
GEEO ITINERARY

Hiking the Canary Islands

Day 1: Puerto de la Cruz Arrive at any time.

Arrive at any time. The closest airport is Tenerife North Airport. There are no planned activities, so check into our hotel and enjoy the city. We will have a group meeting in the evening around 6:00 p.m. There will be a note at the front desk to let you know the exact time and location of the meeting. The note will also tell you what time to meet in the lobby in the morning if you arrive too late for the meeting. If you miss this meeting, please don't worry; your tour leader will go over everything with you in the morning. Tenerife is an Atlantic gem of white sand beaches, turquoise waters, rugged volcanic coastlines, and lush mountains. Formed by volcanic eruptions millions of years past, the largest of the Canary Islands is shadowed by the Mount Teide volcano.

Day 2: Puerto de la Cruz/Anaga Rural Park Head north to Anaga Rural Park for a guided hike through the ancient laurisilva forest to the village of Chinamada. Return to Puerto de la Cruz for a free afternoon.

Head north to Anaga Rural Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve carved by volcanic eruptions over 7 million years ago. Enjoy a guided hike through the ancient subtropical laurel forest (laurisilva), lush with trees, ferns, moss, and lichen—heaven for bird watchers. Continue to the coast and watch the landscape change as we follow the Atlantic cliffs to the village of Chinamada. Here we visit pre-historic cave dwellings and get a glimpse of the locals' daily life. The 3.7-mile hike will take approximately 3.5 hours. Return to Puerto de la Cruz for a free afternoon. Opt to visit Sitio Litre botanical gardens, which feature an 18th-century mansion and lush, lovely gardens known for their variety of orchids. Or visit the beautiful winery of the Monje family, which has been producing Canarian wine since 1750. Try a selection of red, white, and rose in the lush countryside with stunning views of El Teide volcano. Approximate travel time: 1.5 hrs by private vehicle; 3.5 hrs hiking

Day 3: Puerto de la Cruz/Teno Rural Park Hike in the Teno Rural Park from Erjos to Masca, with rewarding views just about the whole way through.

Set out on a 10-mile hike in the Teno Rural Park beginning from the mountainside village of Erjos. Walk along a stunning mountain ridge to Cruz de Gala on your way to the Bolico summit. You'll also be able to see great views of the neighboring islands and the ancient volcanic landscape in the Masca Valley. You'll finish the hike in the picturesque village of Masca before returning to Puerto de la Cruz. Approximate travel time: 2 hrs by private vehicle, 4-5 hours hiking

Day 4: Puerto de la Cruz/Costa Adeje Visit the colonial town of Orotava, then hike through the volcanic caldera of Teide National Park. Enjoy sweeping views of the park from the viewpoint at the summit of Samara. Continue on to the beach town of Costa Adeje.

Take a short visit to the colonial town of Orotava, the gateway to Tenerife's central volcano, Mount Teide. Take in the stunning architecture of the town, known for its beautiful interior courtyards and intricately carved wooden balconies. Then hike in Teide National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The rocky trail passes through the beautiful volcanic landscape of ash, pumice, and lava slopes within the 10-mile-wide crater. Hike up to the viewpoint on Samara peak for sweeping panoramic views, and catch a glimpse of Mount Teide, Spain's highest Peak at 12,188 ft.

Day 5: Costa Adeje Enjoy a free day in Costa Adeje.

Take a full free day to relax on the golden sand beaches in Costa Adeje for which Tenerife is admired, and wander the bustling promenade. Or opt for an excursion to the smaller nearby island of La Gomera.

Garajonay National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, covers over 70% of La Gomera's surface area and is home to a unique laurel forest ecosystem that has been preserved for millions of years.

Day 6: Costa Adeje Depart at any time.

Our trip concludes today, and you may depart Costa Adeje at any time. The closest airport is Tenerife South Airport. Want more adventure? Book two or more GEEO trips in the same year and receive a discount! GEEO will give you 10% off of the lesser value program(s) (up to 3 programs). If you don't see a program that interests you that pairs with this trip, but still would like to extend your time abroad, let us know. We will work with you to find a non-teacher trip from our tour operator's much larger catalog. Even better, if you are an educator, we can still offer you a discounted price on the trip you choose!