

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Amarilla Golf-Los Erales-Guargacho Circular (San Miguel)

Route Summary

This route is mostly on open ground with good views. The walk starts and finishes amidst green fairways before entering a wild landscape with eroded rock formations and volcanic cones. A diversion to Guargacho, and a visit to the beach are included in this very varied walk.

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 470 to Golf del Sur then 20 minutes walk.

Parking in front of Clansani hotel/resort, beside Amarilla Golf club-house and first tee.

Length: 9.880 km / 6.18 mi

Height Gain: 203 meter

Height Loss: 203 meter

Max Height: 106 meter

Min Height: 0 meter

Surface: Rough. Can be slippery descending Montaña Malpasito.

Child Friendly: Yes.

Difficulty: Easy.

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: Cafes and shops in Guargacho.

Bar in Clansani hotel/resort



Description

This walk from Amarilla Golf is mostly on open ground with good all-around views. Although an excellent leg-stretcher, the overall ascent is only around 200 m, making it easier than many of our routes in terms of the climb involved. The walk starts and finishes amidst green fairways and associated golf-course real estate before entering a wild landscape with eroded rock formations approaching Montaña Los Erales, Malpais scrub ("badlands"), and volcanic cones. You also encounter abandoned farms, plantations and terraces before diverting to the church and plaza in the centre of the small town of Guargacho. Returning to the open ground, the walk takes you to a "trig point" on the top of Montaña Malpasito with marvellous 360° views. From there you head down to the pretty sea-front between Costa del Silencio and Amarilla Golf. The final section of the walk follows a low barranco, alongside the golf course, back to the start near the Amarilla Golf club-house.



Waypoints

(1) Start walk at Amarilla Golf car-park

(28.03163; -16.61852)

Start the walk at the car-park for the Clansani hotel/resort, close to the club-house and first tee at the Amarilla Golf Club. Walk downhill a short way out of the car-park in a south-westerly direction towards the low barranco and rough ground. Quickly turn right to face the distant mountains. Follow the rough road for only a short distance.



(2) Join path here

(28.03211; -16.61937)

In about 130 m from the car-park, veer right off the rough road onto a narrow path with the distant mountains ahead of you. Continue following the path as it opens out into an open track. Note the interesting volcanic and scrub landscape on either side as the track starts to gently bend a little to your left, heading in the direction of the nearby volcanic cone of Montana los Erales. (130 m)



(3) Right onto narrow path

(28.03724; -16.62115)

In a further 615 m, turn off the wide track here to take a narrow stony path into the scrub. Continue on this path as Montana los Erales gets closer, on your left side. Eventually you start to pass the volcanic cone on your left. (744 m)



(4) Go left here

(28.04293; -16.62388)

After over 750 m, with an abandoned finca getting closer above you on your left and an abandoned new build project above you on your right, veer left at this y-junction for a very short distance. (1.5 km)



(5) Sharp left here

(28.04305; -16.62421)

In only just over 30 m, turn sharp left onto a rough road. With Montana los Erales on your right shoulder, follow this road, eventually becoming a path, as it heads back in a sea-ward direction first, then starts to winds it's way to the right around Montana los Erales, in a south-westerly direction. (1.5 km)



(6) Right onto rough road

(28.03536; -16.62896)

After 1.3 km from Waypoint 5, turn right when you meet this rough road and walk up towards the Guargacho football ground. (2.8 km)



(7) Follow road past football ground

(28.03635; -16.63050)

In 200 m, pass the football ground on the tarmac road, and carry on towards the village of Guargacho.

(3 km)



(8) Left and cross road to church

(28.03710; -16.63299)

After 300 m, turn left at the main road and walk down to the pedestrian crossing. (3.3 km)



(9) Return from church

(28.03707; -16.63438)

In just over 100 m from arriving at the main road, and then crossing the pedestrian crossing, you have arrived at the small church and square in the centre of Guargacho where you may wish to sit a while and watch the world go by. There is a cafe across the road and down a little if you fancy a refreshment. When you are ready, head back to the access road for the football ground and walk down it a little way. (3.4 km)



(10) Turn right off football ground access road

(28.03670; -16.63246)

After 300 m from the church, turn right off the football ground access road onto a rough road and through an open gate. You will be turning off this road very soon, though. (3.7 km)



(11) Left onto narrow path

(28.03646; -16.63261)

In just over 30 m, turn left onto this narrow path. (3.7 km)



(12) Right onto rough road

(28.03473; -16.63170)

The narrow dog-walker's path veers left towards a rough road with the football ground to your left side. In just 200 m, turn right onto the rough road and carry on walking, now in a generally sea-ward direction. (3.9 km)



(13) Veer right here

(28.03101; -16.63240)

After 400 m, veer right here. (4.3 km)



(14) Take left fork

(28.02695; -16.63443)

In another 600 m, take the left fork at this y-junction. (4.9 km)



(15) Carry straight on

(28.02471; -16.63444)

In 200 m, take the right-side track, straight on towards the gap between the hills. (5.1 km)



(16) Veer left up to trig point

(28.02289; -16.63575)

In just 300 m, veer left and uphill, then right up the path to the 'trig point' at the top of Montana de Malpasito. (5.4 km)



(17) Re-trace steps back from trig point

(28.02148; -16.63575)

After taking in the views in all directions, re-trace your steps down from the trig point, passing the point where you ascended from Waypoint 16 on your left as you ascend the lower neighbouring twin peak of Montana Malpasito. Carry on over the top and down the path, facing the sea. (5.6 km)



(18) Left after descent

(28.02006; -16.63449)

After 400 m from the trig point, descending on a slippery path, turn sharp left at the bottom and follow the narrow rough road around the base of the hill, facing east. (6 km)



(19) Take right towards sea

(28.02129; -16.63302)

In 200 m, after passing a shrine on your left, turn right down the road heading towards the sea. (6.2 km)



(20) Left at t-junction

(28.01986; -16.63166)

In 300 m, reaching this junction, go left. (6.5 km)



(21) Veer right to sea

(28.02076; -16.62812)

In another 300 m, veer right towards the sea and follow the road down to the beach at Playa Colmenores. There are almost certain to be some camper vans, or similar, there, especially at the weekend. From there, go left along the rough road by the shore, in the direction of Amarilla Golf. (6.8 km)



(22) Veer right off road

(28.01884; -16.62272)

After about 800 m, veer right here off the rough road. The path will take you close to a small beach with an area of land-locked sea water on your left side. (7.6 km)



(23) Left up path to car-park

(28.01929; -16.61983)

After 300 m, with the golf course ahead of you and above you, go left here to take the path up to a car-park. Continue walking uphill past houses. (7.9 km)



(24) Left off pavement

(28.02250; -16.62082)

After another 400 m, having passed the housing development, go left at the bend in the road here onto a rough track. (8.3 km)



(25) Turn right here

(28.02199; -16.62214)

In 200 m, turn right here for a very short distance. (8.5 km)



(26) Immediately right again

(28.02210; -16.62224)

After only 15 m, or so, veer right and follow the narrow path heading inland and towards the golf course, to run parallel with the fairway as you continue walking. (8.5 km)



(27) Veer left along barranco road

(28.02674; -16.61956)

In 600 m the path turns to the right, towards the golf course. As you descend into the bed of the low barranco, go left to follow the path inland along the rough floor of the barranco. You will pass a set of breeze-block stables and, as you pass the golf course practice range above you, you will undoubtedly see a large number of yellow "range" golf balls lying amongst the grass and bushes. (9.1 km)



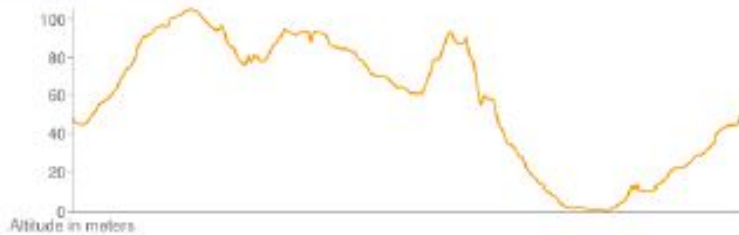
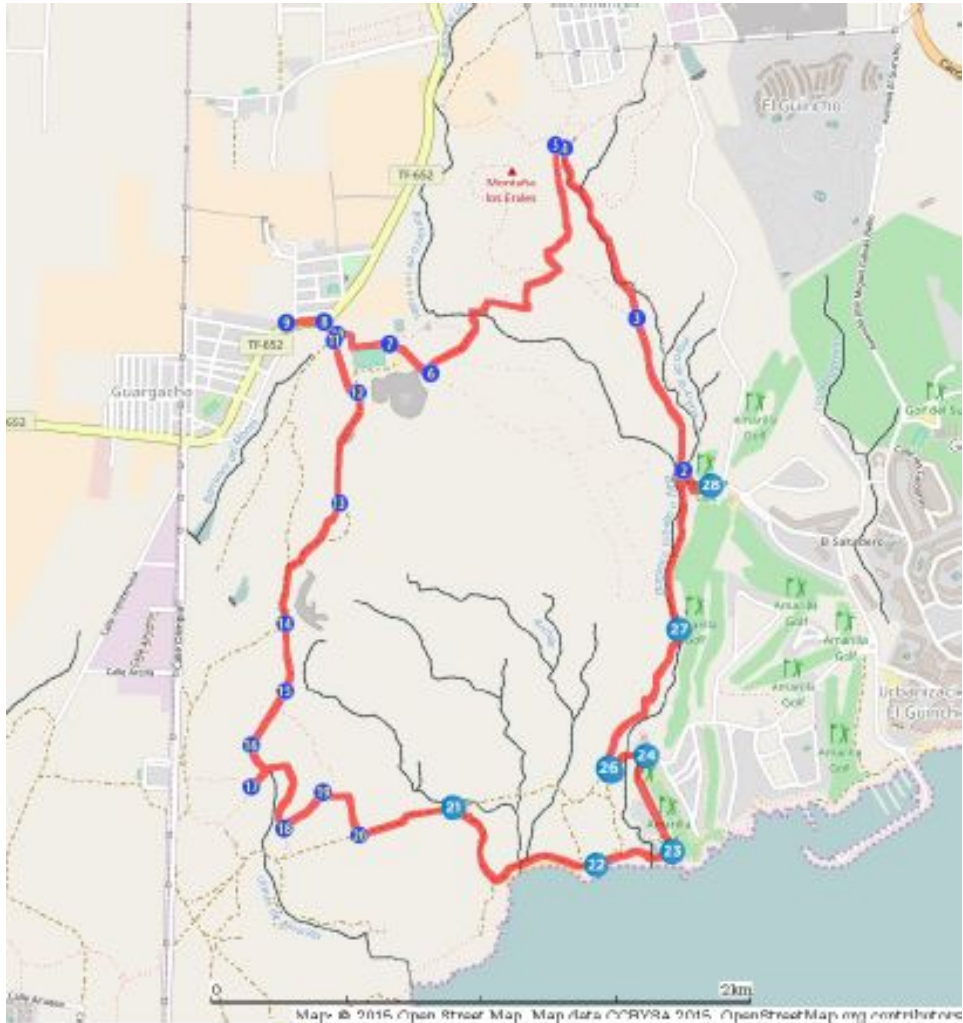
(28) End walk back at car-park

(28.03159; -16.61838)

In another 800 m, you will emerge from the floor of the low barranco, turning right back up to your starting point at the car-park. (9.9 km)



Route Map



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