

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Chirche-Sendero Tagara Circular (Guia de Isora)

Route Summary

This is quite a strenuous half-day excursion in the hills above the SW coast, rewarded by great wide-open views. Initially, the route traverses 8 barrancos on the path to El Jaral. It then ascends steeply, offering more scenic opportunities before dropping back to pretty Chirche.

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Transport/Parking: No Titsa bus service. Find a suitable parking place on-street in Chirche.

Length: 6.870 km / 4.29 mi

Height Gain: 569 meter

Height Loss: 569 meter

Max Height: 871 meter

Min Height: 1333 meter

Surface: Rough. Many sections are very rough and stony.

Child Friendly: Yes, but only if children are used to hikes of this distance and overall ascent on rough paths.

Difficulty: Moderate to high.

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: Bar Aripe, in Aripe. Various options in Guai de Isora.



Description

Taking all things into account, this is quite a strenuous half-day excursion, rewarded by fabulous wide-open views. The initial ascent out of Chirche offers eye-catching views of the pretty village, orchards and terraces, before opening up towards the mountains, with Pico Viejo most prominent. Soon, you pass an old stone oven and era (threshing circle) just off the path. On the outward leg, the route then traverses along the hillside going south east, crossing over no less than eight barrancos. Some are relatively shallow, others are deeper and more rugged, so your legs will definitely have warmed up by the time you reach the turn-off point for El Jaral in just over 3 kms. Instead of taking the downhill path to El Jaral, however, our route climbs steeply and relentlessly up towards the mountains for a tough 1.3 kms. There are marvellous views, needless to say, particularly of Barranco Llanos on the right, and Montaña Tejina behind. This path is signposted for the forests and barranco of Tágara and, eventually, would take you to the Teide Caldera itself at Montaña Cedro, then on to Boca Tauce! However, our more modest route diverts back, downhill to Chirche, with the rocky depths of Barrancos El Sauce and Tágara on your right shoulder as you descend, and the island of La Gomera seemingly floating over the sea in the distance.



Waypoints

(1) Start at church in Chirche

(28.21902; -16.76020)

With your back to the doors of the church, turn right and walk up Calle San Filipe as it bends, first right, then left.



(2) Go left and downhill at signs

(28.21843; -16.75929)

In about 130 m, at the walks information board and signs, go left and downhill into the shallow Barranco Chirche. Follow the rough road as it bends right and uphill. (131 m)



(3) Left and uphill

(28.21765; -16.75955)

In another 120 m, or so, go left and gently uphill at the walks sign, direction El Jaral. (252 m)



(4) Again go left and uphill

(28.21675; -16.75980)

In just over 100 m, at an unsigned post, again go left and uphill. (359 m)



(5) Carry on uphill

(28.21649; -16.75718)

In under just under 300 m, where a path goes off to the right, carry straight on uphill. (645 m)



(6) Right turn

(28.21751; -16.74946)

In about 855 m, take a right turn off the rough road onto the yellow/white marked path. This path will carry on for about 1.6 km, crossing a number of barrancos. (1.5 km)

Note: You will return to this point, having walked steeply downhill on the rough road, near the end of the walk.



(7) Sharp left and uphill

(28.20835; -16.74497)

After 1.6 km, having crossed 6 barrancos, you will arrive at a signposted t-junction. Go sharp left and uphill. Be prepared for a fairly steep ascent of 1.3 km! (3.1 km)



(8) Veer left over pipe

(28.21612; -16.73944)

In 1.3 km, as the mostly steep path levels out for a short section, veer left over the water pipe and follow the narrow path as it starts to descend. Eventually, the narrow path becomes a very rough road with a steep descent in places. After about 1 km descent you will arrive back at Waypoint 6 on the outward leg. Carry on back to Chirche from there, re-tracing your steps to the church. (4.4 km)



(9) Finish walk back at church

(28.21909; -16.76026)

In 2.5 km from the highest point of the walk at Waypoint 8 you will have arrived back at the church in Chirche where the walk ends. (6.9 km)



Route Map



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