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Inspection Flights



At the beginning of the 1980's we started to organise inspection flights from the United Kingdom to Tenerife. Now, hundreds have realised their dreams and have become property owners in the Canary Islands, and have become our friends in the process, owning apartments and villas in the south of the island with clear,

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The International Business Centre offers a full tax and financial service, backing their clients in their dealings with the official bodies of the islands, making their tax and rates returns annually. The realisation of a lifelong ambition to own a property overseas is often far easier to achieve than most people realise. However, for the prospective purchaser, the lack of knowledge and understanding of the laws and regulations in a foreign county can make the whole idea very daunting indeed.

Tenerife is a wonderful island for both residents and visitors and its popularity is ever increasing as the ideal place to own a holiday or retirement home in the sun. Customs and procedures are often very different from those of other countries and there are always those 'Advisors' ever willing to give ill-informed advice to people who are perhaps thinking of making one of the biggest decisions of their lives. They can be found in bars or around the swimming pool and it is amazing how the sun, wine and the holiday atmosphere help to give those people an aura of credibility and respectability which is NOT merited by their knowledge of the subject. A Clue, ask them if they speak Spanish fluently!!!!

Before you purchase

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Located on the southern tip of the island of Tenerife, Santa Cruz being the capital of the province. Arona is 84.6 square kilometres with more than 15 kilometres of coastline, with both beautiful beaches and quiet coves. The average temperature, all year round is approximately 22.6°C and has more than 2800 hours of sunshine per annum.

The main area for tourists is Playa de las Americas, which is geared to the tourist, nightclubs, bars, restaurants, hotels, apartments and all the commercial facilities the visitor could require during their stay on the island. However, the borough of Arona does not stop there.

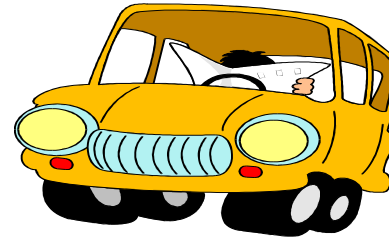


Los Cristianos was once a small picturesque village with its fishing harbour. Now it is a central tourist area, with large sandy beaches, ferry port, restaurants, bars, nightclubs, hotels and apartments. Los Cristianos is the home to the municipal cultural centre, which hosts many exhibitions and summertime open-air theatres.



Costa del Silencio and Las Galletas are the quieter areas, although has all the usual facilities that you would expect, but is more residential and caters for the more relaxed holidaymaker. It has quiet coastal walks and plenty of gardens, built in a traditional canarian atmosphere. Arona is the capital of the borough and all the municipal offices can be found in this pretty village. It is well worth a visit as it houses some of the quaintest restaurants with traditional fayre.

The current Consul is Mr David Ward. All his staff, speak excellent English, so you should have no problem. However, please remember that the Consul is there to aid British Citizens and is an officer of the realm. They are not there to operate as a general information service. However, to make your life a little easier, the International Business Centre has the forms available to make your registration possible here in the South. We will require your passport for one day to be able to get it



DRIVING and OWNING A CAR IN SPAIN

The most important piece of advice we can give you is to **remember to keep the steering wheel in the Centre of the road.** That's if you're driving a left

Life becomes extremely complicated if the car is a right hand drive, but although it takes time, you will become used to driving on the "wrong" side of the road. A major tip to remember here is that roundabouts as we know them are only just being developed on the island. The one at the Guaza crossroads tries to stop the many traffic jams at this bottleneck, and councils have woken up to the fact that this could be the answer to the majority of problems. However, the Canarian drivers who have never been off the island haven't got a clue what they are! They still feel that going on to the roundabout they should have the right of way - so beware.

Getting behind a Coca Cola lorry, going up the mountain road at a snails pace is frustrating, but be patient. Overtaking order is not always respected, and you may find that just as you pull out, some "idiot" from five cars behind, is suddenly at your side.

Pedestrian crossings are not the same as at home either. It is for you the car driver to give way, but few drivers respect the rule. The pedestrians do have an automatic right to make you stop but Canarian drivers have their own opinion. Hence the frequent blue air, when nobody will stop for you.

Vehicles do not have a road tax disc as we do at home. However road tax is payable at the town hall in the first five months of the year. You will be pleasantly surprised at the charge made.

Cars over 4 years old have to pass an ITV - this is similar to our MOT, but must be booked in advance. The nearest ITV station for the south of the island is close to Amarilla Golf, just off the south motorway.

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CHANGING MONEY

Many people still come to the island with either notes or travellers cheques. (Note personal UK cheques cannot be changed)

Banks, Money change offices, hotels and shops will be delighted to change your notes. The Banks generally offer a good rate of exchange. Traveller's cheques give a higher rate of exchange. However, many of the change offices offer a higher rate, which will buy you more euros. But beware many have hidden charges, noted as administration charge, as they are not allowed legally to deduct commission. Thus changing a small amount of money will incur a basic administration cost, and give you very few euros in your hand.

The maximum amount a "foreigner" can change legally in one day is 6010 euros unless the money has been declared at your point of entry into Spain and you have been given a form by the customs office. If you are bringing pounds sterling to purchase property, make a point of looking for the customs office at the airport and declaring your importation of funds. The notary will ask you questions as to where you have obtained the money. Your customs certificate will save your embarrassment.



United Kingdom

CONSULATES

It is vitally important (although not obligatory) that all British Nationals who are resident, register on an annual basis with the British Consulate in Santa Cruz.

Belgium	922	241193
Great Britain - Playa Weyler, Santa Cruz.	922	286863
	Fax 922	289903
British Embassy Office Madrid -	91-	3190200
Denmark	922	275757
Finland	922	280955
France	922	232710
Germany	922	284812
Ireland	922	245671
Italy	922	275709
Holland	922	243575
Norway	922	287251
Sweden	922	277450

Should you find yourself with problems of a personal or national nature and need the support of the Consulate to contact your loved ones, then registration will make things a lot easier. Remember it is quite safe to talk to the staff at the Consulate - a bit like talking to your doctor in fact. The Consulate office can be found above Barclays Bank, in the Plaza Weyler, Santa Cruz. The Plaza Weyler is located at the top of the pedestrian walkway, which houses all the main shops

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General Information:

Tenerife is a sub tropical climate not far from the Tropic of Cancer, many areas being barren in the south where we receive the highest hours of sunshine in the northern hemisphere. The north of the island and the mountain areas are filled with lush green trees and plants. The major tourist areas are all in the south of the island, closest to the major international airport connecting all seven islands with the mainland and all of Europe, and some parts of America.



Remember: the Canarians are very Canarian and hate to be called Spanish. This is a very quick way of offending the islanders whose name for visitors is "Giddy's" and for mainlanders "Godos"

Money As the Canary Islands are Spanish, the local currency used is that of the Euro as of the 1st Jan 2002.

Coins range from a 2 euro piece down to a 1 centime piece. Notes range from 500 euros to 5 euros. Please beware of forgeries.

The current rate of VAT charged is 5%, which is called IGIC. Most restaurants add the IGIC at the end of the bill, only showing a small note on the menus that you are likely to be charged this on top of the listed price

Getting around

The local bus service is called TITSA, large green buses that run from most towns and villages. In the north the major bus stops can be found in [Puerto de la Cruz](#), La Laguna and Santa Cruz. In the south there is a bus depot in [Playa de las Americas](#), and a brand new "station" in [Los Cristianos](#).

If you are planning a trip up the mountain or round the island for that matter, please take all weather clothing as the temperature and weather conditions can change dramatically. You can be staying in the warm sunny south, go up the mountain through clouds and find snow or ice in

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Taxis are readily available; you can either call for one, or just stand on the main street. Most cabs are white Mercedes, which are in pristine condition. Taxi drivers are generally very helpful and will gladly tell you all about their favourite restaurants if you ask.

The island has 3 motorways, on which a legal top speed of 120 kilometres per hour should be adhered (but watch for speed signs as in some parts they are only 100 – or road works which reduce the speed even more). The police often use cars with cameras to catch you going too fast and an on the spot fine can be made. You should always carry your driving licence, rental contract if you are driving a hire car and your passport, as it is illegal to drive without original documents.

Roundabouts have only recently been installed in the south of the island, but unfortunately the locals are not always sure what they are about, so please beware.

The three major roads on the island TF-1 runs currently from Adeje in the south to Santa Cruz the capital. TF-5 runs from Icod de los Vinos in the north, again to the capital Santa Cruz. The latest addition is TF-2,

INTERESTING DETAILS DOCUMENTS

For clients of EEC nationality. A valid passport is the only requirement.

Language: Spanish **Local time:** Same as UK time

Money: The euro as from 1/1/02. The Euro to peseta calculation is 166.386 pesetas = 1 Euro. American dollars, pounds sterling and other non euro currencies are widely accepted, as are all major credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard, and American Express etc. Banks are open Monday to Friday 08.30am to 2.00 pm and on Saturday's 9.00am to 1.00 pm but not in the months of July, August and September.

Local Shopping: Mostly small shops, which offer a great variety of leather, material and traditional gifts. Cigarettes and local spirits are extremely cheap. Shops are open Monday to Friday 9.00am - 1.00 or 1.30pm when they close for a "siesta" and again from 4.30/5.00pm - 8.00 pm. On Saturdays they open in the mornings only.

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San Isidro:- 100 M up the main road on the right. It is laid back from the street.

Cabo Blanco:- 100 M past the supermarket Symel on the right.

Costa del Silencio:- In the Chaparral shopping complex

Las Galletas:- In the main street opposite Tenbel, Avda Salazar S/N

Normal opening times for chemists are 9.00 am - 1.00 p.m. and again from 4.00 p.m. to 8.00/9.00 p.m. Monday to Friday and morning hours only for Saturday. Outside these hours a duty chemist will be open - but you will have to ring the bell and you are normally served through a hole in the wall. **Chemists have a large green cross outside. However, new installations at the airport provide for a 24 hour chemist.**

Chemists in Spain have more freedom as to the sale of many medicines, which would simply require a doctor's prescription back in the UK. If you are taking medication and need a refill, take the packet or explanation leaflet with you. This will help the chemist to recognise the ingredients of your medicine and give you the equivalent that is available here, even if it does not have the same name.

Reciprocal Agreement for Spanish and British National Health

If the chemist is unable to provide you with the medicine you require and you would normally require a doctor's prescription, providing you have your E111 form, you are entitled to visit a Spanish National Health Doctor who, if able, will issue you with the relevant document. A private doctor will be able to do the same, but prices can start from around 40 euros for a consultation.

E111s are simple to obtain. Just call into your local post office before leaving for Tenerife and collect one before your next visit abroad. They are really easy to complete. All you need is your name, address, date of birth and National Health number or Pension number and your signature. Take it back to the desk and they will stamp it straight away. Please check with your local post office if there is any cost involved. Please note that the E-111 is only valid for tourist travel up to three months. An E121 should be obtained if you require permanent cover whilst living abroad. (although there is a new credit card sized model available for the E111)

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Eating out

Doña Maruja - Las Galletas Village.

In the village of Las Galletas, opposite the post office, open for lunch and evening meals. A very quiet, undiscovered restaurant serving Italian and Catalan food. Quite a small and intimate restaurant, where the owner Doña Maruca, or her husband, will serve you. Patience is recommended.

If you are anything like us, you will become totally hooked on the Gnocchi (home made) or the meat pie, however, don't expect pastry. If you are a lover of garlic - try the Pan Catalan, however, share one with your partner as they are huge, and you wouldn't want to spoil the main course. Normal sized portions for main course, the bill won't break the bank.



Night life: There is a wide variety of cabaret and theme shows, together with three island casinos, bars and restaurants to satisfy any palette. The main night life areas are Playa de las Americas, Los Cristianos and Costa del Silencio all in the south of the island and close to where you will be staying.



Chemists - Duty Chemists - 24 hours - Please check which is on duty.

Jesús Alfonso Arvelo:- Avda de Suecia 23, Los Cristianos

Gloria M^a Salazar Hernández:- Aptos Laguna Park, Playa de las Americas, Adeje

Juana Domínguez del Toro:- Aptos Colon II, Las Americas

Marua C. Olano:- Avda Litoral S/n, Hotel Conquistador, Playa de las Americas

José Manuel Alfonso Catalán:- Edif. Simón, Entrada a Los Cristianos

M^a Mónica Concepción Masip:- Edif. Las Terrazas, Las Americas, Adeje

Antonio C. Blesa Rodríguez:- General Franco, Los Cristianos

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Climate:

Temperature	Air	Water
January	18	20
February	18	20
March	20	22
April	22	24
May	26	25
June	28	26
July	30	27
August	32	30
September	32	28
October	27	26
November	20	23
December	18	20

Communications: Public telephones are available on nearly all street corners, all with international calls permitted. You will need a supply of coins or purchase a "tarjeta telefonica" - telephone card. Most offices offer fax facilities with the general price being 3 euros per page. Only large hotels offer telex facilities. Mobile phones are widely available for purchase, with three major companies operating - Telefonica and Vodafone and Amena.

Tipping: The norm for tipping is between 5 and 10% in most restaurants and taxis.

Transport: Public Transport: There are hundreds of taxi's available all reasonably priced. There is a public transport system of buses called "Guagua's" that run from all major holiday destinations to the north, the capital and to the small towns in the south of the island. Excursions are taken on large modern buses equipped with air conditioning and experienced guides.

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Shopping: There are three major shopping areas on the island, two of which are huge supermarkets, both being close to Santa Cruz the capital some 70 kilometres from the south. Santa Cruz also has its own major shopping areas such as the Calle Castillo, where major international chains have their premises, as do the local shops. Just off the Avenida Maritima is the renowned department store “El Corte Inglés”, where almost anything can be purchased - the Tenerife version of Harrods.

Beaches Some of the beaches are golden sand that has been imported from the Sahara desert, the most important white sand beach is that of Las Terresitas in the Capital of Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz is also the party capital of Europe in the spring months when the biggest Carnival in the Europe, second in the world only to the one in Rio de Janeiro takes place. Other beaches are natural lava black sand found mostly in the north and west of the island and in some small coves in the south. Las Galletas or Amarilla Golf where you will be staying has a black sand and pebble beach and port area, less developed at the moment on the Golf.

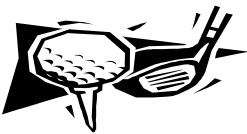


Sporting Facilities:

Squash, Gym, Paragliding, Horse riding, Surf, Football, Windsurfing, Volleyball, Volley Playa, Hand Ball, Basketball, Walking, Hiking, Boating, Water Skiing, Hunting, Coastal Fishing, Rally, Cross Country Rally,

Bicycle riding, Mountain climbing, Go Kart racing, athletics, shooting, Quad Bike park and Jeep Safari's.

DOES THAT HOLE IN ONE FRIGHTEN YOU?



With currently six golf courses in Tenerife and another in construction - playing on a variety of courses on the island is likely to become more popular, and possibly more dangerous. We all feel quite safe on home ground, and many of us take the attitude that it won't happen to us, but like many golfers we are sure you dream of getting that hole in one - but fear the bill at the bar

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Or does the thought of putting that ball through one of the windows of the villas or apartments around the golf course send shivers down your spine? Or consider physical harm you could cause someone, by just hitting slightly off course. The answer is to insure against this. We at the Business Centre have just the answer you need. We work with the number one insurance company Liberty, who has just the policy that every golfer needs. Coverage is also available for loss of clubs, and the policy covers many other advantages or disadvantages - depending on your point of view. So if the thought of getting that hole in one, or putting a ball through someone's property concerns you, then contact Maribel on 922 73 02 10 .

Gastronomy: A great variety of meats and fish, the traditional “tapas” bars offer a wide variety of Spanish and Canarian cuisine. National drinks include wine, coffee and liqueurs.

Chez Jacques (El Sol) - Los Cristianos

This is one of those restaurants that you have to save for a special occasion. It gets packed every night and there is almost always a queue to get in - so again patience is required. If you are a lover of spinach, then you will be at home in this restaurant. Jacques the chef can get quite stropky with guests if nobody on that table agrees to try the speciality of the house in one form or another.

However, he serves simply the most mouth-watering steaks on the island. Never a chewy bit among any of them. Served with a variety of sauces, as is the chicken. Beware of the fondues – they are wicked.

Rodeo - Last exit off motorway direction Las Americas.

At the end of the motorway - on the right hand side, you will find a round white building. Inside you will find one of the best-kept restaurants on the island. It is definitely a restaurant for meat lovers, but those who get tempted by the salad bar, will suffer when all the meat keeps coming. The waiters come to the table again and again carrying swords of meat. All fresh, all best quality.

But it's the salad bar that is the downfall of many - with over 40 different plates to choose from. (You can go back as many times as you want). However, be sure to leave some room for the sweet.