Palmas Esther Martín and Honorary Lanzarote Consul Sue Thain with the consular representatives of Italy, Switzerland, Romania, Latvia and Lithuania who had kindly flown in from Las Palmas for the evening. Thank you so much for honouring us by your presence





Antonio Coll and Jorge Coll (not in the photo) with Judge Alfonso Licata and his wife were among dignitaries present

Former Cabildo President Enrique Pérez Parrilla with his wife Nieves Rosa Hernández, Mararía President



Retired Notary Don Luciano Hoyos with notary official Mariano Tavío and his family



One of the four founders of El Almacen in 1974, Yayo Fontes and his wife with Dr. Dariusz Chmielewski

Link to the musical evening at El Almacen Theatre https://drive.google.com/open?id=11DJ0zStTkwpgvS5OWEMTP7yqeHZ4X2-5

# José Saramago 20th Anniversary Nobel Prize for Literature Presidents of Portugal and Spain Pay Tribute on Lanzarote

In 1998, José Saramago (1922-2010), was the first Portuguese writer in history to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature. This event was honoured at his home in Tias where he and his wife Pilar del Rio, had spent the last 17 years of his life. The event was commemorated by a tribute to his memory attended by President Antonio Costa of Portugal and President Pedro Sánchez of Spain as well as President of the Canary Islands Fernando Clavijo and the President of the Cabildo of Lanzarote Pedro San Ginés. The ceremony included a visit to the César Manrique Foundation - hosted by President José Juan Ramirez - which had played a pivotal role in the writer's change of residence from the country of his birth to the island of Lanzarote.



Pilar del Rio, widow of José Saramago, with the Prime Minister of Spain Pedro Sanchéz, the President of Portugal Antonio Costa, Fernando Clavijo President of the Canary Islands, the President of the Lanzarote Cabildo Pedro San Ginés, and Casa Saramago Director Javier Pérez in the grounds of the writer's home in Tias



The President of Portugal was presented with a box of Lanzarote wine by the Canarian President and a timple guitar by the Cabildo President



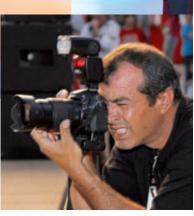
The distinguished guests were escorted round the César Manrique Foundation by President José Juan Ramírez and Fernando Gómez Aguilera

The 50th anniversary of the building of Taro de Tahiche, the original home of César Manrique, was celebrated by 700 guests in the grounds of the CM Foundation





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





### World Cheese Awards 2018 Bergen, Norway

Cheesemaker Finca de Uga Bodega de Oveja was awarded the Superior Gold Medal at the 2018 World Cheese Awards. They and associated cheesemakers also won two Silvers and a Bronze Medal in different categories among other prizes received by Lanzarote dairies. Tribute was paid to brothers Luis and Omar Viña Melián for having obtained three important prizes on behalf of Lanzarote at such a prestigious event.

A record-breaking 3,500 cheeses from every corner of the globe lined up in the judging hall at Bergen's Grieghallen on 2 November 2018 and were judged by an international panel of 230 experts from 29 nations.







Pcan garage in Tias offer petrol loyalty vouchers for drivers filling up regularly for at least 20 euros a time. 50 euros can be won in the raffle on the 15th of each month and a special raffle is held on Christmas Day where customers can win from between 200€ and 1,000€. Come by and ask at the pump for more information.



### The New Audi Q8 Welcome to the 8th Dimension

The new Audi Q8 is bold, luxurious and sporty, truly a new breed of luxury SUV. The fusion of dynamic coupé styling with the presence of a large SUV, the Audi Q8 combines the best of both. Announcing itself with a wide stance and a sweeping roofline, its appearance exudes sportiness. Yet with quatro all-wheel drive and high ground clearance, it can continue even when paved roads end.

Inside, up to 5 passengers travel in style; clean lines and luxurious seats keep the cabin calm and simple, with dual touch screens that blend seamlessly into the minimal dashboard. Combine its design and performance with its advanced, intelligent technologies and strong, yet efficient, mild hybrid 3.0 TDI engine and a sonorous Bang & Olufsen premium sound system as standard.

Showrooms are located at Arrecife and Playa Honda and the post-sales service on Lanzarote has a long standing reputation for excellence.



Proprietor Toni Garcia wishes to inform customers that Pizzeria Capri, Puerto del Carmen, is closed from 10th to 22nd December to install the very latest range of commercial kitchen equipment in order to maintain the highest standards of cuisine for the benefit of their customers. He apologises for any inconvenience and looks forward to greeting them over the festive season.

Magúi Melián Managing Director of Domingo Alonso Imports, Fernando Ramírez Brand Manager and Héctor Perera Product Manager



British Vice Consul Esther Martín with Lancelot Playa Hotel Manager Carlos Cruz whom she thanked for accommodating herself and another five consuls from Las Palmas who accompanied her to Lanzarote for a concert





Mararia President and Vice President, Nieves Rosa Hernández and Carmen Delia Reyes, respectively, Councillors Isabel Sosa Corujo and David Rocio with Airport Director Juan Carlos Peg Ros

#### Gender Equality

An exhibition of paintings at the airport spearheaded a campaign by



Mararia Women's Rights Association and the San Bartolomé Ayuntamiento Igualidad Department on behalf of gender equality and to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls. Their message was, "Gender equality is not only a fundamental human right, but a necessary foundation to provide women and girls with equal access to education, health care and decent working conditions."



# Frimancha Canarias and Roper

Frimancha Canarias, established in the Archipelago in 2009, is a subsidiary of Vall Companys, one of the country's leaders in livestock production with an annual turnover of 1,600 million euros and parent company of some 40 subsidiaries all over Spain. Their presentation on

Lanzarote was to explain how their new financial structure has evolved and to point to Roper as a key player in their expansion in the Canary Islands. Roper Managing Director Fernando Gonzalez explained at La Florida Bodega details of the latest financial structure of the entity, whose parent company is one of the largest livestock agricultural groups in Spain. The event was attended by Commercial Director Carlos Lozano and representatives of the island's major hotels and restaurants as well as the local authorities who thanked Frimancha Canarias for their important investment in Lanzarote.





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



Geoff Woodmansey is a good friend of this publication who has helped us out on numerous occasions through his knowledge of computers. Gracias

In memory of the first anniversary of the death of Hermengildo Duarte, owner of the Arrecife ships chandlery, this beautiful arrangement of flowers from the family was placed on his desk by his son Pedro Duarte.





# Canal Gestión Virtual Office

With the opening of the Virtual Office, Canal Gestión clients can receive any service they require without leaving their homes. The Webbased communication and computing technologies introduced provides users with an up to date and easy to use service for: connecting new clients, requesting an electronic invoice, changing user details, checking bills, registering complaints, date of next metre reading, breakdown of supply, and to request online about the state of any enquiries in hand. To register go to www. canalgestionlanzarote.es



Horinsa Civil Engineering, S.L. is currently carrying out various differing works on the island from the paving of central San Bartolomé to the installation of terraces at San Bartolomé and Playa Honda soccer grounds, thereby contributing to the modernisation of their sporting facilities. They are also engaged in constructing the dedicated cycling route between Playa Honda and Lanzarote Airport, thereby completing one of the stages planned for the Island.

Horinsa S.L. comprises a working



Pitaya - the Dragon Fruit Vivero Las Palmeras Garden Centre in Arrecife wish to introduce our readers to the Pitaya, a unique fruit plant which produces a white flower and a fruit like a pink rosebud. Widely known as dragon fruit, pitayas are delicious, tasting like a mixture of kiwi and pear. It is low in calories and contains Vitamin C, phosphorus, calcium and a good amount of fibre and antioxidants. The pitaya is a decorative wall-climbing cactus which is easy to grow and is now on sale at the nursery.

team of 70 employees working directly

for the company, including engineers,

administration personnel and enginee-

Seal of Quality and of Environmental

Conservation and is currently carrying

out a renovation of its hydraulic asphalt

and recycling plants to enable the reuse

of materials to help preserve the island's

natural surroundings. This is one of

Horinsa's most important aspirations

knowing the fragility of Lanzarote's na-

Horinsa S.L. has been awarded the

ring experts.

tural resources.



Emily Simkins and Gabriella Espinoza of Teguise Broker Insurance, who are fluently bilingual, have many years of experience in organising funerals in Spain. Their brokerage can overcome all problems for clients unfamiliar with the Spanish funeral system which has to take place within 48 hours of the decease of a loved one and must be paid for in advance



Benedicto and Idafe Cabrera of Vivero Las Palmeras arrange the display of plants at Mancha Blanca Crafts Fair every year



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.



Still searching for that ideal Christmas present? The British Connection to Lanzarote & The Canaries by Larry Yaskiel with Spanish translation! Available in all good book shops and swops, the Tourist Centres and CM Foundation. Published by www.ediciones remotas.com



Inauguration of the Rubicón Wine Route

Malvasia Lanzarote Wine Week 2018 was an absolute success according to Wine Origin President Rafael Morales, in a year with a record harvest of 3.9 million kilos of grapes. With him during his presentation, Asolan President Susana Pérez, Mario Ferrer and Ruben Acosta the publishers of the book on wine.







Artists who performed at the 15th Música Visual Music Festival in Jameos del Agua and Cueva de los Verdes in October included Nik Bártsch's Mobile Continuum, 12 Ensemble Resurrection, Bruno Chevillon and Kristjan Randalu. Outstanding among films at El Almacen Cinema was *Shining Light*, a vision of the life and work of Morten Lauridsen, among the the most important contemporary American composers.







# Are there Solutions to this Global Environmental Problem? Professor Richard Thompson – Continued from Page 66

In the UK and elsewhere scientists have for years been saying that more needs to be done to combat the problems posed by marine litter and microplastics. But it is only by creating a sea change in public ways of thinking that we can bring about a positive change for our environment. As well as carrying out research into the sources and impacts of plastic pollution, that is something that for many years we have highlighted as being critical to achieve change.

Our research has shown these items are now everywhere in the oceans, from our most visited coastlines to the remotest parts of the deep seas. It has also shown them in around one third of some 500 fish we examined from the English Channel. We have also shown some of the ways these particles can get into the marine environment.

A washing machine, for example, can release up to 750,000 fibres per



Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés, Aquilino Miguelez, Bethany Jorgensen and Biosphere Councillor Rafael Juan González

wash load, many of which may not be captured by water treatment systems. While a single application of some cosmetic products can contain almost 100,000 plastic microbeads. A whole bottle can contain almost 3 million. These illustrations are merely the tip of the iceberg, demonstrating how our everyday lives and activities relate to the problems.



Winifred showed the mayor the letter of congratulations she had received from the Queen of England

# Englishwoman Resident of Tias Turns 100 "Secret of Longevity? Living on Lanzarote"

Winifred Huc turned 100 on the 11 November and was congratulated by Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández, Deputy Mayor Amado Vizcaino and Social Welfare Councillor Aroa Pérez who presented her with a birthday cake and told her that as the oldest citizen she was now, "Grandmother of

the Municipality". In response to the Mayor's question to what do you owe your longevity she responded, "living on Lanzarote."

Born in 1918, Winifred first visited the island in 1970 during a cruise on



the Queen Elizabeth accompanied by her Polish husband John Huc who came to England in 1939 to volunteer as a fighter pilot in the Royal Air Force. She decided to move here on account of the good weather as she suffered from asthma.

# Concerts Art Exhibitions Carnival



The launching of artist Nicolás Laiz's book "Elementos Identitarios" published by the Cabildo, took place at El Almacen in Arrecife. Known as Nico, his paintings and works of art are unique in as much as they reflect the tourist footprint on the island in combination with the history of the Guanche ancient inhabitants as well as some highly creative imaginary features. This book concentrates specifically on anthropology and life in

the area close to his home town of Guatiza both in ancient times and since the arrival of mass tourism - symbolized by the camel souvenir - in the mid 1980s.



Nicolás with Cabildo Culture Councillor, Óscar Pérez and together with his mother Maria Teresa, brother Javier and the family



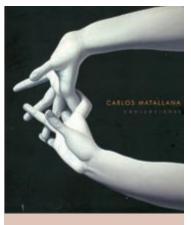
Presenter José Betancort with the artist Nicolás Laiz and co-author Adonay Bermúdez





## CARNIVAL PROCESSIONS 2019

ArrecifeMonday 4 MarchSan BartoloméWednesday 6 MarchPuerto del CarmenSaturday 9 MarchCosta TeguiseSaturday 16 MarchHariaSaturday 23 MarchPlaya BlancaSaturday 30 March







John Morales, top American Dj from the Bronx, the godfather of the Jameos Music Festival with Cabildo Councillor Óscar Pérez, Tourist Centres Director José Juan Lorenzo, TV presenter José María de Paiz and Larry Yaskiel at El Almacén

Check cabildodelanzarotecultura.es for last minute changes

Carlos Matallana's paintings at El Almacen, displays the artist's ability to construct a labyrinth of mirrors whose "realism" ultimately lies in the painting of a photograph of a sculpture of a cultural myth. "What you see is definitely *not* what you see". Ramiro Carrillo

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### Postage and Post Office

Letters and postcards within Europe 1.35 euro, USA 1,45 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.



# <u>Markets</u>

<u>Arrecife Markets</u> 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

<u>Puerto del Carmen</u> Plaza del Varadero Friday 10-3 <u>Playa Blanca</u> Marina Rubicón Wed & Sat to 10-2

<u>Teguise Market</u> Sundays and Public Holidays 9-2

<u>Costa Teguise</u> Pueblo Marinero Thursday mornings 9-2

<u>Tinajo, Mancha Blanca</u> Sunday 9-2

Haría Artesanal Market Saturday 10-14:30

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# **Christian Worship**

#### Church of England

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

## Catholic Church

Nuestra Señora del Carmen, Puerto del Carmen harbour. Sunday Mass 11.00, 18.00; Saturday night, 20.00. 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 Teguise, call 928 590342.

Inter-denominational Sunday Worship at Costa Teguise

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

#### Norsk Kirkescentre 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 133**



The diagrammed deal presented a bidding problem for the South hand. Nobody has the slightest idea about the right bid for the dealer when his 1 Club opening receives a 1 Spade response. A plunge into 5 Clubs seems right but this may be either too high or result in a missed slam.

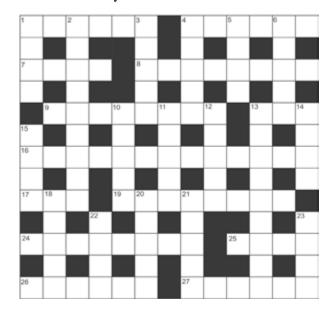
West led the Jack of Hearts. 5 Clubs would have succeeded easily if West had led a Spade or a Diamond, but with a Heart lead, South had apparently 3 losers. East covered the Jack of Hearts with his Ace and returned the suit and South came in with the King.

He now led the sneaky 3 of Clubs. West fell into the trap by playing the 4 and South had the rare pleasure of winning the trick with the 5 of Clubs. On the Ace of Spades, he could discard the Diamond loser. It is not often that a singleton 5 furnishes a crucial entry.

SOLUTION TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD NO. 72. Across: 1 Coventry, 5 Claret, 10 Verdi, 11 Greenland, 12 Nucleolus, 13 Attle, 14 Noodles, 16 Rhebok, 19 Island, 21 Coterie, 23 Hacks, 25 Stornoway, 27 Marmalade, 28 Combe, 29 Smirks, 30 Estrange. Down: 1 Covenant, 2 Veracious, 3 Naïve, 4 Regales, 6 Land Agent, 7 React, 8 Tidies, 9 Geyser, 15 Loan Shark,
<ul> <li>7 React, 8 Tidies, 9 Geyser, 15 Loan Shark,</li> <li>17 Oarswoman, 18 Terylene, 20 Dismal, 21 Closets,</li> <li>22 Thames, 24 Corgi, 26 Nicer.</li> </ul>

# **SIMPLE CROSSWORD No 133**

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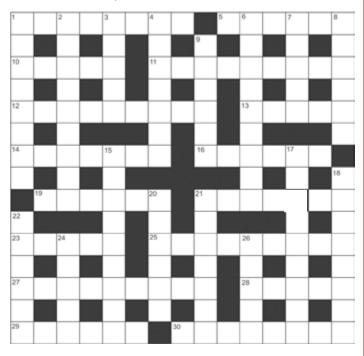
#### ACROSS

- 1 Break free from confinement. (6)
- 4 Leave a ship. (6)
- 7 Residence. (4)
- 8 Sheath for the blade of a sword. (8)
- 9 Renounced a former opinion. (8)
- 13 Everything. (3)
- 16 Something that is served with something else. (13)
- 17 A craze. (3)
- 19 Something given to a charity. (8)
- 24 Having the same opinion. (8)
- 25 Second-hand. (4)
- 26 Taken illegally. (6)
- 27 Reddish brown. (6) DOWN
- 1 Code word for the letter E. (4)
- 2 Started. (9)
- 3 A red fluorescent dye. (5)
- 4 A male duck. (5)
- 5 A child recently born. (4)
- 6 Relating to the countryside. (5)
- 10 Equipped with weapons. (5)
- 11 Public transport. (5)
- 12 Walk slowly or casually. (5)
- 13 Another name for pubs. (9)
- 14 Arriving after the expected time. (4)
- 15 The young of cattle. (4)
- 18 A strong feeling of anxiety or dread. (5)
- 20 An edible bulb. (5)
- 21 A strong feeling of displeasure. (5)
- 22 The flesh of a calf. (4)
- 23 An access into a mine. (4)

SOLUTION TO SIMPLE CROSSWORD NO. 132. Across: 1 basket, 4 Pirate, 7 Rare, 8 Editions, 9 Barathea, 13 Bog, 16 Insubordinate, 17 Kid, 19 Manhunts, 24 Abnormal, 25 Afar, 26 Defect, 27 Scales. Down: 1 Byre, 2 Surpassed, 3 Treat, 4 Prize, 5 Ruin, 6 Tango, 10 Album, 11 Heron, 12 Adieu, 13 Beautiful, 14 Glee, 15 Pink, 18 Imbue, 20 Admit, 21 Halts, 22 Code, 23 Weapons.

# GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD No 73

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#### ACROSS

1 A borough of Greater London, on the river Thames. (8)

5 Attractively unusual or old-fashioned. (6)

- 10 To give way to demands or pressure. (5)
- 11 A social occasion held to celebrate an event. (9)

12 Swing back and forth in a regular rhythm. (9)

13 Charles- , 1814-84, English novelist. (5)

14 The calcified tissue surrounding the pulp cavity of a tooth. (7)

16 A cup or other decorative object awarded as a prize. (6)

19 Push or bump against roughly. (6)

21 Henri - , 1869-1954, French painter and sculptor. (7)

23 Skip or dance about in a lively way. (5)

25 A canvas or other strong fabric used for making sails. (9)

27 Harmony in opinion or feeling. (9)

28 A form of crystal with faces parallel to the vertical axis. (5)

29 Gave an oblique sneering look. (6)30 Possible but nor compulsory. (8)

# - DOWN

1 Sir Joshua - , 1723-92, English portrait painter. (8)

- 2 A gradual increase in loudness. (music) (9)
- 3 A person employed to display clothes. (5)
- 4 Give a spoken or written account of something. (7)
- 6 Highest in place or rank. (9)
- 7 One of the Balearic Islands. (5)
- 8 An informal word for a ten pound note. (6)
- 9 Consent to receive something offered. (6)
- 15 Intervene on behalf of another. (9)
- 17 An expert in or student of history. (9)
- 18 A rich white sauce. (8)
- 20 A festival of the Christian Church. (6)
- 21 Platform at the head of a mainmast. (7)
- 22 To write or draw carelessly. (6)
- 24 A small bag for carrying money. (5)
- 26 An island in the Bay of Naples. (5)

# LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

### Ombudsman - Diputado del Commún

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)



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

### SARA Animal Protection Society

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

# Alcoholics Anonymous English-Speaking Meetings

Call 638 484 113 or visit www.aalanzarote.com Costa Teguise 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**

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# Local Bridge Club

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



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