

Festive Walking in Gran Canaria

Trip style: Festive breaks

Destination: 📍 Spain

Trip code: GAC07-LXL09

Grades: 1, 2 & 4

Carbon Footprint: 🌳 1027kg CO2



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Enjoy Gran Canaria's world-class walking, varied scenery and 'eternal spring' weather as we uncover the island's beautiful central mountains and rugged coastline. Our base in Agaete is away from the hustle and bustle of the larger resorts and offers great access to trails in the north, tucked away villages, as well as the dramatic landscapes of Tejeda and the eye-catching rock formation of Roque Nublo. Walks along balcony paths provide sweeping views across the island.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- The wonderful walking climate, especially in winter
- Walking through stunning scenery and rock formations
- Visiting Europe's only coffee plantation at San Pedro
- Relaxing at our comfortable seafront hotel in Agaete
- Admiring the dramatic landscapes of Tejeda

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- A choice of 2 guided walks per day with local leaders (on walking days)
- HF Holidays Tour Manager
- 7 nights at the 4-star Occidental Roca Negra, Agaete
- 7 breakfasts & 7 dinners including a gala dinner on Christmas Day
- All in-destination transport
- Return flights from London Gatwick, baggage and transfers

TRIP SUITABILITY

This is a level 2 and level 4 graded Activity, Easier walks: 4.5 to 5.5 miles (7 to 9 km) on good but sometimes rocky paths. Up to 920 feet (280m) of ascent in a day. Harder walks: 5.5 to 7 miles (8.5 to 11 km) on rocky paths with some steep sections. Up to 2,600 feet (780m) of ascent in a day. On days 6 & 7, the descents are notably higher than the ascents, due to the terrain covered downhill - this is up to 2,800 feet (700m) on the easier level and 3,500 feet (1,100m) on the harder level.

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Day 1: Arrival Day

Welcome to the Hotel Occidental Roca Negra. Unpack and settle in.

Day 2: Finca De Osorio And Teror

Visit Parque Rural de Doramas, which has one of the last strongholds of laurel forest in Gran Canaria. We finish our day with a visit to one of the most charming and typically Canarian villages, Teror.

Day 3: Cruz De Tejeda Circuit

Walk on the rim of Caldera de Tejeda to the village of Cruz de Tejeda. Take in the impressive volcanic scenery and discover the striking rocky outcrop of Roque Nublo.

Day 4: Tamadaba Natural Park & Agaete Valley

Ascend the foothills of Tamadaba Natural Park and the 'Sacred Mountains', finishing in the coffee plantations of the Agaete Valley.

Day 5: Christmas Day (Free Day)

Today is a perfect opportunity to relax at the hotel and make the most of its facilities, including the outdoor swimming pool, wellness centre, and roof terrace. You may also choose to enjoy a leisurely walk or explore the local area at your own pace. If you plan to visit nearby places of interest, please keep in mind that most shops and supermarkets will be closed due to the public holiday on 25 December 2026. However, some restaurants in key tourist areas may remain open. Christmas Day in the Canary Islands is typically a quieter occasion, centred around family time following the main celebrations on Christmas Eve. Suggested Places to Visit: Las Palmas de Gran Canaria: Take the bus to the island's capital, Las Palmas. This vibrant port city is known for its UNESCO-listed old quarter and its expansive sandy beaches. Wander through its charming side streets and enjoy a relaxed lunch or tapas at one of the many cafés. Playa de La Aldea: Travel by bus to this peaceful resort on the western side of the island. Its long stretch of pebble beach is lined with bars and restaurants, offering a scenic and tranquil spot to unwind.

Day 6: Montaña Del Viso And La Aldea

Visit the impressive province of La Aldea in the west of Gran Canaria. Take in the views from Degollada de Tasarte and climb Montaña del Viso, or traverse the valley below.

Day 7: Moriscos And Pinos De Gáldar To Caideros

Enjoy the viewpoints over the Canarian pines and Caldera at Moriscos and Pinos de Gáldar before continuing to Caideros.

Day 8: Departure Day

We hope to see you again soon.

Occidental Roca Negra, Gran Canaria

Enjoying a seafront location in a quiet residential part of Agaete. This adults only hotel offers 140 large and bright en-suite rooms, a large freeform swimming pool and a wellness centre. This hotel combines a wonderful location from which to access Gran Canaria's superb walking as well as a comfortable stay, including a contemporary restaurant and outdoor seating which enjoy sea views.

Whilst staying at the hotel guests can enjoy:

- Large outdoor swimming pool with sea views
- Extensive wellness centre
- Rooftop terrace with panoramic views and comfy seating
- Two bars serving a selection of beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks
- Gym
- Free Wi-Fi

Vaccinations & health information - SHARED WITH ALL EU NEW 2026

Before booking, you should check with your doctor to see whether any health precautions are needed for your trip. Health advice and requirements can change, so we recommend doing this in good time before travel. As a general rule, travellers should ensure they are up to date with routine UK vaccinations and boosters, including, for example, MMR and diphtheria, tetanus and polio. Some countries may require you to have specific vaccinations such as Malaria, Rabies and Yellow Fever. Please check with your GP if you are unsure. Please note that the use or possession of some common prescription or over-the-counter medicines is restricted or banned in certain countries. If you will be carrying medication, you should check with the relevant embassy or consulate before travelling. As an extra precaution, we recommend keeping medication in its original packaging, carrying a copy of your prescription, and, where possible, asking your pharmacist to provide the medication name in the language of the country you are visiting. For further country-specific health advice, visit www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk or www.traveldoctor.co.uk. If you are travelling from outside the UK, please consult your own doctor and check local entry requirements.

Passport & Visa information - SHARED FOR ALL EU NEW 2026

This information is for those travelling with a full 'British Citizen' passport; for all other nationalities or passport holders, please check with your local consulate for advice. **Passport Requirements** This information applies to travellers holding a full British Citizen passport. Entry requirements vary by destination and can change at short notice. For most EU and worldwide destinations, passports must be valid for the entire duration of your stay. Some countries also require a minimum period of validity remaining on your passport (often up to 6 months beyond your return date), even if you are not staying that long. We strongly recommend ensuring your passport has at least six months' validity remaining at the time of travel to avoid any issues. If you hold a different type of British passport or a passport issued by another country, you must check the requirements with the relevant embassy, consulate, or official government website. **Visa Requirements** Visa rules depend on your nationality, destination, length of stay, and purpose of travel, and they can change frequently. It is your responsibility to check whether you require a visa before travelling. British passport holders should check the latest entry, passport validity and visa requirements for their destination on the UK government's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) website: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

Packing list - Overseas Guided Walking

It's best to be prepared for all weather conditions. To make it easier, here is a list of items you should consider packing. Essentials Walking boots Waterproof jacket Waterproof trousers Insulated jacket/top Walking clothing Walking socks (plus spares) Sunhat Gloves/mitts and warm hat Water bottle (minimum 2 litre capacity) Headtorch High-factor sunscreen (minimum SPF 30) Sunglasses with a dark lens Rucksack (15-30 litres) Mobile phone Personal first aid kit (containing your medication, blister plasters, etc.) Passport Visa (if applicable) Copy of your travel insurance policy UK Global Health Insurance Card (formerly known as EHIC) Recommended Collapsible walking poles Swimwear and travel towel Snacks Dry bags Rubbish bags Insect repellent Optional extras Camera Sit mat Flask for hot drinks Durable lunch box Gaiters GPS device (excluding Bhutan, Georgia and India)
