

## Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

### Los Abrigos-Chiringuito Pirata Return (Granadilla)

#### Route Summary

A good there and back coastal walk taking in the pretty harbour at Los Abrigos and some inviting sandy beaches along the way. There are opportunities for a very pleasant break and refreshment at the mid-point, the Chiringuito Pirata beach bar.

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#### Route Overview

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**Transport/Parking:** Titsa 483 from Los Cristianos. On-street parking near start of walk.

**Length:** 7.960 km / 4.98 mi

**Height Gain:** 105 meter

**Height Loss:** 105 meter

**Max Height:** 19 meter

**Min Height:** 0 meter

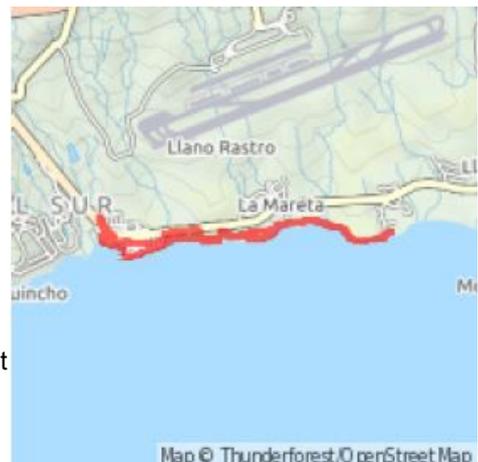
**Surface:** Rough.

**Child Friendly:** Yes. But only if children are used to hikes of this distance on rough surfaces.

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Dog Friendly:** Yes. On lead in Los Abrigos. The walk includes a visit to one of the few "dog-friendly" beaches in Tenerife.

**Refreshments:** Chiringuito Pirata beach bar, at mid-point on walk, and many options in Los Abrigos.



#### Description

Given the prevailing NE Trade Winds, this is likely to be a bracing coastal walk, at least on the outward leg. Initially, the walk provides exposure to the prettier aspects of Los Abrigos as the route passes the picture-postcard harbour with its many fish restaurants before heading east along the Avenida Maritima to a nice viewpoint, looking towards the distinctive red-tinged bulk of Montaña Roja. From there the walk clings fairly closely to the rocky coast, passing two fine beaches at Playa de la Mareta and Playa el Horno (a popular "dog-friendly" beach) before reaching the friendly Chiringuito Pirata beach bar near La Tejita where it is also possible to bathe in the sea. Optionally, walkers can carry on to the impressive expanse of Playa de la Tejita, just a few hundred metres further along the coast. Return is by more or less the same route, at the discretion of the walker.



## Waypoints

### (1) Start walk at plaza by Calle el Choco

(28.03178; -16.59536)

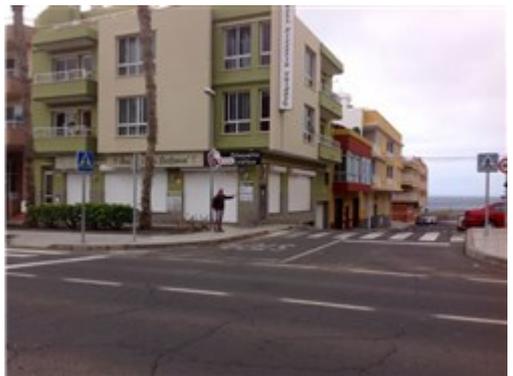
We suggest that you start the walk at the plaza in front of Calle el Choco where there is usually available parking. From here, head towards the centre of Los Abrigos on Calle la Marina.



### (2) Right down Calle Marea

(28.03039; -16.59434)

At about 190 m from the start, cross the busy main road (Calle la Marina) with care and go right, down Calle Marea. At the end, turn left onto Calle Playa Grande, walking in the direction of the town centre. (188 m)



### (3) Pass church on your left

(28.02917; -16.59417)

In about 230 m, at the end of Calle Playa Grande, and facing the church, turn right towards the sea. (415 m)



### (4) Take promenade down to harbour

(28.02894; -16.59389)

In 40 m, or so, follow the promenade down towards the harbour, passing many restaurants on your left. (454 m)



## (5) From harbour take left and up

(28.02792; -16.59251)

In about 225 m, having reached the harbour wall, turn left and take the road uphill. Go right at the end of this short section of uphill road to follow a zig-zag paved access path through the old town, soon joining the pavement alongside the Avenida Maritima, heading towards the east end of the town, with the rocky coast on your right-hand side. (678 m)



## (6) Take steps down from plaza at end of Av Maritima

(28.02931; -16.58746)

After just over 500 m, at the plaza and viewpoint at the east end of Los Abrigos, take the steps down to the small Playa Chica beach. (1.2 km)

**NB:** if the Playa Chica beach is covered in sea water, due to the state of the tide, instead take the pedestrian path down towards the main road to El Medano. Turn right and walk alongside the road for a short distance before turning right down a rough road towards the coastline. Re-join the walk at Waypoint 10, taking the rough road and path along the cliff top.



## (7) Up rocky slope at little beach

(28.02962; -16.58739)

In under 50 m, cross the little Playa Chica beach and take the rough path up the slope to a level area with information board. (1.3 km)



## (8) Down rough path to beach

(28.02964; -16.58710)

In about 30 m, leave the level area with information board and take the rough path down to the next stony beach. (1.3 km)



### (9) Up rocky path

(28.02960; -16.58680)

In another 30 m, or so, go up the rocky path to the clifftop level, veering a little to your right at the top. (1.3 km)



### (10) Veer left for rough clifftop road

(28.02970; -16.58662)

In just 20 m, or so, veer a little left, away from the clifftop towards a rough road. Follow this rough road as it becomes a narrower path along the clifftop in an easterly direction. Do not take the rough road to the camping area by the sea-side. Continue on the clifftop path for about 900 m. (1.4 km)



### (11) Right towards coastline

(28.03009; -16.57874)

After about 900 m, having gone around a headland and passed a rocky inlet, take a turn to the right on the rough road towards the coastline. Now, follow indistinct paths along the coastline and past a beach shack towards a sandy area with low dunes. (2.3 km)



### (12) Playa de la Mareta

(28.03059; -16.57571)

In 400 m, as you cross an area with low sand dunes, you will come across the beach of Playa de la Mareta. Cross the beach and keep going on indistinct paths along the coastline. (2.7 km)



### (13) Playa el Horno

(28.03130; -16.57138)

In another 400, you will come to the beach, Playa el Horno. This beach is known locally as "The Dogs' Beach" as dogs are officially allowed to be walked on the beach, unlike most beaches on Tenerife. Keep going across the beach towards the headland. (3.1 km)



### (14) Right and up for path by plantation

(28.03092; -16.56972)

In about 200 m, at the end of the beach, take the path behind the plantation along the coastline. (3.3 km)



### (15) Down steps to Chiriquito Pirata

(28.03007; -16.56355)

In another 700 m, or so, passing a housing complex and a dead-end road on your left, you will see the Chiriquito Pirata beach bar down steps ahead of you. Head down the steps to explore the beach bar and nearby beach area. It is likely you will want to have a refreshment here! (4.0 km)



### (16) Re-trace steps from Chiriquito Pirata

(28.03032; -16.56301)

When you are ready, start re-tracing your steps on the return route. At various places on the route you may wish to take different and/or shorter paths back along the coast. At Los Abrigos, you may want to take a different route into the town (as shown on our route-map). (4.1 km)



## (17) End of walk back at plaza by Calle el Choco

(28.03179; -16.59521)

After approximately 4km you will return to your start-point at the plaza near Calle el Choco in Los Abrigos. (8.0 km)



## Route Map



### Links:

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