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*Lanzarote "Where Man can enjoy
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César Manrique 1919-1992 A Year of Remembrance

Lanzarote is blessed by having a native son called César Manrique. Despite being an internationally recognized architectural designer, painter and sculptor, he devoted most of his professional life between 1969 and 1991 to the creation of almost all of the island's tourist attractions. Manrique was both a talented artist and someone very special, for creating "Art in Public Places" decades before this term was in use. Following the opening of the Cactus Garden in 1991, the Sunday Times wrote that César Manrique had been 15 years ahead of his time in creating site-specific sculptures.

It was due to Manrique that Lanzarote was declared a World Biosphere by Unesco in 1993. This distinction is only awarded destinations that follow a policy of commercial development in harmony with conservation of the environment. This commitment dates back to the 1960s when the decision was made to create a tourist resort on Lanzarote.

Before Manrique's intervention: Jameos del Agua grotto was an underground cavern with an aperture in the roof through which the islanders dumped their rubbish: the Mirador del Rio was a former gun battery transformed by Manrique into a stunning viewing area: the Castillo de San José had been an abandoned munitions dump which he restored to house the International Museum of Modern Art.

A unique exhibition of his life and work celebrating the 100th year of his birth opened at the César Manrique Foundation 30 October 2019 and closes 26 April 2020. Take time to visit this unique and comprehensive collection of every aspect of his life including many of which which have never been seen before by the general public.

If you have enjoyed your holiday you may consider buying a holiday cum retirement home on the Island. With 12 months a year sunshine only a few hours from home, you can't go wrong. We publish quarterly, our next issue appears on 1 June. Have an enjoyable holiday and come back again.

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First Brits

Dear Sir,

We are on our second holiday to Lanzarote and have met many other British holidaymakers at the hotel in Playa Blanca where we stayed on both occasions. When did the first tourists from the UK come to the Canary Islands?

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GUINEVERE Although individual holidaymakers started coming

to the Canaries in the late 19th century the first organised tourists came on cruise-liners in 1903. A famous British shipping line Yeoward Bros. advertised an 18 day cruise to Lisbon and the Canary Islands in the British daily newspapers in 1903.

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Columbus-Canaries

Dear Sir,

In your last issue in an article about the Canarian Government you referred to the connection between Christopher Columbus and America. The following is an excerpt from the journal of Columbus written in his own hand about his voyage of 1492 clearly illustrating the part played by the Canary Islands. Whereas, Most Christian, High Excellent and Powerful Princes, King and Queen of Spain and of the Islands of the Sea, our Sovereigns, this present year 1492... Hereupon I left the city of Granada on Saturday 12 May 1492 and proceeded to Palos, a seaport, where I armed three vessels, very fit for such an enterprise, and having provided myself with an abundance of stores and seamen, I set sail from the port on Friday 3rd of August, half an hour before sunrise, and steered for the Canary Islands of Your Highness which are in the said ocean, thence



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to take my departure and proceed until I arrived at the Indies....

Set sail from Saltes and proceeded with a strong wind till sunset sixty miles or fifteen leagues south, afterwards southwest and south by west, which is in the direction of the Canaries. 'Thursday 9 August. The Admiral did not succeed in reaching the island of La Gomera till Sunday night..... he returned to Grand Canary and with much labour repaired the Pinto....they saw an eruption from the Peak of Tenerife, a loft mountain... the Admiral took his final departure from La Gomera with the three vessels on Thursday 6 September.

Almost all histories of the Columbus era stress that without calling at the Canary Islands, Columbus would never have reached America. At a time when there was a close relationship between Portugal and the Canaries, Columbus lived for several years in Madeira trading in sugar for an Italian firm.

According to some historians, before setting out on his voyage, the future "Grand Admiral of the Ocean" spent several years on the Canary Island of La Gomera, governed by Beatrice of Bobadilla. Since the murder of her husband by his subjects, this wealthy beautiful green-eyed widow with flaming red hair became a much sought-after lady, and Christopher Columbus himself a widower at the time fell madly in love with her and paid court to her with full ceremony.

However, according to Canarian scholar, Yann Even, this oft-repeated rumour is highly unlikely, as at the time of his arrival on the island Columbus was an unknown commoner, who would have stood little chance of attracting a member of the Spanish aristocracy. Even adds that when he did discover the New World, he named the region the "Canary Islands of the Indies."

He took with him from La Go-

mera the first fig trees and sugar to be planted in the New World as well as the first melon, orange and lemon seeds. Also livestock, chickens, goats, sheep and eight sows for which the great Admiral "payed 60 silver maravidas each." In 1516, Dominican monk Fray Tomás Berlanga planted the first banana trees in Santo Domingo, now Haiti and the Dominican Republic, which he had taken from Grand Canary.

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Candelaria Church

Dear Sir,

I read in a travelogue about the Canary Islands that the Virgin of the Candelaria, (Candlemass) is the Patron Saint of Tenerife. Driving around Lanzarote I came across the beautiful Candelaria Church in Tias above Puerto del Carmen. What



Wine cultivation on Lanzarote is unique, with vines planted individually in small craters. Volcanic grains shield the grapes from the sun and a wall protects from the wind. Many thousands of such craters in the La Geria wine region are catalogued the the New York Muscum of Modern Art as "Engineering without Engineers." Due to the terrain, grapes are planted and harvested manually, resulting in high labour costs. When visitors buy a bottle of Lanzarote-origin wine, a they actively contribute to the preservation of a traditional method of viniculture in danger of dying out.


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is the origin of the saint and how is she connected to the Canary Islands?

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GUINEVERE The legend of the Candelaria, who is in fact the Patron Saint of the Canary Islands, goes back to the coast of Tenerife in 1390. Two shepherds tending their flocks saw what appeared to be a woman cradling a child in her arms standing on a rock. As it was not customary to speak to an unescorted woman they made signs for her to move aside as the sheep were afraid to pass by her. As she didn't respond one of the shepherds picked up a rock to throw at her but found that he could not move his arm. His companion then tried cutting her finger with a stone, but found he had cut his own hand leaving the woman unmarked.

Totally bewildered they rushed back to their village to tell their story to the local chieftain who came to the rock and realized that the 'woman' was actually an image. When the shepherds touched her they were both miraculously healed. and he ordered them to carry the image back to his dwelling where it remained for forty years.

This was before the ancient in-

habitants had been subdued by the Normans and converted to Christianity. The Spanish had already annexed the eastern islands and when the governor of Lanzarote heard about the miraculous image he sailed across to 'pagan' Tenerife and brought the holy statue back to 'Christian' Lanzarote landing at La Tiñosa harbour, now Puerto del Carmen, and had it transported to El Salvador Church in Teguiise. It was greatly venerated by the worshippers but each morning the image was found facing the wall with its back to the congregants. Prayers and penances were of no avail and soon many islanders were struck down by a mysterious illness.

Realising that he was to blame the governor returned the statue to Tenerife. Following the conquest of Tenerife in 1496 the Spaniards built a chapel on the sea shore to house the Virgin and Child, now called Our Lady of the Candle (Candelmass) who became the Patron Saint of the Canary Islands. In 1796, when Tias became a municipality they named the parish church Candelaria.

Sir Clements Markham, a famous English historian wrote a book entitled the Guanches of Tenerife published in 1907 which contains the story of Our Lady of the Candelaria. As President of the Royal Geographical Society of Great Britain he was responsible for supporting

and funding Captain Scott's second expedition to the Antarctic in 1910, which cost him his life.

The Drago Tree

Dear Sir,

Whilst on a cruise to the Canary Islands we called at Arrecife for one day and during a walk around the lake where we spotted an unusually beautiful tree and were told it was called the Drago and had an interesting history. With its long green leaves pointing outwards and perfectly smooth trunk it could be described as resembling an umbrella blown inside out.

Could you tell us something about it.

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GUINEVERE Called the Drago, or Canary Dragon Tree (*Dracocna Draco*), its unique characteristic is its slow growth. It increases in height the same way 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 drago tree once branches, it never grows higher, but continues to spread in width. The branching only takes place after it blossoms and it generally does not flower for fifteen or thirty years or even longer.

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Part of the mythology of the Canaries, the Icod on Tenerife is estimated to be 1000 years old. The hollow trunk of the tree was large enough for a good-sized room or cave and at the time of the ori-

ginal inhabitants when a national assembly was called to appoint a new chief the meeting took place in the famous drago tree at Orotava. It was supposedly 6000 years old but was destroyed du-

ring two severe storms in the 19th century.

According to historian Viejo 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, hemorrhage and diarrhea 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.

The dragon tree comes to full flower in the month of June coinciding with the Feast Day of San Juan (St John). There used to be a custom in the Canary Islands to take any child suffering with a hernia to the Drago tree at dawn on San Juan. Before sunrise an incision was made in the child's foot which was followed by a cut in the tree by the same knife and if sap oozed out it was a sign that the hernia would be cured.



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Saltwater Tomatoes

Dear Sir,

I came across the following report which may be useful for the island's agriculture as Lanzarote has always suffered from insufficient rainfall. Researchers report that growing cherry tomatoes in salty water can make them tastier and richer in antioxidants. Using diluted seawater to irrigate the tomato plants puts an environmental stress on the plants that causes them to produce higher levels of certain compounds in an attempt to cope with the stressful conditions.

While many people are still trying to figure out whether the tomato is a fruit or a vegetable, scientists have been busy creating a hardier tomato. Working with plant biologists at the University of California (Davis campus), University of Toronto researchers have genetically engineered a tomato plant that thrives in salty irrigation water – a discovery that may solve one of agriculture's greatest dilemmas. While crop irrigation has freed farmers from the uncertainties of Mother Nature, it has also increased salinity in soils and water by depositing soluble salts in the fields. These salts eventually decrease a crop's vigour and productivity. "Since this type of environmental stress is one of the most serious factors limiting crop productivity, this innovation will have significant implications for agriculture worldwide," says

Eduardo Blumwald, a botany professor at UC Davis, who led the research team that discovered the salt-tolerance gene. The research, much of which was conducted at U of T, continues at the UC Davis department of pomology. This study by Blumwald and Hong-Xia Zhang, a post-doctoral fellow at U of T, was published in the journal Nature Biotechnology.

Many soils, particularly those which have been irrigated for many years have built up high salt levels that stops crops growing. The answer may be to modify crop plants so that they tolerate the soils.

The new tomato proves that it can be done as it can grow in water which is about fifty times saltier than normal and almost a third as salty as seawater. Since environmental stress due to salinity is one of the most serious factors limiting the productivity of crops, this innovation could have significant implications for agriculture worldwide. And if tomatoes can be made salt tolerant, so can other more staple crops which could be of major benefit to Lanzarote and the Canary Islands as well as other regions with minimal rainfall.

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GUINEVERE Thank you for such interesting information which will be passed on to the Insular Agriculture Authority.

Malvasia Wine

Dear Sir,

On our first visit to your beautiful island we found the word "Malvasia" on the label of most bottles of wine we ordered. A waiter told us that it is the name of the grape cultivated to make this wine. Could you tell us the origin of the word please?

Heinz Jürgens
Island Homes
Famara

GUINEVERE The origin of the word Malvasia found on the label of Canary wine, dates back to Roman times. When the legions of Julius Cesar travelled to foreign shores they carried seedlings of fruits and vegetables which grew well in climates similar to those they were colonizing. In the case of the Canaries they planted grape vines which originated in the Monevasia region of Greece. Over the centuries the word Monevasia evolved into Malvasia in Spanish, Malmsey in English and Malvoisie in French. There are numerous mentions of Canary wine in the works of William Shakespeare.



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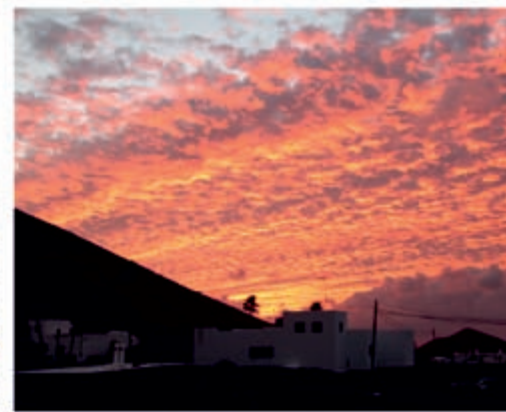
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British Ambassador and Consuls Visit Local Residents “Citizens’ Rights A Priority in Withdrawal Agreement”

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What Leaving Brexit Means

The British Ambassador to Spain Hugh Elliott spoke to local residents at El Fondeadero on 20 January. He said, “I have come here to address concerns of local residents by explaining what leaving Brexit means for British nationals living in Spain as well as to clarify explain some of the jargon around the parliamentary process. Citizens’ rights have always been an important part of the negotiations on our exit from the EU. Indeed the citizens’ rights parts of the Withdrawal Agreement (the agreement about how we leave the EU) were one of the first areas to be agreed between the UK and the EU back in autumn 2018. The final text of the Withdrawal Agreement between the UK and the EU in October 2019 has been agreed and there were no substantive changes to the citizens’ rights elements. (Since the Ambassador’s talk, the British and European Parliaments have ratified the “Deal”.) It is also important to note that your rights under the Withdrawal Agreement are completely independent of the negotiations about our future trade and security relationship with the EU.

For British Nationals in Spain, the Withdrawal Agreement contains important guarantees for you on citizens’ rights, such as the right to continue to live and work in Spain, continuation of healthcare and up-rating of pensions. Those rights will be protected for as long as you remain resident in Spain, provided that you are registered as a resident by 31 December 2020.

That’s why it is so important to ensure that you, your family, your friends and indeed your neighbours are all correctly registered as resident here. If you are not sure whether



The British Ambassador thanked the Ayuntamiento de Tias at El Fondeadero, for their constant support of the local community, prior to his address on the subject of what Brexit means for British nationals

you are or don’t know what to do next, have a look at the video from our consular advisor which takes you through the process, and explains the differences between the padron, NIE and residencia at <https://www.facebook.com/BritsInSpain/videos/2503168039961576/> If there is any change to the residency

system after Brexit we will update our Living in Guide at gov.uk/livinginspain, so do sign up for alerts and follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/britsinSpain.”

Questions & Answers

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A section of the 100+ members of the audience

without taking a driving test and your Spanish license will be accepted in the UK when you visit. After December 31 2020 your driving license must be Spanish. “Onward Movement” to other EC countries after 31 December 2020 is still being negotiated. UK Nationals cannot apply for a TIE (Tarjeta de Identidad de Extranjero or foreigner’s identity card) until after Brexit. Of special interest to “swallows”: If you plan to reside in Spain for more than 3 months, you are requested by the Spanish authorities to register as a resident. To do this you need to make an appointment online and then attend Oficina de Extranjeros (immigration office) or designated police station in your local area. Once registered, you will be given a green card or certificate with your NIE on it. You must also register on the padrón at your town hall.




Deputy Mayor Nicolás Saavedra greeted the officials in the name of Mayor José Juan Cruz and is seen with the Ambassador and Tias Protocol Councillor Kalinda Pérez

Healthcare in Spain: Nothing will change after 31st December 2020 if you are registered as a resident of Spain and are paying into the state healthcare schemes either through your employer or independently; or paying for private health insurance; or getting healthcare as a perma-

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The Ambassador told the President of the Canarian Parliament "we have had connections with the Canary Islands for over six centuries and only 35 years with the European Union, there is no reason for our relations not to continue. We are not going anywhere!"




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Wills: broadly speaking, under Spanish law, close family members cannot be excluded from a will in order to leave one's estate to a dog's home, for instance. It is important to seek professional advice.



Following the interview, Larry presented a copy of his book "The British Connection with Lanzarote and the Canary Islands" to the Ambassador and his wife Toni as seen in the photograph

During a Lancelot TV interview the Ambassador responded to questions by Larry Yaskiel as follows: First of all I would like to reassure all British residents of the Canary Islands that the government has negotiated an agreement to preserve most of the rights of all citizens who wish to continue living here. Spain has been the most accommodating on the subject of British citizen's rights of all the EU countries we are negotiating with.

More than 300,000 Britons now live in Spain, 40,000 of them in the Canaries. I also hope that holidaymakers from the UK continue visiting the Islands, this is important because they total 5 million annually.



Lancelot TV cameraman Juan Cruces

As far as Spanish students wishing to study in UK universities this year they will be able to finish their courses. However, there will be changes in the conditions for international programmes like Erasmus.



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Estimated Income Tax (Self-use) on Real Estate

Karl Fuchs - Auditax NL International S.L.

This article provides fiscal information to fiscally resident and non-resident real estate owners. In relation to many queries we received during 2019 we felt it is necessary to clarify a few fundamental details to the tax mentioned in the headline.

Generally, owners of real estate in Spain are liable to pay this tax on urban properties, with exemption of the residential property of fiscally resident persons. The term urban properties include commercial premises, habitable dwellings, storage facilities, garages, parking lots, etc.

Time and time again we find, that owners are not aware of this tax and find themselves in a situation of owing tax for multiple years, because they think by paying the annual municipal rates everything is settled. This is not the case and the tax authorities do not send an invoice for this tax, because it is up to the owner to declare, how the property is used. Please note, that an official assessment by the tax authorities is the last resort and is almost every time levied with fines and interest.

The official phrase to describe “self-use” is “the property is at the disposition of its owner”, meaning that if the property is not rented out, it is deemed to be used by the owner, including periods when the dwelling is empty. It is important to know for owners who rent out their property to tourists to know, that this tax also applies to periods, when the property is not let, and it must be paid in the year following the fiscal (calendar) year.

After having laid out the definition of this tax we proceed now to the technical term and calculations. The estimated income is calculated from the same basis (Valor Catastral) as the municipal rates.



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The applicable tax rates currently are:

EU and EEE countries:	19%
Other countries:	24%

The payment for this tax must be made during the year following the fiscal (calendar) year.

At this stage and in reference to many queries we have received from our property owners in Lanzarote concerning this tax in respect to the fiscal year 2018, we'd like to point out an important fact, which applies to all municipalities in Lanzarote.

The government or in this case the corresponding department (Catastro) has not reviewed and set new values (Valor Catastral) in a collective procedure for more than 10 years, which has caused a modification in the above formula, increasing the percentage to estimate the income from 1,1% to 2% and resulting in almost doubling the tax due. It is most likely, that this situation remains like this for the tax year 2019, although some revisions are on the way, but are most likely applicable from 2020.

Please consult with your tax adviser about the calculation for your property and make sure to provide him/her with the correct value (Valor Catastral) each year or to provide him/her with a power of representation, so he/she can get the appropriate information from the corresponding Town Hall on your behalf.

A Brief Guide to Property Purchase



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Central Southern Route

La Geria

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

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





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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 typical of Lanzarote's traditional architecture with the Town Hall at one end and the ancient Los Remedios Church at the other.

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

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



Timanfaya. Photo Centros Turísticos

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

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

Playa Blanca Papagayo Beaches

Twenty years ago a tiny fishing village, PLAYA BLANCA on the south coast, is now a flourishing but tranquil resort with a beautiful beach bordered by a picturesque restaurant-lined promenade. The small harbour is used by ferries sailing to Fuerteventura, the Fred Olsen Express car ferry makes the 20 minute crossing six times daily.

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

Marina Rubicón

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

The Fire Mountains

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

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

Here the DIABLO RESTAURANT serves meals from a grill fitted across a natural volcanic chasm, with geothermic heat rising from





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Monumento al Campesino. Photo Centros Turísticos



the bowels of the volcano cooking the food!

A coach fitted with multi-lingual commentary leaves to tour the nearby region of volcanic destruction taking a route offering the clearest indication of what took place here some two and a half centuries ago. There are stops for photographs and the 45 minute trip is included in the price of the admission fee to the Park. Open daily 09.00 - 17.00 hrs.

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

Timanfaya Information

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

El Monumento

Continue past Mancha Blanca to Tao, turn right until the next roundabout. The MONUMENTO AL

CAMPESINO at the right of the road was one of the first creations of the late Cesar Manrique whose intention was to commemorate past generations of Lanzaroteans who stuck to their toil in the fields even after volcanic eruptions had devastated their most fertile land. These hardy early 18th century pioneers invented the irrigation method still in use throughout Lanzarote today. They had noticed that wherever an amount of black volcanic grains known as picon thrown out by the volcano had settled on fertile soil, some type of plant-life eventually emerged from the ground. Soon realising that the grains were porous, farmers began covering their fields with picon. The typical farm house contains a restaurant serving local cuisine. Nearby, the public can watch artisans create traditional arts and crafts which can be purchased in the souvenir shop. Open daily 10.00 - 18.00, restaurant 12.00 - 16.30, bar 10.00 - 17.45.

San Bartolomé

A short distance along take the right fork towards San Bartolomé. This is the geographical centre of the island and an important agricultural region where vegetables grow in the sandy 'jable' soil, unique on

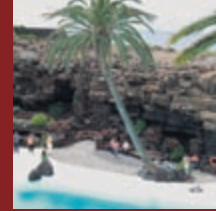
Lanzarote. Sweet potatoes, water melons and squash are the main crops grown in this region. Buildings of interest in the town itself include the Casa Mayor Guerra, the 18th century home of the former military governor of the island.

Tanit Ethnic Museum

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

Cesar Manrique Foundation

On the outskirts of town cross straight over the main Monument-Arrecife road until passing some ruins on a plateau to the left. Continuing downhill round a sweeping curve for a few hundred metres the imposing white gateway of the FUNDACION CESAR MANRIQUE appears on your left with its adjoining spacious parking area. The Foundation is housed in what was originally one of the world's most uniquely beautiful homes built by Cesar Manrique for himself and where he lived for over twenty years. Set in a sea of petrified



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

Museo Agrícola. El Patio

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

Northern Route Tegüise

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



Mirador del Río. Photo Centros Turísticos

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

Piracy Museum Santa Bárbara Castle

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

A Piracy Museum is located in the medieval fortress with a wonderful array of interactive screens, panels and information boards with the names and histories of some of the most famous names of pirates and privateers in maritime history. British and North African 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 is closed for repairs.

Timple Music Museum Palacio Spinola, Tegüise

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

Haría

The road north passes Los Valles an important agricultural village continuing past several laybys





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

Manrique House Museum

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

Mirador del Rio

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

The Green Caves

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



Cactus Garden

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 10.00 - 19.00 hrs. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights, 19.00 - 03.00 hrs.

The Cactus Garden

The route south passes through several villages until reaching an area where the fields are all planted with cacti. Known as the 'tunera' cactus it attracts the female cochineal beetle from which carmine dye is extracted. Dusty white patches on the leaf indicate a colony of this parasite and if crushed turn

to bright crimson. Guatiza village is the centre of this cactus crop and is the home of JARDIN DE CACTUS - the CACTUS GARDEN - the seventh and last of the Tourist Centres, which opened in March 1990. Open daily 10.00 - 18.00 hrs.

Arrecife

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

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



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

Rancho Texas

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

Golf - Theme Park

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



Charco de San Gines, Arrecife

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- Mari-

na 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.

History - Culture - Arts & Crafts - Tourist Attractions

Haría

Artesan Capital of Lanzarote

Unique Beautiful Countryside
 Lush green Valley of the Palms
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 Ocean views from the Famara Cliffs

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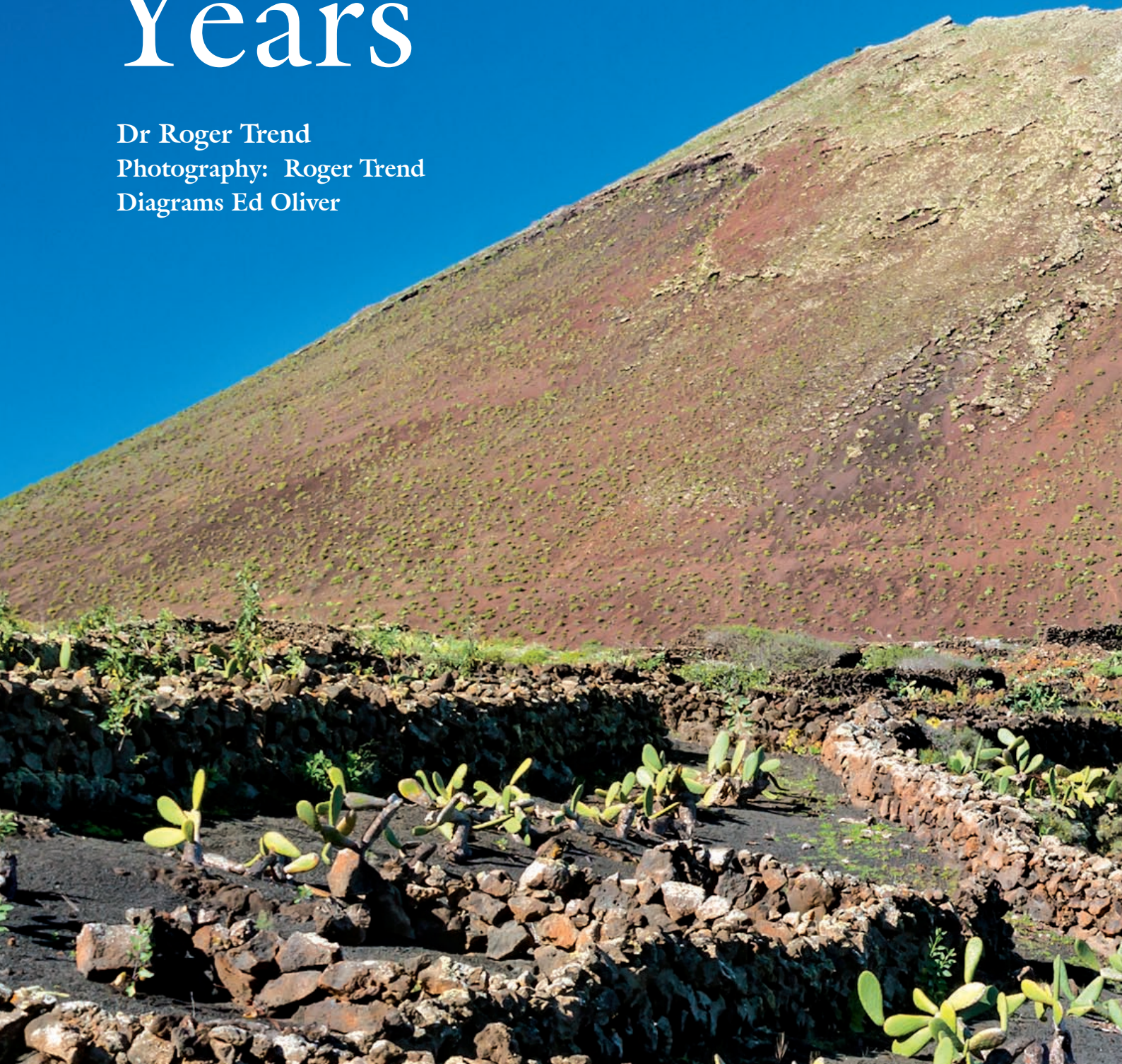
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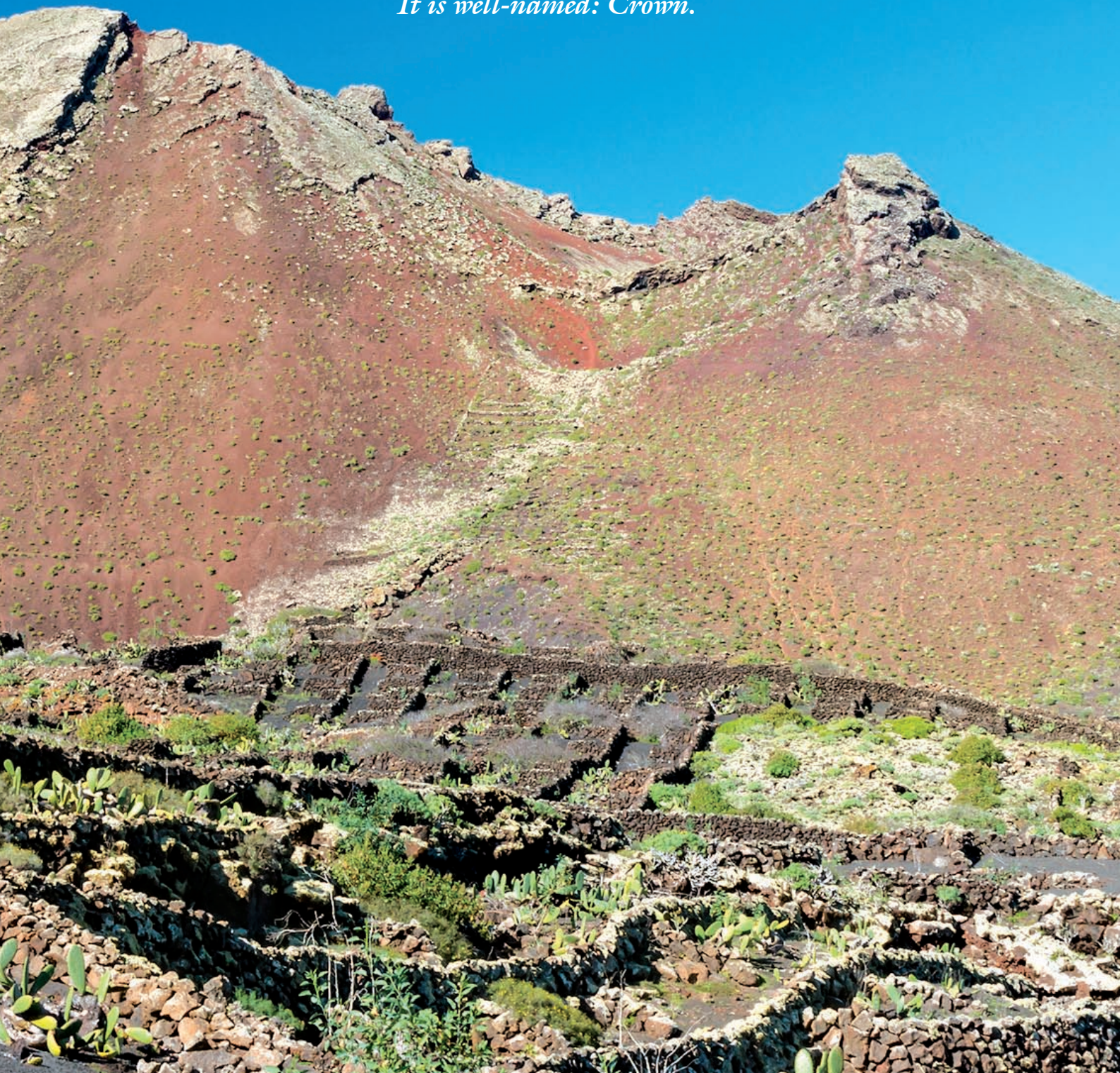
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Monte Corona Crowning Glory

Jameos del Agua and Cueva de los Verdes, two of the most popular tourist attractions on the island, owe their existence to a spectacular eruption 20,000 years ago: Monte Corona. It's an impressive volcano, sitting in regal splendour on the ancient Famara plateau in the far north of the island. It is well-named: Crown.



El Golfo is a geological phenomenon consisting of a partially collapsed volcanic crater in which trapped sea water forms a deep and strangely coloured lagoon. It was used as the setting for One Million Years BC starring Raquel Welch



Ancient Origins of Corona

It appeared when Earth's climates were very different from those of today. The last glacial advance of the Pleistocene Ice Age was at its peak, with ice sheets covering Antarctica, huge areas of the northern continents and the world's plateaux and mountain chains. Because of all that water locked up as ice on land, global sea levels were around 70 - 100 m lower than today's, with lowland coastlines. This rock is basalt.

Los Helechos La Quemada Famara Arrieta

Together with its smaller neighbours Los Helechos and La Quemada, Corona erupted along a fissure running NE/SW through the

ancient Famara rocks. We know that Quemada and Helechos erupted first because their lava flows were later buried by Corona's lavas. Corona had three phases. First, a continuous mildly explosive Lanzarote's eruption produced the large cone we see today. This was followed by fluid lava which flowed rapidly towards the south east towards Arrieta and Punta Mujeres and further seawards. This was a Strombolian-type eruption, in which moderately explosive activity first generates a volcanic cone followed by outpourings of fluid lava. These fluid lavas cool to produce a distinctive lava type with a smooth, ropy surface of tephra. It's called pahoehoe [photo 2], a Hawaiian term. This was true for Lanzarote's coast, notably around the north east coast.

El Golfo Strombolian Cone

Strombolian cones are generally wider than normal, and a few of the Pleistocene volcanic eruptions were quite big bangs. El Golfo is the best example and well worth a visit. The explosions were so strong that everything got blown upwards, so there was no lava outpouring stage. The closing explosions also blew the side out, giving us a cross section through the volcano, later trimmed by wave action.

Risco Famara - Guinate

Most of Lanzarote's volcanic cones comprise ash and lapilli, although a few are composite, comprising alternating layers of tephra and solid lava. Some of Corona's fluid lava also flowed in a narrow valley towards the north west,



Monte Corona whose lava stream forms the malpais badlands and , the Atlantida Tunnel, the longest lava tube in the world

tumbling over the Famara Crags (Riscos) near Guinate and giving clear evidence that these cliffs were formed before Corona erupted Corona's third phase involved more viscous (sticky) lava which covered Famara's eastern lowland area, continuing 2 km further eastwards than today's coastline because of the lower sea levels. Such lava moves less readily than pahoehoe so the cooled and solidified upper layer becomes fragmented into jagged blocks as it moves. This distinctive blocky lava type is called aa, another Hawaiian term.

Malpais de La Corona (badlands)

Explosive eruptions sometimes removed sections of the volcanic cones, producing large blocks which



These fluid lavas cool to produce a distinctive lava type with a smooth ropy surface called pahoehoe, a Hawaiian term →

The Famara massif plunges abruptly into the sea in a 23-km rampart of cliffs rising in places to 600 metres high, which form the island's north-western coast. The highest point on the island, Peñas del Chache (670 m) rises near the centre of the massif



→ then became rafted along on the aa flows. The landscape of this district is called Malpais (badlands), characterised by blocks as big as cars and colonised by an attractively domed Euphorbia species - Euphorbia balsamifera, the Balsam Spurge.

Corona's Lava Tube

Lava tubes are exciting. They are shallow tunnels within lava flows, ranging in diameter from less than one metre to over 30 metres, which form in fluid lava when it flows down gradient and starts to cool and solidify. The initial formation of a solid surface crust insulates the underlying lava which remains hot and mobile. The flow may become concentrated into subsurface tubes, either by chance or by following the

underlying topography. Because of the insulation, fluid lava is able to travel great distances beneath the crust as tubes, flowing and branching in all directions, including upgradient, at various levels and often creating a network of linked passages. Once a tunnel is formed it becomes a focus for more mobile lava, so it tends to stay hot and perpetuate itself until the supply of lava from the volcano gets cut off, when the lava tube becomes drained.

Jameos - Roof Collapse of Volcanic Tube

In places the roof may collapse, exposing the tube to the sky. On Lanzarote these abundant collapse holes are called jameos. Lanzarote has one of the best lava tubes in the world. And it's one of the longest,

widest and most accessible too. It runs from Monte Corona eastwards to the sea near Jameos del Agua: and then continues beyond the modern coastline. At 9.5 km overall it is complex, with unknown or blocked sections, so it is not quite continuous. In places its diameter is over 25 m, among the largest in the world. It is on public view at Jameos del Agua and Cueva de Los Verdes where the lighting by Jesus Soto produces stunning reflections.

1.7 km Atlántida Tunnel - Longest in the World

The last stretch of the tube, measuring 1.7 km, descends to 65 m below sea level, so it is flooded, giving the longest submarine lava tube in the world: Túnel de la Atlántida, Atlantida Tunnel. During exceptio-



Another section of the Malpais de la Corona (badlands)



An attractively domed Euphorbia species – euphorbia balsamifera, the Balsam Spurge. This spectacle of plant life occurs naturally in many parts of the world, some are as large as trees and others range as small ground covers

nally high tides the lake in Jameos del Agua overflows and prevents visitors passing freely on the path alongside. Lava tubes cannot form below sea level because lava solidifies rapidly when it hits water, causing the tubes to become blocked. Clearly, therefore, this lava tube must have formed when sea levels were at least 65 m lower than today and the coastline around 2 km further to the east, in fact the time of the last glacial maximum 20,000 ago. It all ties in with Pleistocene global events. Simple really!

The Future? Don't worry:

Lanzarote is very safe compared with other active volcanic regions, for many reasons. Two are critical. First, Lanzarote's basalt magma (hot molten rock from the Earth's inte-

rior) is very fluid, so it emerges readily, either as gentle Hawaiian-type eruptions or as slightly more energetic Strombolian ones. Hawaiian eruptions are relatively quiet affairs, with few explosions and large volumes of fluid lava. This flows great distances as almost horizontal lava flows which accumulate to form broad, low shield volcanoes. The magma is fluid because of its origin towards the base of the mantle. It's also pretty hot when it comes out: usually between 1,000 and 1,200C. It's easy to avoid.

2019 New Zealand Eruption

By contrast, dangerous eruptions occur elsewhere in the world when magma is formed at shallower depths in subduction zones, just a few hundred km down. The magma che-

mistry is very different and usually produces highly viscous lavas called andesite which emerge at lower temperatures, around 750 to 950C. This very sticky, cooler lava often clogs the vent, so pressure builds up and periodically clears with a big explosion. On 9 December 2019 the White Island eruption in New Zealand was this type of event.

Volcano Monitoring on Lanzarote

The second reason to feel safe is that Lanzarote has the greatest concentration of volcano monitoring devices in Europe, and one of the greatest in the world. The island has over 140 sensors across 5 locations, including the three main surveillance centres at Jameos del Agua, Timanfaya





National Park and Cueva de Los Verdes. Timanfaya is at the centre of the district popularly known as the Fire Mountains National Park.

Checking Seismic Activity

Seismic (earthquake) activity is the most important factor in monitoring: locations, depths and strengths of the slightest tremors can be picked up by equipment sensitive enough to record earthquakes anywhere else in the world. Changes in ground surface gradient are monitored since ascending magma lifts the surrounding rock. Other equipment monitors gas chemistry, gas temperature, fluid and rock temperature, groundwater level and magnetic and electrical fields. Changes in geothermal heat flow are particularly important, obviously. Beneath Timanfaya the magma is still cooling after the 1730's eruptions, with temperatures of around 5000C at 10 m depth and as high as 2500C at a few places on the surface.

1730-1736 Eruptions 60 Million Years after Lava Build Up

For three hundred years Timanfaya's stunning volcanic landscapes have stimulated residents and visitors alike. Lava and ash covered nearly a third of the island, burying 14 villages, 8 small towns, 3 chapels, 700 houses and a network of tracks which served the best farmland on the island. Evidence for such events is there for all to see. It all became visible (and audible!). As witnessed by the priest of Yaiza, on 1 September 1730 the first eruption took place at Caldera de Los Cuervos about 3km west of Masdache, but the action had really started some 60 million years (Myr) previously when lava started to build up on the ocean floor, 3 km down.

Volcanic Episodes

Lanzarote's historical eruptions around Timanfaya were merely the latest batch in a series of volcanic episodes, some lasting many mi-



Cueva de los Verdes. Photo Carmen Smith. A spectacular cave in a section of the Atlantida volcanic tube formed by the eruption of Monte Corona before recorded history. In 1987 they were the setting for Brian Eno's very first video installation in Europe

llions of years, since the island first appeared above sea level around 15 million years ago (Ma) during the Miocene Epoch. Can we see evidence in Lanzarote's rocks and landscapes for these more ancient events? "Yes, we can!" to quote Obama who was born on Hawaii, a group of islands with a geological history the same as that of the Canaries. We can read this evidence: but we need to know the language of magma.

What Happened at the start? And what is Magma?

Magma is hot molten rock generated within the Earth's interior. When it emerges on to the Earth's

surface we call it lava, whether or not it has cooled and crystallised to form igneous (fire-formed) rocks. The precise rock type depends on magma chemistry (reflecting its origins) and its subsequent travel and cooling history. Very slow cooling (at depth) produces igneous rocks with large interlocking crystals, typically larger than 1 cm across (eg granite). Most of Lanzarote's igneous rocks cooled rapidly on the surface so they comprise small crystals, less than 1 mm across. The magma was rich in iron, magnesium and calcium; when combined with abundant oxygen and silicon these produce dark minerals.



Jameos del Agua, a section of the same volcanic tube as the Cueva, has a partially collapsed roof and seawater pool which is home to a small albino crab. Both tourist attractions are managed by the Cabildo Island Government

Magma ascends because of its buoyancy. Lanzarote's magma has its origins at much greater depths, near the base of the Earth's mantle, around 2,000 to 3,000 km, slowly rising upwards over millions of years as a mantle plume of hot solid rock, eventually widening and partly melting into blobs of magma which ascend within the asthenosphere and lower lithosphere. These accumulate within the lithosphere as large magma bodies, much of which cools, solidifies and stays at those depths. However, some pierces through the lithosphere to feed volcanoes that create the volcanic region of the Canaries (I use pre-

sent tense because it is still happening). Mantle plumes (hot spots) are long-lived and stationary, which explains their large-scale and long-term supply of magma. More locally, it is the movement of magma at shallower depths beneath Lanzarote, its volcanic plumbing, which explains in detail the island's various volcanic episodes.

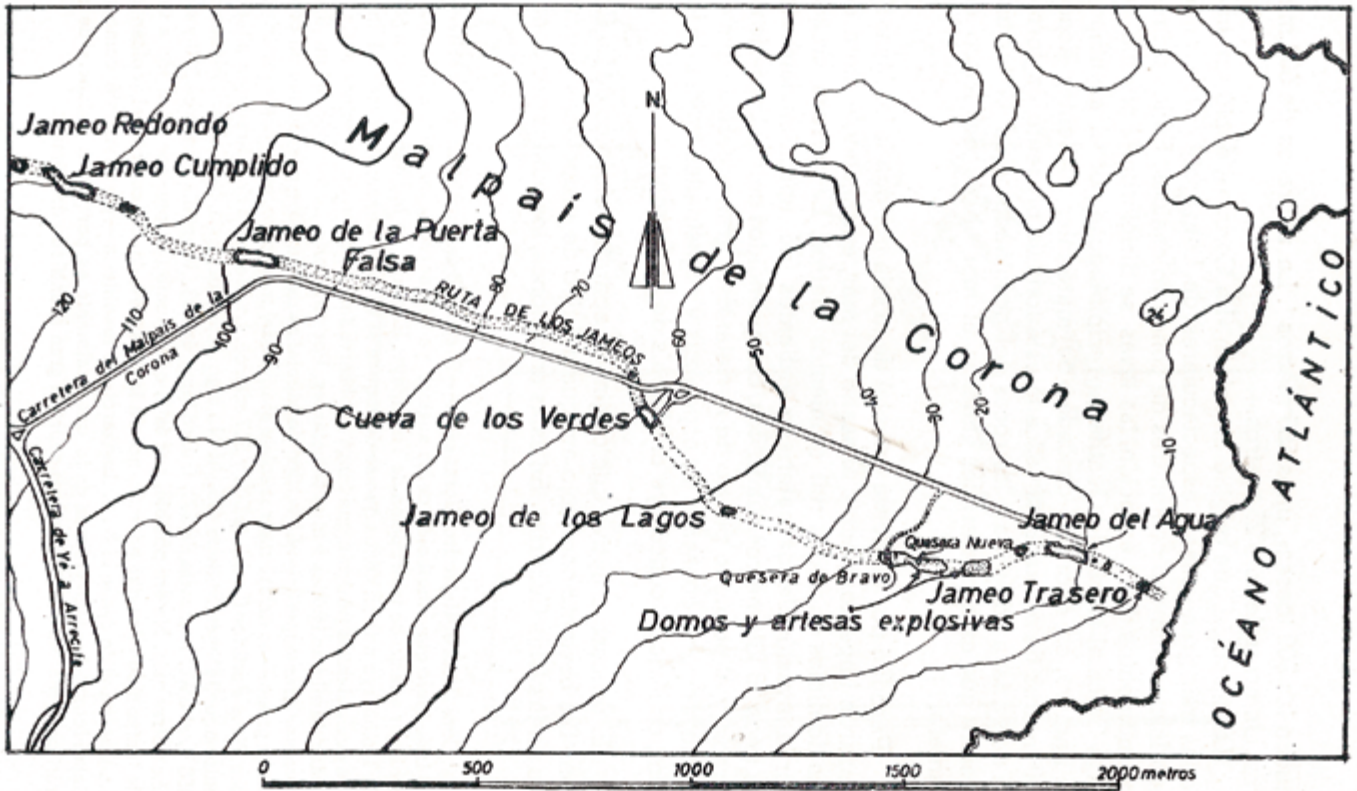
Tephra explosive eruptions, large and small, produce airborne fragments which are named by size. Ash particles are smaller than 2 mm, lapilli (Italian for little stones) range from 2 to 64 mm and bombs (or blocks) are larger than 64 mm. A catch-all term for these is tephra. Although origi-

nally (igneous) lava, tephra particles produced by explosive eruptions behave in the same way as normal sediment grains (eg sand, pebbles) so these deposits are called pyroclastic (pyro – fire; clastic – fragment).

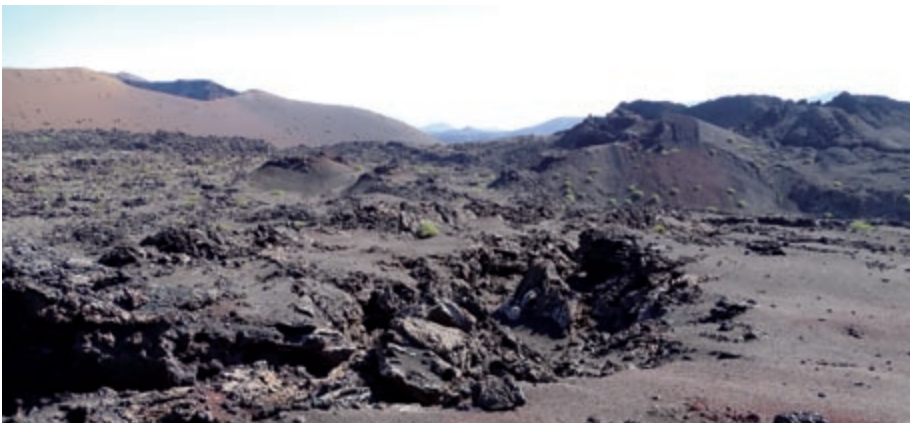
Mantel Melting

Mantle melting is a complex process, as you might guess. Briefly, rocks melt when temperature and pressure conditions are just right. Most of the Earth's interior is solid rock because the pressure is too great to allow melting, despite the high temperatures. Nearer the surface, typically in the top 100 km





Map of the route of the volcanic tube leading from Monte Corona to the Atlantic Ocean via Cueva de los Verdes and Jameos del Agua. By Telesforo Bravo, 1964, courtesy Cabildo de Lanzarote



Landscape of the Timanfaya National Park. Also known as the Fire Mountains, they cover an area of some 200 sq. km of lava fields and volcanoes formed during the eruptions of 1730-36



or so, rocks are too cool to melt, despite the low pressures. It's the asthenosphere where pressures are just low enough and temperatures just high enough for rocks to exist close to their melting point. All they need is a bit lower pressure or a bit higher temperature: and they're away, slowly rising into the lithosphere as big magma blobs which then feed smaller blobs which rise into the crust.

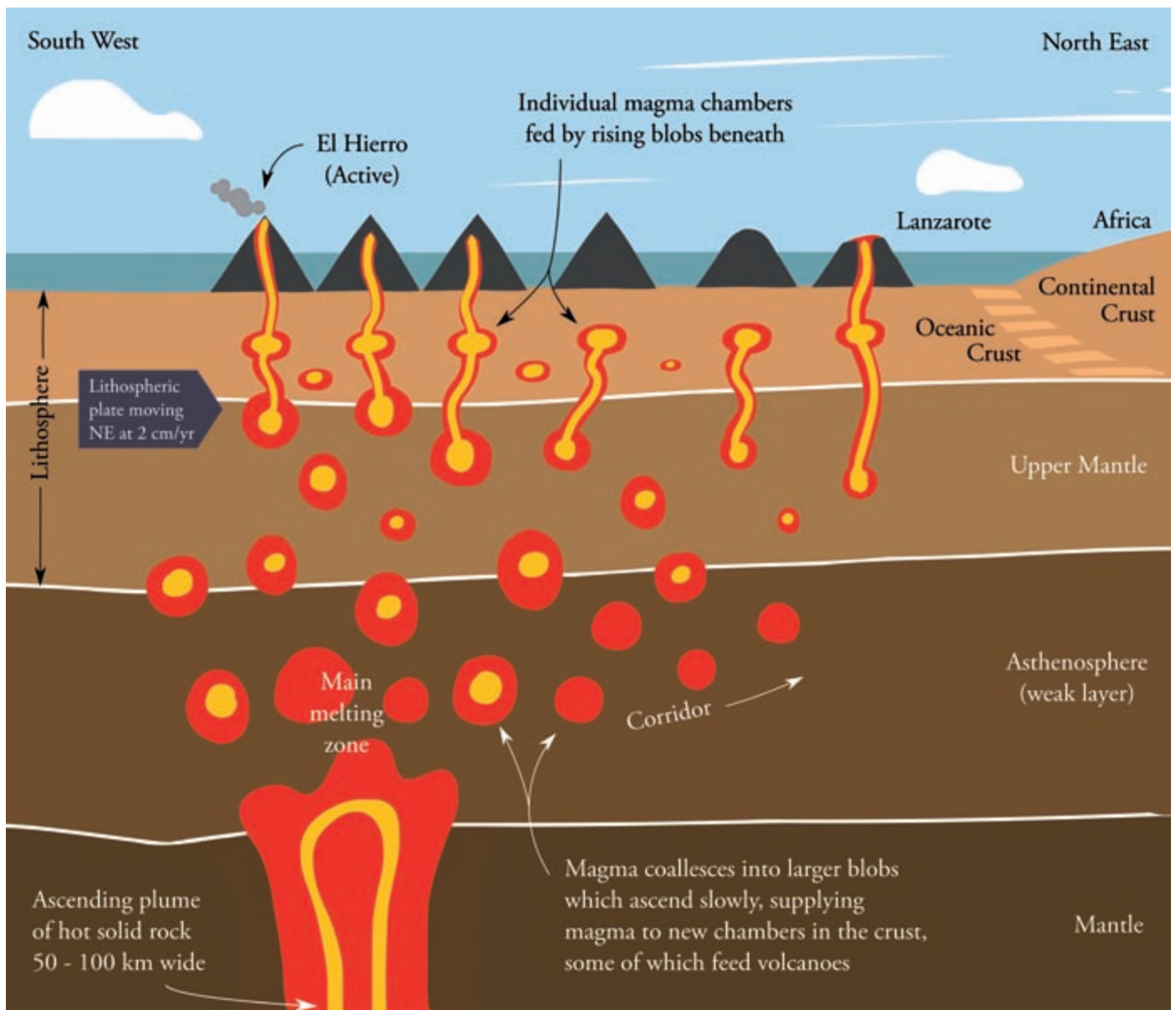
First Canary Volcanoes

The Canaries started to develop as submarine piles of lava on the Atlantic floor around 60 million years ago, creating numerous sea-

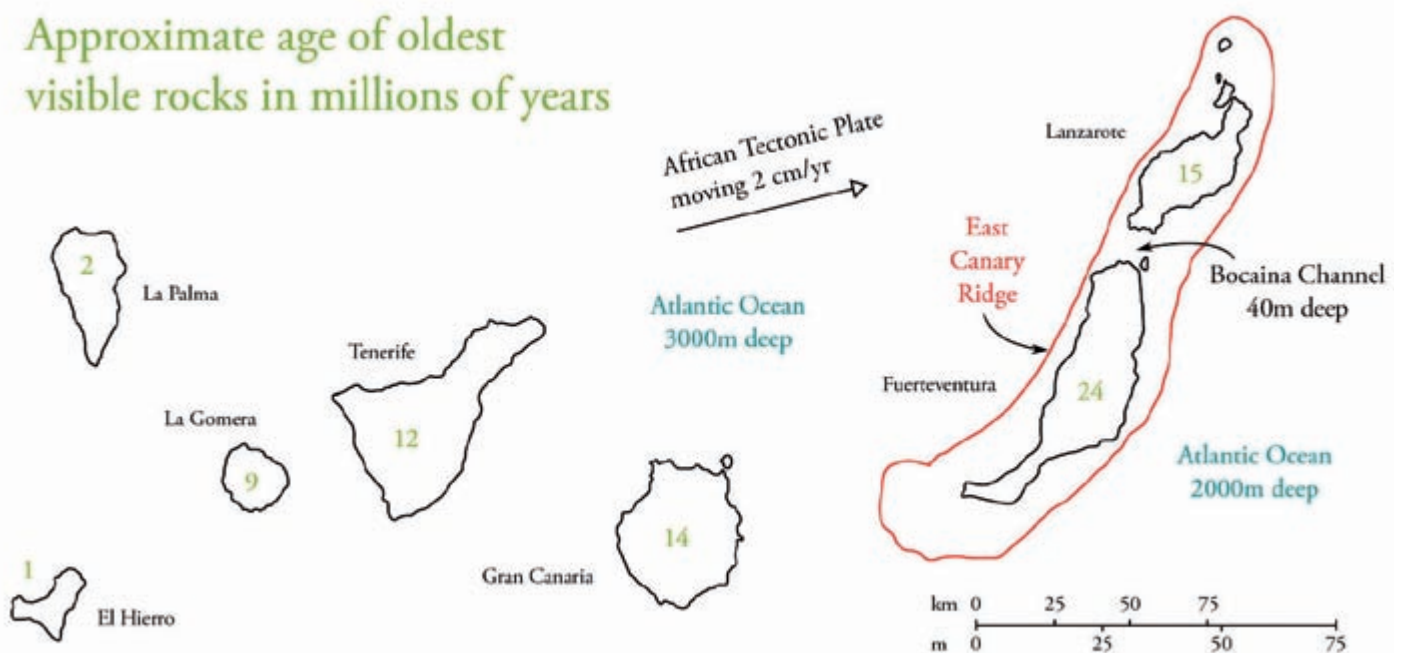
mounts (islands yet to emerge above the waves). Lanzarote and Fuerteventura formed the first dry land, making up the East Canary Ridge. The oldest exposed rocks (24 Ma) are on Fuerteventura. The other islands emerged progressively over the next 25 Myr as the African tectonic plate moved over the stationary plume at 2 cm/yr towards the north east (it's still moving). Consequently, the youngest islands are to the south west: El Hierro (1.1 million years old) and La Palma (1.7 million years). The most recent Canaries eruption was at El Hierro in 2011/12. (See opposite page).

Author's Note: The above article is based on the best interpretation of the geological evidence: the consensus. It's immensely simplified, but scientifically correct. Science progresses, so explanations will undoubtedly evolve and dates will be revised as new evidence becomes available.

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Approximate age of oldest visible rocks in millions of years



Lanzarote on the Cover of Vogue

21st Century Fashion Amid the 18th Century Volcanic Eruptions



Vogue España has featured the Fire Mountains of Lanzarote on the cover of its February edition showing models wearing the latest 2020 fashions on a background of an area created during the volcanic eruptions of

1730-1736. The issue is devoted to artisans, scenery and Spanish customs in order to support sustainability, diversity and arts and crafts. The magazine boasts a circulation of over 1 million readers in Spain.

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New perspectives for Chichester students

University of Chichester students have been exploring parts of Lanzarote that most visitors don't reach



Chichester students at Playa de las Conchas on La Graciosa, looking out to the next island of Montaña Clara



The challenge for visiting students each year is to question all that they see, because asking questions is a skill that all university students need to learn. Why are there so few wind turbines and solar panels? What are the rules of Canarian wrestling? How did the original inhabitants use the local plants? Do young people in Lanzarote want to stay or leave the island?

Dr Duncan Reavey, Principal Lecturer Learning & Teaching, explained that the University has visited for 22 years and made many friends: Tito, a great old man of Órzola, many years a farmer, a man who values family and friends. Sigi, a traveller who has settled on his own treasure island. Joel and Zalao, new spirits with the creativity and resilience the island needs for the future.

Shortly the University will host a study visit by Arrecife music teacher Juan Ramón Álvarez. “We hope we can show Juan the same kindness and hospitality that Lanzarote gives us,” said Dr Reavey.



On the Tremesana Walk in Timanfaya National Park with guide Cristina Bernar Canales (front left) and university lecturer Duncan Reavey (back right)



Chichester students learning to dive with Atlantis Diving Lanzarote in Puerto del Carmen



Dr Reavey added,
“We see the island as a winter campus. We are always learning. We are proud that Lanzarote continues to welcome us back each year.”

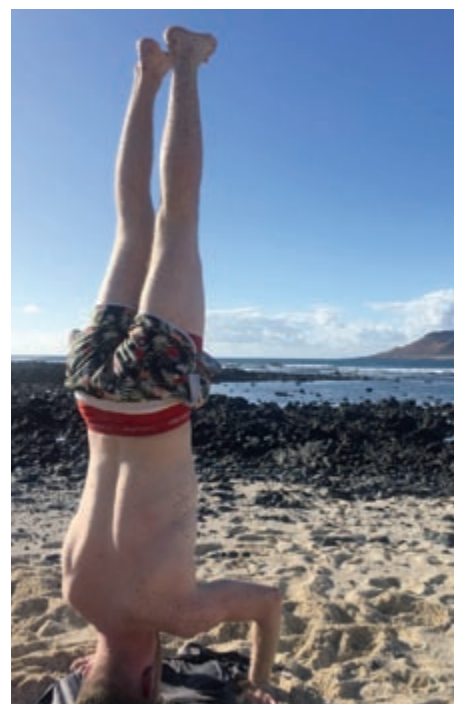


Carlos Dizey (left) in conversation with university lecturer Matt Berry. Carlos and his family at Pardelas Park, Orzola, celebrate the healing power of the Lanzarote environment for young and old

Chichester University under Dr Duncan Reavey, its innovative and dynamic Senior Lecturer for Learning and Teaching - who also lectures on Adventure Education - has enjoyed a mutual beneficial relationship with Lancelot magazine over two decades. This led to their introduction to the Lanzarote Teachers' Education Board (CEP) who invited Chichester trainee teachers to give English lessons in nine local secondary schools.



Occasionally Chichester students find mermaids on the island's beaches



A new perspective: viewing La Graciosa from the bottom of the Camino de Los Gracioseros path which winds its way down Famara Cliffs

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Hospiten Lanzarote opens new Ophthalmology Service

Problems with eye health are related to general patient health, so the new service will provide a comprehensive approach to the treatment of eye diseases

Hospiten Lanzarote adds a new Ophthalmology Service to its list of specialties to provide comprehensive eye care to patients on the island covering all the stages of disease, from prevention to medical and surgical treatment, including the correction of refractive conditions like myopia (shortsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), astigmatism or presbyopia (tired eyes).

Ophthalmologist, Adolfo Espino, a specialist in medical and surgical Retina, will be in charge of the new section. He explains that the basis of the service will be ‘personalized treatment of the disease and the patient’, using the latest scientific advances and technological innovation. ‘Our aim is also to publish and share the knowledge we acquire through clinical practice and experience’, states the doctor.

In addition, cases requiring surgery will be treated in the Hospiten Lanzarote operating room using outpatient procedures with patients going home the same day’, says the specialist.



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Comprehensive treatment

Eye problems are always closely related to a patients’ general health, so the new service aims to provide a comprehensive approach to ophthalmological medicine to therefore attend all type of disease and eye health emergencies, and to complement care given to patients with systemic diseases, like rheu-

matic conditions or diabetes, which can also cause eye conditions, and is common in the Canary Islands.

The new service endorses Hospiten’s aim to reinforce their offer in specialties and to provide top quality care, and a wider choice through which to work to improve the health of the general public on Lanzarote.

With 50 years of experience, Hospiten has twenty private medical-hospital centers in Spain, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Jamaica and Panama, and more than one hundred outpatient medical centers, under the Clinic Assist brand, attending more than 1,700,000 patients annually from all over the world, and with a staff of more than 5,000 people.



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Eating out on Lanzarote

Pizzeria Capri Pto. Carmen

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

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

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 am to 1 am. Special occasions: office parties and family festivities throughout the year.



Bar Picasso, El Almacén Central Arrecife

El Almacén 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.

Tuesday to Saturday; Kitchen: 12.30-16.00 and 20.00 – 23.00.

Bar 12.30-24.00, 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 inno-

vation 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. **Tuesday-Saturday 12.00 – 16.00 Friday and Saturday 12:00 – 16.00 19:00 – 23.00.**

Jameos del Agua Restaurant

The restaurant at Jameos del Agua has to be considered among one of the most beautiful dining facilities in a natural setting anywhere in the world. It is located in the last section of the world's longest volcanic tunnel known as the Atlantida, which measures 7.5 kilometres before continuing on the ocean bed for a further 1,500 metres. Diners overlook the underground lake which is famous as the habitat of the blind albino crab, normally only encountered in the depths of the oceans. Hollywood star Rita Hayworth made a film on Lanzarote in 1978 which coincided with the opening of this tourist centre created by César Manrique, which she described to the international press as "the eighth wonder of the world.". Recommended: King prawn with guacamole salad, Sea bream served with vegetable garden



Eating out on Lanzarote

vegetables served on Malvasia wine veloute and crunchy sweet potato.

The restaurant opens daily from 11.30 to 16.30 hrs, tapas served from 10.00. Dining Tuesday & Saturday 19.00 - 23.00 plus Wednesday 15 July - 15 September.

El Diablo Restaurant

A once-in-a-lifetime eating experience awaits guests at the El Diablo Restaurant in the Fire Mountains. Food is cooked on a grill heated by geothermal heat emerging from a volcanic chasm below in the bowels of the earth. The temperature inside the mountain at this point is 500° C and even a few inches below the surface it is 100° as can be seen in two displays by park rangers. Before or after your meal be sure to go on the guided tour of the Volcanic



Route on coaches equipped with multi-lingual commentaries. The tour is included in the admission price paid at the park entrance. **Open 10.00 -16.45 daily 15 July - 15 September 09.00 - 16.45.**

Casa-Museo al Campesino

The House-Museum of the Rural Worker at Mozaga is most certainly the most authentic of the Island's restaurants to enjoy traditional Lanzarote food. The buildings

and patios are in the style of the typical farm houses of old even down to the spacious catchment areas for rain. The food is on display in a glass cabinet offering both hot and cold dishes. Recommendation: Crunchy semicured goat's cheese sticks served with malvasia wine jam. Grilled vegetable salad, fresh canarian tuna and Janubio salt. Stone bass cubes in batter, marinated in garlic and coriander. Grilled Vieja fish. Black Tinajo pork cooked on low heat. Lanzarote explosive volcano served on a brownie. Creamy organic goat yogurt served with fig jam.

There is also a good selection of local wines and cheeses. The restaurant is beside the Monument at the junction of the Arrecife-Tinajo and Uga-Tegui-se roads. Snacks and hot or cold drinks are also served throughout the day. **Open: 10.00 - 17.45 daily 15 July - 15 September 09.00 - 17.45.**

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Lanzarote Cabildo at Fitur Tourism Fair 2020 in Madrid

Priorities are Sustainability and Innovation

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The visit of the President of the Canary Islands Ángel Victor Torres and the Tourism Councillor Yaiza Castilla to the Lanzarote stand at Fitur where they were greeted by Cabildo President Dolores Corujo and Tourism-Economic Councillor Ángel Vázquez, Tourist Centres Councillor Benjamin Perdomo and the Mayors i.e. Tourist Councillors of Tias, Yaiza and Tegüise

Canarian Government President Ángel Victor Torres and Tourism Councillor Yaiza Castilla were received at the Lanzarote stand by President Dolores Corujo and Tourism Councillor Ángel Vázquez. Also present; Tourist Centres Managing Director Benjamin Perdomo, Mayor of Tias, José Juan Cruz, Geopark Councillor Hugo Delgado, Tourism Councillors Mame Fernández; Tias, Ángel Domínguez, Yaiza and Domestic Tourism Tony Calero, Tegüise and Armnando Santana, Arrecife, President Tourist Federation Susana Pérez and the team of SPEL, headed by Managing Director Héctor Fernández.

Cabildo President Dolores Corujo: "The Lanzarote stand presented its promotion campaign at Fitur, - one of the world's three major an-

nual tourism trade fairs - with digital technology via tablets for the first time. Sustainability and innovation are the major priorities in attracting tourism to Lanzarote as a destination possessing singular characteristics unique in the world."

Tourism Promotion Councillor Ángel Vázquez stressed that since the demise of Thomas Cook and closing of the Ryanair base, the intense promotion is focused on improving connectivity and embarking on co-marketing agreements with major airlines. We are concentrating on intensifying our campaign to attract holidaymakers from the Spanish mainland, which showed an annual rise of 18% over last year and promoting our principle tourist products as well as introducing new ones such as "Lanzarote Music Festivals" which is present in the Fi-

tur stand for this category.

SPEL-Turismo Lanzarote Overseas Promotion under Managing Director Héctor Fernández carried out an intense campaign focused on meetings with senior executives from leading international tour operators and airlines. Activities commenced with the two leading national airlines with the greatest frequency of flight schedules to Lanzarote, Iberia Express and easyJet and tour operator Nautalia Viajes.

Meetings with airline industry leaders TUI, Jet 2, Air Europa, Vueling, Iberia Express, Volotea, easyJet, Wizz Air, Brussels Airlines, Binter and tour operators Viajes El Cortes Ingés, Eroski, Avoris, Sol-tour, Travelplan- Globalia; on line, Destinia edreams, Logitravel, Minube digital platform.

Lanzarote Joins the UNESCO Biosphere Destinations Community

Lanzarote is also participating in the Biosphere Destinations Community stand, guaranteed by UNESCO. For the first time, destinations that make sustainable development the cornerstone of its tourism strategy will have a space to promote sustainable activities and generate a set of good practices that can guide and inspire other tourist resorts that seek to introduce sustainability.



Tias Mayor José Juan Cruz and Tourist Councillor Mame Fernández publicized the dates of Carnival, the major Fiestas and of sporting events in the municipality

Yaiza was represented at Fitur by Tourism Councillor Ángel Dominguez and Culture and Equality Councillor Daniel Medina



Prizewinning attended by the President, the Executive Director and members of the TIC and Customer Experience team as well as the President of the Tourist Federation Susana Pérez and the President of the Chamber of Commerce José Torres receive the award for "Taro," conversation assistant of the Tourist Centres voted Best Chatbot at Fitur Know-How and Export. The event is sponsored by Seggitur, the leading Smart Destinations project promoted by the Spanish Government



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Reports from the Canarian Government

President of the Canary Islands Ángel Victor Torres, Requests State Intervention for Travel in the Outermost Territories of the EU



*Canarian Government
President, Ángel Víctor Torres*



Following a summit of the governments of Canarias, Baleares, Ceuta and Melilla in Las Palmas they are asking Madrid for a joint commission to control the prices of flights and prevent unjustified increases, to achieve Sustainable Mobility.

The four authorities agreed on a strategy of efficient sustainable transport which permits territorial and social cohesion and economic development which respects the environment. The Canarian President suggested that they seek a meeting with the Minister for Mobility, Transport and Urban Agenda to inform him of the conclusions the summit had reached. They all agreed that a reduction in the price of air travel by 75% in these territories should not be followed by airlines raising their prices for consumers. The four governments believe that the annual sum required to meet their demands, 600 million euros, is acceptable.

New EU Tax on Airline Fuel Opposed by Canarian Government

Last November, a coalition made up of Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Sweden urged the European Commission to propose new measures on aviation pricing in order to reduce contamination. In a statement signed by the finance ministers of all nine countries, the Dutch-led initiative insists that “aviation is not sufficiently pri-



Canarian Government executives visit the Lanzarote stand

ced” compared to other transport modes and that “we are convinced that EU coordination on this matter is the most effective and called on Ursula von der Leyen’s executive to “introduce aviation taxation.”

In response, the Canarian Government has joined the governments of the Baleares, Ceuta and Melilla in requesting they be exempt from the tax on airline tickets which would increase the price of flights from Europe to an estimated 7 euros a ticket. As mentioned in the preceding chapter, the Outermost Territories of the European Union enjoy a special sta-

tus due to their remoteness from the mainland which makes transport of persons and goods much more expensive than in Europe.

Due to their geographical remoteness the EU allows them major reductions to compensate for additional costs. The major industry of the Canaries is tourism and air travel is their lifeline as they have no land connections with the European mainland, and any increase in prices make them less competitive than mainland tourist destinations. A 7 euro increase adds an additional 28 euros to the cost of a holiday for a family of four.

Jet2 Fills Gap for Airline Slots Vacated by Thomas Cook's Demise Tourism Councillor Yaiza Castilla Organises Major Promotion Campaign for the Canaries in Post-Brexit UK



Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez at Fitur with Yaiza Castilla among regional tourism executives

Canarian Tourism Councillor Yaiza Castilla announced that Jet2 will be carrying 2 million tourists from the UK to the Canaries during the current year, denoting an annual increase of 500,000 passengers over 2019. Their flights to the Canaries from the UK has now reached 22% of the company's annual turnover. Jet2 now fly 40% of all British holidaymakers to the Canary Islands, they have almost filled the huge gap left by the demise of Thomas Cook.

Councillor Castilla recalled that within the communications strategy of Tourism Canaries, our team is constantly working to increase and improve airline connectivity between the Islands and their various markets, especially with scheduled airlines. Promoting the advantages the Canaries offers among airlines, connections with the different world operators and management of the Route Development Forum are included in the marketing plan of Tourism Canaries as one of its fundamental programmes.



Canarian Tourism Councillor Yaiza Castilla



“Whatever happens these days, Friends will be friends”

Councillor for Tourism, Industry and Commerce, Yaiza Castilla already began a promotion campaign for the Canary Islands via social networks during November and December last year following the World Travel Market Fair held in London at the beginning of November. During the first four days of February 2020 under the slogan “Whatever happens these days, Friends will be Friends,” pointing out that the British and Canary Isles share six decades of history of commercial and literary ties. It was estimated that message reached 10% of the population over 30 years of age via Facebook and Instagram.

Councillor Castilla said, “this is a unique opportunity to promote our firm belief in the potential the Canary Islands continues to offer as a quality tourist destination to British holidaymakers and we will intensify our efforts to attract additional airlines to include them in their flight schedules.”

Over the past three years, Canarian Tourism has been nominated three times – and was a winner twice – at the annual World Routes Development Forum contest for increased connectivity. An indication that the Canaries is a priority for developing the routes of international airlines.



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Sustainable Education in Schools of the Biosphere

“Thirteen Lanzarote schools have concluded the first phase of sustainable development and conservation of the environment,”

Dolores Corujo

Photos Sergio Betancort, Jesús Betancort, Liz



*Cabildo President
Dolores Corujo*

Cabildo President Maria Dolores Corujo, who is also responsible for the Biosphere Reserve, is actively promoting education for sustainable development in the schools of Lanzarote. She believes that educational institutions need to increase their efforts to educate their students for a sustainable future. Teachers are most influential in educating children and teenagers to be leaders of tomorrow in protecting the environment. Aspiring teachers should demonstrate pro-environmental behaviour and attitudes and have good knowledge about the environment to convey the message to their pupils.

Taking into account the principles of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves combines with Lanzarote Strategy 2020 combine to meet United Nations development goals for sustainable and responsible conservation of the environment through education of pupils from an early age.



The 13 CEIP Schools participating in environmental education were, La Vegueta, Guime, Los Valles, Soo, Muñique, Tiagua, Nazaret, La Caleta, El Cuchillo, Mararia, las Breñas and Tao.



Lanzarote Cabildo President welcomed her counterpart from the neighbouring island of Fuerteventura President Blas Acosta to a discussion on points of mutual interest to both islands

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Olympic Sea Kayak World Championships 2021 on Lanzarote



Cabildo President Dolores Corujo and Sports Councillor Francisco Javier Aparicio announce the Olympic Sea Kayak Ocean Racing World Championship will be held on Lanzarote 31 December- 1 January with the participation of 1,000 canoeists from 45 countries



Cabildo Education Councillor Paula Corujo with several of the 300 students who finished the Cyber-Land course

Under the heading of Science and Innovation, Education Councillor Paula Corujo involved 300 students from five CEIP schools over a three months period in cyber-related topics, robotics, programming and science.



At the beginning of February, the Cabildo introduced a sign language interpreter for the first time. It will also be available on line. According to Cabildo President Dolores Corujo, allowing deaf people the opportunity to follow the proceedings of the island corporation for the first time is a significant part of the Principle of Equality. It is interesting to note that 750,000 people in the EU use sign language as a first language. Even Commission President Ursula von der Leyen knows a small amount of German sign language.



Cabildo President Dolores Corujo and President of the Federation of Tourism Susana Pérez met to discuss cooperation between local government and representatives of the tourist business sector. “It is

important for both entities to find a way to attract the right kind of tourist and ensure their loyalty by providing the best amenities and facilities,” said Dolores Corujo.



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Reports from the Cabildo

Experience Food Tourism at the Tourist Centres Showcasing Traditional Cooking, Wines and Craftsmanship CACT Wins Best Chabot Prize at Fitur 2020 in Madrid



*Executive Director CACT
Tourist Centres Benjamin
Perdomo*

Executive Director of the Tourist Centres, Benjamin Perdomo believes that Food Tourism is a means of connection between tourists and local culture. Introducing visitors to Lanzarote cuisine is an important part of sustainable development as it promotes the cultivation of local foods and wines. It allows tourists to understand and relate in a more personal way to local culture and the environment. Food Tourism is related to all activities that use food as a means of connection between people, places and time.

The CACT Tourist Centres, all of which were created by the great César Manrique, have drawn up an agreement with the management of the Organisation for Wines of Lanzarote Origin to offer the products of the island's 19 bodegas in their restaurants as a showcase for the unique wines produced from grapes grown in Lanzarote's volcanic soil in a traditional manner that goes back for centuries. Canary Wines were highly praised by William Shakespeare in many of his works.

President of the Lanzarote Cabildo and of the CACT Tourist Cen-



Benjamin Perdomo with Victor Diaz, of the Denomination of Origin Lanzarote Wine Board seal an agreement to promote local wines at all CACT restaurants



The President of CACT, Executive Director and Cabildo Councillor explain the latest initiative to Lanzarote artisans at the Mirador del Rio



CACT Councillor Benjamin Perdomo and María del Carmen Fernández marketing manager of the Tourist Centres in conversation with executives of Fred Olsen Ferries at Fitur

tres, Dolores Corujo accompanied by Executive Director Benjamin Perdomo Cabildo Councillor for Energy and Industry Ariagona have introduced an important initiative to promote locally produced craftwork, in the gift shops of the CACT Tourist Centres. They explained the details to a large gathering of Lanzarote craftsmen and

women at the Mirador del Rio. The President added that the first of the Centres to introduce this programme is the Mirador del Rio created by César Manrique in 1983. The location was originally the site of a gun emplacement, built to guard the Straights of El Rio which separate Lanzarote from La Graciosa.

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British Ambassador Hugh Elliott visits the Lanzarote Cabildo where he was received by Cabildo Vice President Jacobo Medina



The British Ambassador and the Consular team, were received by Cabildo Vice President Jacobo Medina who, on behalf of President Dolores Corujo, expressed his thanks for their visit

The British Ambassador stated that the purpose of his visit was to reassure the local British community and the tourist sector on Lanzarote that Brexit will in no way change the excellent relations between Britain and the Canary Islands. I was astounded to hear 1.4 million Britons visit the island every year and hope this continues for many more years.

Cabildo Vice President, who greeted the Ambassador in the name of the President, said that the United Kingdom has always enjoyed a close relationship with Spain, and in particular the Canary Islands with cultural and commercial ties which go back a long time. The Vice President presented the Ambassador with a copy of the Santiago Aleman book, *Tesoros de la Isla*, which depicts hand drawn sketches of Lanzarote throughout history.

The Ambassador was accompanied by his wife, Toni, General Consul Charmain Arbouin, Las Palmas Vice Consul Jackie Stevenson and Honorary Consul Sue Thain.



Cabildo President Dolores Corujo welcomed Ana Isabel Puerto the Governor of the Provincial Rotary Club District 2201 and her assistant the Swiss Consul Rolf Meyer Scheidegger on their first official visit to Lanzarote

They were accompanied by local Rotary Executives, Ventura Acuña, Zebensui Rodriguez and Pedro Botella. The visitors expressed their full cooperation with the Corporation in public service projects. The President

thanked her guests for their visit and thanked them for the marvelous work the Rotarian carry out, in support of peace, education and human rights not only in the Canary Islands but throughout the world.



The Lanzarote Cabildo has established an organisation to assist the victims of Gender Violence in conjunction with the Canarian Institute for Equality and the Department for Social Rights. Gender violence is a blight on our community, a violent attack on 50% of the population. On Lanzarote alone there are 10 such cases every week, more than one a day.



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Reports from the Cabildo

Lanzarote - Voted “Best Winter Sun Destination” in Ireland Saborea Lanzarote at Madrid Fusion 2020



*Tourist Promotion Councillor
Ángel Vázquez*



Lanzarote Tourist Promotion Councillor Ángel Vázquez and President of SPEL Overseas Promotion was delighted that the Island had once again been voted Best Winter Sun Destination based on client satisfaction. “The loyalty and affection of the Irish holiday public, as well as of the professional sector headed by Ryanair and Aer Lingus for the island of Lanzarote has been well manifested by granting us this prestigious annual award for well over a decade.

Despite significant cutbacks in service to the Canaries for the remainder of the year, announced by Aer Lingus, they have maintained their planned 690 flight operations to Lanzarote. Similarly, the closing of the Ryanair base at Lanzarote-César Manrique Airport has not affected the frequency of their flights.

Lanzarote Tourism was also present at the Travel Extra Awards for the media sponsored by Turespaña as well as the Bride of the Year event which deals with celebrating weddings on the Island which is included in Overseas Promotion’s incentive, business and conference division.



Tourism Councillor Ángel Vázquez receives the Best Winter Destination award from the Irish Travel Industry together with Héctor Fernández Director of the Patronato

Tourism Councillor Ángel Vázquez with Spel Overseas Promotion Executive Héctor Fernández The executives are joined by Patronato Marketing Manager Lorena Miranda with the Irish media



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International Food Writers Meeting – Saborea Lanzarote Taste Lanzarote - “Love at First Bite”



Tourism and Agricultural Promotion Councillor Ángel Vázquez opened the proceedings by welcoming the guests. He is seen with Teguise Councillor Toni Callero, representing the Mayor, President of Saborea España, Lluís Pujol and the team of European journalists and other participants at the II Annual International Food Writing Meeting at Teguise Theatre

Cabildo Councillor for Tourism and Agricultural Promotion Ángel Vázquez presided over the II Annual International Food Writers Meeting “Saborea Lanzarote” at Teguise Theatre attended by 16 journalists from all over Europe as well as other delegates. The subject was media coverage of culinary and sustainable tourism which has become one of the most dynamic and fastest growing segments of the national and international travel industry. Saborea Lanzarote actively promotes the island’s food and wines, reinforcing its position as one of the most important gourmet food destinations in Spain. Among those present, the Daily Telegraph, UK; Travel Extra, Ireland; Gourmet, Sweden; Horeca Magazine, Belgium, Identitá Golos, Italy, La Vanguardia French correspondent; and from Spain, El País, El Mundo and ABC.

The debates consisted of four round table discussion groups who



Héctor Fernández Patronato Executive, journalist Adrianus Ollongren of the Algemeen Dagblad and Teguise Promotion Executive Inma Armas

were addressed by President Saborea España, Lluís Pujol and Rubén López, who heads the Spanish Office of Tourism in Ireland among others. Experts advised on journalistic narratives in the style of “storytelling” with innovative reports on sustainability and produce-sourcing, local traditions, market trending and environmental conservation.

On the following day the guests attended the Eno-Gastronomic Food Festival weekend at Teguise organized by Saborea Lanzarote, where they experienced excellent dishes of local food, cheeses and

wines as well as show-cooking demonstrations by the top Lanzarote chefs and finally a dinner at Isla de Lobos Restaurant in the Hotel Princess Yaiza, Playa Blanca. Before leaving the Island, a journalist said; “This weekend was more than just a gastronomic visit, it was an unforgettable combination of new cuisine in tandem with finding serenity in the singular tableau of the wine-growing region of La Geria. I was introduced to a unique part of the world and the down-to-earth lifestyle that defines Lanzarote. I cannot wait to come back!”



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Reports from Tías

Tias 2020-2025 Programme with the III Puerto del Carmen Modernisation Plan Presented at Fitur to the International Press

Photos Dory Hernández



Mayor of Tías José Juan Cruz

Tias Mayor José Juan Cruz and Deputy Mayor Mame Fernández explained the details of future planning for Lanzarote’s largest tourist resort at Fitur, Spain’s most important trade fair and one of the three major annual events the industry organizes every year, the others are held in London and Madrid.

Under the umbrella headline “What Kind of a Tourist Destination are we Planning for our Holidaymakers?” they explained their aims are based on Sustainability, Accessibility, Gastronomy and Sport. 14 new projects and 16 contracts are already signed under the 2020-2025 Modernisation Plan are already underway. Additional works include road resurfacing, refurbishment of the Avenida Las Playas, introduction of electric vehicles to the Town Hall fleet installing charging points, reconditioning the sports stadium and the drawing up of the plan for Urban Sustainability.

Whilst in Madrid the authorities visited the offices of the two companies involved in refurbishing and enlarging the Tias Water Recycling Plant to cover the needs of Tias and Puerto del Carmen. The pre-project is planned to be completed by September which will allow work to commence on the multi-million programme in conjunction with the Canarian Government and Lanzarote Cabildo to connect with Macher, Puerto Calero, Uga and Yaiza.



British Ambassador Hugh Elliott, Consul for Southern Spain Charmain Arbouin and Vice Consul Las Palmas Jackie Stevenson were warmly welcomed by the Ayuntamiento of Tias at El Fondeadero Hall. Photo Liz



Cabildo Vice President Jacobo Medina with Tias Mayor and Deputy Mayor visit various works underway including the Lucha Canaria stadium and the sites of two new roundabouts at Macher and La Asomada



The Mayor and Deputy Mayor visit the Water Recycling Advisory Board in Madrid



Mayor José Juan Cruz and Deputy Mayor Mame Fernández present the resort's future planning programme to the international press. They are joined by Domingo Lorenzo and Ani Ruiz, key members of the planning team



The origin of the legend of La Candelaria, or, Our Lady of the Candles (Candlemas), goes back to the coast of Tenerife in the year 1390 when two shepherds came across an image of the Virgin on the seashore. Her Saint's Day is celebrated by the Ayuntamiento of Tias and elsewhere in the Canary Islands on 2 February.



Councillors for Police and Human Resources, Mamé Fernández and Kalinda Pérez with Head of the Municipal Police Antonio Jesús Rodríguez, visit the improvements underway to the local premises



Tribute to the youngest and oldest members of the local fishing fleet, Castellano Tejera 93 years and Christian González 21 celebrated at the 10th anniversary of the Cofradia by Administrator Francisco Rodriguez and the Tias Mayor and Deputy Mayors



Tias Tourism Councillor and Deputy Mayor with the winners of the Sea-Kayak race. Photo José María García



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Reports from Yaiza

A History of Yaiza by Town Historian Esteban Rodríguez Yaiza Simply Love Festival

Photos Alex Salebe



Yaiza Mayor Óscar Noda



Mayor Óscar Noda with Historian Esteban Rodríguez. The mayor said the book will preserve the memory of the inhabitants of Yaiza from the beginning of the last century up until the present time

Resumé of the Contents

The Ayuntamiento of Yaiza has published a book by Town Historian, Esteban Rodríguez Eugenio, entitled *Sembradas a Voleo*, (Planting Seeds at Random) which goes back to the early 1920s. Described as a born observer with a good ear and an exceptional memory, who attentively listened to the chit-chat of the older generation, Esteban Rodríguez, dedicated himself to researching the history of Yaiza from a very young age.

The 147 pages containing many photographs relate anecdotes of the everyday life of the hard-working villagers, who, despite enduring years of poverty, retained their creativity and solidarity. Among them was Atanacio Martín, who at the age of 90 bought a coffin and asked a carpenter to adapt it to his size and then placed it in his living room to await the time it would be needed!



(L-R) Património Councillor Silvia Santana, Mayor Óscar Noda, Town Historian and author of the book, Esteban Rodríguez and María del Pino Fuentes, author of the prologue. The work has been distributed to all the municipality's schools and culture centres



The Ayuntamiento of Yaiza organized a course of "Good Behaviour Patterns" which reached 460 pupils in Yaiza, Playa Blanca and Uga schools. Weekly tuition taught children to be kind to each and how to create friendships.

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Yaiza was represented at Fitur by Tourism Councillor Ángel Domínguez and Culture and Equality Councillor Daniel Medina

Yaiza presented a promotional video at Fitur of its tourist attractions and a calendar of the most important sporting and festivities events of 2020: Playa Blanca Carnival 19-22 March; Yaiza Simply Love Festival 22-27 April and Ironman Lanzarote 70.3 km Lanzarote 3 October with 1,200 athletes from all over the world.



The Ayuntamiento has refurbished the skate park at Playa Blanca at a cost of 18,000 euros for the benefit of bikers and skaters among local school-children. Besides daily use the circuit is also adapted for acrobatics, exhibitions and competitions



Inauguration of Yaiza Simply Love Festival at Las Calas Suites, Playa Blanca by Mayor Óscar Noda and Councillor for Education and Equality Daniel Medina, promoter and initiator of the event

Yaiza Ayuntamiento has organized a six day Simply Love culture festival from 22 - 27 April recognizing the human rights and respect for every individual. These include equal rights, dignity and inclusion for

lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons and to combat discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity. Simply Love is the first event of its kind to be held on Lanzarote. (See page 74).



Mayor Óscar Noda and Heritage Councillor Sylvia Santana read the tribute to the life of poet Victor Fernández Gopar, El Salinero

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of El Salinero, Victor Fernández Gopar (1844-1920), the Ayuntamiento of Yaiza has posted the first historical references on www.yaiza.es. Besides details of the life and works of the poet born in Las Breñas the text also refers to the environmental, scientific and heritage values of Salinas de Janubio salt ponds under the ma-

nagement and craftsmanship of Victor Fernández Gopar who is recognized as the leading figure of folklore literature in the history of Lanzarote. The material was created and designed by writer Mayte Pozo who describes the salt production at Janubio, the diversity of its flora and the conservation of the surrounding environment.



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Reports from San Bartolomé

Mayor Alexis Tejera Introduces “Our Aims for Your Future” Management - Progress and Citizenship for All Inhabitants

Following six months of planning Mayor Alexis Tejera and his Council presented their plans for the immediate future. “We wish to improve the quality of life of our citizens who are at the centre point of everything planned for the Municipality.” Mayor Tejera



Mayor Alexis Tejera chaired the meeting for the modernization of the municipality which was held in the theatre

Modernisation and Social Works

The Ayuntamiento is planning for the modernization of the entire municipality, based on total transparency, from the industrial and commercial zone at Playa Honda to parks, gardens and public lighting and conservation of the environment, 100 trees have already been planted,

They have examined in great detail the work of each department as well as consulting with local inhabitants and are introducing improve-



Urban Councillor Marlene Romero and President of the Compensation Board Braulio Martin discuss works being carried out by the Ayuntamiento in the Playa Honda Industrial and Commercial Zone for occupation by over 100 private firms

San Bartolomé is laying the surface of a road to the rear of Roper to allow a direct connection to the facilities of the Industrial Zone in order to alleviate traffic congestion at this busy junction



The Mayor with his entire cabinet who attended the presentation

ments wherever necessary.

Priorities include social cares for the elderly and for low-income families, their children and dependents as well as grants for students and their travel expenses as well as for sporting activities.

Transformer and Traffic Congestion

The Ayuntamiento needs help from the Canarian Government and the Cabildo to install a powerful new transformer at a cost of 1 million euros to supply all the energy needs for the industrial zone and commercial activities. A second major project is to relieve the traffic congestion at the entrance to Playa Honda on the main island road. The solution is a roundabout close to Roper and a tunnel under the highway with a pedestrian walkway running to Deiland Plaza.



Mayor Alexis Tejera accepts an award for Excellence in Transparency for the Ayuntamiento of San Bartolomé from the President of the Canarian Parliament Gustavo Matos and from the Chairman of the Transparency Commmission, Daniel Cerdán. In expressing his thanks for the

award, Mayor Tejera said, “It is the duty of the Town Hall to ensure that citizens can see exactly what work we are carrying out on their behalf. Openness and honesty define government transparency and is at the heart of how citizens hold their public officials accountable.”



450 students competed in a Traditional Canarian Sports Contest which included Lucha Canaria Wrestling, Stick Fighting and the ancient whistling language, Gomera Silbo



Mayor Tejera presents the Viera y Clavijo Award to Encarnación de León Corujo, headmistress of CEIP Maria Auxiliadora, for 32 years dedicated to teaching in the schools of the municipality. This honour by the Education Department of the Canarian Government is awarded for long time service as a teacher. Encarna de León started out with only 6 children in the class but that has since increased to 42.



The Mayor and Council present the Carnival poster



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Reports from Arrecife

Dante Aligheri Italian Culture Forum Opens in Arrecife Arrecife – Capital of Malvasia Wine and Good Taste



*Arrecife Mayoress
Astrid Pérez*



The Mayoress of Arrecife Astrid Pérez with President Alfonso Licata, Julio Romero and Antonio Coll during the official inauguration of Dante Aligheri Culture Centre

Arrecife Mayoress Astrid Pérez participated in the inaugural event presided over by retired judge Alfonso Licata. The organization was founded in Rome in 1889 and due to the large amount of Italians who have settled in Lanzarote the new centre has opened. Dante Aligheri is the equivalent of the British Council in Britain and the Instituto Cervantes in Spain.



Mayor of Tias José Juan Cruz and other authorities were among other authorities present as well as numerous members of the public



Arrecife Education Councillor Saro González Perdomo welcomed 24 pupils and 9 teachers from Greece, Poland and Bulgaria to the Ayuntamiento of Arrecife. They were on a visit to IES Las Maretas Arrecife school as part of the Erasmus+ programme K229 on the subject of Bartering Bitcoin. Both groups of students and their teachers are seen together with the authorities at the Recova and in the interior of the Town Hall.



The Mayoress and Deputy and other authorities with the guest speakers

Arrecife Second Deputy Mayor Armando Santana is promoting Malvasia wines as an additional tourist attraction for visitors who interested in learning about its traditional manner of cultivation in volcanic soil. This was the subject of the seminary entitled “Arrecife the Capital of Taste on Lanzarote” held at the Museum of San José which was attended by the Mayoress and other major authorities as well as the Board of the Denomination of Lanzarote Wines. Connoisseurs who spoke included José Peñin, editor and founder of Spain’s most prestigious wine guide Guia Peñin who was presented with an insignia of the town’s emblem.



45 International Canoeists Reach Reducto Beach



This year’s Atlantic Ocean Cup, which took place on the island on 8 February was won by Judith Vergés of Spain and Joshua Fenn of South Africa in the women and men’s categories of the 300 canoeists who took part. The 40 km course covered three stages, La Garita, Arrieta; Las Cucharas, Costa Teguisse and El Reducto, Arrecife. The only paralympic athlete in the race, Englishman. Jonathan White who wears a prosthesis on both legs and his right arm finished the entire course. Photos José María García.





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Reports from Teguise

600 Years of History - Prominent Citizens



Mayor Oswaldo Betancort

Historians Fernando Bruquetas de Castro and Félix Delgado López have researched the backgrounds of the most celebrated personalities born in Teguise and their connection with the major episodes in the 600 years of the town's history. Their lives and works offer a true reflection of the economic, political, social and cultural development of Lanzarote's first capital, La Villa.

Political Milestones

In the early 15th century an expedition of Norman invaders led by Juan de Bethencourt annexed the Canary Islands to Spain. Their successors used the experience they had gathered in the Old World as a blueprint for their colonization of the American continent in the New World which they named Nueva España (New Spain).

Devastating attacks on Teguise in the XVII century by Turkish, Algerian and Berber corsairs to capture slaves culminated with the disastrous sacking of the town archives and places of worship by Xaban Arraéz. As a result, Governor Diego de Brito y Lugor and other noblemen assumed the responsibility of restoring Vera Cruz Chapel and Guadalupe Church among other historical monuments.



L-R Teguise Archivist Félix Delgado, Councillor for Heritage Sara Bermúdez and Town Historian Francisco Hernández at the presentation of the book, Teguise – 600 Years of History

José Clavijo y Fajardo - "Clavigo" by Goethe

José Clavijo y Fajardo, 1726-1804, born on Lanzarote, moved to Madrid at a young age and became the editor of *El Pensador*, a highly popular satirical magazine. In 1770, he was appointed director of royal theatres by Charles III, but resigned the post several years later to take up the editorship of the prestigious *Mercurio Histórico y Político de Madrid*. At the time of his death in 1806, José Clavijo was secretary to the Cabinet of Natural History.

Goethe's "Clavigo"

Interestingly, Clavijo's name has been perpetuated through a love affair he had with the sister of Pierre Beaumarchais, a highly influential French courtier in the court of Louis XV. This incident caught the attention of the greatest German playwright of the era, Johann Wolfgang Goethe, (1749-1832) who made it the subject of a five-act tragedy he wrote in 1774 called *Clavigo*. The work has remained popular

ever since and can even be heard nowadays on You Tube entitled, *Clavigo Goethe*.

Dr Alfonso Spinola

A member of the famous Spinola family of Teguise, Alfonso Spinola (1845-1905), a great philanthropist, practiced as a doctor in Teguise for eight years before emigrating to Montevideo in Uruguay where he taught Spanish. Realizing that there were many doctors in the city he moved to Las Piedras a small town without medical facilities where he converted his home into a free clinic and built a laboratory. Soon afterwards a smallpox epidemic broke out in the region and he singlehandedly saved hundreds of lives, despite a serious risk of contamination. Alfonso Spinola is still remembered for his self sacrifice and philanthropy by streets and locations named for him. In 2018 he was posthumously designated a Hijo Predilecto of Teguise at a ceremony attended by the President of Uruguay. His life story is told in great detail by Maria Luz Fica.

José Betancort, pseudonym Ángel Guerra

Born in Teguise, José Betancort (1874-1950) was a writer and politician who represented Lanzarote in parliament for ten years. As an author he wrote under the pseudonym Ángel Guerra, a character from a novel by Benito Pérez Galdos, the Las Palmas-born writer considered the second most popular Spanish novelist after Cervantes. Betancort's most famous work was *La Lapa*, (*The Limpet*) written in 1908 which is still considered an outstandingly accurate account of life in the Canary Islands of the time.

The story-line takes place on Lanzarote where the main character Martin, who is blind, is guided round the island by his son who dreams of becoming a sailor. He describes the sea and coastline (which explains the book's title, as an abundance of limpets are to be found on Lanzarote's shores) as well as highly detailed descriptions of the landscape and the villages as well as of the Chinijo Archipelago. Calle José Betancort in Arrecife, where El Almacén, Lanzarote's first cultural centre is located, was named for him.

Leandro Perdomo (Arrecife 1921-Teguise 1993), commenced his writing career as editor of the weekly magazine *Prónoticos* in 1946. Following some years in Las Palmas as a journalist he moved to Belgium where he worked in a mine alongside other Canary Islanders. During this period he began writing *El Volcán*, a magazine for Spanish immigrants in Europe which brought him international recognition.

In 1968, Leandro Perdomo returned to Lanzarote to live in the family home in Teguise and wrote for local publications *La Provincia* and *Lancelot* stressing the radical changes taking place on the island of his birth through the emerging tourist industry. Various articles Leandro Perdomo wrote as a journalist have been published as books, notably *Lanzarote y yo* (1974), *Desde mi cráter* (1976) and *Crónicas isleñas* (1978). His critical but humane style of writing converted him into one of the most important literary figures of the 20th century on Lanzarote, according to his biographer Fernando Gómez Aguilera.



During Fitur in Madrid, Teguisé Mayor Oswaldo Betancort receives the document certifying that Teguisé has been declared among the "Pueblos Mas Bonitos de España" "The most beautiful towns in Spain" Lanzarote. The Mayor said, "This is a day of great pride for Teguisé, the first town on Lanzarote to receive this distinction."



Councillor for Culture and Domestic Tourism Toni Callero promoted Teguisé tourist attractions and the Carnival at Fitur in Madrid

Mayor Oswaldo Betancort and Culture Councillor Nori Machin display the winning poster for this year's Carnival under the theme Fantasy of India, designed by Rubén Lucas Garcia.



Mayor Oswaldo Betancort congratulates Roller Derby athlete Mar Vidal from Nazaret for the medal she received from the Spanish Olympic Committee



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Reports from Teguisse

César Manrique Teguisse Gold Medal

Mayor Oswaldo Betancort and his Council awarded the Ayuntamiento de Teguisse Gold Medal of Merit posthumously to César Manrique 1919-1992 for his artistic contribution to

the district of Teguisse as well as the entire island of Lanzarote. In conjunction with the award, Teguisse has refurbished Pueblo Marinero which Manrique built as a tribute to the fishing village which stood in this area before the advent of tourism



“Smart Island” Hotel Awards

The 5-Star Princess Yaiza Suite Hotel Resort received an award at Fitur for having achieved the distinction of being declared a Biosphere Smart Hotel. Susana Pérez, President of the Lanzarote Tourist Federation pointed out that besides this latest prize, Princess Yaiza received the highest award of ABTA, the Association of British Travel Agents, for excellence in client satisfaction as well as the internationally recognized ISO 9000 for quality management systems meeting statutory and regulatory requirements at the highest level. Kikoland is a childrens park on an area of over 10,00 m2. With its sports and leisure facilities, Kikoland is an adventure paradise for children for children between 1 and 18 years of age, where each of them will find age-appropriate entertainment..

The hotel restaurant Isla de Lobos, voted the best hotel restaurant in the Canary Islands, is known for its breath-taking views of the ocean and is highly recommended on Lanzarote’s gastronomical map representing the highest standards expected of a five star hotel through its service, luxury and comfort. The menu is based on



Six new tourist establishments have been awarded the category “Biosphere Smart Hotels” for the introduction of digital marketing and sustainability programmes: HD Beach Resort, Arrecife Gran Hotel, Hotel Sandos Papagayo, Princesa Yaiza Beach Resort and Boutique Hotel La Isla y El Mar

a delightful cuisine sourced by local produce and the Finca de Uga high class specialist farm. This results in rich creations and an incredible range of exclusive products offering exceptional quality.

The 5 Star Arrecife Gran Hotel received an award at Fitur for having achieved the distinction of being declared a Biosphere Smart hotel. Spain. This hotel, located besides a beautiful beach of white sands, has garnered the respect

of guests for its stylish sea-view rooms, tasty breakfast. The restaurant on the top floor offering a skyline view of the city and ocean, sources its produce locally which has proved a hit with locals too. Executive chef Javier Ruiz and his team use locally sourced products to combine traditional taste with the best of international cuisine which results in an enjoyable culinary surprise meeting the highest standards complemented by an range of wines.

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Reports from Haría



Haría Carnival 6th 7th 8th March – Procession 7th This Year’s Theme “The Roaring Twenties”



Haría Mayor Alfredo Villalba

Mayor Alfredo Villalba has stated that the port of Orzola, which connects Lanzarote with La Graciosa, brings absolutely no economic benefits for the Ayuntamiento of Haría. “People going to La Graciosa by ferry, leave their vehicles in the car park which means we suffer all the noise and acoustic contamination and I feel Haría should in some way be compensated for providing this facility”.



Mayor Villalba greets newly appointed Town Councillor Alejandro Hernandez



Haría Tourism Councillor Celestino Socas is instrumental for promoting tourism in the countryside of Haría and the seaside resort of Arrieta



The III Haría Guitar Festival was founded by Luis Soria, an Argentinian who lives in La Rioja. This year’s repertoire included Spanish renaissance, baroque, classic, flamenco and popular music from Argentina, the Andes and Brasil.



The theme of this year’s Carnival is the Happy 1920s allowing people to dress up in the the spirit of the Roaring Twenties which were marked by a general feeling of novelty and a break with tradition. Cars, movies, jazz and dancing, particularly the Charleston.

PhotoNews Lanzarote



The President of the Canary Government Ángel Víctor Torres and Cabildo President Dolores Corujo congratulated Cabrera Medina Chairman Mamerto Cabrera for the incorporation of electric cars in the fleet of Cicar, the largest car hire firm in the Canary Islands. Research has shown these environmentally-friendly vehicles emit less greenhouse gases and air pollutants over their life than a petrol or diesel car.



Hospiten Anniversary

Congratulations to Hospiten who celebrated their 20th anniversary last December. Founded in 1999, the centre has 60 beds, three surgeons and has established itself as the most prestigious private hospital on Lanzarote. Medical Director of Hospiten Lanzarote, Juan Antonio Santana states “we are proud to be the largest private hospital on the island. Grupo Hospiten took a chance when opening here, it was our first facility in the Canary Islands outside of Tenerife, but the acceptance by the local population was such that our medical services have enjoyed constant growth in the fields of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, Dentistry, Dermatology, Cardiology, Neurology, Nephrology and Ophthalmology.. Hospiten also pioneered video consultations on the island specializing in gynecology and internal medicine under the expertise of Professor Manuel Maynar who heads the Diagnostic and Therapeutic Departments.



The book “La fotografía en Lanzarote 1850-1950” by Mario Ferrer covers the first 100 years of the history of photography on Lanzarote. Extensive research among private and institutional collections has resulted in 140 representative photographs, many of which have never previously been published, and are of major importance for Lanzarote’s heritage. Subjects include communications, art, technology, culture, current affairs and anthropology. Carmelo Vega, Professor of the History of Photography at the University of La Laguna, Tenerife wrote the prologue. Mario Ferrer, who holds a doctorate in the History of Arts and Sciences from Liverpool University, has published over twenty works on the history and contemporary culture of Lanzarote and was a leading researcher at Memoria de Lanzarote digital archives.

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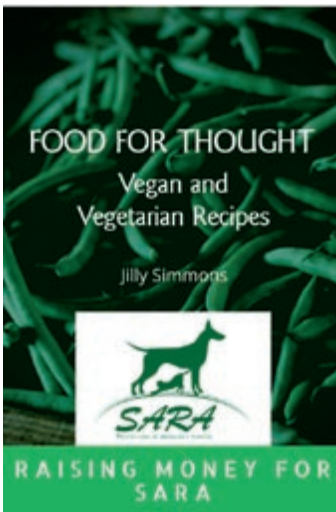
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Dr Marianna Klimek, a dentist from Vancouver, Canada, is a long-time fan of Lanzarote and of this magazine. She sent these photographs from a visit to San Antonio, Texas, at the Tribute Sculpture for the original Canarian founder-settlers who immigrated to the New World in 1730, most of whom were from Lanzarote. The shots were taken by her husband Janusz, seen next to her.



Harley Davidson bikers are introduced to Lancelot



Because Jilly Simmons is an animal-lover who cares about the future of the only planet we have, her latest cookery book, **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**, which will be raising money for Sara, comprises vegan and vegetarian recipes. It will shortly be on sale and when the points of sale are finalised, they will be published.



We are sorry to have to report the death of Tomás Armas Sicilia a former member of Tias Culture Department. He cooperated with Lancelot for many years especially with the presentation of Carnival for the English-speaking residents. He was a very knowledgeable and sympathetic colleague. Our condolences to his family and the Ayuntamiento. Descansa en Paz (RIP). Photo Dory Hernández.



Dr Pablo Eguia del Rio, neurologist at Hospital Doctor José Molina Orosa on Lanzarote, has been appointed Head of Communications of the Spanish Society of Neurology. He has held the position as President of the Canarian Society of Neurology since 2016 led by prestigious neurologist José Miguel Láinez who had advocated his candidacy for the position.

Dr Eguia del Rio said that his main objective would be to give the general public a better understanding of neurological diseases and promote brain stimulation and behavioral change. He has been working on Lanzarote since 2008, having received his degree in medicine and surgery at Pais Vasco University and also completed the course of Management and Innovation in the health division of IE Business School. Dr Eguia del Rio is also the author of articles in books and scientific papers on the subject of neurology published in national and international publications.



R-L Jimi Hendrix, Liane, The Caravels, Manfred Mann, Larry, Mike d'Abo

Launch of Rock Music Biography

Published by the Lanzarote Cabildo at El Almacén



Cabildo Publications Councillor Paula Corujo who enthusiastically supported the book launch

La Rocola del Bar Rumba relates Larry Yaskiel's biography in the music business 1958-1979. Bee Gees, Jimi Hendrix, Beatles, Supertramp, Keith Richards and Spanish superstar Miguel Rios are just some of the artists whose paths he crossed, most can be seen in the 18 pages of photographs at the end of the book.

Among journalists and friends, Liz Yaskiel, former Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés and former Culture

Councillor Oscar Pérez who commissioned the publication with his wife Noelia, Jorge Coll, Andres Martinon, Salvador Hernández, José Juan Romero, José Maria de Paiz, Pilar Esteban, Norman and Dee Warwick, Betty Romero, who designed the cover, with husband Sergio de Paiz, Myriam Ybot, Dariusz and Kasia Chmielewski, Juan Valido with his wife Mari, Javier Rodríguez, Gillermo Uruñuela, Gustavo González, Marcial Rocío among the others.



Deep Purple receive gold and platinum records for Smoke on the Water



Cabildo Councillor Paula Corujo and Publications executive Félix Martín Hormiga with María José Alonso are seen with the author



Bee Gee Barry Gibb outside the author's Hamburg office





Líneas Romero Celebrate their 50th Anniversary

Jorge M. Toledo pioneered the first maritime commercial connection between Lanzarote and La Graciosa with a rowing boat postal service, a business he passed down to his daughter Juana Toledo who married Juan Romero Morales. In 1970 Juan Romero began running the company which then took on the Romero name. He then passed the business on to their children Luis, Juan Jorge, Federico and Rosa who have continued managing Lineas Romero up until this very day, and although the enterprise is now much larger, they remain true to their commitments and origin.

Lineas Romero is established as a leader in the sector thanks to the constant efforts of their loyal staff and the local community alike. Nowadays they combine travel with tourism operating ferry routes on Lanzarote and Fuerteventura as well as conducting tourist excursions on land and at sea. The company continues to invest in new technology and incorporate modern and innovative vessels along their routes but remains committed to the local community for economic and social progress and job creation. Although ranked among the top companies in the travel and tourism market in the Canary Islands, Lineas Romero remains a family company working in the spirit and devotion of their founder Juan Toledo.



The Romero family with the plaque awarded for innovation



Family Romero with Managing Director Lanzarote Luis Padron and Commercial Director Lindis Skorsboved



TOURIST INFORMATION

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Emergencies	112
Ambulance	928 812 222
Hospital	928 595 000
Fire Brigade	928 816 312
Police	928 597 107
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Ayuntamiento Teguiise	928 84 50 01
Ayuntamiento of Tias	928 83 36 19
Ayuntamiento de Tinajo	928 84 00 21
Ayuntamiento de Yaiza	928 83 62 20

Postage and Post Office

Letters and postcards within Europe 1.40 euro, USA 1,50 euro. Puerto del Carmen post office is open Monday-

Friday 08.30 - 14.30 hrs, Saturday 09.30 - 12.30 hrs. Arrecife post office: Monday-Friday 08.30 - 20.30 hrs, Saturday 09.30 - 13.00 hrs. Opening times are for stamps and registered letters etc. but both offices close earlier for money transfer.



Puerto del Carmen Church

Markets

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

Recova Town Market
Mon to Sat 9-2

Historic Old Town
Saturday 9-2

Puerto Calero
Friday 9-2

Puerto del Carmen
Plaza del Varadero
Friday 10-3

Playa Blanca
Marina Rubicón
Wed & Sat to 10-2

Teguiise Market
Sundays and
Public Holidays 9-2

Costa Teguiise
Pueblo Marinero
Thursday mornings 9-2

Tinajo, Mancha Blanca
Sunday 9-2

Haría Artesanal Market
Saturday 10-14:30

CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES



British Honorary Consul Lanzarote

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British Consulate

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

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.

International Evangelical Church

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

Inter-denominational Sunday Worship at Costa Teguiise

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

For more information please contact Stuart 630 175 810 or via our website www.sundayworshiplanzarote.com

Norsk Kirkesentre and Social-Cultural Centre

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

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

BRIDGE No 138

By Maria Brandt

How to deceive your opponents.
Dealer: South North-South vulnerable

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

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

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♠ A J 7
♥ A K J 7 6 5 3
♦ 10 5
♣ 9

Bidding

S	W	N	E
1H	2C	2D	3C
3H	pass	3NT	pass
4NT	pass	5D	pass
6H	pass	pass	Dbl

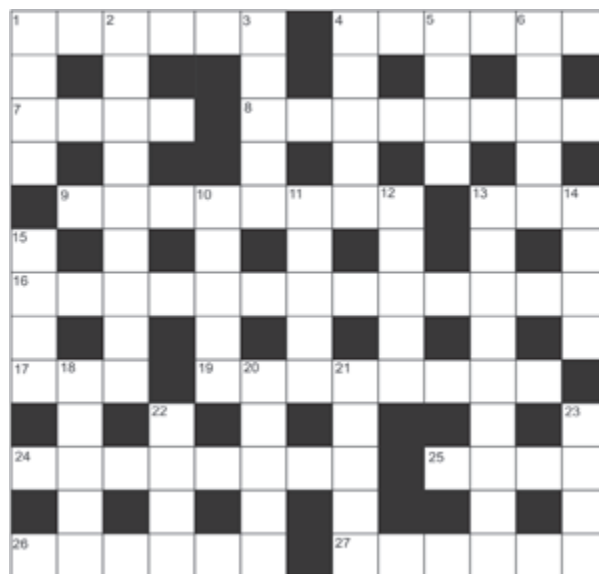


East could not resist the temptation to double. His partner had overcalled, and he held a sure trump trick and a well-placed King of Diamonds. The double suggested a Diamond lead (dummy's first-called colour) and West complied with the Jack. It now seems that South is headed for a loss of 3 tricks. 1 Spade, 1 Diamond and 1 Club. But, our player succeeded in setting problems for the defence. South won the opening lead of the Jack with the Ace in dummy and cashed the Queen of Hearts, discovering the bad break. He then, without showing any signs of dissolution, led the 3 of Diamonds, putting East to the test. He should of course have played the King, but instead played low, figuring South was going to trump. He felt foolish when South won with the 10. Now, taking into consideration that West had overcalled and must have some high cards, a low Spade was led towards 10-King in dummy. This put West to a difficult test. The play of the Queen would have deprived South of a vital entry to dummy, but he played low and the finesse of the 10 succeeded. Now South was able to ruff a Diamond, return to the Spade King and lead another Diamond. On this master card he could throw his Club loser, whether East ruffed or not.

SOLUTION TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD NO. 77. ACROSS; 1 The Hague, 5 Abulic, 10 Flair, 11 Royal Navy, 12 Rhodamine, 13 Idaho, 14 Imagine, 16 Natter, 19 Septet, 21 Diction, 23 Elder, 25 Loathsome, 27 Labyrinth, 28 Squib, 29 Notate, 30 Caressed. **DOWN;** 1 Taffrail, 2 Elaborate, 3 Aorta, 4 Ukraine, 6 Ballistic, 7 Llama, 8 Ceylon, 9 Wyvern, 15 Interpret, 17 Epilogues, 18 Underbid, 20 Talent, 21 Drachma, 22 Berlin, 24 Debut, 26 Haste.

SIMPLE CROSSWORD No 138

By Imelda Coombes



ACROSS

- 1 Leave (6)
- 4 Wrinkle (6)
- 7 Glen (4)
- 8 Curse (8)
- 9 Think differently (8)
- 13 Devotee (3)
- 16 Aintree steeplechase (5,8)
- 17 A mass of fish eggs (3)
- 19 Revolving (8)
- 24 Unbeliever (8)
- 25 Penalty (4)
- 26 Military marksman (6)
- 27 Dread (6)

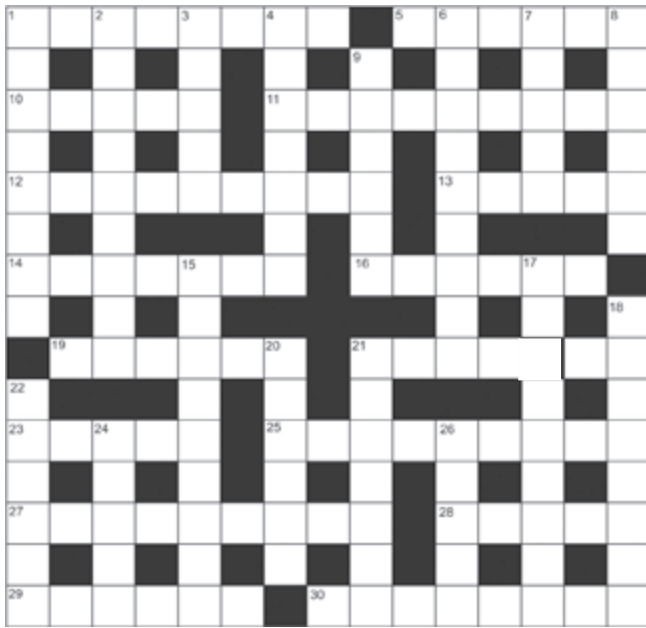
DOWN

- 1 A peace symbol (4)
- 2 Pulsate (9)
- 3 Reverberate (5)
- 4 Covet (5)
- 5 Copy (4)
- 6 A Brazilian dance (5)
- 10 A tree (5)
- 11 Bake (5)
- 12 Expel (5)
- 13 Banker (9)
- 14 Invalid (4)
- 15 Seaweed (4)
- 18 e.g. the liver (5)
- 20 Freshwater mammal (5)
- 21 Racecourse (5)
- 22 Grandeur (4)
- 23 Cogwheel (4)

SOLUTION TO SIMPLE CROSSWORD NO. 137. ACROSS; 1 Kidnap, 4 Madcap, 7 Lisp, 8 Radiator, 9 Conceals, 13 Vat, 16 Paraphernalia, 17 Tie, 19 Rhapsody, 24 Editions, 25 Stoa, 26 Bairns, 27 Alaska. **DOWN;** 1 kale, 2 Discourse, 3 Purse, 4 Medal, 5 Dear, 6 Aroma, 10 Caper, 11 Arena, 12 Sinks, 13 Validates, 14 Teak, 15 Spat, 18 India, 20 Hoops, 21 Pasta, 22 Stir, 23 Cava.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD No 78

By Imelda Coombes



ACROSS

- 1 Capital of Chile which is situated at the foot of the Andes. (8)
- 5 Wolfgang Amadeus — , 1756-91, Austrian composer whose works include "The Marriage of Figaro". (6)
- 10 Something that has survived from the past. (5)
- 11 A single board on which a person stands and is towed by a motorboat. (9)
- 12 A reduction of the term of a sentence of imprisonment. (9)
- 13 To warn of danger or an attack. (5)
- 14 A person who makes his home in a new country. (7)
- 16 A steel tool used for smoothing the bores of holes accurately to size. (6)
- 19 An involuntary shudder or vibration. (6)
- 21 A plant such as ivy. (7)
- 23 To walk or proceed with stately or regular steps. (5)
- 25 Relating to elderly people. (9)
- 27 A Spanish dance with stamping and very fast footwork. (9)
- 28 The distinctive name of a work of art. (5)
- 29 A displayed placard or announcement giving information. (6)
- 30 The troops who maintain and guard a fortified place. (8)

DOWN

- 1 A sudden or unexpected event. (8)
- 2 A graduated pillar by which the rise and fall of the Nile can be measured. (9)
- 3 The central one of the three small bones in the middle ear. (5)
- 4 A slow moving mass of ice. (7)
- 6 An institution for abandoned children. (9)
- 7 Informed of current developments. (5)
- 8 A formal agreement between two or more states. (6)
- 9 A person who operates a lathe. (6)
- 15 - System, the network of vessels that conveys fluid to the venous system. (9)
- 17 A river rising in E Turkey and flowing south across Syria and Iraq. (9)
- 18 To clean clothes with a solvent. (8)
- 20 A type of West Indian popular music. (6)
- 21 A Brazilian dance similar to the samba. (7)
- 22 A river in South America which is the largest in the world. (6)
- 24 To put a plant into a larger container. (5)
- 26 A raised structure where sacrifices are offered. (5)

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Ombudsman - *Diputado del Común*

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



Cabildo Consumer Protection Office

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

E-mail: consumo@cabildodelanzarote.com



Cabildo Wildlife Protection Service

Tel: 696 733 177 (07.00-22.00)



Mararia - Official Women's Support Office

In case of maltreatment or abuse. All nationalities welcome. C/ Fajardo n° 24 - 1°B. C.P: 35500 Arrecife (Lanzarote). Tlf. 928 804 834. E-mail: voluntarias.ascmararia@gmail.com. **In case of emergency call 112**



SARA Animal Protection Society

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



Alcoholics Anonymous English-Speaking Meetings

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



Visiting Rotarians Welcome - Lanzarote Rotary Club - Arrecife

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



English-Working Lodge

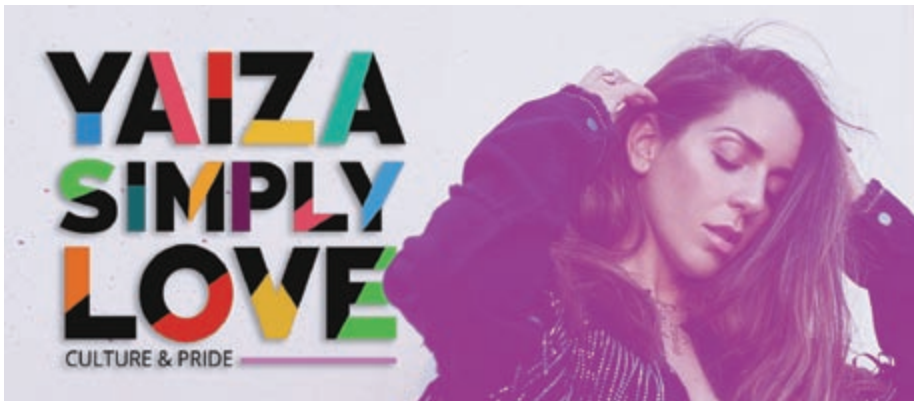
(Emulation) in the Spanish Constitution (recognised by U.G.L.) will welcome visitors October-April. Information: Tel: 928 83 34 90



Local Bridge Club

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

Concerts – Art Exhibitions – Theatre – Music and Dance



Ruth Lorenzo, who represented Spain in the Eurovision Song Contest and was a finalist on Simon Cowell's

Britain's Got Talent is appearing at the Simply Love Festival of the Ayuntamiento de Yaiza. See page 57.

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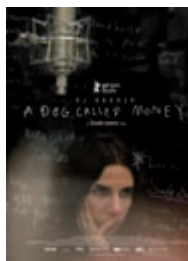


MARCH

2 AmArte Art Therapy Workshop

15-29 PorilArte Workshop for families at El Fondeadero

17 St Patrick's Day Beach Avenue and Fishing Harbour



MARCH

5 -7 CIC El Almacén and Escuela de Arte Pancho Lasso
"Transformar Al Que Mire" Art and Education

7 El Salinero Theatre Arrecife 20:30 "Inmujerables"

11 CIC El Almacén Movie 21.00 and 12 at 19:00

PJ Harvey: A Dog Called Mome, Seamus Murphy 2019

14 El Salinero Theatre Arrecife 20:30 Tenerife Baroque Orchestra "Mulibieris"

18 CIC El Almacén 21.00 Thriller "Araña (Spider)" Andrés Wood 2019

19 CIC El Almacén 20:30 Lemes & Infante with Javier Colina Jazz Cycle

20 El Salinero Theatre Arrecife 20:30 Chucho Valdés Jazz Bata 2 Tour

21 Tias Theatre 18.00 "El Sueño de César" 2RC Teatro

26 CIC El Almacén 20:30 Concert Mariola Membrives "Lorca Spanish Songs" Jazz Cycle

27 El Salinero Theatre Arrecife 20:30 Concert "Tribute to the Legend of Time" Flamenco Jazz All Stars

APRIL

25 CIC El Almacen Painting Exhibition Rigoberto Camacho "Sincretisimo" Exhibition

25 Casa de Cultura Agustin de la Hoz Exhibition Rosa Vera "Heterotopia"



MAY

22 and 23 el Salinero Theatre Arrecife 20:30 Famous Illusionist Jorge Blass "Invention"



APRIL

13 1st Week of Diversity and Pride LGBTI

23 Book Day

25 St George's Day

29 International Day of Dance

MAY

10 Cultural tour of Galicia

15, 16, 17 1st Fair of Health and Well Being



Carnival Processions

14 March Teguiise

21 March Playa Blanca

Check cabildodelanzarotecultura.es for last minute changes

Saint Patrick's Day Festival

Día de San Patricio 2020

LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, HURLING ON THE BEACH AND MORE...

From the 15th to 17th of March - Del 15 al 17 de marzo

Puerto del Carmen - Lanzarote



Domingo 15

- 12:00 h - **Hurling** en el área de juego de Playa Grande de Puerto del Carmen.

Lunes 16

- 17:00 h - **Exhibición de música y bailes irlandeses** en los alrededores de la Oficina de Información de Turismo de la Avenida de las Playas en Puerto del Carmen.

Martes 17

- 11:00 h - **Misa** en la Parroquia Nuestra Señora de Lourdes.

- 12:30 h - **Apertura del recinto y acto protocolario** en la Plaza del Varadero.

- De 13:30 a 22:00 h - **Música en directo:** Dessie Hynes, Conor Sloane, Jordan Kennerally, The Mad Yoke's, Celtic Roots, Gayle O'Donovan & Theo, Mick Garry, Dave Johnny Grogan, The Electric Island Band, Ellen & Steve Lanzarote Band, The Roaring Donkey's.

- 17:30 h - **Desfile de St. Patrick's** desde la intersección de c/Anzuelo con la Avenida las Playas hasta llegar a la Plaza del Varadero.



Sunday 15th

- 12:00 pm.-**Hurling** in the play area of Playa Grande in Puerto del Carmen.

Monday 16th

- 5:00 pm.-**Exhibition of Irish Music and dances** in the vicinity of the Tourist Information Office of Avenida de las Playas. (Puerto del Carmen).

Tuesday 17th

- 11:00 am.-**Mass** in "La Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes" (Old Town).

- 12:30 pm. **Opening of the enclosure and Protocol Act** in the Varadero Square.

- From 1:30 pm to 10:00 pm.- **Live Music:** Dessie Hynes, Conor Sloane, Jordan Kennerally, The Mad Yoke's, Celtic Roots, Gayle O'Donovan & Theo, Mick Garry, Dave Johnny Grogan, The Electric Island Band, Ellen & Steve Lanzarote Band, The Roaring Donkey's.

- 5:30 p.m. **St. Patrick's Parade** from the intersection of Anzuelo Street with Avenida de las Playas until reaching Varadero Square.



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