

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Casas de Altavista (Arona)



Route Summary

A short circular route from the main Plaza in Arona, with a steep ascent on a rocky path to a set of old rural houses, typical of the area. Great views of the surrounding countryside and nearby mountains.

Route Overview

Duration: About 2 hours.
Transport/Parking: Titsa 480 from Los Cristianos. Parking on nearby streets.
Length: 3.520 km / 2.20 mi
Height gain: 235 meter
Height loss: 235 meter
Max Height: 845 meter
Min Height: 627 meter
Difficulty: Medium
Surface: Rough



Description

This short, but at times strenuous, walk provides great views of the mountains and rural countryside around Arona and down, in the distance, to the resort towns of the southern coast.

The route starts and ends in the Plaza del Cristo de la Salud at the heart of Arona's old town. It ascends, mainly on old rocky "caminos" to the Casas de Altavista, a set of old rural houses, typical of the area. The descent is on quiet paved roads.

A short description of this route can be found in the leaflet produced by Arona Ayuntamiento entitled "Caminos y Pasajes con Historia ARONA RURAL". The walk is entitled "Circular Casas de Altavista".



Waypoints

(1) Start of route - Plaza Cristo de la Salud

(28.09986; -16.68059)

The start and end point of the route in the Plaza Cristo de la Salud where an interpretation board provides information about the walk.



(2) Calle El Calvario

(28.10047; -16.68061)

Turn right here onto Calle El Calvario where the signpost directs you to the Casas de Altavista 5,1 km.

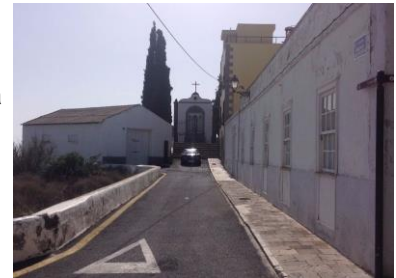


(3) Option to check out the Ermita

(28.10041; -16.67827)

At approx 240m, you may want to take a short detour to check out the Ermita at the end of the short dead-end road on your right, Calle de los Dolores.

Turn sharp right if you do. You will see the Ermita ahead of you. Retrace your steps to re-join the route. (240 m)



(4) Football ground on your left

(28.10026; -16.67757)

Proceed along the paved road, keeping the football ground (Campo De Fútbol Fernando Pérez) on your left.

(5) Join rocky path

(28.10026; -16.67611)

After another 230 m, turn off left from the paved road onto the old rocky path ascending the hillside, signposted for Casas del Altavista 1,6 km. (470 m)



(6) Pass electricity pylon

(28.10305; -16.67657)

After a further 400 m, on a steep ascent of the rocky path you will pass an electricity pylon on your right. Descend the rough path, veering slightly to your right onto a narrow road, paved in places. Proceed uphill. (870 m)



(7) T junction mid-ascent

(28.10428; -16.67656)

After a further 130 m you will reach a T junction on a paved road. Turn right here where the signpost indicates 1 km to Casas de Altavista. (1 km)



(8) Re-join rocky trail here

(28.10613; -16.67506)

After a further 340 m on the paved road, turn off to your left onto a wide stony path. (1.24 km)



(9) Casas de Altavista

(28.10959; -16.67420)

After a final 600 m ascent on a rocky path, with water pipes at your side, you will arrive at the high point of the route, with great views of the surrounding countryside. Immediately adjacent are the set of old rural houses (Casas de Altavista), typical of the area. The house in front of you has clearly been renovated. When you are ready to move on, follow the sign for Arona (Plaza) along the paved road in a westerly direction. (1.91 km)



(10) T-junction, facing west

(28.11072; -16.67581)

After 280 m on the narrow paved road, passing the old casas and gardens on your left, arrive at a T-junction with a broader paved road. The signpost indicates that Arona (Plaza) is downhill, so turn left and walk downhill here on the paved road. (2.19 Km)



(11) Turn left at interpretation board

(28.10683; -16.67870)

After 530 m, with marvellous all round views, and passing terraced fields, houses and a rural hotel, take a sharp left on the paved road after the interpretation board on your right, just off the road. Carry on walking on the paved road as it twists and turns downhill. (2.72 km)



(12) Avoid road to left

(28.10493; -16.67800)

After a further 450 m walking downhill you will arrive at a junction with a road to the left. A signpost indicates Calle Las Hoyas, and the town of Arona is clearly visible, close-by, in the valley below you. Do not turn left, but carry on downhill to Arona as the road turn sharp right. (3.17 km)



(13) Lime kiln

(28.10112; -16.68094)

After a further 680 m walking downhill to Arona you will pass a row of houses on your right, with trees on the other side of the road. Soon, on a turn, after the houses you will encounter an old lime kiln on your right. (3.85 km)



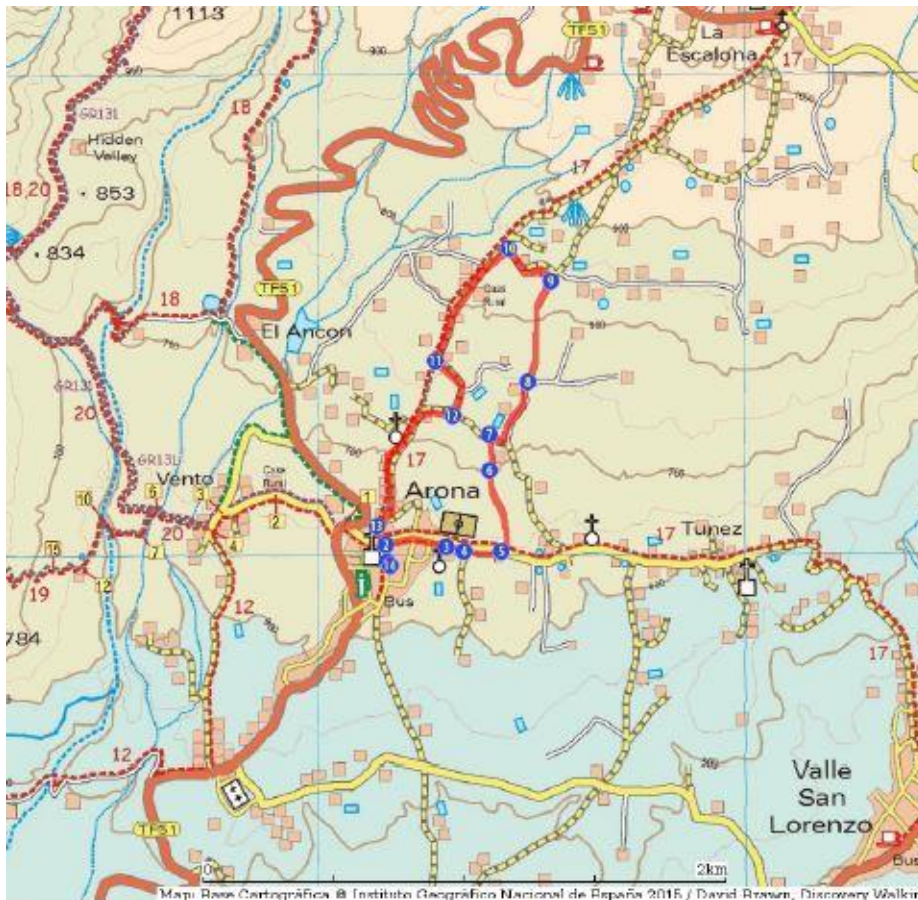
(14) End of route - Arona Plaza

(28.09977; -16.68047)

Head downhill for 100 m, as the road narrows towards the plaza. You have returned to your starting point in Arona's Plaza del Cristo de la Salud where you can admire the church of San Antonio Abad, sculptures of San Hermano Pedro, and other fine old buildings. On the north side of the plaza, it looks like the Ayuntamiento could be giving some of their buildings, there, a bit more TLC! (3.95 km)



Route Map



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