

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Arona-Tunez-La Hondura Circular (Arona)

Route Summary

This walk has a very rural aspect with great views in all directions. There is a steep 400 m ascent from Tunez to La Hondura.

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Route Overview

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 480 from Los Cristianos. Parking in Arona side streets.

Length: 6.840 km / 4.28 mi

Height gain: 445 meter

Height loss: 445 meter

Max Height: 959 meter

Min Height: 592 meter

Surface: Rough

Child Friendly: Yes, if used to steep ascents and rough tracks.

Difficulty: Moderate

Dog Friendly: Yes

Refreshments: Cafes in Arona.



Description

The walk provides insights into rural life in the Arona area, past and present. It starts and finishes in the main plaza in Arona, with its shady trees, where you can admire the church of San Antonio Abad, sculptures of San Hermano Pedro, and other fine old buildings. There are great views all around, with flowers along the path if the season is right. The walk is described by Arona Council as the "Walk of the Farewells". The "farewells" being 1) farewell to the pine forests and the original Guanche people that were here when the Spanish arrived in the early 1500's, 2) farewell to the dead whose bodies were carried to Vilaflor in the 1700's, 3) farewell to the desperately poor farming folk who emigrated from here to South America in the 1900's, and 4) farewell to more recent farmers who have given up their rural life to work in the tourist industry down at the coast.



Waypoints

(1) Start along Calle Calvario

(28.10037; -16.68072)

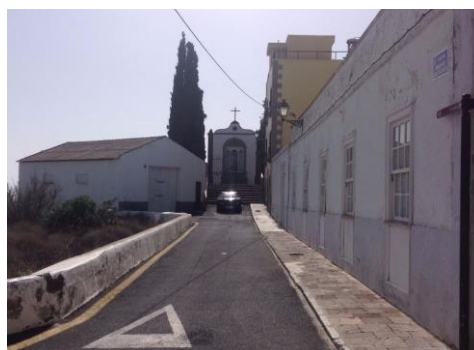
Start in the Plaza de Cristo de la Salud in Arona, setting off along Calle Calvario in an easterly direction.



(2) Possible detour to Ermita

(28.10025; -16.67761)

After 193 m you may wish to make a detour to the Ermita up the short road to your right, then carry on, with the football stadium wall on your left. (193 m)



(3) Do not take this path

(28.10021; -16.67611)

After another 272 m you will see walk signs leading off to a path on your left. IGNORE this path and carry on the tarmac road to Tunez. (465 m)



(4) Left off road at walk signs

(28.09968; -16.67083)

After another 535 m, you will arrive at a walk information board and sign. Turn left off the road and onto the rough camino as it rises uphill. (1 km)



(5) Straight ahead at x-roads

(28.10482; -16.66791)

Walking uphill on the rough path, after 700 m, carry straight on at this x-roads. (1.7 km)



(6) Join tarmac road

(28.10716; -16.66744)

In just another 300 m the path joins a narrow tarmac road by some houses. (2 km)



(7) Continue uphill for La Hondura

(28.10906; -16.66708)

Walking uphill on the narrow tarmac road for another 200 m, you will arrive at a junction and walk signpost. Carry on uphill here, ignoring the road leading off to your right. (2.2 km)



(8) Uphill on Camino Altavista

(28.10939; -16.66687)

Having ignored the road to your right, carry on uphill on the tarred road, Camino Altavista. (2.3 km)



(9) Sharp right onto rough road

(28.11307; -16.66582)

After walking a further 500 m uphill on the tarred road, turn sharp right here onto the rough road alongside the high wall. (2.8 km)



(10) Through wire barrier

(28.11345; -16.66473)

After just over 100 m you will encounter this low wire barrier which you cross and carry on. (2.9 km)



(11) Right and down at signs

(28.11317; -16.66234)

After another 300 m you arrive at this signpost, close to the obvious shrine. If you wish to detour to Escalona you can carry on uphill here for about 1 km. Otherwise, you will turn right and go downhill towards the shrine. (3.2 km)



(12) Pass shrine on your left

(28.11249; -16.66252)

The shrine is called Capilla Cristo de Tacoronte and it marks a place where, during the 1700's, funeral parties rested on their arduous journey up to the nearest consecrated ground for burial in the village of Vilaflor. At this mid-point on the walk, just a little on from the shrine is a good spot to take a rest and admire the open views down to the coast. (3.3 km)



(13) Left at t-junction on camino

(28.11140; -16.66376)

After walking downhill for about 200 m on the rocky camino, turn left at this t-junction. (3.5 km)



(14) Carry on down past house

(28.10840; -16.66393)

In about another 400 m you will arrive at this house. Pass it on your left and continue downhill. (3.9 km)



(15) Right and down at t-junction

(28.10555; -16.66264)

In another 400 m, on the rocky camino, views will have opened up to Valle San Lorenzo and Barranco de Chijas. Turn right at this t-junction and carry on your descent towards the Tunez road. (4.3 km)



(16) Turn right onto road for Tunez

(28.10021; -16.66459)

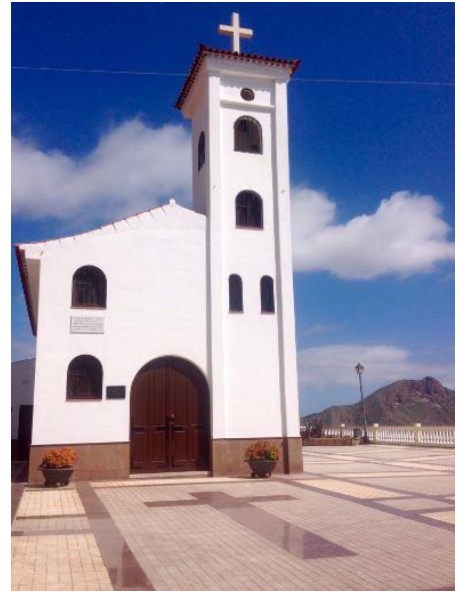
In another 800 m, now walking on a narrow tarmac road, you arrive at this junction with the Tunez road. Turn right here for the little hamlet of Tunez, in the direction of Arona. Prepare to shortly take a detour to your left to visit Tunez church. (5.1 km)



(17) Detour to Tunez church

(28.09934; -16.66696)

After just 300 m, having turned left off the main road, you will arrive at the church. Re-trace your steps from here, and turn left onto the road to Arona. (5.4 km)



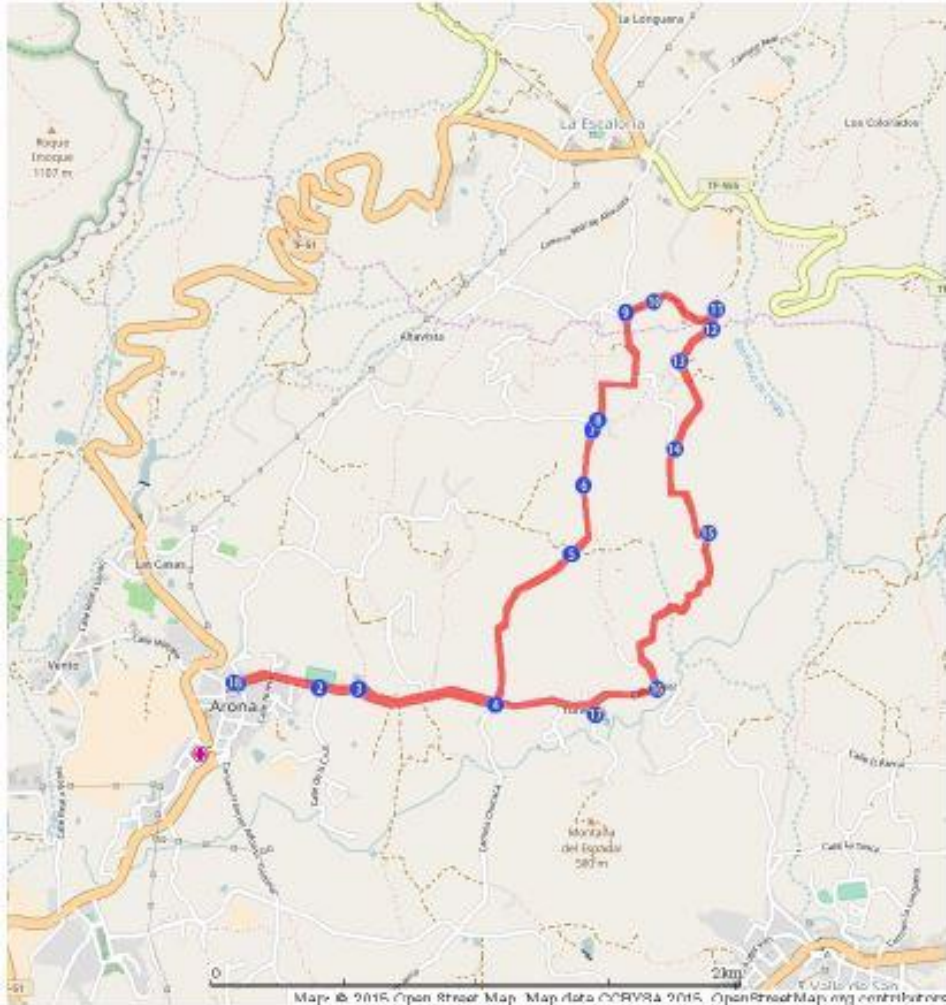
(18) End of walk at Plaza

(28.10043; -16.68086)

You have arrived back at your starting point in the plaza in Arona where you can admire the church of San Antonio Abad, sculptures of San Hermano Pedro, and other fine old buildings. (6.9 km)



Route Map



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