

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Chiguergue-Aripe-Chirche Circular (Guia de Isora)

Route Summary

A circular walk taking in the attractive hill villages of Chiguergue, Aripe and Kirche. Parts of this scenic walk are on quiet minor roads, although many other sections are on old rural paths made of rough volcanic stone.

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 460 from Guia de Isora, then walk 25 minutes to Chiguergue. Park on main street in Chiguergue.

Length: 6.690 km / 4.18 mi

Height Gain: 322 meter

Height Loss: 322 meter

Max Height: 881 meter

Min Height: 674 meter

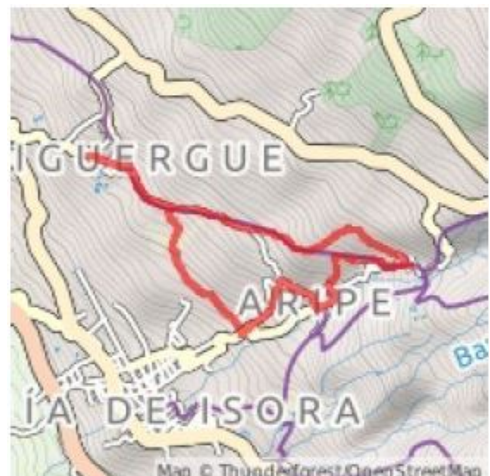
Surface: Rough. Parts of the walk are on quiet minor roads, although many other sections are on old rural paths surfaced by rough volcanic stone.

Child Friendly: If used to strenuous hiking.

Difficulty: Moderate.

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: Cafes in Chiguergue and Kirche.



Description

This is a moderately strenuous circular route between three pretty hill villages in Guia de Isora. Chiguergue, Aripe and Kirche have been acclaimed for their ethnographic heritage, each settlement playing a part in the agricultural development of this area from the 17th Century onwards. The difficult volcanic terrain is extensively terraced and criss-crossed with rough paths, passing many threshing circles and stone ovens along the way. There are great views all-around, up and down, and across to La Gomera.



Waypoints

(1) Start at church plaza in Chimergue

(28.22593; -16.78353)

Start the walk at the church plaza in Chiguergue. After checking out the information board and viewpoint, and with your back to the church doors, turn right up the main street, Calle San Roque.



(2) Right turn onto minor road to Aripe

(28.22541; -16.78067)

After just over 300 m, turn right at the information board, to take the minor road to Arepe. (306 m)



(3) Right off minor road at houses

(28.22275; -16.77763)

In another 455 m, just after a house on your right, turn right along and down a rough road. Ignore all turn-offs to right and left. Follow this road to the upper outskirts of Guia de Isora. (760 m)



(4) Left and uphill on main road to Aripe

(28.21468; -16.77249)

In another 455 m, just after a house on your right, turn right along and down a rough road. Ignore all turn-offs to right and left. Follow this road to the upper outskirts of Guia de Isora. (760 m)



(5) Veer left up crazy paving

(28.21519; -16.77173)

After ascending the road for 100 m, or so, veer left through the stanchions onto the crazy paving road as it continues to ascend the hillside. (2.1 km)



(6) Follow path beside pipes uphill

(28.21614; -16.77040)

In 150 m, the paved road ends and you continue walking uphill on the narrow path that accompanies the water pipes. (2.25 km)



(7) Right at t-junction on minor road to church

(28.21816; -16.76965)

After ascending on the rough path for 250 m you join a short tarred section and almost immediately turn right on the minor road at the outskirts of Aripe. (2.5 km)



(8) Church plaza at Aripe

(28.21750; -16.76864)

In 100m, stop at the church plaza to take in the views before proceeding down the tarred road into Aripe, passing a threshing circle (era) on your left just after the church. (2.6 km)



(9) Across to playpark then uphill

(28.21635; -16.76696)

In 300 m, at a sharp bend to the right, veer left up the rough path. (3.1 km)



(10) Veer left onto rough path at bend

(28.21777; -16.76617)

In 300 m, at a sharp bend to the right, veer left up the rough path. (3.1 km)



(11) Take right turn here to Chirche

(28.21969; -16.76578)

In 300 m, at a sharp bend to the right, veer left up the rough path. (3.1 km)



(12) Left uphill at Cultural Centre

(28.21895; -16.76223)

In 300 m, the rough path having descended into Chirche and become a tarred lane, turn left and uphill at the junction where the Centro Cultural faces you. (3.7 km)



(13) Right and uphill to church

(28.21908; -16.76121)

After ascending for 200 m on Calle La Calzada, veer right and uphill on Calle San Felipe in the direction of the church plaza. (3.9 km)



(14) Church square and info board

(28.21894; -16.76026)

In just 50 m you will arrive at the shady area around the church where there is also a walks information board. At just after half-way through the walk, this is a good spot to take a short rest. (3.95 km)



(15) Right up Calle El Roquillo

(28.21911; -16.76063)

When you are ready, with your back to the church doors, turn left and re-trace your steps for a very short distance before turning right into Calle El Roquillo. Continue upwards as the lane becomes a rough path, passing a walks information board at the edge of the village. (4.0 km)



(16) Veer left and down

(28.22149; -16.76469)

In 500 m, veer left and down at a junction. (4.5 km)



(17) Stay right on ahead here

(28.22064; -16.76609)

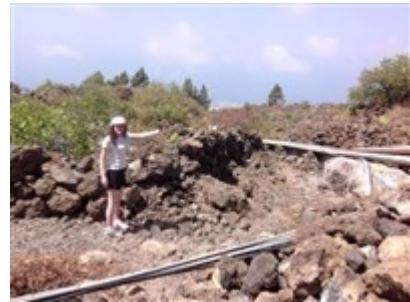
In 200 m, take the path, straight on, at a x-roads. (4.7 km)



(18) Ahead and downhill

(28.22061; -16.76623)

Almost immediately, go straight on again. (4.7 km)



(19) Turn right here

(28.21991; -16.76762)

In another 200 m, walking downhill, turn right and over the water pipes. (4.9 km)



(20) Right at tarred road

(28.22129; -16.77166)

In 400 m, at the junction with the minor road connecting Aripe to Chiguergue, turn right and follow the road. (5.3 km)



(21) Left at Calle San Roque

(28.22551; -16.78060)

After walking for 1.1 km on the minor road you arrive back at the village of Chiquerque and turn left to follow Calle San Roque back towards the start point. (6.4 km)



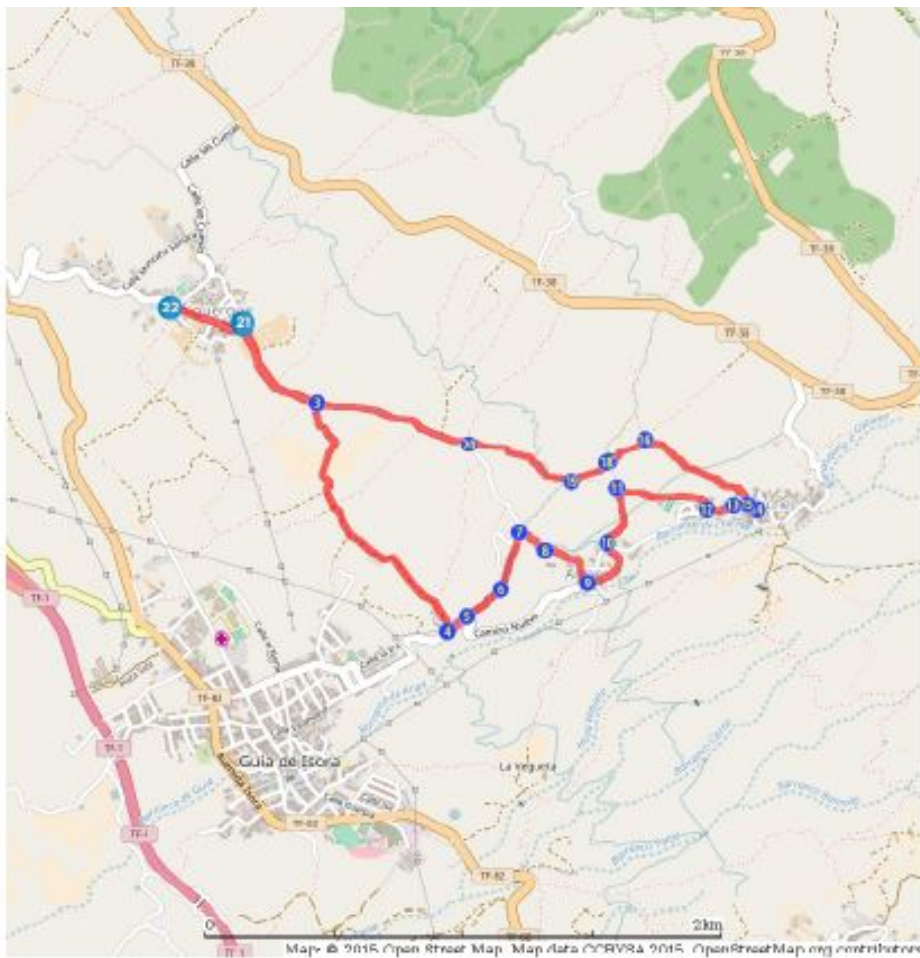
(22) Back at church plaza in Chiquerque

(28.22604; -16.78346)

In 300 m you have arrived back at the church plaza where you started the walk. (6.7 km)



Route Map



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