

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Chio-Chiguergue Circular (Guia de Isora)

Route Summary

A short, if at times strenuous, walk, taking different outward and return routes on ancient paths between the old settlements of Chio and Chiguergue in Guia de Isora. Great rural, coastal and mountain views complement the charm of many old buildings encountered along the way.

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 460/462 from Guia de Isora. Parking below the church in Chio.

Length: 5.810 km / 3.63 mi

Height Gain: 285 meter

Height Loss: 285 meter

Max Height: 793 meter

Min Height: 561 meter

Surface: Rough. The surface quality on the route is variable, but sections of the old caminos are very rough.

Child Friendly: Yes, but only if children are used to vigorous uphill hiking and rough surfaces.

Difficulty: Medium.

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: Bar/cafes in Chiguergue. We can recommend the Bar Parada, on the main road in Chio.



Description

Both Chio and Chiguergue have a long history, reflecting their role in the development of agriculture on the island post-Conquest. Old buildings, stone-built terraces, threshing circles (eras) and stone ovens are some of the most obvious evidence of this, making them attractive walking destinations that can be accessed from the southern resorts in 20 minutes or so nowadays. The first part of this walk descends from Chio to the centuries-old Camino Real that linked Arguayo to Guia de Isora. This is an easy section where there are very good views of the west coast of the island, from Playa San Juan to El Varadero. A steep ascent then takes you up to the charming little church at Chiguergue, and, following a short climb up through the old village we join the route of the old camino that linked Chirche to Chio, descending through vineyards and other terraces back to our start point at the fine church and plaza in Chio.



Waypoints

(1) Start at church in Chio

(28.23585; -16.79651)

With you back to the doors of the church in Chio, leave the plaza, turning right and downhill, following the road as it then turns left. Carry straight on downhill past the information board on your right and former Casa Rural on your left.



(2) Right at bottom of track

(28.23487; -16.79599)

In about 150 m from the church, turn right to join the (very) rough old camino as it heads towards the Autopista. Continue following this old road, a Camino Real (Royal Road), as it runs parallel to and above the TF-1 towards Guia de Isora, with good views down to the west coast of the island. (154 m)



(3) Left up stony path

(28.22071; -16.78857)

In just over 2 km, turn left up the rough stony path. You can see some of Chiguergue high above you from here. (2.3 km)



(4) Left then cross then right uphill

(28.22103; -16.78754)

In 100 m, or so, the rough path reaches the road between Chio and Guia de Isora. Taking care, because the road can be busy, go left a short distance, hugging the barrier, then cross the road and, under the large tree, turn right up the rough driveway which then turn left to head uphill. (2.4 km)



(5) Carry on uphill

(28.22111; -16.78702)

In 50 m from the road, passing large gates on your right, follow the rough path uphill. (2.45 km)



(6) Left and downhill

(28.22309; -16.78385)

In another 350 m, ascending the steep path, turn left and, initially, go downhill, then uphill, on a route that will take you to the church and plaza in Chiguergue. (2.8 km)



(7) Right along main street after church

(28.22607; -16.78326)

In 600 m, after taking in the charming little church and plaza at Chiguergue, go right along main street along Call San Roque. (3.4 km)



(8) Left and up Calle Valencia

(28.22552; -16.78157)

There are a couple of bars and a mini-market on the main street where refreshments is available should you need it after the steep climb up from the Guia de Isora Camino Real! In. 200 m from the church, turn left and up Calle Valencia. (3.6 km)



(9) Left and up Calle Tiguaro

(28.22621; -16.78094)

In another 100 m, at the top of Calle Valencia, turn left and up Calle Tiguaro. following it as it veers right and uphill at the junction with Calle Tauro (down which there is a fine example of a stone oven). (3.7 km)



(10) Veer right along Calle Las Cuevas

(28.22719; -16.78181)

In another 100 m, or so, veer right along Calle Las Cuevas as it takes you out of the village, past an information board and viewpoint. (3.8 km)



(11) Left for Chio

(28.23077; -16.78299)

In 500 m, having now left Chiguergue, turn left for Chio along the single track road, at the walks signpost. (4.3 km)



(12) Off road onto old camino

(28.23174; -16.78486)

In 200 m, walking downhill, go off the narrow road onto the old camino to Chio. (4.5 km)



(13) Across main road and down Calle Virgen de la Paz

(28.23609; -16.79399)

In 1 km, having passed the cemetery on your right, descend to the main road and cross at the crossing, then turning right then left to follow Calle Virgen de la Paz downhill towards the church. (5.5 km)



(14) Back to church in Chio where walk started

(28.23594; -16.79653)

In 300 m you will have arrived back at your start point at the church and plaza. (5.8 km)



Route Map



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