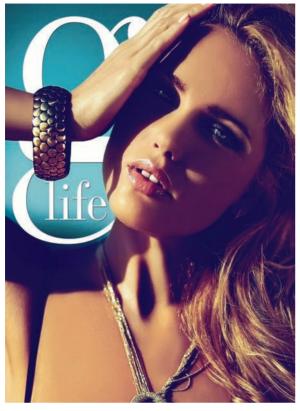




## Editor's Letter



From our window here at the Gazette Life offices we can see the whole of Puerto del Carmen's Old Town harbour stretched out beneath us. Every day, little boats chug out to sea: fishing boats, inflatables, leisure dinghies, the water taxi to Puerto Calero - and every day they return.

Returning is something that happens a lot in Lanzarote's biggest and oldest resort. Statistics consistently show that the tourists who choose to holiday here are deeply loyal, coming back year after year. Even the locals who were brought up here and left the island to study, work or just discover the world seem to feel a deep-seated urge to come home.

And that's no surprise. It's not just the sun and sand that attracts people to this island - you can get that anywhere in southern Europe. It's not just the calm, eternal ocean horizon and blue skies that have become the background for a million holidays and thousands of brand new lives. It's not even the shops, bars, restaurants, sports event, music, and endless hum

of activity that makes summer such an exciting time.

It's the people. The locals who've welcomed wave upon wave of visitors, the newer arrivals who have brought their own ideas, and the tourists themselves, who all seem to be determined to have the best possible time they can while they're here.

Take a walk in Puerto Del Carmen, Puerto Calero, Playa Blanca or Costa Teguise at around sunset on any day this summer, and you'll find an atmosphere that's unforgettable. Those of us who live here may have forgotten the sheer excitement and thrill of being in a foreign country, but you can feel it in the air everywhere in the resorts. It's a blend of curiosity, adventure and a serious determination to relax and have fun.

As you read this, thousands of people are eagerly awaiting the moment they set foot on this island; thousands of kids are about to have one of the most unforgettable experiences of their lives. There'll be fun, laughter, romance, discovery and pleasure, and there'll be a welcome for everybody.

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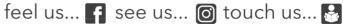
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## "Three years and nothing has changed."

Disappointment and anger were the main reactions after the Canarian Government revealed its white paper for reform of the holiday letting sector on 21st May.

## Fighting Back

In early June, Arrecife lawyer Eileen Izquierdo won another case against Lanzarote's Cabildo in the High Court at Las Palmas, allowing a client to rent their property in a tourist zone after the Cabildo had rejected their request. This is just the latest in several instances in which Canarian laws have been found to be incompatible with European law - in particular the Bolkestein directive.

The Canarian Government's white paper offers no change to this situation, and as a result Canarian tax payers can expect to foot the bill for many more expensive court cases.







The proposed law will offer few changes to the  $oldsymbol{\mathsf{L}}$  existing one, which has long been recognised as inadequate and has been overturned several times in court cases. It's main provisions are that holiday rentals will be forbidden in officially classified tourist areas and permitted in residential areas. The Canarian Government also announced vague measures that will permit local Cabildos and Ayuntamientos to regulate certain exceptions to these laws.

It's now quite evident that the Canarian Government's policy on holiday rentals is primarily aimed at protecting the interests of the hotel lobby, who have long opposed the competition that a legal, well-regulated holiday rental sector would pose to their interests.

The white paper has been immediately criticised by several groups. Among them are the Association of Municipalities in the Canaries, with the Mayors of several tourist resorts opposing the ban on rentals in tourist areas, which they feel will hinder development and could open them to legal action. Associations of constructors and estate agents on Tenerife have also demanded that the white paper be withdrawn or radically changed, and several political parties have also opposed the law.

Doris Borrego, of the Canarian Association of Holiday Rentals (ASCAV) said "They've spent three years working on this law, and in the end nothing has changed. The government continue to see holiday rentals as a threat rather than an opportunity."

Borrego also blasted the Lanzarote hotel association ASOLAN, which recently called for a crackdown on holiday rentals. "On Lanzarote hoteliers and investors are buying up entire complexes and turning them into "pseudohotels" for holiday rentals," she claimed. "The laws seem designed to penalise individual property owners while favouring big business."





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## Pedestrian Pressure

Pedestrianisation of cities and villages in Lanzarote continues to receive strong opposition from car users and businesses.

On 20th June, Arrecife's council voted for the third time to reverse the pedestrianisation of the city's seafront. Mayor Eva de Anta has so far refused to take this step, saying that it was a duty owed to the previous council. However, the pedestrianised zone has been strongly criticised by business owners and some residents, who

claim it has damaged business and caused traffic problems.

Meanwhile, in Punta Mujeres, pressure by local residents and political parties has caused Haría Ayuntamiento to temporarily suspend works intended to semi-pedestrianise streets in the village. After Socialists accused Mayor Marcial Acuña of "secretly pedestrianising" Punta Mujeres, pressure increased until Acuña announced that the works had been stopped due to the "tension" among locals.

#### Musician Killed

A 41-year old man was killed by a drunk driver in Tiagua on Saturday 8th June.

After hitting the victim, who was removing belongings from a parked car, the driver fled from the scene, but was quickly apprehended after witnesses identified the vehicle to police. A test found he was over the legal limit for alcohol and had traces of drugs in his bloodstream. The driver was also confirmed to have been involved in an incident last year in which two Guardia Civil agents were attacked in La Santa.

Marco Antonio Murcia, the victim of the incident, was the drummer with local rock group Tribu, whose fans suffered another shock on Sunday 9th of June with the news of the sudden death of their singer, Joni.

## **Getting Connected**

The Canarian Government has pledged five million Euros to bring broadband to areas of Lanzarote, Fuerteventura and La Palma which have not been updated by telecommunications companies due to economic cost.

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Support for Sat Moreno



A Canarian MP has asked the Spanish Interior Minister to clarify the reasons why Sergeant Gloria Moreno, the head of the Guardia Civil's environmental department Seprona on Lanzarote, has been suspended from her job.

Pedro Quevedo of Nueva Canarias claims that Moreno, who was suspended in April, may have been victimised for investigating illegal hunts for seabirds on the island of Alegranza.

Sgt Moreno has also been called to testify in court alongside Arrecife's councillor for the Ganemos party, Leticia Padilla, after the vet at Arrecife's municipal dog pound reported them. Both women have denounced "irregularities" at the dog pound, but the Chief Colonel of the

Guardia Civil in the Canaries, Ricardo Arranz, sent a personal apology to the vet before suspending Moreno.

A change.org petition demanding the reinstatement of Sgt. Moreno has received more than 100,000 signatures at the time of writing.

#### Sentenced

Businessmen Rafael Lasso and José Salces each received a six month prison sentence and must share a €3 million fine after being found guilty of tax fraud. The pair will not, however, enter prison under Spanish law relating to first offences.

Lasso and Salces were accused alongside local businessman Juan Francisco Rosa, but both men made statements that exonerated their partner for blame.

In a separate case, Rosa was prohibited from property construction activities for just three months after being found gulity of the imprudent homicide of a worker at the Hotel Princesa Yaiza in 2000.

## Population Halt

In 2017, 15,675 babies were born in the Canaries, 3% less than in 2016 and the lowest number since records began in 1976.

Figures from the Spanish Institute of Statistics also show that deaths have risen by 1.4%, with 15,239 dying in 2017. In Spain as a whole, deaths have outnumbered births since 2015, leading to concerns about an ageing, shrinking population.

## Name Game



Lucas and Martina were the most popular boy's and girl's names in the Canaries last year, and no Canarian names featured in the top ten names for either sex.

Following the popularity of Lucas for boys came Mateo, Hugo, Diego, Pablo, Dylan, Thiago, Daniel, Izan and Alejandro, while the girls' top ten was completed by Sofía, Valeria, Lucía, Daniela, Valentina, Chloe, Paula, Alba and Noa.

## Conwoman Jailed

Teresa Pérez was sentenced to five years and eight months in prison last month after being found guilty of fraud, misappropriation and false documentation.

Pérez operated through the companies Property Warehouse and LevettSeventySeven, persuading 20 buyers, many of whom were foreign, to sign powers of attorney over their banks accounts. Many of the buyers were led to believe they had purchased properties, only to find that the property was still in someone else's name.

Pérez was also ordered to pay back all the money she had misappropriated from victims.

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## Goodbye, Dee Murrell

On 10th May 2018 Lanzarote lost a beloved lady at 81 years of youth. Dee Murrell was one of the original traders at Teguise Sunday market. After working in finance and bookkeeping in London, and setting up Avon Autos with her husband Alan, the couple relocated to Lanzarote in the 1980's. Sadly and unexpectedly, Alan died some two years later. Dee was a trained classical pianist winning a scholarship to the Guildhall School of Music in London. Her mother Rinni, also a pianist, and Willi a talented banjo player, entertained for charity for many years with their band. Her daughter Debi

owns the business Scruples.

Over the years here Dee traded in Arrecife and Playa Blanca markets, but she was best-known for her many years on her corner pitch on Calle de Bethencourt in Teguise. She sold a unique range of garments which were sought after by locals and tourists, many of whom returned year after year to stock up. Trading in the market gave her a great buzz and she was a natural saleswoman, which produced a very successful business despite the alarm bell at 5.45 am each Sunday.

A fall in June 2017 in the market resulted in a fracture and months of treatment. Dee lost weight and was subsequently diagnosed with cancer. Her struggle ended in May.

She will be greatly missed by many whose lives she touched, as she was a warm, fun person who cared very much about the friends and people she knew, as well as those she met on her market stall.

However, it is her family Debi, Zizi, Aaron, Maxi and her partner of some 20 years, Peter, who will miss her most, of course.

## Girl Guide Bingo Night

Don't miss the Bingo Night in aid of the Girl Guides of Lanzarote on Sunday 29th July, 6 pm, at the Tavern Bar in Playa Blanca. There'll be bingo cards at €2 and other games to play as well, all with great prizes donated by Sandos Papagavo Arena.

And best of all, all proceeds go to the island's Guides. See you there!

## Hayley's Night Out



Congratulations to Hayley Walker who won Gazette Life's recent Facebook prize of a night out at the Rooftop Cinema. Hayley decided to take her sister Jazz Halil as her quest, and enjoyed an "absolutely amazing night."

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#### Tribute to Linda Davis

The sudden death in hospital on 3rd June of Linda Davis has taken from us a tireless contributor to the British Community in Lanzarote, and especially to the Anglican Parish of St Laurence, for over a quarter of a century.

After emigrating to the island in the 1980s, with her husband Svd. Linda rapidly acquired fluency in Spanish. and a deep knowledge of local customs whilst raising her children, Anthony and Diane. As a consultant and interpreter she assisted countless individuals and families in settling on the island. Beyond that, Linda devoted her time to the needs of her family, and to the development and running of the Parish of St Laurence in many capacities, right up to the time of her passing, as Parish Secretary and as an Archdeaconry Synod representative; as a Churchwarden in the early years of this century, and most recently as Assistant Treasurer as well.

Linda's integrity and her discretion were unshakeable. Her

loyalty and humility would not allow her feelings to distract her from what she considered to be her duty. Whatever tasks she undertook, she always wanted to complete them to the best of her ability, even on occasions denying herself her prescribed medication because the side-effects might prevent her from completing the task to her satisfaction.

There was also a lighter side to this serious lady. Deirdre recalls them both making Rock and Roll fluorescent polka-dot costumes and Ninja Turtle outfits for Carnivals, then dancing with their children through the streets of Puerto del Carmen to the beat of the batucadas and the Salsa Verde band. More recently, a mini Olympic Games at her home in Guime raised significant funds for the Parish. Less well-known were her talents as a musician (in the early days she played at services in Teguise and Puerto del Carmen), as a needlewoman and as a cook.

The Parish and Lanzarote are poorer for the passing of this enduring and 'faith-full' lady.



## Dogs on Parade

At 4.30pm on Saturday 21st July, Deiland Shopping Centre and Sara Animal Shelter celebrate World Dog Day with a dog show and exhibition of dog training. There'll also be advice about dog care and legal tips concerning animal cruelty. But it's the mutts who'll take centre stage!

## Peggy's got a new Snug!

There was great excitement recently in Matagorda when proprietors Gus and Dolores moved 29 metres around the corner and introduced a large crowd of local residents and visitors on the island to the New Peggy's Snug.

Guests were treated to fabulous food, washed down by Bermeio Cava as local Sean Fletcher performed the official opening and congratulated Gus, Dolores and staff on their new venture.

Celebrations went on till late with a great sing song and dancing.

## Special Needs Football Program in Arrecife!

Tops Futbol is an initiative set up by former footballer and coach William Cooper, who wished to get involved after meeting the Asociación Tinguafaya for children with special needs.

Along with a multinational team of volunteers, Bill got the program going in January this year and has a core group of six participants which he is hoping to build on. The program is unique in that the coaching is on a one-to-one basis.

The sessions are twice a month on Tuesdays at 6pm indoors at Ciudad Deportiva Lanzarote. next to the football ground in Arrecife. However, such is the rapport between the participants and volunteers, they now meet every Tuesday for additional games just for fun.

Tops Futbol even has some high-profile sponsors with Ocean Lava providing the shirts for players and coaches, and La Caixa Bank soon coming on board as the main sponsor. William is hoping to get a similar program up and running in the Tinajo / La Santa area.

Anyone who wants to know more or get involved with the program can contact William in English by email at coachcooperw@yahoo.com or Katrin en español por teléfono móvil 663 186 536.

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## Ulster Still Says No

The landslide victory of the pro-choice side in the Irish abortion referendum on May 25th has turned the focus onto Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland is now the only place in the British Isles where abortion is forbidden.

Taoiseach Leo Varadkar called the referendum to drop the Eighth Amendment of the Irish constitution a "historic day for Ireland". Every constituency in the Republic voted in favour of the motion apart from Donegal.

Nevertheless, women in Northern Ireland who want an abortion will still have to travel to the British mainland or cross the border. On 7th June, the British Supreme Court rejected an appeal from human rights activists to change the law in Northern Ireland, while declaring that it did not comply with human rights.

This leaves the decision in the hands of the UK government. However, Theresa May relies on the support of the DUP for her parliamentary majority, and the DUP is implacably opposed to abortion reform.

#### ■ Macedonia Row

Macedonia has voted to rename itself the Republic of North Macedonia after a longstanding dispute with Greece.

Athens pledged to oppose Macedonian attempts to join the EU and NATO unless it changed its name, which the small Balkan nation shares with a region of Greece.

However, the new name will not please Greek nationalists, who insist that all reference to Macedonia be removed from

the country's name. Greeks fear future claims on their territory, and have held huge protests in Athens.

The dispute dates back to the dissolution of the former Yugoslavia in 1991, which led to conflicts among several newly-formed Balkan nations. For a while, the country was known as the Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia.

In Spain, however, 'macedonia' will continue to be a tasty fruit salad.





## Making sausages with Donald

French Prime Minister Emanuel Macron recently compared a phone call with Donald Trump as like "making sausages."

Macron was updating a famous quote by Bismarck, who said "Laws are like sausages - it's best not to see how they're made." His remarks followed a phone conversation with Trump about trade tariffs which was described as "terrible" by sources. When asked about the call, Macron said "If we explained to people how sausages were made, it's unlikely they'd keep eating them...I'm not convinced the kitchen commentary helps."

Trump has become famous for bizarre, hostile phone calls. Last year he "berated and badgered" Australian PM Malcolm Turnbull before cutting the call short, and more recently he asked Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau "Didn't you guys burn down the White House?" while being questioned about tariffs.

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Spain has a new government and prime new minister. but Pedro Sánchez's audacious and succesful move to oust Mariano Rajoy is just the of first many challenges faced by the country's new leader.

In late May, Spain was shocked by Zinedine Zidane's sudden resignation as Real Madrid coach just five days after winning the Champions League for the third year running. But an even bigger shock was to come less than 24 hours later, as a no-confidence vote in the Spanish parliament succeeded in ousting Mariano Rajoy, who had been the country's Prime Minister since 2011.

Rajoy, the leader of the PP, was replaced as President of the Government by Pedro Sánchez, the young leader of the PSOE (Socialist) party. who managed to win sufficient support for the no-confidence vote from several other parties in parliament.

The vote came a week after a devastating court judgement in the Gürtel corruption case, which saw several ex-PP members jailed and the party itself fined for benefiting from criminal activity.

The legal confirmation of an extensive web of corruption at the highest levels of Rajoy's party marked a "before and an after" situation for Sánchez and other Spanish politicians.

Sánchez won the support of Unidos/Podemos and, crucially, the centre-right Basque National Party, who had previously backed Rajoy. This gained 180 votes in favour of the no-confidence motion, as opposed to 169 against. The Canarian Coalition (CC) were the only party to abstain in the vote, after initially opposing Sánchez's proposal as "irresponsible during a time of national crisis."

The crisis that CC MP Ana Oramas referred to is the continuing situation in Catalonia, which will pose one of the main challenges for Sánchez during his presidency. This was also the main reason why Ciudadanos, the recently-formed party who were leading in opinion polls, voted

for Rajoy's continuance, despite their muchvaunted opposition to corruption.

In his final speech as President, Rajoy said it had been "an honour to serve Spain". and expressed satisfaction that he had left the country "in a better state than when I arrived." Until now Rajoy has been the great survivor in Spanish politics, leading his party for 14 years despite strong opposition from within his own ranks.

Rajoy later stood down as party leader and the race to succeed him is underway. The leading candidates include two women,

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Juggling the demands of the various parties who have supported him will be just one of the challenges facing Pedro Sánchez in the near future. He can expect fierce opposition from a furious PP, as well as a Ciudadanos party who desperately want to capitalise on their popularity with an election.





The climax of Spain's largest corruption case has sunk Mariano Raiov's government, with heavy sentences handed out to several ex-members of the ruling PP party and their associates.

The ex-Treasurer of the PP, Luis Bárcenas, received a 33 year prison sentence, while the leader of the corruption ring, businessman Francisco Correa, received 51 years. 28 other defendants, including PP ex-Mayors and ex-Councillors, received prison sentences or hefty

fines, and the PP itself was fined a quarter of a million Euros as a "participant" in the affair.

The Gürtel Case commenced in 2009, after judge Baltazar Garzón decided to investigate reports of corruption in Madrid. His investigations revealed the existence of a circle of businessmen with close links to the heart of the PP. The businessmen would bribe public officials with gifts or money and receive lucrative contracts in return, some of which were never carried out. Money was spirited away to foreign bank accounts or tax havens, and tax was routinely evaded.

Bárcenas was at the heart of many of the allegations, accused of operating an entirely separate accounts book to the official one, and paying people off with gifts or money in brown envelopes. Mariano Rajoy himself was accused of receiving such payments, and was called as a witness in the hearings, although not charged.

Two of the judges, however, claimed that Rajoy's testimony denying knowledge of existence of a slush fund was "implausible".

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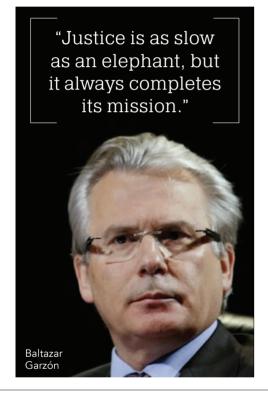
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After the sentences were announced, Pedro Sánchez of the Socialists immediately called for a noconfidence vote. After winning the support of Basque nationalist parties, Sánchez's gamble paid off, and he was sworn into the Spanish presidential residence, the Moncloa, by King Felipe VI on June 2nd.

Baltasar Garzón, who was controversially barred from the judiciary after wiretaps he had ordered in the case were ruled to be illegal, said "Justice is as slow as an elephant, but it always completes its mission."





Spain's change of leadership was an internal affair, and the strongly pro-European Sánchez is unlikely to cause any ructions with Brussels in the near future.

This will be greeted with relief at the headquarters of the European Union, which faces several pressing challenges.

In Italy, the anti-establishment Five Star Movement and the right wing League have finally managed to name a government, despite the clear differences between the parties. However, one thing both parties share is a distrust

sure to be confrontations ahead.

Meanwhile, Europe also faces a showdown with Donald Trump, whose recently announced steel tariffs have led to countermeasures and the threat of a full-scale trade war.

Beside these problems, the matter of Brexit seems less significant, but with less than four months left before a final deal is agreed, the pressure is on Brussels as well as Theresa May.



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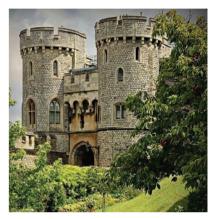
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## Donald goes to London





Donald Trump's "working visit" to London on 13th July for meetings with the Queen and Theresa May is likely to be greeted by huge protests - especially after his recent controversial antics on the world stage.



rump's first visit to the UK since becoming President has been hailed as "fantastic news" by Boris Johnson. However, Trump will not enjoy a royal banquet or a carriage parade, after the trip was downgraded from a State Visit to a "working visit", following threats of massive protests.

Trump has clashed publicly with London Mayor Sadiq Khan in the past, and Khan said that Trump "will no doubt see that Londoners hold their

**Protestors** 

have promised

a huge

demonstration

against Trump

in London.

liberal values of freedom of speech very dear."

Following his meetings with the Queen and Theresa May, Trump will head to Scotland, where he owns two golf courses,

and play a round or two. Nevertheless, Scottish protestors have also vowed to give him a hostile welcome.

The trip follows a period in which the

US President has managed to sour relationships with many of his nations oldest allies, while praising the world's most notorious dictator.

After a fractious G7 meeting at which Trump told press that "the US is like a piggy bank that the world keeps robbing" and called his closest neighbour, Canada's Justin Trudeau, "dishonest and weak," Trump flew to Singapore to meet Kim Jong-un of North Korea, and praised him as "very

talented, very worthy and very smart."

Finally, Trump took time to post some "fake news" and annoy A n g e l a M e r k e l, tweeting that "the people of Germany are rising against

their leadership" and claiming that crime in Germany has risen by 10% due to immigration. It has actually fallen by the same amount over the last year.

## The Big Showdown

Trump's summit with Kim is unprecedented. No western leader has met a North Korean leader for decades, and Trump's initiative has been hailed by his supporters as a historic event comparable to Nixon's trip to China in 1972.

However, critics have said that the deals Trump reached with Kim are insubstantial. It's also true that Nixon's visit didn't achieve much in itself. It did, however, open communication and diplomatic relations that continue to this day.

For Trump and his supporters, the big prize from the meeting was "a commitment to complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula" and an "end to war games". The details of this process, however, remain sketchy. Kim's principal aim will be a lifting of the strict sanctions that the international community imposed on his country after its first nuclear test in 2006.

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## Time's nearly up for Squatters



Negotiations are currently underway to remove several families of squatters from an apartment complex in Costa Teguise. We visited the site and met the people involved.

Squatting has happened on Lanzarote for decades, but there is no doubt that the effects of the crisis in 2008 made matters much worse. Unemployment, low wages and house repossessions swept the island and and entire complexes were left unfinished or unoccupied.

The Senator apartment complex in Costa Teguise is an example of the latter. Originally used as residences for hotel workers, it was left empty several years ago. Squatters moved in shortly afterwards, and have been there ever since – currently around 60 people, including children of all ages.

Javier Hernández is the spokesman for the families currently living illegally at the Senator. While TV programmes have described other illegal

occupants of properties on Lanzarote as "luxury squatters", theirs is not an easy existence. Teguise Ayuntamiento has cut off water supplies to the complex, meaning that families have to travel a kilometre to the beaches to fill water containers from the public showers.

Teguise's Mayor, Oswaldo Betancort, has described the squatting as an "occupation of private property that has caused serious inconvenience to neighbours." Javier Hernández, however, believes that, as the squatters are residents of Teguise, the Mayor has the same duty to look after them as with any citizen.

The complex is, frankly, a right old mess, with old furniture and toys scattered around the patios and in the pool. It's nothing that a good clean out and a dedicated renovation job won't fix, though. Javier tells me that they've asked the Ayuntamiento for a skip to dispose of the rubbish, but have been refused. Electricity is provided by a generator, although the squatters have been accused of tapping into public electricity supplies in the past.

Cooking takes place on portable gas stoves and open barbecues.

Javier tells me he arrived on Lanzarote five years ago for a job which failed to materialise. He's been out of work ever since, with five children to raise. Originally from Toledo, he says the apartments now "feel like home", but also doesn't rule out returning to the mainland. "The problem is there's no work there, either."

The squatters are currently negotiating with the owners of the properties, who include a Real estate agent in Arrecife, a property developer and a Spanish businessman, to leave. They accept that what they are doing is illegal, but Javier says he has no idea where the families will go afterwards

# Tourists arent to blame, it's the authorities.

"Even if I work and get a job that earns €1,000 a month, it's impossible to find a flat large enough for my family for that rent."

I ask if its tourists who are pushing rents and house prices up, but Javier is indignant at the idea. "Tourists aren't to blame at all. It's the authorities who have failed to plan and provide affordable housing for the people who live here." Social housing is the only way Javier can see himself being able to pay a reasonable rent, but the Ayuntamiento have refused to even give him an interview.

Once the squatters have been moved on, several units will be available for sale so if you are interested contact lan at info@ mercancialanzarote.com



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La Santa IRONMAN Lanzarote was recently voted the toughest Ironman triathlon on the circuit by contestants, and it lived up to its gruelling reputation on May 26th, with a splendid race in which only the strong survived.

Both male and female winners repeated the immense feat of winning the Lanzarote competition. Alessandro de Gasperi was the champion in 2015, and didn't falter this year, putting in an uncharacteristically strong swim and duelling with another ex-champ, Romain Guillaume during the first half of the cycle stage.

By the time he reached the heights of Mirador del Río, however, de Gasperi had established a commanding lead, and a powerful marathon assured his victory. The women's champion, British athlete Lucy Gossage also repeated her victory of 2014, and had also powered to the front by Mirador del Río, leaving her main Pro challengers Michelle Vesterby and fellow Brit Nikki Bartlett to the runners up places.

One of the most amazing stories took place in the women's category, as amateur British

## NINE OUT OF TEN ATHLETES COMPLETED THIS YEAR'S RACE.

athlete Simone Mitchell took the overall second place. As she is not registered as a professional, Simone didn't appear in the pro category results, but her amazing feat was reflected in the overall results sheet.



MEN TOP 3

1	Alessandro De Gasperi	(ITA)	08:52:16
2	Ivan Raña	(ESP)	08:58:37
3	Cyril Viennot	(FRA)	09:01:36

## WOMEN TOP 3

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1	Lucy Gossage	(GBR)	09:49:27
2	Simone Mitchell	(GBR)	09:54:29
3	Michelle Vesterby	(DNK)	09:57:11

Simone commented Lanzarote does disappoint! I have achieved the win in my age group finished also second behind the incredible Lucv Gossage ... Club La Santa Ironman Lanzarote is such incredible. iconic race. I enjoyed every minute!"

"Ironman

The weather for this year's Ironman was no surprise - a misty morning giving way to punishing sunshine. and some strong breezes especially on the northern parts of the cycle route. As usual, the entire seafront of Puerto del Carmen and many roads on the island were taken over by the race, which saw 1,800 athletes plunging into the ocean at

7pm on the Saturday morning.

Only 140 of these did not make it over the finishing line before the midnight cut-off - an amazing feat for the toughest race in town!

## When the boats





Fishing is still a way of life around Lanzarote. We spent a morning at La Santa recently, watching the boats come in.

The harbour of La Santa couldn't be more different from the fishing ports at Arrecife or Puerto del Carmen, where working boats are moored alongside dozens of leisure craft, and catches are unloaded straight into industrially produced ice and shipped off all over the island.

In contrast, La Santa's harbour is tiny – a stone jetty jutting around 30 metres out to sea, protected from the waves by a breakwater of huge volcanic boulders over

which bright red crabs scuttle. Stand on the end of the pier and you'll get a fine view of the waves breaking at El Quemao, the most spectacular surfing spot on the island.

Those waves highlight the main difference between fishing on the north coast and the south coast of the island. The south coast offers a safe, sheltered haven where the sea is often mirror-calm. On the north, however, the sea is always lively and choppy

when it isn't downright hostile.

Yet fishing has taken place at La Santa for centuries. The waters off the north of Lanzarote are not only rougher, they're also richer in marine life. Almost every grain of sand at Famara and in the jable corridor that stretches from Soo to Güime is either a fragment of volcanic rock or the remnant of a seashell that lived and died in the deep banks to the north, where giant prehistoric sharks once cruised.

That wealth of marine life means that fishing still

"Lanzarote's northern seas are rough but full of marine life"

takes place at La Santa. In fact, the harbour is the only place on Lanzarote where fresh prawns are landed regularly, by a fishing family who have long known the right place to fish. La Santa also has plenty of seafood restaurants and bars, and it is these that also provide a market for the few fishing boats that still set sail.

The harbour is so small and so unprotected that most of the boats have to be guided into large

metal frames and winched up onto dry land with a thick wire cable, but on the day we visit the weather is calm enough for a couple of boats to moor on the inside of the pier.

First to arrive is the Chubasco (the name means "sea storm"), with two fishermen on board, one manning the helm while the other casts ropes ashore and shouts instructions. They've clearly been out for

a while, and once the boat is safely secured they head up to the village for a well-deserved bite to eat. Later, they return with boxes of crushed ice to pack their catch.

A little later, an even smaller boat can be seen fighting its way through the waves to shore. Again manned by two men – one in his 70s – the Chana takes a long time to moor, helped by a woman who has come down from the village to meet her family

members. Once they're safe, they start to sort out the catch.

"Not too many today" says the old man, looking on as his mate carefully sorts out the fish into a freezer box. Most of the fish are brightly coloured female parrot fish or duller males of the same species. Known locally as viejas, these are one of the most prized catches on Lanzarote, and are likely to be on the menu just an hour or two later in the restaurants. There are also combers, small groupers and a spiny red scorpion fish.

The boats are both safe for the time being, bouncing against large plastic balloons that are used to cushion them from the jetty wall. They'll be hauled up later if the weather changes, but now it's time to dispose of the day's catch and relax.











Playa de las Cucharas in Costa Tequise is the most popular tourist beach in the resort, a swathe of golden sand located in a sheltered bay where children play, adults relax and where the water is calm and shallow enough for safe bathing all year round.

ut just a hundred metres away, outside the bay, the wind is consistently strong. The alisio breezes sweep down from the north-east and, combined with relatively calm seas, create the perfect conditions for windsurfing.

Las Cucharas has been Lanzarote's main windsurfing centre for decades, ever since the sport took off in the 1980s. Every year windsurfers from all over Europe arrive on the island

to practice their moves in reliable conditions, and the sight of sails scudding across the waters beyond the pier can be seen all year round.

But this month, Costa Teguise once again steps up to the big league, as the European Freestyle

Windsurf Championships take place at Las Cucharas for the fifth year running. This event is one of the official heats on a European tour that will eventually result in one rider being proclaimed European Champion in freestyle mode.

From the 4th to the 7th of July, some of the best riders in the world will arrive at Las Cucharas for four days of fun, spectacle and keen competition.

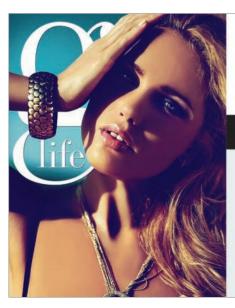
In previous editions, world-renowned riders such as Tonky Frans, Davy Scheffer, Amado Vrieswijk, Anthony Ruanes and Maxime Van Gent have battled it out on the waves, and big names are expected this vear, too.

> But the excitement isn't confined to the ocean. The Championship has become a lively and popular shorebased event, as well, with tourists and residents gathering to enjoy the fun. There'll be a skateboard ramp. water activities and beach parties.

as well as a sense of celebration and excitement.

And this year a new event has been included in the event - a slalom race for children under 16 which will be called the Bananity Pro Kids contest.





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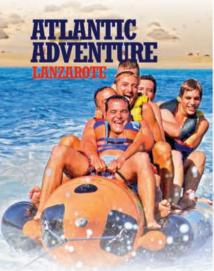


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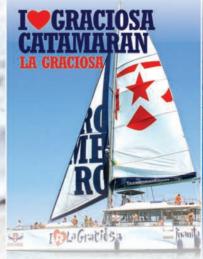




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# Cornering the Water Market



he prohibition of private water suppliers is a condition of the island's water plan, which was approved in 2015. However, the court ruled that such a ban flouted both the Spanish constitution and Canarian water laws. The case was brought by owners of the VIK chain of hotels, who wish to set up their own

Last year, the Cabildo's Water Council announced that it would move to shut down 48 water desalination plants located in hotels and private complexes, in accordance with the water plan.

water desalination facilities.

However, the Supreme Court ruled that the plan "flagrantly violated laws that prevent the establishment of monopolies."

After hearing of the ruling, Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés said that the decision would be appealed, and that he would "confront anyone" who threatened the monopoly of Canal Gestión.

He warned that, if the monopoly was broken, water prices would rise. "If Canal Gestión cannot cover their production costs because they lose a large proportion of income from the water used by tourists, then they'll have to recoup those costs by raising the price of the general water supply."

However, the body actually responsible for water prices is the island's Water Consortium, which is composed of the Cabildo President and Vice President, and the Mayors of each municipality.

Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés has vowed to fight on to defend the monopoly of Lanzarote's principal water supplier, Canal Gestión, despite a recent ruling by the Supreme Court of Las Palmas declaring that a Cabildo ban on private water desalination plants on Lanzarote is illegal.

Pedro San Ginés

The developments are just the latest in long catalogue of controversial affairs involving water supplies on Lanzarote. After running losses of €40 million during a period of management which was described as "appalling" by official receivers, Canal Gestión took over the public Inalsa service in 2013.

The purchase relieved earlier

Water Consortium members of personal liability for millions of Euros. President San Ginés has defended Canal Gestion's interests fiercely since the privatization, with actions such as the closure of the desalination plant at Montaña Roja in Playa Blanca.

The question remains as to how long San Ginés can maintain Canal Gestión's monopoly of the water market on Lanzarote in the face of regional, national and European laws that clearly favour the encouragement of competition.





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## Go and fry asparagus:

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#### Warm as a headlouse:

Templado como un piojo means "drunk", and derives from the fact that Canarian mothers used to get rid of nits by washing their children's heads in rum.

## SAY WHAT!

Spain and the Canaries are home to hundreds of strange, bizarre and surreal phrases. Here are some of the strangest you might come across.

## Like an octopus in a garage:

To be como un pulpo en un garaje is to be completely lost, a fish out of water.

## Get stuck in an aubergine patch:

Meterse en un berenjal means "to find yourself in a sticky situation." A close look at the sharp, spiky stems of an aubergine plant will explain the phrase.

## Are you still alive, tabaiba?:

Tabaiba is the local name for a hardy species of euphorbia that's found all over the Canaries and is often considered as a weed. When a Canarian sees someone they dislike and don't want to see, they might ask "Aun vives, tabaiba?"

## To be a Pink Floyd:

A "pinfloy" is a young person who thinks they're cleverer and cooler than they are. No one knows how this phrase arose, but it may have to with the fact that Pink Floyd's records were banned in Franco's Spain, so that only the coolest, best-connected kids could get hold of them.

#### Mother-in-Law's chair:

Silla de suegra is a Canarian name for a type of large, fat, spiky cactus.

#### In case of the flies:

Por si las moscas means "Just in case". It's thought the origin of the phrase lies in the habit of putting plates or other coverings over freshly prepared food to keep the flies off.

## Throw the house out of the window:

Tirar la casa por la ventana means to spend money like crazy. It's origins lie in Spain's national lottery, which dates to the 18th century, when delighted winners would toss their old furniture and belongings into the street.

## Order oneself to move:

Mandarse a mudar is another Canarian term, a strangely elaborate way of saying you're about to leave, or telling someone else to scram.

## Donkey's belly:

Panza de burro is a Canarian term which refers to a covering of white or grey clouds that covers the sky and blocks the sun. One look at a donkey's pale, fluffy belly and you'll immediately understand the term. Las Canteras, the town beach in Las Palmas is famous for its panzas de burro, but we've had our fair share on Lanzarote this year, too.



# Preparing for Brexit and Residency in Spain

## By Paul Montague, Partner, Blevins Franks

The Brexit transition period agreed in March gives British expatriates and those wishing to move to Spain more time to prepare. The clock is still ticking however to get any necessary paperwork ready in time.

The key issue for many people is residence –will there be any problems with you staying in Spain after Brexit?

The UK and EU27 have committed to maintain existing residency rights for Britons and EU nationals who are "lawfully residing" within either area before the withdrawal date.

Although the official Brexit date is 29th March 2019, the transition period effectively 'pauses' Brexit until 31st December 2020 to enable citizens and businesses to prepare for the changes.

But what does "lawful residency" mean in practice? How close can you get to demonstrating this on time?

It is advisable to start the process as soon as possible rather than risk being caught in an

administrative queue nearer the date. Beyond Brexit, we do not yet know how acquiring residency, visas and permits will work.

As a foreigner living in Spain, there are a number of things you should do anyway to register here, regardless of Brexit.

All EU/EEA nationals staying in Spain more than three months should have the residence certificate Certificado de Registro de Ciudadano de la Unión. If staying more than 183 days you also need to register with your local municipal registry.

Residents (and Spanish property owners) should have the NIE fiscal identification number.

If you meet any of the criteria to be tax resident, you also should have formally registered with the Spanish tax office and submitted annual tax returns.

Longer-term residents of Spain could consider permanent residency or even Spanish nationality, depending on how long you have lived here.

There may be other steps you can take to help demonstrate your Spanish residence before Brexit.

Take personalised advice to establish what steps you could take to formalise your residency in Spain. Talk to a financial adviser for guidance on how your affairs should be structured to avoid unintended consequences. They can review your tax and estate planning, pensions and investments to set up them in the best way for your life in Spain, pre and post Brexit.

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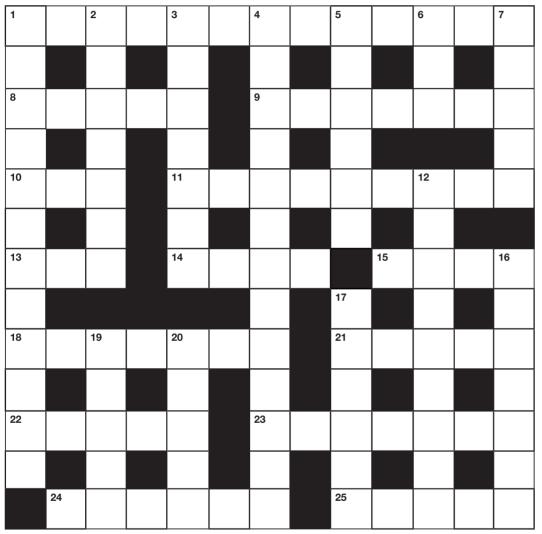
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## **ACROSS**

- 1. ... ... Damme the "Muscles from Brussels" (4.6.3)
- 8. Spanish word for 'mouse' (5)
- 9. Police round-up operation, 1951 TV crime series or 1979 album by The Fall (7)
- 10. An unreturnable serve in tennis (3)
- 11. A tree that does not shed its leaves (9)
- 13. Where a portable computer sits (3)
- 14. Writer Roald (4)
- 15. You get one when you cut your birthday cake (4)
- 18. Tomato sauce (7)
- 21. Perfect, most suitable (5)
- 22. Cal Penn played this character in a series of stoner films with John Cho (5)
- 23. Wild, savage (7)
- 24. Person from far eastern country (North or South) (6)
- Unpleasant. Janet Jackson? (5)

## **DOWN**

- 1. Belgian football defender, younger brother of Romelu (6,6)
- 2. Belgium's main port (7)
- 3. Compete, strive in a competition (7)
- 4. Belgian-born actress who played Sabrina, Holly Golightly and Eliza Doolittle (6,7)
- 5. .... Reinhardt, Belgian jazz guitarist (6)
- 6 & 7. Dries ... ...., Belgian fashion designer - a favourite of Cate Blanchett (3,5)
- 12. The outer layer of skin (9)
- 16. Vacation, or day off (7)
- 17. Adventurous reporter whose best friends are his dog Snowy and Captain Haddock (6)
- 19. The speed of a piece of music (5)
- 20. Belgian creator of 17 down (5)



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## Left-arm Sunbathers

#### Dear Editor.

I was not surprised to read the letter in April's issue raising the issue of lack of indicator use by local drivers; however the non-resident readers of the magazine will be interested to read that not only are indicators an optional extra on local cars when purchased new, but other options also include driver's door catches.

Proof of this is will become evident when tourists take to our local roads in their rentacar, where they will note that a lot of local drivers proceed in all traffic conditions with their left arm out of the open car window holding the door closed. Amazing, as this then only leaves the right hand to rest on the steering wheel /change gear/ operate mobile phone /hold a fag and gesticulate to the other passengers in the vehicle at the same time. Observe this expertise now on a road close to you.

Bill Brown (with both hands on the wheel most of the time).

## Taking a part of Lanzarote home to Germany

#### Dear Editor.

Having had the pleasure of spending many family holidays in Lanzarote, I fulfilled my dream of having a holiday home on Lanzarote in 2016. The paperwork was signed on my birthday in March 2016 and for my following birthday my husband got me a sponsorship for Sara, the animal shelter. Since then we have been making monthly financial contributions and whenever we are on the island, we go for several walks with the dogs. Our personal record: 36 dogs walked during 2 weeks! It is amazing the work the dedicated staff and volunteers do thus allowing for the best possible life for the animals.

On one of these walks we fell in love with Zarina (who is partly podenco) and earlier this year we decided to adopt her and take her home with us. The whole adoption process went very well and although she shall be missed at the shelter (she had been there for more than 5 years), everybody is happy that she finally has a new home. Although she is shy, she is settling in well and we are enjoying having our niñita with us back in Germany; in other words, a little bit of Lanzarote in Germany.

And just this month, my brother-inlaw has flown out to Lanzarote to bring home to the Netherlands Tiñon, another dog from Sara that they fell for whilst on holiday in Lanzarote. We would like to encourage other people to follow our lead, be it adopting one of SARA's dogs or simply use one to walk one of their many great, great dogs!

#### Kind regards, Alexandra

Ed: Thanks and well done. Alexandra. Podencos are fine dogs, full of character. I've walked a few myself, and never fail to be impressed by their curiosity, good nature and lust for life.





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#### What a Shower!

Dear Editor,

I see the sunbeds are finally back. Fine, but what about the showers? How hard can it be to sort out a regular supply of fresh water, rather than a pathetic dribble or nothing at all.

This island depends on tourism. Tourists like to use the beaches. Before they leave the beach they like to wash the sand off themselves or their children. Every time they find a shower that doesn't work they take away a negative impression of the island. This is basic plumbing, not rocket science.

If showers aren't going to be maintained – and these problems have existed for years, all over the island - then it's probably better to remove them altogether, rather than give tourists false hope and permanent disappointment.

Regards Geoff Cook, via Email

## Heading for a Fall

Dear Editor,

As visitors to Lanzarote for the past 25 years, we would compliment those concerned on the many improvements that have taken place, especially those aimed at making tourists even more welcome, safe and comfortable

However PLEASE can those concerned pay

attention to the pavement on the Avenida del Mar in Costa Teguise, directly opposite Calle de los Geranios. During the last four weeks of our recent visit we have seen people fall on two occasions due the the ruts and exposed drain covers. One of them was hospitalised for 2 days.

Please before something really serious happens WILL THOSE RESPONSIBLE DO SOMETHING.

## Bern Alabaster, via email

Ed: Something serious has already happened, Bern. I recently met a woman in the hospital who'd broken her wrist and had her holiday ruined after a fall caused by a badly maintained pavement in Costa Teguise. They need to get this sorted out fast.

## Round the Houses

Dear Gazette.

I have a disabled friend who recently visited IKEA in Arrecife and attempted to enter the ground floor of the shop through the exit area next to the tills. She was instructed by an employee that this was forbidden, and that instead she would have to do the whole round of the store, starting upstairs.

Certainly, there's disabled access in the form of lifts, but this is still an unnecessary, time consuming and impractical rule to apply to anyone, let alone

someone with mobility problems. I'm sure the employee was only doing what they'd been told to do, but perhaps management could consider a more customer-friendly approach?

Yours Jean Gibbs

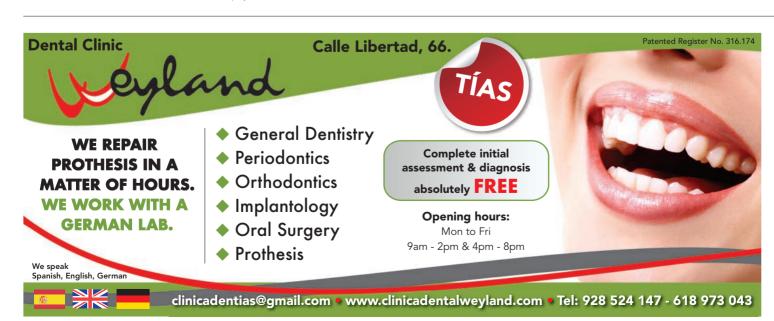
## ■ Well Spotted

Dear Gazette Life,



Nice to see Jeremy Corbyn supporting the Ironman.

Neil, Tias



# FREEFALL

Many of the most fun outdoor activities Lanzarote are completely free. Here are a few alltime favourites.



GO JUMP OFF A PIFR!

Kids love hurling themselves into the water, and

when the tide's high at places like Playa Chica

or Arrieta, you'll see them taking the plunge

over and over again. For safety reasons, you

won't see anyone promoting this, but as long

as there's a full tide, calm water, an easy exit

and no boats, divers or fishermen around,

you're good to go. The golden rule is "Look

Before You Leap."

## CLIMB A MINI-VOLCANO!

Most volcanoes on Lanzarote are small enough to scale fairly quickly, but you'll always be guaranteed of great views once you're on the top. Try and make your ascent when the sun's not at it's strongest, and wear strong footwear. Make sure you're following a pathway and stay out of the Timanfaya National Park and protected areas.

Easy volcanoes include Montaña Corona, just outside Costa Tequise; Montaña Tinamala near Guatiza (don't miss the spectacular quarry) and Montaña Roja in Playa Blanca.



## SUNKEN SHIPS

Swimming is now forbidden around the wreck of the Temple Hall/Telamon between Arrecife and Costa Teguise, but it still provides fantastic photo opportunities. Also, keep an eye out for the beached yacht just south of Caletón Blanco, and wreck addicts may also want to look out for the remains of the Lebanese cement transporter that foundered off Famara beach in 1981.

## **BEACH** HUNTING

There are no secret beaches on Lanzarote, but there are several that are little-known and little-visited. The Playa del Risco in the north is almost always deserted in the morning, while the picturesque Playa del Paso near El Golfo offers wild, tempestuous beauty. Then there are white beaches south of Órzola, black beaches near Los Hervideros and the unforgettable beaches on La Graciosa.



## DANCE THE **NIGHT AWAY**

Summer brings fiestas all over the island, and open air dances and concerts are an essential element of many of them.

Events range from rock bands and DJ sessions to more traditional folk concerts, and the atmosphere is always welcoming and fun. If you haven't seen a Canarian folk group singing their hearts out under the stars over the enchanting sound of guitars and timples, then you haven't really experienced Lanzarote.





Outside the resorts, Lanzarote offers sights that you'll never forget – some are easy to access, others require a bit more determination. All of them are worth the effort.



## **MIRADORES GALORE**

If you thought that the Mirador del Río was the only spectacular viewpoint on Lanzarote, think again. Equally astonishing vistas of the northern isles can be found at the Mirador de Guinate, the Mirador de Yé, the Ermita de las Nieves and El Bosquecillo. Amazing inland views of Haría and the Barranco de Chafariz are dotted along the LZ10, and you'll also find incredible views in Femés.



## SALT AND SEA

Salinas (salt pans) are at their most visually stunning at this time of year, and are always located on amazing coastlines. Janubio is the most famous, but it's also well worth exploring the salt pans at Los Cocoteros. If you fancy a real expedition, the island's oldest salina lies near the remote Playa del Risco.



## CRATER HOPPING

Volcán del Cuervo

On Lanzarote, volcanic craters are everywhere. One of the easiest ones to get to is just by the castle of Santa Bárbara overlooking Teguise, while the spectacular Volcán del Cuervo has now been provided with fascinating information panels and proper carpark.

The crater of the classically-shaped Montaña Corona in the north of the island can also be acceded via Yé, but if you want to discover the island's biggest and most jaw-dropping crater, you need to plan a hike to the Caldera de Montaña Blanca, starting from just outside Mancha Blanca.



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## New Office for Viajes La Molina

In April, the well-known Lanzarote travel agent Viaies La Molina moved to smart new premises in the Jardín de Triana building in Arrecife (C/Triana No. 99).

The new offices will provide clients with easier parking and a much larger, more comfortable and modern space where they will be attended by Viajes La Molina's skilled professional staff.

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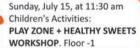
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#### GO FOR SODA

A spoonful of sugar may help the medicine go down, but a spoonful of baking soda is likely to be much better for your health, according to recent studies which show that it could help prevent rheumatism and arthritis.

Bicarbonate of soda has long been used as a cure for acid reflux, but recent studies show that it can actually send messages to the immune system via cells in the spleen. Rheumatic and arthritic pains are a symptom of the immune system reacting



against threats, and scientists at Augusta University have found that a daily dose of baking soda can "reassure" the stomach, causing the immune system to go easy, and thus reducing inflammation.

#### WORK OUT TO FAT LESS

An American study has shown that just 45 minutes of moderate exercise a day actually lowers your appetite.

Researchers showed photos of food to two groups of women

- one which hadn't exercised, and another who had completed a workout. They found that brainwaves showed less attention to the food after a week of regular exercise. Even more importantly, it was discovered that women who exercised did not feel the need to consume extra food to make up for burnt-off calories.

#### ■ SHE'S NOT HEAVY, SHE'S MY FRIEND

Friendweight training is one of the latest fitness crazes that only requires one thing a partner. The idea is simple - instead of using your own body, or artificial equipment. as the weights for resistance training, you use the weight of a friend instead. There are several exercises to complete, and couple should take turns in each position. It's best to choose a partner who's roughly your size and fitness level, but it's also possible to involve a larger or smaller person.

One thing's for sure - you'll laugh a lot, bond and almost certainly end up in better shape.





#### **CANNABIS BAN**

The UK Home Office has given in to a Northern Irish mother's plea to return her son's cannabis.

Billy Caldwell. 12. from County Tyrone suffers from uncontrollable epilepsy, and last year his NHS doctor prescribed cannabis oil, which drastically reduced his seizures.

However, the doctor was cautioned by the Department of Health and when Billy's mother attempted to bring cannabis oil from Canada, it was confiscated at the airport.

After widespread protests. Home Secretary Sajid Javid ordered that the oil be returned to Billy, and is reported to be looking into reform of the law relating to medical cannabis.

In Spain, many medical cannabis users go to private cannabis clubs, where consumption of drugs are perfectly legal.

#### SLAP IT ON!

resistant" "Water sunscreens do not exist. according to a recent study by Which? Magazine.

The consumer magazine said that "water-resistant" claims were "meaningless" after rigorously testing two products in realistic conditions. Official tests for water resistance are carried out with tap-water, but Which? used sea water, chlorinated water and fast-moving water. which are closer to the conditions the sunscreens will be used in. One product's SPF dropped by almost 60% after 40 minutes in salt water.

The study was welcomed by Cancer Research UK,

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but criticized by sunscreen manufacturers claimed that Which?'s tests were 'flawed'.

In Lanzarote's scorching summer, the best advice is to reapply sunscreen frequently, especially after each dip, and to cover up as much as possible - especially concerning children.

#### A HOLIDAY FROM HAY FEVER

We all know that Lanzarote offers a healthy lifestyle, but just breathing the air here could be healthier than you think.

Thousands of hav fever sufferers will arrive on the island in the next few months. and many of them will find their symptoms decrease or disappear due to the low pollen counts on this Atlantic island.

The lack of grass, trees and other vegetation on Lanzarote, as well as the constant breeze, means that the pollen count is consistently low, and forecasts for this year by the Spanish Society for Allergies predict even lower pollen counts than usual.

On Lanzarote, the main risks for those suffering allergies and breathing problems are caused by indoor dust, pets and the occasional calima. However, if you're allergic to cactus or palm tree pollen, you may be in for a sneeze or two.



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he world is at our fingertips. The smartphone in your hand can access more information than the largest library. In a split-second you can find out what the weather is like in Singapore; what films are showing in Sydney, Australia; how to cook Indonesian food or what your favourite film star did last weekend.

But does all this information broaden our minds? Many studies actually believe that the algorithms that dictate what we read, see and hear are actually limiting our choices, locking us into echo chambers that only confirm what we already believe about ourselves, rather than encouraging us to open our minds.

Here's a question: Are you a dog person or a cat person? This has popped up on social media thousands of times in the last decade or so, and it always brings extreme responses, with people plumping firmly on one side or the other.

But the truth is that very few of us have particularly strong preferences one way or the other. Many of us may prefer cats to dogs, or vice versa, but we're perfectly happy to spend time with either pet. Others aren't that interested in pets at all. The fact is that you're probably not a dog person or a cat person – just a person.

The rise of social media has increased the pressure for us to define ourselves. Facebook pages are a way we use to establish our identity, and confirm that identity. In politics, for example, most people gravitate to pages or sites that reflect views they already hold, and the same prejudices apply to music, food – all sorts of aspects of life.

One of the reasons that we're encouraged to fix our identity is advertising. Manufacturers want us to identify with their brands, to make us loyal customers. But ask yourself a question - do you really prefer Pepsi to Coke, and even if you do, who really cares?





Here are a few ideas that may broaden your horizons.

#### DON'T TRUST THE MACHINES:

If Youtube, Spotify or Amazon recommend something, chances are it's based on something you've already seen, heard or listened to. Look for recommendations from friends or even strangers, instead.

#### GO SHOPPING:

Whether it's clothes, books or music, going into a shop will give you many more chances of a happy discovery than staying online. Browsing freely is a much more liberating experience than searching and clicking online.



Try new stuff. Order a dish that isn't your usual; try a new style of dressing; go to a film you know nothing about. There may be the odd disappointment, but you'll also find stuff you never dreamed you'd like.



the truth is that it changes all through our life. Anyone who's ever been a teenager will know how important pop music can be to identity, for example, but how many of us are still devoted to

On Lanzarote, you'll see people making new discoveries all the time. Holidays are a time for adventure and discovery, even if that's just a restaurant dish you wouldn't normally order back home. There's an adventurous, open atmosphere on this island that positively invites you to develop your personality, rather than stay fixed in one place.



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Lanzarote Dining:

There's so much choice of fine food on Lanzarote that getting started might seem like a challenge. Never fear, Gazette Life is here to offer you a few tips on how to make the most of an island full of flavour.



Dining on Lanzarote is never stiff or formal, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't make a bit of an effort. If you're heading out for an evening meal, you'll enjoy the occasion much more if you make the effort to wear something smart.

During the daytime, almost anything goes - although it's a good idea to keep your shirt or blouse on in more traditional places. One consideration that should be taken into account is sun-protection. So many meals on Lanzarote take place outdoors that sunglasses and perhaps a wide-brimmed hat are always a wise choice. It's also worth taking a light cardigan or jacket if you're planning on dining in breezier areas, especially once the sun goes down.



Any Time, Any Place

Even holidaymakers tend to eat a little later here than at home – although nowhere near as late as the Spanish, who generally only start to think about an evening meal after 9pm. The tourist trade also means that breakfast can happen all morning and often later.

But on this laid-back island, the only real rule is that there are no rules. Eat what you want, when you want. There's always somewhere to delight you.

#### The Right Venue

Lanzarote has almost 3,000 restaurants, bars, cafés and other eateries – that's more than central Manchester and Birmingham put together - one for

every

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people
who live
here. Of course,
they're also for
the hundreds of
thousands of visitors
who arrive every year, but
the choice is still dizzving.

So take your pick. The resorts, of course, are full of fine food, and it's always worth exploring just a little further to find those places that'll soon become firm favourites. Then there are the inland towns with a reputation for good food, such as Macher,

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In Arrecife, the Charco de San Ginés has never been livelier, especially in the evenings at weekends, while the marinas at Puerto Calero, Playa Blanca and Arrecife also offer high-quality dining experiences.

#### A Social Event

You'd think it would be simple, wouldn't you? Sit down, fill your face, pay and leave. Well, that's one option, but anyone who's spent any time on this island knows that there's a lot more to eating out than the basics.

For a start, there are all sorts of places where you can be entertained while you eat, with talented musicians putting on a show for diners. Then there are the places where kids are welcome, and facilities for them to play may even be on hand.

People watching is one of the island's favourite pastimes, but you may also spot cats, birds or just spend time watching the blue horizon or the surf pounding against the shore. And in Spain, of course, eating is never a physical necessity,

#### A World of Choice

This is an island that's so full of fantastic food prepared by talented chefs that the only crime is not making the most of it. From Spanish classics such as paella to modern fusion dishes using locally-sourced ingredients; from Indian and Japanese to Chinese and Greek; from fish and chips to Irish stew; from freshly-caught seafood to delicious cheeses; from ripe, tempting fruit to crisp, fresh vegetables - it's all out there. Get stuck in!





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More like a liquid salad than a cold soup, it's a dish you can prepare in large amounts for long, lazy summer days. Fresh tomatoes are cheap and easy to find on Lanzarote in summer. Go for the biggest, juiciest ones you can find, and don't worry too much about shape or a uniform red colour.

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#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 kilogram ripe tomatoes
- 1-2 garlic cloves
- 1 white onion (optional)
- 1 green pepper
- 1 cucumber
- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 3 tbspns sherry vinegar

Piece of white bread

(10 cms of a baguette, for example. Stale bread is traditionally used)

1/4 tspn cumin seeds (optional)

#### Peel tomatoes

after placing them in scalding water for a minute, or simply halve them and grate the pulp into a bowl.

Peel onion and garlic clove, chop roughly

Wash pepper, remove stem and seeds from inside, chop roughly.

Peel the cucumber, chop coarsely.

Put bread in bowl of cold water until it's soaked. Squeeze excess water out.

Add all ingredients to a large bowl or blender, and blend thoroughly until mixture is smooth.

Place in fridge to chill.

#### **SFRVING**

The golden rule is that gazpacho must be cold. Add some crushed ice if you really want to cool down. Otherwise, the traditional garnishes are finely diced tomatoes and cucumber and slices of red pepper. Croutons work, too, and even a sizzling fried egg is a delicious addition.

#### **VARIATIONS**

Try red peppers, chunks of melon or peeled apple to add different flavours to your gazpacho.

Use tomatoes only to make salmorejo, which is traditionally garnished with chopped hard-boiled egg, jamón serrano or even flakes of tuna.



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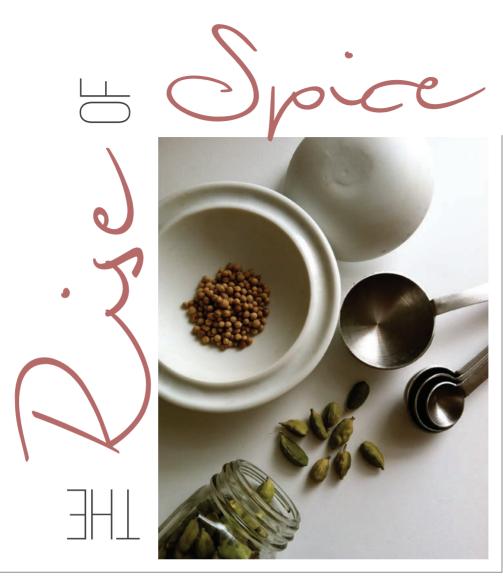
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hree years ago researchers from the University of York analysed prehistoric stone cooking vessels dating from 6,700 years ago and made a fascinating discovery. As well as traces of meat and fish, they discovered the remains of ground-up garlic mustard seeds – perhaps the first evidence of human beings using spices to flavour their food.

The seeds have no nutritional value, and so it is almost certain that these stone age cooks used them to improve the flavour of their usual diet. And this has also been the case throughout recorded history. Ancient Egyptians and Romans placed a huge value on spices that would liven up their diets, and in more recent times, spices have caused countries to sail around the world, build cities and fight wars.

Of course, each culture has its own favourite spices. Although hot chillies first came to Europe on Spanish ships, the Spaniards are not

big fans of burning heat, preferring the warming glow of pimentón. It is in North Africa, India and the Far East that chillies became the basis of genuinely fiery dishes.

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Some countries, such as Japan, rely on a few favourite spices and rarely mix them in the same dish. Other cuisines, such as India or Thai, use a dizzying array of spices to create unique blends of flavours that have endless varieties.

In Britain, the arrival of Indian cooks in the postwar period led to a curry house on almost every main street and satisfied a taste for spicy food that is unique in Europe. The British have always placed a high value on exotic flavours, and that's as true now as it has ever been.

Meanwhile, new cuisines are being discovered all the time. Moroccan cooks use a huge range of spices and have an excellent judgment of exactly how much spice to use in order to tantalise, rather than overpower. Middle Eastern products such as sumac are now more easily available than they ever were, and new flavours are also arriving from Africa and South America.

Lanzarote, lying between Africa, Europe and America, has long been a place where spices have been valued, but that is truer than ever nowadays given the island's influx of residents from all over the world.









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Prepare to be totally bowled over by Ángaro, a musical performance currently showing on Sunday lunchtimes at the iconic Jameos del Agua Auditorium.

Performed by Pieles, an 11-strong musical group inspired by traditional Canarian music, the show has now entered its second season due to popular demand. And it's easy to understand why!

Jameos del Agua provides a fantastic backdrop for this show. Whilst the midday sun shines brightly outside, you are in total darkness inside an auditorium that is a volcanic tunnel. Superb lighting techniques create a dramatic, though intimate setting. The cave's natural acoustics perfectly enhance each and every note.

The performance is based on the grass roots of Canarian music, from

indigenous times to the present day. Pure sounds made by shells, wood, ceramic and stone are complemented with the smooth harmony of the two female voices, along with the unique silbo (whistling language) still used today by the people of La Gomera.

A blast of international influences suddenly awakens you from the past, weaving in and out of latin, jazz, Arabic, flamenco, samba and back to present day Canarian folk music. Influences brought about by immigration to Canarian shores, as well as the music brought back home by Canarians who were forced to

leave during harsh times. The history of the Canary Islands is inextricably linked with the history of the world.

The lyrics tell of how ancient Canarians lived, working hard to survive off the land, the sea and their small herds; of their inseparable bond with nature: the smell of the sea, the sand and the earth, and the heat of the sun; of the tough times when many were forced to leave due to poverty or volcanic eruptions, and how they yearned to return to their homeland. Above all, a deep-rooted community spirit shines through in their music, folkloric dancing and incredible voices.

An amazing range of instruments contribute to this kaleidoscope of world music: keyboard, bass, French horn, electric guitar, xylophone, violin, accordion, flutes, berimbau, to name

just a few. The percussion, in particular, will make your hair stand on end: with a variety of instruments including drums of all shapes and sizes, tambourines, cajons, bongos, bones, shakers, maracas and castanets.

The passion of the musicians is contagious, they clearly relish performing, and it shows. After about an hour the show comes to an end, but a standing ovation will usually bring them back on for more. Audiences are left speechless and moved by such a fantastic performance!

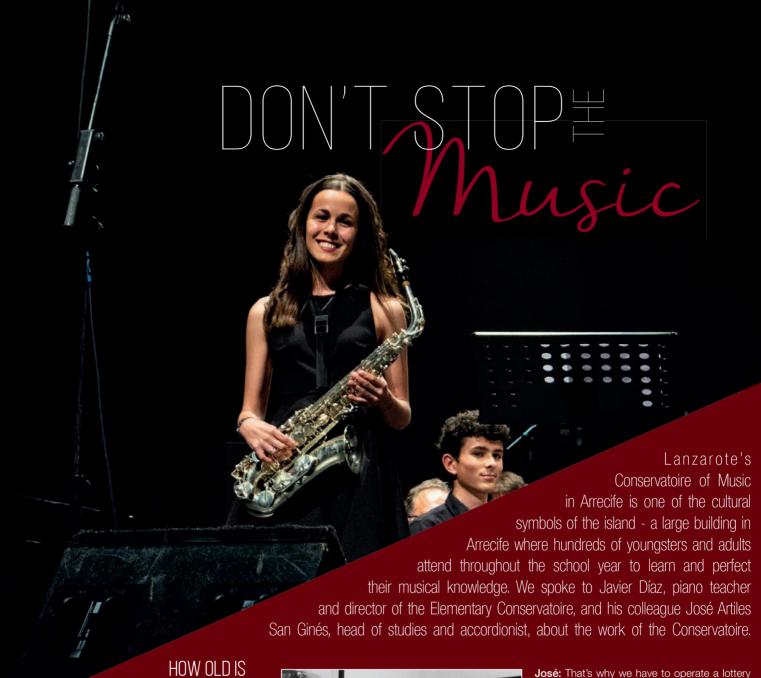
You can see Ángaro throughout July on the next dates:

Matinee session (12pm): 1st-8th-22nd July

Evening session (8pm): 13th July

It's one not to be missed if you're in Lanzarote!





THE CONSERVATOIRE?

Javier: It opened in 1992, and was the result of a long campaign by a group of musicians called Los Amigos de la Música.

#### HOW MANY TEACHERS DO YOU HAVE HERE?

Javier: There are 21 in total. Three who teach musical language; five piano teachers, including me, and then several specialists in instruments such as flute, clarinet saxophone, trumpet, percussion and the various stringed instruments.

#### WHAT AGE ARE THE PUPILS?

Javier: We have students of all ages, from five years old to sixty. When children start here they learn music and movement, and then progress until they choose an instrument. There's a lot of demand for places.





José: That's why we have to operate a lottery system, choosing applicants randomly at the beginning from the list of applicants. However, if pupils who already know how to play apply, we'll give them a test and put them in the appropriate class.

#### DO STUDENTS GO ON TO GREATER THINGS?

Javier: Of course. At the moment there are exstudents studying music in conservatoires in the Netherlands, in Vienna and at Berkely College in the USA. Two of the soloists at the end-of-year concert will be going on to university courses at Tenerife and Las Palmas.

José: We're overjoyed to see students make their career in music, but that's not really what we're about. Our main aim is to teach youngsters and allow people of all ages to simply enjoy music.



## IS THERE A STRONG FOCUS ON CLASSICAL MUSIC?

José: It's certainly the basis of most of the classes, but we're open to all musical styles. There are children who learn timple and other folk instruments here, and many of the students form their own bands and play.

## ARE THE END-OF-YEAR CONCERTS THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO SEE MUSICIANS PERFORM?

Javier: Not at all. We always hold a concerts for St. Cecilia's Day in November; there are Christmas concerts and a music week during the first week of May every year.

#### THE BIG NIGHT

There's always an air of tension before a concert, but that nervousness seems to be greater as the Teatro del Salinero next to the conservatoire fills up for the end of year concert. This is the culmination of thousands of hours of practice, rehearsal, study and cooperation, and friends and family of the musicians are out in force to offer support and encouragement.



On the previous evening, solo performers had shown their skill and talent at a different concert, but tonight it's the turn of the bands.

First on stage are the Conservatoire Band, composed of over 30 musicians. They perform Redsaxman by the Valencian composer Ferrer Ferran, with Aitana Hernández soloing on saxophone, then Yeray García's trumpet leads a piece by Czech composer J.B. Neruda. Finally, Ana María Muñoz and her cor anglais step forward for Strauss' Horn Concerto No.1.

The Brass Band are next, six horn players who begin with a rendition of Lecuona's latin classic Malagueña, before they're joined by a pianist, bassist and percussionists for the Mambo from Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story.

A prize-giving and graduation ceremony follows, with warm applause for students who have completed their year's course and their full studies at the conservatoire, and then the String Orchestra and Modern Music Class crowd onto stage for a hugely enjoyable programme featuring the Capriol Suite by English composer Peter Warlock, Sviridov's Romance, Morricone's theme from Cinema Paradiso and a surprising orchestral version of Metallica's Nothing Else Matters.

And then it's over. There's been the odd wrong note, but also plenty of real talent on show. Some of these performers will be moving on to bigger and better things, others will return next autumn to improve their skill and knowledge of their instrument, but the music will go on.







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#### White Night

27th July

Tequise's Noche Blanca (White Night) will take place on the evening of 27th July, and promises to be as sparkling, magical and exciting as always.

The idea for White Night festivals began in St Petersburg, which has long celebrated the longest nights of the year with an arts festival. However, over the last few years the idea has caught on, firstly in other northern countries, then further south.

In Teguise, the Noche Blanca will see many of the ancient capital's shops, bars and restaurnats stay open late, and there'll be plenty of events going on in the streets, from bands to discos to film showings to food tastings and much, much more. Although people who attend are gently encouraged to wear white, it's not compulsory.

It is, however, a night to dress up a bit and enjoy a magical atmosphere in the the evocative streets of Lanzarote's most historical town.

#### Gone Viral!

Various Dates

Dave Bandana is well known to locals holiday-makers, and performing three times a week at Rocas Blancas in Puerto Del Carmen, but it was his regular Sunday gig at Marcos & Aless at Los Pocillos that has made him world famous.

Dave tells the story: "I was performing when a family came in with a little boy in a pushchair. He climbed out and asked me for an Elvis song, and then My Boy Lollipop. I don't really know the song, but I improvised and he started jigging about beside me. I knew they were videoing it, but I get that all the time. A couple of days later I checked Facebook and discovered I'd been tagged on a video that had received 1.8 million views."

The boy in question is three and a half year old Lochlan Bowie, whose parents have set up a Facebook page to display



their son's talents. The page has 17,000 followers, but Dave has no idea why this particular video has gone viral. "It's up to 4.4 million views, now," he told Gazette Life recently, "I'm more famous than I've ever been in my life and hardly anyone knows who I am!"

Dave's made sure he's learnt My Boy Lollipop now, and carries on performing, selling CDs of his songs and using the proceeds to buy food for stray cats in the Matagorda area.



#### **Transajaches**

8th July

Although the protected area of Los Ajaches separates the island's two main tourist resorts, it's still one of the wildest and most unknown zones of Lanzarote, an arid area of ancient volcanoes, cliffs and desert landscape where rare birds nest and goats roam free.

And it's this beautiful but harsh terrain that's the challenging stage for the Transaiaches mountain race on 8th July. The race offer three distances for runners, of 25 kms, 14 kms and 5 kms.

The first two distances will commence in Puerto Calero, with runners travelling along the coastline past Playa Quemada before heading up a ridge to a height of 608 metres, descending into a barranco and climbing again, finally reaching the finishing line in the hilltop village of Femés.

A 5 km run and walking route will also be held around Femés, and there'll be plenty of celebrations going on in the village at the end of the route

### Open Doors at the Cabildo

#### Until 28th July

The MIAC (International Museum of Contemporary Art) in Arrecife's Castillo de San Juan is well-known for it's permanent exhibition of works by 20th century artists, but the museum's collection also includes several works that are kept in the Cabildo building in Arrecife and are normally inaccesible to the general public.

However, until the 28th July the Cabildo has opened its doors to any art lover who wishes to see unique works by the cream of Lanzarote's artistic talent over the last 60 years. On display are works by artists including César Manrique, Manolo Millares, Martín Chirino, Pedro González, José Luis Fajardo, Jesús Soto, Ildefonso Aguilar, Mario Delgado, Santiago Alemán, Paco Fuentes, Carlos Matallana, Pedro Tayó, Juan Gopar, Andrés Allí, Rufina Santana, Carlos A. Schwartz, Carmela García and Rubén Acosta.

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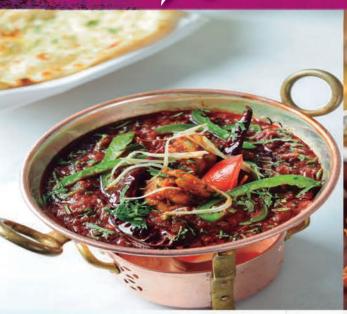
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#### 8th July

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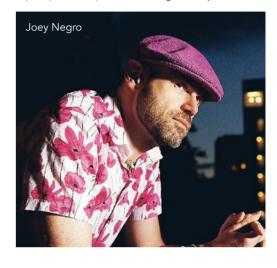


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#### 27th July @ 9pm

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9am - 2pm: Farmers Market. Pueblo Marinero, Costa Tequise

9am - 2pm: Market, Puerto Calero

9am - 2 pm: Market, Caleta de Sebo, La Graciosa

7pm: Jameos Nights, Dinner and live music, Jameos del Agua (Except 27th March)

#### ...EVERY WEDNESDAY...

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10am - 2pm: Market, Old Town, Puerto del Carmen

5 - 10pm: Market. Pueblo Marinero, Costa Teguise

10am - 1pm: Social Friday, Sun Park Living, Playa Blanca

#### 2nd Friday every month:

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9am - 2 pm: Market, Caleta de Sebo. La Graciosa

9.30am - 1.30pm: Market, Uga

10am - 2.30pm: Market & Handicraft Market, Haría, Plaza

8pm: Jameos Nights, Dinner and live music, Jameos del Agua

10pm: Asadero Macher, International Live Music, Mompas Duet

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Nowadays, the resort covers several kilometres, overlooking four stunning beaches, with hundreds of restaurants, shops, bars and other businesses catering to a constant stream of tourists, many of whom return year after year.

Puerto del Carmen was the first, it's the biggest and most popular and it still sets the pace for Lanzarote. It's the pumping heart of Lanzarote's most important activity.

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Locals still often refer to Puerto del Carmen as "Fariones" - a clue to the importance of the first hotel on the island. The Old Town is also known as La Tiñosa, while British residents often simply call the resort "Carmen."

It's all Happening

Summer is the time when Puerto Del Carmen comes into its own, more than three months of blazing sunshine, happy holiday makers and special events. Here are just a few things to look out for...

Testa line

Puerto Del Carmen's patron is the Virgin of Carmen, traditionally worshipped by fishing communities throughout the world. The famous maritime parade should take place at 6pm on the 11th August this year, but is just part of a huge fiesta that last for weeks.

> The Old Town harbour is one of the main centres for fiesta celebrations, and will see several concerts by folk groups, open air dances, sporting competitions and kids activities in the run up to the final parade. But there are plenty of events elsewhere, too, including swimming contests and food tastings.

> > To find out what's happening, keep an eye out for posters advertising the full agenda closer to August or go to www.ayuntamientodetias.com

> > > husic on lap With hundreds of bars and restaurants vying for the attention of tourists, skilled musicans have always been in demand on Puerto Del Carmen, and a stroll down the Avenida

on any summer evening will usually be accompanied by the sounds of rock, disco. Irish folk, and tribute acts.

Many of these acts have devoted fans who return vear after vear to catch their favourites performing, and there's always a cold drink close at hand, too.

#### Net and Nild

With miles of golden beaches, the sea is an essential part of Puerto Del Carmen's appeal, and you can enjoy it on pedaloes, banana boats, charter yachts, or just take your shoes off and have a paddle.

At Playa Chica, scores of scuba divers enter the sea every day to experience amazing underwater landscapes populated by huge groupers, barracudas and sea horses; while the Old Town harbour sees fishing boats regularly head out to see what they can catch.

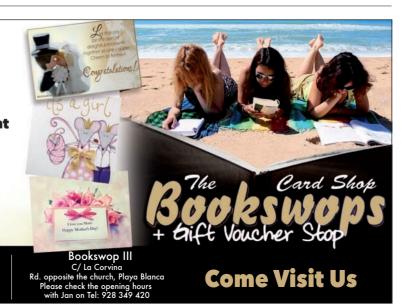
Of course, if you're under five, all you need is sand, sunshine and seawater for the time of your life. But if the kids do fancy a change, then Rancho Texas theme park is a great day out.

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At just 20 years-old, Chelsea Lee has to be one of the youngest businesswomen on Lanzarote, but The Laundry Room in Puerto Del Carmen shows that anyone can succeed with a good idea and great service.

Chelsea set up The Laundry Room when she and her parents, who own Sovereign Property Management, got fed up with receiving laundry that was damaged, belonged to someone else or which never turned up at all.

The answer was simple. Chelsea decided to do it herself, "After five hours of ironing I still wonder if I made the right decision," she laughs, but the business has succeeded beyond any of her expectations.

Laundry is a vital consideration for anyone who's renting one or several properties. Pristine, fresh, crisp sheets and fluffy towels are the sort of thing that guests notice first and appreciate most. In practice, this means regular laundry changes every few days, so a reliable, local laundry service is a godsend.

With six washers, four dryers and a brand new roller iron that dries and presses sheets at the same time, The Laundry Room can



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that you can assured that your laundry won't have been tumbling around with anybody else's. And with a free pick-up and delivery service in Puerto del Carmen, the whole process couldn't be easier and more convenient.

Open from 8.30am to 5pm on weekdays (Saturdays 8.30am - 1pm), The Laundry Room also deals with

plenty of walk-in trade from tourists who want their laundry done quickly and professionally. For smaller jobs like this, if the washing arrives before midday, you'll get it back before 5 o'clock the same day. Chelsea also offers a clothing alteration service.

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Puerto Del Carmen is just a part of the greater municipality of Tías, and the council is there to help not just residents, but also the tourists who have brought prosperity and a unique cosmopolitan feel to the resort.



Nam Nelsome

Puerto del Carmen celebrated it's 50th anniversary as a tourist resort last year, and tourism has transformed the lives of everyone in Tías, bringing wealth, development and thousands of new arrivals. Locals have lived alongside foreign residents and visitors for decades, socialising and working together, doing business, getting married and raising families. This is a unique community, and the council aims to reflect that at all times.

Close to You

Mayor Pancho Hernández has been in charge of Tías for seven years, and has always maintained a close relationship with British and Irish residents in his munipality. You'll find him and his councillors wearing daft hats on St Patricks Day, attending local meetings and keeping people updated on Facebook.

The Ayuntamiento building is located up the hill in Tías, but you can carry out many necessary aspects of paperwork at the offices in the Fondeadero centre in the Old Town. There are Tourist Information facilities for the island's visitors, sporting installations such as football pitches and tennis courts and much more.

Special Events

In early August, Puerto del Carmen will celebrate the feast day of Carmen with the usual fiesta, with little boats hooting as they pay homage to the towns' patron. This, and several other events in the resort, ranging from St Patricks Day and Carnival parades to Christmas concerts and local folk music, from football to Canarian wrestling, are all supported by the Ayuntamiento.



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#### International Tapestry

Tourism in the Canaries was started by the Scandinavians in the 60s. Germans were also among the very earliest visitors to the island, and were followed by the British and the Irish in the 70s and 80s. Nowadays, all of these nationalities have formed small but established communities, and have been joined by Italians, French, Indians and residents from several other countries.

Get involved and become a real islander.

This international tapestry is reflected in the culture of the resort, where you're never far from an exotic restaurant or a taste of home – wherever home may be.

#### Always Improving

The Old Town of Puerto Del Carmen is still a working fishing port, with traditional houses and buildings. However, it's since been joined by various zones that stretch kilometres down the coast and inland. Fariones, Hotel San Antonio, Los Pocillos and Matagorda all form a town that's varied, dynamic and still changing, still improving, still the scene of thousands of happy holidays and hundreds of new lives.

Top Typ

Don't forget that Puerto del Carmen's beachfront walkway extends all the way to Playa Honda and Arrecife in one direction, and over cliffs and ravines to Puerto Calero in the other.

At your Doorstep

You already know that Puerto del Carmen has shops, bars and restaurants galore, but it's also packed with facilities that make day-to-day living easy and convenient.

The resort boasts two excellent private schools, and state-run primary and secondary schools; and you're never far away from a clinic or other health facility. There are football pitches, tennis courts, pools galore and quick and cheap public transport links to the rest of the island.

There are English bookshops, a post office, insurers, accountants, lawyers, banks and almost everything you need to live and work efficiently and comfortably.



Dutatoon Living

Almost every home in Puerto del Carmen looks out to the sea,. To a wide blue ocean and a limitless horizon, and almost every road in the resort leads downhill to the coast. This is a place where the beach is a way of life, where broad avenues see walkers, runners, strollers and cyclists enjoying the open air; where fitness and sport are a way of life.



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Noodle Box typifies the Asian attitude to fast food, showing that it can be fresh, healthy, nutritious and delicious, as well as flexible and convenient. Malaysian owner Kai and his Chinese wife Fang have already opened two hugely successful Noodle Box restaurants in Tenerife, and now they've brought the concept to Lanzarote.

And it's an idea that's simple, tempting and economical. The first step is to choose the base of your meal- it can be noodles, thick udon noodles, rice noodles, fine rice vermicelli or white or brown

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rice. The second step is to select from chicken, duck, beef, prawns, tofu or shiitake mushrooms. All toppings include a vegetable mix of pak choi, cabbage, carrot and onion, and extra vegetables are available at an additional cost.

Finally select a sauce from ten mouth-watering options, including sweet & sour, satay, curry, teriyaki, black bean, Malayan, Thai or Vietnamese. Then you just take a seat for a few minutes while a professional chef stir fries your meal quickly and expertly.

Then you're good to go! You can eat on the premises, on a broad terrace with amazing views, or you can take your box away with a set of chopsticks or a fork

and spoon. It's the perfect take-away lunch for a day on the beach; an easy option for an evening meal after a hard days work, or you can buy several boxes and share them around for a party.

Noodle Box also offers a wide selection of sushi. once again prepared recently on the premises from the freshest of ingredients. If you prefer slurping a ramen-style noodle soup or a miso, there are also soups available.

The sheer variety of Asian ingredients means that vegetarians, vegans and those suffering from gluten intolerances are all catered to as a matter

of course, and the social nature of the this style of eating means that it's perfect for a party.

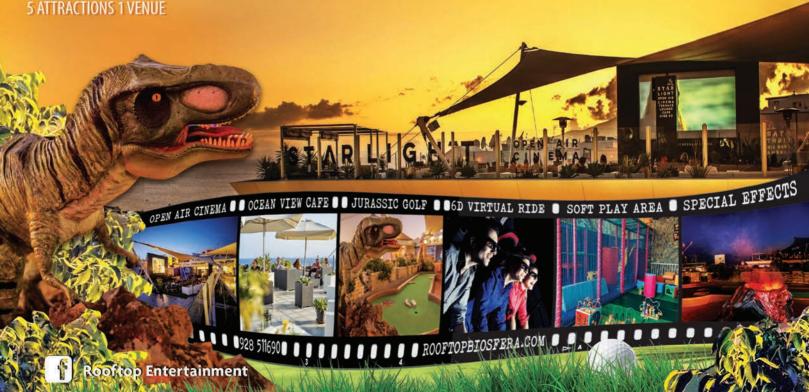
Noodle Box is finally here, and a food revolution has started.







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## Getting Around



Puerto del Carmen measures over 5 kilometres from end to end. To make the most of it, and the surrounding island, you'll need some transport.

#### Four wheels

Taxis cruise the Avenida day and night, and the highly-regulated service on Lanzarote is always safe and reliable, as well as a cheap option for groups. Buses are also available, and are worth getting to know if you're spending some time here.

Cars can also be hired, and while parking in the resort isn't always easy, it's the best option if you want to get out and explore the rest of the island at your own pace.

Wheelchair users are also well catered for in Lanzarote's biggest

resort, with access a major consideration in recent renovations and improvements. It's getting better all the time.



There's so much to do in Puerto del Carmen. From tennis courts to fishing trips, football and cricket to basketball and triathlon; shopping centres where you can stroll and indulge in retail therapy, mini-golf and an open air cinema, a weekly market every Friday morning, regular fiestas, and music, music, music.



With a broad promenade that stretches from Hotel Fariones to Matagorda and further on to Playa Honda, Arrecife and Costa Teguise, cycling is one of the best ways to get around the resort - and to head out of it. Cycle hire is cheap and easy, and there are bikes available for all ages and abilities.





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Shopping is another plus, with plenty of places to find an outfit that's perfect for sun-kissed days or exciting nights. If you're on holiday, or if you live there, it's worth making that extra bit of effort in the island's capital city of leisure and fun.

Athletic style

Sporty style is everywhere on Lanzarote, and especially in Puerto del Carmen - the centre of the annual Ironman Race. From lycra to loose and funky surf gear to cool swimwear and preppy sailing gear, this is a place where the joy of active outdoor living can be seen all along the seafront and beyond. Clean, comfortable, well-groomed and bang on trend, it pays to make that extra effort.



Night on the Town

After sunset Puerto del Carmen tends to smarten up. We're not talking formal wear here, just making a little more effort to sparkle and stun. Elegant but still casual is the way to go. Dress to impress, but stay comfortable - Lanzarote nights can go on for a long time.

The action doesn't usually start until late, giving you the time to sort that hair style you need to shine or a beauty treatment that will add the finishing touches to your look.

Be Cool

As a holiday resort, Puerto del Carmen is a place to relax and do exactly what you want to do. Hit the beach or find a shady terrace. and enjoy all the time in the world to get lost in a good book, people-watch or simply soak up the atmosphere.





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# Summer Havour



Get up early and head to the Old Town harbour to see fishermen returning with their catches. Some of these fish will be on sale just a few hours later. Puerto del Carmen has fed and entertained many millions of tourists in the last 50 years, and judging by how many of them choose to return, it's something the resort has refined to a fine art.

# Flavours far

Puerto del Carmen knows what tourists like, and for decades it has catered to the fondness of British holiday-makers for foreign flavours.

You'll find classic Indian restaurants, Chinese food galore, Italian, Mexican and many other ethnic establishments, all of which offer excitement and adventure on a plate.



# Dine in Style

A classy evening meal or a long, lavish lunch in luxurious surroundings are an essential element of many holiday makers' experience, and Puerto del Carmen certainly has plenty to offer in the upmarket sector. You'll find great restaurants with skilled, innovative chefs throughout the resort, and your dining experience will be enhanced by fantastic sea views.

# Spanish Flavours

There's no better place to sample the local cuisine than the island's principal resort. Try one of the upmarket Spanish establishments, where you're guaranteed to get terrific seafood, perfect steaks and an array of tempting tapas; or look for hearty and delicious Canarian cuisine, with its mouth-watering mojo sauces, fish so fresh it's almost jumps off the plate and those irresistible little wrinkled potatoes.

X Taste of Home

Many tourists like to enjoy their favourite foods from back home in the sunshine and bliss of Lanzarote's summer and why not? A holiday is a time when you can do exactly what you want to do.

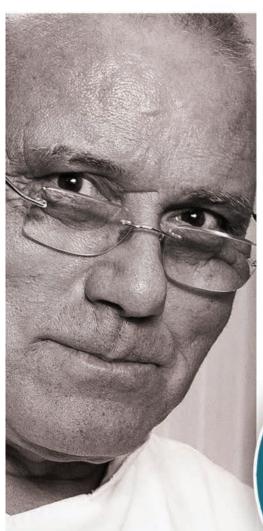
So you don't have to go far to find a full English (or Irish, or Scottish) breakfast; a plate of tempting fish and chips or even a full Sunday roast served with all the trimmings.

Look around and you'll also find establishments that offer exactly the same to German and Scandinavian visitors, allowing tourists to sample these specialities as well.

The Perfect Experience

A table set for two (or more); a perfect view of the glittering sea; an attentive, friendly waiter; a chilled glass of local wine; a menu that makes your mouth water; tempting fragrances; the clink of cutlery and low hubbub of diners enjoying the perfect meal, and the anticipation of sensual pleasure. This is the quintessential Lanzarote dining experience, and you'll find it on offer throughout Puerto del Carmen.





















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Puerto del Carmen's appeal is hugely varied, but while the sun's sailing high in the sky it's the beaches that take centre stage...



Raise a Glass

Whatever your poison is, you'll find it in Puerto del Carmen, which has been serving drinks to satisfied customers for decades. From local wines to British beers and Irish cider, from stunningly inventive cocktails to tempting liqueurs, you'll find all you ever wanted and more. But if you'd rather keep a clear head, this is a resort where fresh fruit, soft drinks or even a cup of perfectly prepared coffee are never far away.

Music Mecca

Music has been an essential part of Puerto del Carmen's scene since tourism began, and you can still find anything from flamenco guitarists to packed dancefloors, Irish folk singers to hard-rocking professional combos. This isn't Ibiza or Magaluf, though. It's all a bit more civilised here. Take your time, flit from place to place and find the place that suits you best.

And don't forget that there's always a chilledout terrace overlooking a moonlit beach just a few moments away.

Activity Central

There's so much to do in Puerto del Carmen. From tennis courts to fishing trips, football and cricket to basketball and triathlon; shopping centres where you can stroll and indulge in retail therapy, mini-golf and an open air cinema, a weekly market every Friday morning, regular fiestas, and music, music, music.

Sun, Sand and Sea

Puerto del Carmen has four main beaches: the three immense golden strands of Matagorda, Los Pocillos and Playa Grande, and the small but perfectly formed Playa Chica, where bathers and scuba divers share crystalline waters.

Swimming is safe and monitored by lifeguards, the waters are clean and refreshing, and the sands are golden and have kept millions of toddlers, children and even adults occupied for decades. And unlike the island's wilder beaches, you're never far from a bathroom, a shower, a shop or somewhere to get a meal or a drink.







# Step Ashore

Puerto Calero is Lanzarote's most modern and luxurious resort, a glittering jewel tucked snugly into one of Lanzarote's natural bays and a buzzing leisure marina where you can shop and dine in style and see luxury yachts, big game fishermen, ladies who lunch, and perhaps the odd celebrity.

In 1986, Puerto Calero was a daring new project - a luxury resort based around a high-class marina. Sailing and maritime pursuits are still very much at the centre of activities here, and there's a breezy, salty nautical flavour to the whole place.

The resort was the brainchild of local developer José Calero (a 'calero' was someone who operated a lime oven - one of Lanzarote's main industries in the past), and over the last 30 years Puerto Calero has maintained the highest of standards a fact reflected by the Blue Flag for excellence which has been fluttering over the marina for many years.

It's the perfect place for messing around on the water, taking an excursion over (or under) the waves or booking a fishing trip. But for most visitors, the main pleasure is wandering along the harbour, shopping, enjoying a relaxed meal and maybe spotting a celebrity (Tom Jones, Roman Abramovic and Rupert Grint from the Harry Potter series have all been spotted here in

recent years).

This is a different Lanzarote experience. Leave your swimming costume at home, dress up in something light, elegant and slightly nautical and just soak up the atmosphere, the activity and the optimism of a place where anyone can step ashore and be themselves.



little cooler, sit back and relax. there is no better place on Lanzarote to people-watch.





# Fine Dining

Rows of attractive restaurants overlook the marina, including some of the very finest on the island. A visit to the chic Amura restaurant, for example, is probably one of the most luxurious, elegant dining experiences available on the island. All along the sea front in Puerto Calero diners are certain to find something to their taste. And if you just fancy an ice cream or a coffee and a cake, you've come to the right place.





Arrive in Style

The sailing set arrive at Puerto Calero in style, mooring at one of the wooden jetties, but jump on the water taxi at Puerto del Carmen and you can also arrive on the crest of a wave.

Puerto Calero also boasts a regular bus service, but perhaps the best way to appreciate the marina is to take a walk along the cliff path from Puerto del Carmen, enjoying stunning panoramas of the sea and Punta de Papagayo to the south.

Leisure Time

If you fancy a more active day out, then you can hire a trip on a fishing boat where you could end up battling with a tuna or even a mighty marlin; or book a trip on one of the outings that will give a uniquely tranquil view of Lanzarote's coastline.





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Aleisure marina is always a place where there's plenty going on, and Lanzarote's Blue Flag Puerto Calero is no exception.

Shopping Days

Markets are one of Lanzarote's main attractions, and Puerto Calero is no exception, with a range of stalls selling jewellery, clothing and souvenirs from 10am to 2pm every Tuesday and Friday. It's a great opportunity to take a shopping trip and also explore some of the designer outlets that lie just off the seafront.

Get in Shape

At any given time, Puerto Calero will be home to hundreds of residents, as well as many more tourists who are staying in local hotels. Then there are the sailors who are stopping over and sleeping on their boats. All of them are just as interested in keeping fit and beautiful, and that's why the gyms and health spas in the resort are well-run and welcoming.

Special Events

Puerto Calero isn't just a place – it's a thriving business that specialises in leisure, sport and tourism, and the team there spend countless hours organising events there. There are sailing regattas, open days, activities and things going on all year round. Find out more at caleromarinas.com



Let's Submerge

Puerto Calero is the home of the Yellow Submarine, a specially-equipped sub operated by Submarine Safaris that regularly takes tourists on an unforgettable trip beneath the waves where they can see shipwrecks, scuba divers and myriad glittering colourful fish. It's been a favourite at the Marina for years, and it's not hard to understand why.

Then there are other excursions offering you the chance to take a safari around the cliffs of the southern coastline, where whales and turtles can often be seen. If you want an active outing, book a fishing trip and see if you can hook a tuna or a mighty marlin.

**MARINA** 



Sea air, beauty, r e l a x e d surroundings - Puerto Calero positively invites you to sit down and enjoy something to eat or drink..



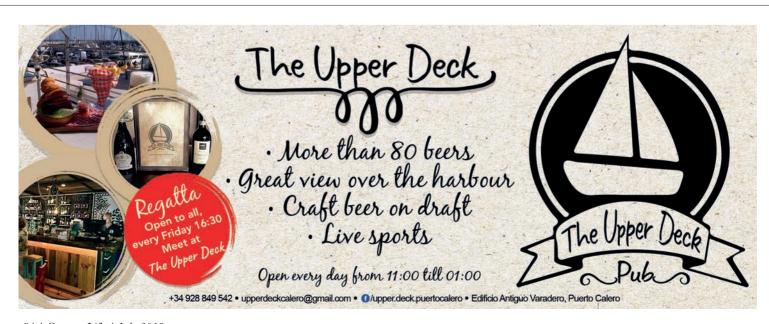
Calm Haven

The sight of scores of boats moored safely in the marina, their masts swaying gently against a perfect sky, brings a sense of peace and calm to Puerto Calero. Sailors set off or disembark and tourists stroll in a scene that's always busy, yet always relaxed.

There's no sound of traffic, no blaring music, just peace and quiet. It's the perfect backdrop for any meal, whether you're just grabbing a quick bit to eat or settling down for a long, relaxed, luxurious lunch or dinner.

Wander and Snack

Puerto Calero is small and compact – you can walk from one end to the other in less than ten minutes – but along the way you'll find a tempting variety of places to sit down and enjoy a cup of coffee, a sweet snack or perhaps a portion of tapas. If you like, drop into more than one place, that's the way they do it in Spain.



Top Typ

Sunday is a great day to walk around the harbour and take in all that it has to offer from Italian and Dutch delicacies to British Sunday lunches and Sushi, Puerto Calero really does offer everything.

A Touch of Class

If you're looking for a perfect formal dining experience, then Puerto Calero's up to the challenge. Some of the finest restaurants on the island can be found here, offering innovative and tempting cuisine prepared by expert chefs in an atmosphere of sheer luxury and indulgence. Book a table and give yourself an experience to remember...



Taste of Home

The restaurants, bars and pubs in Puerto Calero survive because they provide what visitors want. This is a place where you can enjoy perfectly prepared Spanish tapas, freshly grilled sardines and Canarian wrinkled potatoes; or you can pop into a classic pub and drink craft beers accompanied by home made pub grub with a difference. And there's much, much more.

Raise your Glass

There's something about Puerto Calero that tempts you to enjoy a drink. Whether it's an ice-cold beer, with beads of condensation on the glass; a perfectly coral-coloured glass of rosé or a specially created cocktail that you'll just have to snap with your smartphone before the first sip, you'll want to raise your glass to Lanzarote's most luxurious corner.



# **MARINA**





After the sun goes down, Puerto Calero is transformed into a completely different, magical place of beauty - the ideal place to spend a long summer evening.

After Dark

Shop in exclusive designer outlets, then take a seat at a perfectly-set table for a delicious, tantalising dinner. Pause for a cool drink and simply soak up the atmosphere, or find a pub where you can listen to music, watch sports and let your hair down a little. You'll find a warm welcome everywhere, and you'll want to take your time.

Reflections

As evening approaches and the sun sets slowly over the mountains to the west, Puerto Calero starts to change. Once darkness has fallen, the blue waters of the marina turn to a deep, velvety black, shimmering with reflections of the lights of the harbour. The gentle sound of boats creaking and rolling at their moorings can be heard, and their masts stand out against the night sky. But as the marina rests for the night, there's still plenty to enjoy on shore...

Summer Nights

Puerto Calero is naturally sheltered, located in a calm bay and protected from strong breezes. And as the long summer nights arrive, bringing warmth well after sunset, it's the perfect place to take your time, enjoy the enchanting atmosphere and have an evening of relaxed leisure.

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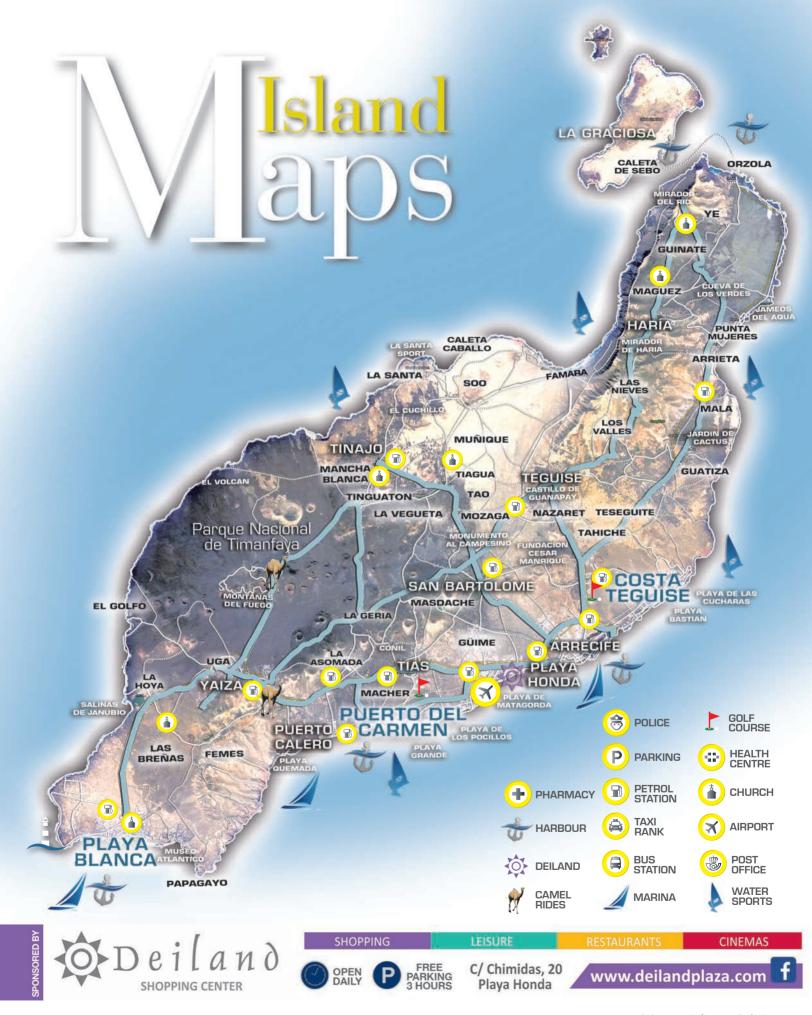
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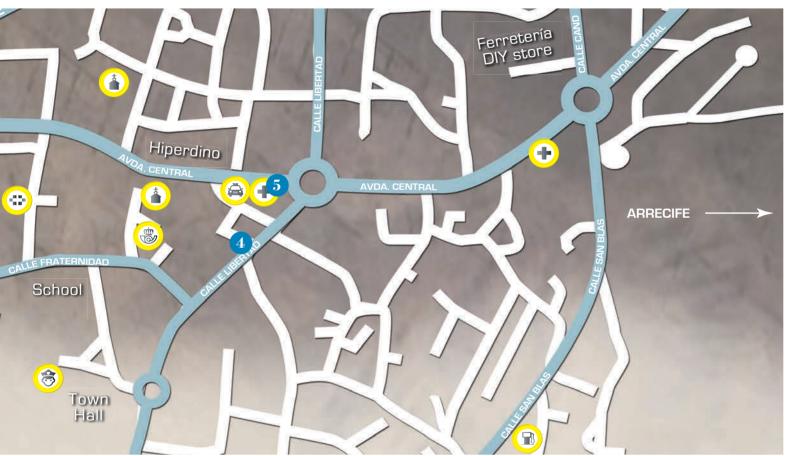
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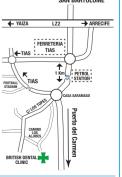
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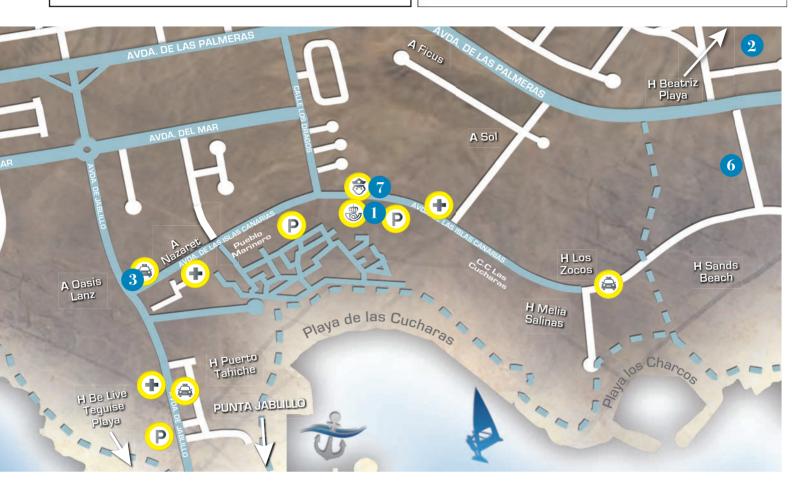
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Pedro Sánchez has pledged to respect the annual state budgets that were approved in parliament just a week before he defeated Mariano Rajoy in a no-confidence vote, and this commitment is likely to tie his hands for the next year at least. However, Sánchez

will also be under pressure to implement housing promises in the socialist manifesto at the earliest possible opportunity.

Among these is a proposal to control rents, in an attempt to make housing more accessible to poorer citizens, and a raft of measures aimed at incentivizing sales and rentals, such as subsidies for those who rent in underdeveloped areas, those who carry out environmentally-friendly renovations, and those who rent to younger people.





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# DOING THE DEEDS

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Ex-Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy has decided that, rather than write his memoirs, tour the lecture circuit or take a job on the board of a multinational, he'd

prefer to continue the job he left for politics in 1990.

Rajoy has already started work at the Santa Pola registry office, and given that a registrar in a busy property office can earn up to €15.000 a month - more than twice the Prime Ministerial salary - he can afford to live it up a little



# BUY, DON'T RENT



54% of Spaniards have said that it is now cheaper to take out a mortgage than rent. The spiralling costs of rent caused by shortages of long-term rental accommodation, combined with greater job security as Spain recovers from its crisis, are pushing more Spaniards onto the property ladder than before.

Rental prices have risen from between 4-9% throughout Spain and are now higher than at any time since 2010. This, combined with the decision of many landlords to target the tourist market via Airbnb and other holiday rental platforms, has made buying property a much more realistic option for Spanish buyers.

# "NO SERIOUS BREXIT FACTOR"

Keiran Bowtell. Public Policy Attaché for the British Embassy in Madrid, has said that Brexit has not had a serious effect on British demand for Spanish property.

Bowtell recognised that Brexit uncertainty and the weakness of the pound had had a "small" effect on property sales to Britons over the last year, but said that "demand continues to remain strong, as the British love Spain and, even though there are other countries that are interesting to buvers, they prefer this one."

"British buyers will continue to buy in Spain," said Bowtell, British economy remains strong, with low unemployment and rising wages." Bowtell also said that the two-year transition



period agreed in March would allow the market to adjust to the post-Brexit situation.



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New technologies have transformed the way we buy property, but there are still some things you can't do online.

owadays, online portals are the main way estate agents interact with potential clients, and if you're buying from abroad, this is the only way you'll really get a broad idea of what's available. Shop around, of course, and remember that this is only the first step.

Many buyers who spot a property that take

Satellite views are more recent, but will only really give an idea of the size and extent of the property. The map and satellite function can also help you locate the facilities that are nearby, such as shops, clinics and schools, but it's also worth remembering that these may not be entirely up-to-date either. You can also compare prices with other properties



# Online is fine, but you can't beat reality!

their interest will immediately head to Google maps and use the street view and satellite function to get a closer look at the property and the area. However, there's one big problem with this, and that's the fact that the Google street view car doesn't do its rounds very often. Look at the date in the box in the upper right hand corner and you'll discover that the latest street views date from October 2016, while many go back to 2014 or even 2011. A lot can happen to a street in that time.

in the area, but this will require some specialist search skills.

But it's not just maps that have changed. Nowadays, you can quickly tap into social media sites where you can get first-hand information from locals about the advantages and disadvantages of a particular location. The problem here is that you never really know how good the advice you're getting can be.

# The Real Deal

If you're genuinely interested in a property, however, you'll need to view it. The personal experience is worth a million online photos, and if you're really interested you should arrange more than one viewing, taking place at various times of day.

If you can, have a word with other local residents, and try and find out all the relevant information you need about the area. Locals will often

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# **Buying a Property**

# **HELPFUL TIPS AND INFORMATION**

Basically it is very easy to buy and finance a property in the Canary Islands. If you need financing, local banks will normally do this, lending between 60-70% of the purchase price, with an average interest rate of 4%. The buyer therefore needs to have 30-40%. In some cases with secure collateral even 100% can be obtained.

Independent experts value the property and the valuation gets forwarded to the bank, who in turn will sort out the financing. The buyer pays the valuation fee which varies with the property value.

Before buying, it is necessary to find out if there are any encumbrances i.e. to ascertain that all taxes and official fees have been paid, together with all the community fees. This is done by the Land Registry Office - El Registro de la Propiedad - and will be around 25 euros.

Getting all the information about regional construction regulations will make sure that houses under construction conforming to the original plans and that any future renovations you may wish to do are permissible. In the regional technical office you will find all the detailed plans, both for building and infrastructure, of the area concerned.

The normal process of buying a property is the following:after agreeing price and financing, a preliminary contract will be signed and a first payment agreed. The percentage of this depends on the total sum and is a guarantee of intent for both - the buyer and seller.



To complete the process it is then necessary to go to a notary, together with an interpreter if necessary. Here you will obtain your legal document, the "Escritura". This is absolutely vital to legalise the purchase. The next step is the registration of the new owner in the Community Land Registry Office ("Registro de Propiedad"), the legal process then has completed.

# Some additional advice that can save you from making mistakes:

- ▶ Beware of people offering you properties whilst in a hotel bar, on the beach or on the streets and who give you a mobile telephone number as a point of contact.
- ▶ Take a closer look at the real estate companies to ascertain their standards. If possible, talk to local people to get a good idea of how they operate. The association "Colegio de Agentes de la Propiedad Inmobiliaria" is an official institution where estate agents are registered, information can be obtained from this source.
- ► In the Canary Islands the "amazingly good offer" normally means that there is something wrong somewhere.
- Better that you check everything and take your time buying a property, it is after all very big decision.
- ▶ You also should remember to think of additional costs when buying, like taxes for the land, value added tax, notary and valuation fees, registering the property, lawyers fees and last but not least, the charge for water and electricity connections.

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This article is a general guide to buying real estate in The Canary Islands. It has been compiled from the knowledge and experience of a number of professionals involved in the selling, buying and conveyancing of property in Spain, but it should not be taken as a substitute for proper legal advice.

#### LOCATION

Is your property is intended for holiday use, longer term visits, or do you intend to live here year round? Your choice of location should take your needs into account, such as schools, medical services and recreational outlets.

#### RESEARCH

You need to know a great deal more about your property than you would if you were just spending a couple of weeks there. If there is a community association, ask your neighbours if it is well run. Ask about the community fees - don't forget that if you are in a Community you are legally obliged to pay these.

#### **BUYING THE PROPERTY**

First, make sure that the person selling you the property is entitled to do so. Your agent will be able to supply you with a list of suitable lawyers to act on your behalf, or the British Consulate in Las Palmas can provide a suitable list on request. Your lawyer needs to check out your intended property thoroughly.

A check of legal title will be made through a search in the local Land Registry Office, which will also indicate if there are any mortgages or charges against the property. If you are buying a plot of land, the lawyer will also check if you can obtain permission to build on the land, and what size and type of property you can build. Once you have been assured by your lawyer that all is in order, you will need to sign a Contract of Purchase raised by a lawyer, and pay a deposit which is usually 10% of the intended purchase price; this deposit is normally held by the lawyer who has been appointed to arrange the signing of the Title Deed.

The contract will state the terms and conditions of the sale and will state a specific time for completion of the. If you decide, up to this completion time, that you cannot proceed with the purchase, you will forfeit the deposit paid, but if the seller changes his mind, he must return the deposit to you in full, plus a compensation payment for damages.

The next step is to complete the transaction by making the outstanding balance of payment and signing the title deed, which is known in Spain as the Escritura. This must be done in the Notary's Office. The Notary's task is to ensure that all of the legal documentation is correct. He will also carry out a search in the Land Registry Office on the day of signing to check the current status of the property or land (and will require the last annual rates receipt from the council in which

the property is situated), that this is up to date as well. It is essential to ensure that your lawyer has current receipts for all other payments such as water, electric and community charges, as debts such as these in Spain are levied against the property and not the owner. Notaries now also demand an Energy Performance Certificate. When in the Notary's Office, you will be asked to produce your passport as evidence of identification. You will also be advised to obtain a NIF number, which your lawyer can arrange for you.

#### MONEY MATTERS

If you are not resident in Spain and are buying property or land it is advisable to bring money from abroad to complete the purchase. It is simple to open a non-resident account in a local bank, and your estate agent will normally help you with this. You can then transfer your funds from your own bank in the UK to this new account. On the signing of the new Title Deed your cheques for payment will be shown to the Notary and included as part of the documentation of the deed.

They must be inscripted with details of the property of land to be purchased, or have an investment certificate from the issuing bank attached. The Notary will also require you to sign a Spanish ministry form, declaring that the investment has been made. It is also possible when purchasing from a non-Spanish resident to pay the completion funds abroad in any currency. In this case, the deed will state an equivalent amount in Euros, as this gives the value in which the transmission tax (stamp duty) is calculated. You will have to produce more than one cheque as you will be liable for capital gains tax. In this situation, a sum of 3% calculated against the value declared in the title deed will need to be retained and paid to the Spanish Tax Authorities.

Estate Agent's fees are normally paid by the vendor and the details of the specific percentage to be paid will normally be noted in the Purchase Contract.

Some unscrupulous illegal agents have been known to charge the purchaser as well as the vendor for their fees, so ensure this is not the case. You may well also find that the price of your title deed is not exactly the same as the cost of the purchase, as some sellers prefer to treat the furnishings and fittings, if they are included, as a separate item.

## REGISTERING THE PURCHASE

To complete the transaction you must register the deeds at the Registro de la Propiedad (Property Registry). When the deeds are taken to the Registro, the purchase tax of 6.5% of the value of the property must be paid.

# THE COMMUNITY OF OWNERS

The Community of Owners is a Spanish institution affecting any property owners who enjoy shared facilities and services, such as lifts, swimming pools, gardens and communal garages.

Information about your Association must be freely available to you, as do the accounts which have to be published to the members every year. You should check before you buy that your Community Association is functioning well, how much the monthly payment is, and whether the payments for your intended property are up to date.

Later the Registro will request a second payment to cover their charges. In addition, a tax to the Local Authority, based on the increase of values of land in their area since the property last changed hands (known as 'Plus Valia') is payable.

This is often negotiated between the vendor and purchaser. Your Lawyer can get an estimate in advance of the purchase, so that you have the funds ready. At the same time, a form should be entered to the local authority, advising them of the change of ownership. You should remind whoever is doing your paperwork about this, as it is often forgotten.

Residents must also be tax registered in order to sell property and avoid retentions, even if they pay no tax.

#### OTHER COSTS

Other costs include the Transmission Tax, the Notary's bill, the fees from the Registro and your lawyer's fee, which will probably come to about 10% of the purchase price.

Your Lawyer will ask for these funds to be placed with him before the work is done as clients have often disappeared leaving these bills unpaid.

Non-residents will be liable for property tax, while residents will pay the IBI assessed by the local council.

#### **OUTSTANDING BILLS**

When you buy a property you become liable for any outstanding bills for water, electricity, local rates and community fees. Both the Electricity Board (UNELCO) and the Water Company (CANAL GESTION) have forms which you and the seller must sign, to transfer the bills into your name. When you go to do this check that all payments are up to date.

Local rates are payable at the Town Hall. You or your representative will need to visit the 'Oficina de Recaudacion' at the Town Hall to complete the form changing the rates into your name, and again, checking that all payments are up to date. As bills are not sent out for the rates, property owners often forget to pay them, and they can soon mount up.



Are you renting a property to guests this summer? Make sure they get the best possible welcome with the following food and drink checklist.

Rental guests arriving on budget airlines often arrive late, They'll be tired after their flight and probably hungry, at a time when supermarkets may be shut and they're in no mood to go out hunting for food.

For that reason, it's a good idea to leave them the basics for a hot drink and a guick meal when they arrive. Make sure all items are unopened. This means it's probably not economical to leave larger items such as olive oil or little-used items such as spices and herbs. They'll just have to go out and buy those themselves.

A welcome pack is also a good idea, but remember that flowers, chocolates and wine in a basket are nowhere near as welcoming as a bottle of rosé and a couple of bottles of beer in the fridge. All you have to do is imagine what you'd like to find waiting for you when you're feeling tired, peckish and dirty after a five hour flight.

# **Staples**

Teabags

Milk (fresh in the fridge or UHT)

Coffee (instant and/or ground, for use in cafetiere)

Sugar

Salt

Large bottles of mineral water (one chilled)

Pepper (in a mill)

Bottle of wine (chilled)

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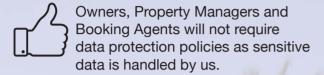
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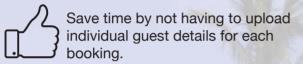
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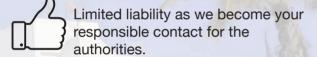
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# SUMMER LIVING

Want to make your home look perfect for the hot summer? Just keep things light, cool and simple and cut down on the clutter.



The first thing you should ask of your interior is a sense of space to move around and breathe. Nothing ruins that relaxed summer mood more than clutter, so a clear-out before the long, hot days arrive should be first on your to-do list. Space is of the essence at this time of year, allowing you to stretch out, calm down and enjoy the sheer pleasure of living.

Be sure to avoid austere minimalism, though, which

can be every bit as visually tiring in its own way. No what we're talking about here is expanses of space; white walls, wooden floors, the clean lines of simple, geometric furniture, but with the addition of just a few items that make you feel truly at home.

Your space should be a place which offers a welcome retreat from the glare and the heat outdoors, and the easiest way to achieve this is through colour. Go for calm, non-assertive neutral shades. Soothing

#### "FIND A BALANCE **BETWEEN SPACE** AND COMFORT."



maritime blues or subdued pastels in order to give your home an immediately attractive, cool atmosphere. Sure, you can afford the odd pop of glorious saturated red, yellow or tangerine - this is Lanzarote! - but don't over do it.

The same goes for patterns. These provide visual interest and dynamism, but are best kept to a minimum, meaning that your eye is naturally attracted to one feature, rather than assailed by competing claims for your attention. Light florals are perfect for the summer, but don't underestimate the simple charms of deckchair candy-stripes, demure gingham checks or fascinating animal prints to get that wow factor.



# GROUP herapy

Designing your home is all about the details, and how we gather things together is one of those elements that is essential, but often overlooked...





ne of the best ways to accessorize a room is through various grouping of objects. The people in the know tell us that things arranged in odd numbers are more appealing, memorable, and effective than even-numbered groupings. Three seems to be the magic number, although 5, 7 and a 9 can also work well. Apparently we are wired in such a way that our brains appreciate odd numbers and the visual interest caused by a variation from symmetry.

**SS** ARRANGING AVERAGE ROOM INTO A STUNNING HOME. 33 Spacing is also important. Don't clump all items together or space them at equal, regular distances. Try and create a visual dynamic by using the space to the best effect. Just like silence in music or bare canvas on a painting, what's not there can be every bit as effective as what is. Space lets you contrast, highlight and surprise.

But before you start to make groupings, firstly gather the objects



that you love together. Things that appeal to your eye, your sense of touch, even your hearing, as well as personal items that reflect your identity and history. Experiment with the groupings you make from what you have, whether they're pictures on a wall, treasured ornaments or just shells that the children have brought back from the beach.

For example, a collection of seven pictures in varying sizes that are grouped on a plain white wall can be stunning. The possibilities are limitless.

you're experimenting groupings, you may realise that certain items seem to be missing, giving you a chance to go out and hunt down the missing pieces to complete the groupings. Conversely, you may spot the elements of a perfect grouping while you're out and about.

In both cases, modern technology can be helpful. Just take snaps of your interior on your on your phone, or take home photos to see if items are really likely to work in your space. Only when you're completely happy is it time to get the credit card out.



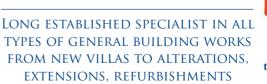
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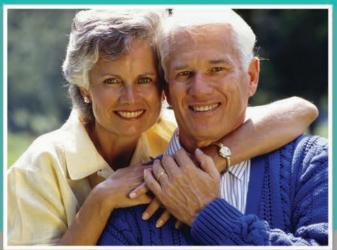




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#### LANZAROTE MAY BE A SMALL ISLAND, BUT EVERYONE CAN FIND SPACE TO LIVE COMFORTABLY HERE.

'hink of rooms in northern countries and you'll realise just how much clutter and expense comes with a cold, wet climate. Living rooms will often be arranged around a fireplace or a heater, the wall will be clad with clunky radiators and underfoot carpets will keep heat locked inside. The atmosphere can often be more stuffy and stifling than cosy and warm, and walking around

with hardly any clothes on is only possible if you're willing to spend a fortune on heating bills.

Lanzarote is different. In this warm, breezy climate, the only indoor heating you'll usually need is a cardigan and a pair of slippers. You can open the window and let fresh air and glorious sunlight in all year round, and there's an undeniable feeling of freedom and space in most living areas.

This, of course, allows you to focus on the aesthetic as much as the practical, giving you the freedom to decorate your interior exactly the way you've always dreamed. There's an exuberant air about island life that also urges you to be bold, bright and fearless.

Living on Lanzarote gives you the perfect chance to make the most of space, colour, patterns, shapes, light and shade, to create a place where your pleasure and comfort is the highest priority.



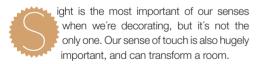
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Our sense of touch is vitally important when we're decorating our home, not just for the actual feel of furniture and materials under our feet and on our hands, but also for the visual textures that stimulate our mind. It's a case of taking the rough with the smooth.



Touch is our most primal sense - the first one we develop, and the sense of touch is hugely important in our homes. The smooth, cool surfaces of a kitchen; the warmth of a wooden floor or carpet beneath our bare feet; the sense of snuggling into a soft beautiful and welcoming bed... all of these experiences and many more shape our attitude to our indoor space.

Sight is instant, we often decide if we love something within seconds, and it's the same with visual texture. This happens when you look at a fabric or a material and its appearance appeals immediately to tactile experiences and memories.

The basic rule is that rough textures, such as grainy

wood, hessian or corduroy, tend to look warm and natural, while smooth ones such as glass, chrome or vinyl comes across as more cold and formal.

When it comes to furniture and soft furnishings we can go wild with textures and fabrics, and

# YOU CAN'T BE TOO TOUCHY-FEELY, EMBRACE THE TACTILE IN YOUR INTERIOR.

blending them with colours give some stunning results. Fabrics occupy a special place in our imagination, and the mere sight of crisp bed linen, rough toweling, plush velvet, or sleek silk sets off agreeable associations in our minds.

The best idea in your interior is to go for a blend of smooth and rough, allowing for pleasing contrasts in texture as well as in colour. Save your favourite

> textures for the places where you'll be able to savour them most, and ensure that everywhere else is, at the very least, easy on the eye.

Another factor to take into account is light reflection. Smooth surfaces tend to reflect light, making rooms seem brighter and more spacious. Rougher textures absorb light, promoting a cosier, more intimate feel.

And texture even affects the way sound behaves in our homes. Smooth, hard surfaces cause sharp, harsh echoes, while

rougher ones absorb noise, muffling unpleasant sounds and giving a warmer, softer, fuzzier aural environment.

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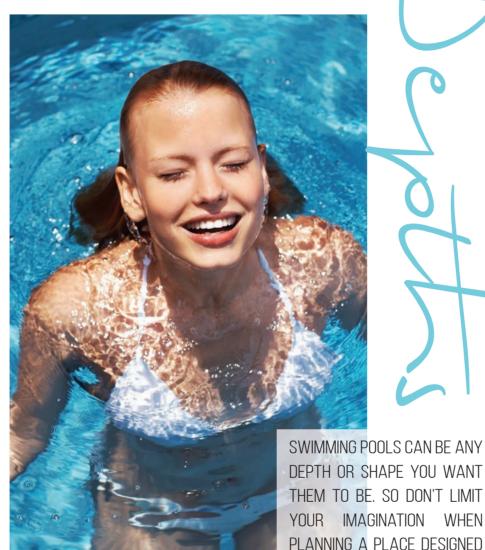


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# HIDDEN



ectangular, with a shallow end and a deep end. That's the idea most of us have of what a swimming pool should be like. And it's an idea that's almost certainly based on a very different type of pool to the one you'll want.

This classic design derives from municipal or school pools, whose main purpose is to teach youngsters to swim and provide exercise opportunities for all ages. This means a regular shape, to allow lengths to be swum: and a shallow end for beginner swimmers.

If you're planning a private pool you'll need to think hard about depth. Even if you're planning a decent sized pool for fitness swimming, you'll seldom need more than four feet of water to swim in. The shallower your pool, the more economical it will be in terms of heating and water use, and, of course, the safer it will be, too. But if your pool will be used by youngsters and teenagers, who can't resist leaping in, bombing and diving, then a deeper area of at least five feet is worth investing in.

A geometric shape remains popular for exercise purposes, and is also an emblematic symbol of minimalist beauty, but there are now all sorts of other pool shapes to take into account. An abstract curved pattern, or more inventive regular shapes can also offer you advantages.

Many pools nowadays have an extended area of very shallow water - less than 10 inches deep, which warms up quickly in direct sunlight and is perfect for very young children to paddle and play in (always under supervision - there is no such thing as a pool too shallow to drown in).

This shallow zone is also great for adults, who can relax and let warm water massage their bodies while they continue to sun themselves. You can even drag waterproof sun loungers into the water and relax with water lapping around you.



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On Lanzarote, the boundaries between outdoors and indoors are nowhere near as defined as they are in the cold, wet North.

Imost all of us will have an "in-between" zone where we can take the best aspects of indoor living outdoors, into the sun, the breeze and the open air. But it also works in the other direction, and outdoor spaces can easily be made more "indoorsv."

Lanzarote isn't always warm, and many people prefer to stay indoors and enjoy the sunshine without having to deal with the island's breezes, which can quickly cool you down to an uncomfortable degree.

The solution here is to enclose your outdoor terrace, balcony or living space. It's a job that will require planning, and a professional bit of workmanship, but it could transform parts of your

home into places you rarely use into brand new living areas you can't keep out of.

New materials and techniques mean that it has never been easier to turn an outdoor space into an indoor one, and your new indoor room will catch the sun even more intensely than if you were outdoors, with the added bonus that you won't have to worry about getting sunburn.

On Lanzarote,
life is all about
enjoying the best of
both worlds."

And if you choose to fit large sliding windows or French doors, you'll be able to throw them open at any time you want and enjoy the experience of fresh air and the great outdoors whenever your wish.

Also may be more than a lifestyle decision. If you have an enclosed terrace or spacious balcony, then all at once you have a new room in your home, where you can eat, relax and even sleep at night.

The important factor is glass – closing the entire area off with metal or wood will completely lose the sunny essence that you are looking for. What you need is large expanses of glass that can be easily opened.

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Summertime, and the living is easy, but if you really want to make the most of the Lanzarote summer, you need to get in touch with nature.

ou don't need to go far to discover how gorgeous outdoor spaces in Lanzarote can be. Take a look at the gardens in any hotel, wander around César Manrique's home at Tahiche, the Monumento del Campesino or Jameos del Agua, or just head up to rural areas and see how the locals do it. But many residents still fail to make the most of their outdoor area.

Why? The answer is simple - new homes on the island often offer concrete floors, white walls and little else in their outdoor areas. The rest is up to you, and while nature can thrive on Lanzarote, it needs coaxing and care.

FOCUS ON THE EXCITING **DIFFERENCES** BETWEEN INDOORS AND OUTDOORS AND MAKE THE MOST OF THEM.

The most obvious way to get in touch with nature is by planting and gardening. Trees, shrubs, climbing plants, herbs and flowers will all transform an outdoor space. But in this arid climate, and especially at this time of year, they'll also need care and attention.

If that's something you're willing to take on, then fine, but if you're busy or regularly absent then it's worth considering more hardy, low-maintenance plants. Ask at garden centres for advice, and you may be surprised at what's possible.







One of the most attractive visual elements you can choose for your outdoor space is woven materials. Birds, insects, spiders and even fish all weave nests, webs and cocoons, and humans have done it since the very earliest recorded history, too.

On Lanzarote, it's easy to find locally made wicker baskets, boxes and containers, as well as the traditional palm-woven hats. Fishermen have also woven since time immemorial, and their nets can be a beautiful addition to any outdoor space.

As for fabrics, go for rough, loosely woven hessians; sacking and other functional textiles to add a natural element of your space.

# SENSE $\mathcal{E}$

When planning your natural outdoor area, the first thing to take into account is the basic difference between indoors and outdoors - and that is sensory input. Interiors are static and unmoving. They rarely offer fragrance, and as they are a place where we seek peace and quiet, they are usually silent by default. The main sensory stimuli are usually visual and, perhaps, tactile.

Outdoors it's very different. The clouds scud across the sky, leaves wave in the breeze, birds

flit around and tweet while insects hum among the rustle of greenery. Fragrance can arrive from several sources - not all of them welcome.

To take advantage of this you first need to be sensible of these elements, and choose the ones you wish to develop. Fragrance can be provided by herbs and flowers and the sound of birds and bees can also be encouraged by the flowers and plants you have in your garden. But sound can also come from windchimes.

mobiles, the flutter of a canopy in the breeze.

Tactile sense is also different outdoors. While we value softness and smoothness indoors, the exterior is a place for rougher, gnarled, natural textures. The weathered surface of a piece of driftwood or antique farming tools, the rough texture of volcanic lava - these bring a real connection with the island we live on, and there are thousands of variations.



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n summer on Lanzarote, home is where you'll find guests, laughter, sunshine, activity, food, drink, fun, entertainment and relaxation. And, of course, it's the centre of operations for a season that offers all types of activities, social events and celebrations, all over the island. And, naturally, you'll want your base to be in the best possible shape – a place to return to and chill out with those you love most.

Over the next few pages we'll help you get your home in shape for the long hot summer, both inside and outside. Home may not be where it's all happening, but it's where the heart is.





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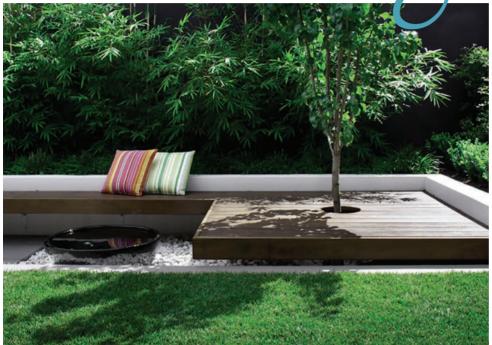
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On Lanzarote, wood is most definitely the gardener's friend. Naturally beautiful, offering fascinating visual interest and texture, it's one way to transform your outdoor space – and in the heat of summer it can also be a lifesaver.



ocal wood is almost impossible to get hold of on Lanzarote – the only trees large enough to provide timber are scarce and rarely felled. But timber arriving at the port of Arrecife has been an essential part of the island's life for centuries, providing beams and frames for building and the raw material for thousands of fishing boats.

As a result there's no shortage of wood here. It can be bought at timber yards or hardware stores, and is perfect for those sort of projects that will really transform your garden.

One of those projects is decking - giving you an attractive outdoor floorspace that's warm underfoot without ever overheating in the glaring Lanzarote sun. Unlike in the UK, there's no real danger that you can overdo decking on Lanzarote,



#### WOOD CAN BE FOUND EVERYWHERE ON LANZAROTE EVEN THOUGH IT DOESN'T GROW HERE.





#### **WOOD IS LIFE**

As a natural, organic material, wood is also attractive to all kinds of wildlife on Lanzarote, and if you want to bring a bit of wildness close to home, it's worth thinking about wood.

The ideal thing to do is just chuck a bit of old wood in a neglected corner of your garden and leave it there. The darkness and moisture retained underneath will attract insects, as well as geckos and lizards.

as the space you use is unlikely to be used for natural growth. In fact, decking provides shelter and room for wildlife to thrive here.

Wood can also be useful in the form of fences – look at any Lanzarote farm and you'll see how wooden structures are used to provide windbreaks for valuable crops. In the form of a trellis, wood can also provide the structure that climbing plants require to reach their full potential.

And then, of course, there's furniture. We all know that wooden furniture is preferable to plastic or aluminium, but there's no doubt that it's also more expensive. Here on Lanzarote, however, that investment is a worthwhile one, as there's far less need for the constant maintenance that wooden furniture requires in damper climes. Here, your wooden furniture only needs a lick of varnish or primer every so often, but is guaranteed to last you for years and years.

#### RECYCLING WOOD

Wood can be expensive, but there's also no shortage of waste wood on the island. A walk along any of the northern coastlines of the island will reveal chunks of driftwood swept south buy ocean currents, while wooden pallettes are one of the most commonly seen by-products of the island's import sector.

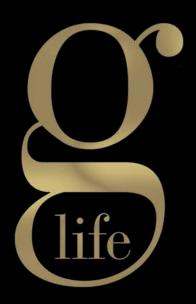
These items, as well as old wooden shutters, window frames, farm implements and tools, can provide unique ornamentation for your garden, turning it into a typically Canarian location with a maritime or rural feeling.





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The snarling, six-lane chaos of Madrid's Gran Via will soon be a thing of the past following the Spanish capital's decision to ban all cars from it's city centre. Access will be restricted to residents and public transport.

A huger central area of Madrid, including the Paseo del Prado. Atocha station and Gran Vía will be residents-only in an attempt to cut air pollution in the city. Buses will also be replaced by electric vehicles and cycle paths increased.

The move has caused an outcry among traders, but has been widely supported by residents in the city. It is just the latest move in a Europe-wide push to cut down on pollution, and further evidence that traffic in city centres is likely to become a thing of the past.



The snarling, six-lane chaos of Madrid's Gran Vía will soon be a thing of the past following the Spanish capital's decision to ban all cars from it's city centre. Access will be restricted to residents and public transport.

Spain has installed its first "3D" zebra crossing in Valencia, and will be closely monitoring how it is received by motorists in the city.

The crossing has painted with yellow and white patterns that look perfectly flat to pedestrians, but seem to be solid blocks from the perspective and position of approaching cars. Drivers approaching such crossing are reported to feel an instinctive urge to brake.

The project is aimed to curb the common habit of driving over zebra crossings without slowing down or looking. Whether it will work is debatable, but measures such as painting white lines closer together near junctions to increase the perception of speed and encourage braking are now standard.

## SAFETY **FIRST**

The European Commission has announced series of measures aimed at reducing road casualties by 50% between 2020 and 2030.

The proposals include the updating of new vehicles to include artificial intelligence measures that will limit speed. assist emergency braking and keep cars in the correct lane.

Roads will also be renovated, with greater emphasis on the classification of different types of roads, each with their own designs, characteristics and speed limits. The safety of vulnerable road

users such as cyclists and pedestrians will also take greater precedence.

Gregorio

Gregorio Serrano of Spain's General Directive of Traffic has welcomed the proposals, saying "All aspects of safety must be improved-roads, vehicles and drivers' behaviour - so that if one aspect fails, the others will compensate. This is, in fact, the basis of the existing Spanish road safety guidelines."

#### NEW AND OLD

New car sales have hit a ten-year high in Spain as the recovery continues apace. Nevertheless, the average age of vehicles on the roads has also risen.

Car sales rose by 7.2% in May over the same month last year, and the trend has been upward in all 17 of Spain's regions. The resulting rise in jobs and sales can only be good news for the Spanish economy. However, the motor industry has also pointed out that the average age of a car on Spanish roads is now

12 years. Older cars not only lack more recent safety developments, but also emit more harmful emissions than new cars, and the industry is calling for action. Their proposed solution is reintroduction of the PIVE schemes, which offered significant financial incentives to cash in older vehicles.



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The VW Touareg was the German firm's first SUV, and although it has been joined by three more off-roaders since its launch in 2003, it remains a firm favourite. That's why this year has seen an update.

The new Touareg is 77mm longer and 44mm wider than before, giving it a squatter, sportier stance. It's a dynamic, smart-looking motor, and one that is perfect for Lanzarote.

Inside, the Touareg sets a class benchmark for quality and design. Interior quality is superb, with swathes of leather across the dash and doors, as well as lashings of metal and high-quality gloss plastic. Everything you touch feels built to last, but the Touareg will still come comfortably under the price of rivals such as Landrover, Mercedes and Audi.

The new Touareg SUV will launch with a pair of V6 diesel engines.

There's a choice of two power outputs (228bhp or 282bhp) and before the end of the year a six-cylinder petrol will join the range. The four-wheel steering set-up gives it a tight turning circle, allowing the Touareg to slither through apparently impossible gaps. Of course, it's laden with cameras, too, meaning parking is a doddle.

While rivals may offer seven seats, VW's research suggests they are rarely used. As such, engineers have chosen to keep the firm's flagship solely as a five-seater – improving space in the rear even for tall adults. There's loads of knee room and ample headroom, and the doors open nice and wide for easy access. The Touareg's boot is huge, too.

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# PLAYOFF PAIN



Despite a storming end to the season to reach the playoffs, the Rojillos' (The Reds) eight-year absence from Spain's Segunda B (Third Tier) will continue for at least another season. Ian Lane reports...



U.D. Lanzarote clawed back a nine-point deficit to clinch the final playoff position, fourth spot. The playoffs in Spain differ from the British system, with the main difference being a quarter-final rather than a semi-final start.

The Rojillos were unfortunate to draw Albacete side CP Villarobledo. They were the league's highest scorers and also had the meanest defence.

Nevertheless Lanzarote were in good form and under the guidance of new manager, 36 year-old Maxi Barrera, whose team had played some great football over the course of the season the Rojillos were confident of a good result.

On Sunday May 20th the first leg was played in Arrecife. Some 2.500 fans were in iovial mood but just fifteen seconds into the match the mainland club silenced the home supporters by hitting the woodwork twice.

Lanzarote got back into the game but on the stroke of half time the visitors hit their opponents on the break and were rewarded with a 0-1 lead at the interval.

The Rojillos improved dramatically in the second

half and sub Trujillo struck in the 76th minute to level matters and then saw his late header shave the post as the first leg ended one apiece.

Villarrobledo made no mistake in the second leg a week later when they killed off Lanzarote's hopes in the opening 45 minutes, going into the break with a 2-0 lead. They beefed up their defence in the second half and deservedly ran out 3-1 aggregate winners.

The Albacete side then cruised into the final of the playoffs winning their semi-final away 1st leg 0-3 and resting players in the 2nd leg to go through 4-1 overall. The final will be played after this report.

Lanzarote will once again prepare for the new season with training beginning mid July and with the important preseason tournaments in early August.

Fixtures are normally released late July and as soon as they are, they will be posted on Facebook and website (details below). Season tickets are expected to remain the same price of 50 Euros adults and Pensioners 25 Euros with children 18 years and under admitted free of charge.

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# The world on a TV screen



The World Cup in Russia has lit up Lanzarote, an island that has suddenly turned into a a lightshow of flickering screens relaying the action, the joy and the agony to thousands of fans from backgrounds who have made the island their home or their holiday.





n a back street in Arrecife, Rashid, a Moroccan Barcelona fan who's just watched his least favourite player Ronaldo dump his national team out of the World Cup, shrugs as he serves a customer. "This has been a terrible year," he mutters.

Across the street, David, a barber from Uruguay is smiling from ear-to-ear as his team prepare to take on the Saudis, the weakest team in the tournament. "Hat-trick for Suárez," he predicts gleefully, "Then Spain and Argentina are going to learn a lesson."



In the resorts, German tourists seem to be in shellshock after Mexico's first-round defeat of the World Champions while Senegalese "lookie lookie" guys seem to have even more of a spring in their step than usual following their team's win over Poland. Meanwhile, Spaniards continue to discuss the shock sacking of La Roja's manager on the eve of the tournament.

Meanwhile, as England reached the final minutes of their match against Tunisia with the scores level, fans were once again getting used to that terrible feeling of disappointment. Then, in the 90th minute, Harry M nodded a corner on to Harry K, who buried it in the back of the net and dreams of 1966 were revived again with wild scenes of celebration.

At the time of writing, it's fair to say that the World Cup in Russia has got off to a cracking start, with a thrilling draw between Spain and Portugal; Germany's Mexican showdown; Argentina drawing with Iceland ("We've been beaten by a team invented by Netflix" complained an Argentinian fan), and England starting well for the first time in ages.



By the time you read this, we'll be at the round of 16 and

the quarter finals stage, and we can be certain of plenty of surprises, shocks and great football to come. And when Harry Kane, Jamie Vardy and Marcus Rashford lift the trophy after scoring their brilliant goals in the final in Moscow on the 15th you never know - it may not a dream after all...





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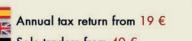
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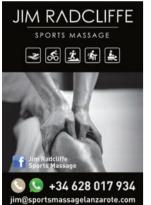
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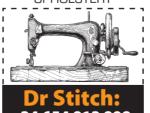
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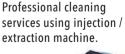


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# The Green Ray



The Green Ray, or Green Flash, is a phenomenon that can be seen anywhere in the world, but Lanzarote's fine weather and ocean horizons make it one of the best places in the world to catch it.

That's why the French film director Eric Rohmer sent his cameraman to the Canaries to film the effect for his 1986 film Le Rayon Vert.

The Green Ray is a strange but fascinating effect produced at the time that the sun is just about to slip over the horizon. For a brief moment the edge of the sun, and perhaps the horizon, lights up with a vivid green light.

The phenomenon is best seen on a clear day with an uninterrupted view of the ocean horizon. It isn't visible every day, but it happens more often than you might think.

The Green Ray has been known about for centuries. The French novelist Jules Verne wrote a novel of the same name in which he described it as "a most wonderful green, a green which no artist could ever obtain on his palette. a green which neither the varied tints of vegetation nor the shades of the most limpid sea could ever produce the like! If there be green in Paradise, it cannot but be of this shade, which most surely is the true green of Hope!"

The ray has long been associated with good luck and romance. In Verne's novel, a man and a woman go to Scotland to seek the ray, but keep missing it due to bad weather or flocks of birds. When it does finally happen, they miss it as they are looking into each others eyes, having realised their love for each other.

So off you go - Papagayo's the perfect place, and all you need is pair of sunglasses and an uninterrupted view. And don't forget to take the love of your life, as well.



Tide Tables for Arrecife, Lanzarote. Units are in metres. (Times may vary by a few minutes around the island)

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# Need to Know



#### Get on the Line

Telecommunications are vital on an isolated island such as Lanzarote, and getting on the phone and online are important considerations for almost everyone here. However, problems with telecommunications companies are also the biggest source of consumer complaints on the island.

The infrastructure for telecommunications on Lanzarote is largely provided by Telefónica under their Movistar subsidiary. Contacting Movistar on 1004 is the first step to take to set up a fixed phone or internet connection in your name. Setting up lines is relatively easy, but complaints are another matter entirely – Movistar's call centre is a daunting fortress even if you speak fluent Spanish, and you're almost always better off taking problems directly to an office.

Movistar is the most popular mobile phone provider in Spain, but it is not necessarily the best or cheapest. Shop around for offers from other suppliers such as Vodaphone, Orange, Jazztel etc, which may offer more suitable packages.

Recently on Lanzarote, extensive works have been carried out to install fibre optic cables, which will provide a faster internet service. However, it has proven almost impossible to discover where or when the works are taking place. To check if your line has been updated to fibre optics, enter your details at www. movistar.es/coberturas/

When calling landlines, watch out for prefixes that mean you'll be charged extra. These include:

902: Cost a bit more than local calls but less than national calls.

901: The same as the 902 but cost less for the user as the cost is split between the caller and the enterprise.

803: Adult lines

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118: Information and services.

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#### Leo 23 July to 22 Aug

This is a month to celebrate love and romance, although it may not necessarily relate to you. You'll see friends or family engaged in real, genuine loving connections and get inspired to step up your own love life - which promises to be thrilling in the next few months.

#### Aries

21 Mar to 19 Apr You've had your foot on the brakes for while, Aries, and that's understandable. Control

and security have been valuable over the last few months. But now's the time to relax, feel the wind in your hair and enjoy the ride.



#### **Taurus**

20 Apr to 20 May

This month seems to take a long time to get started, but once it gets going

you'll be rushed off your feet, with fascinating opportunities and plenty of good times in store. Make sure you stay tight with those who mean the most to you, keep fit and stay alert.



#### Gemini

21 May to 20 Jun

It's an emotional time for you this month, Gemini, with highs as

well as occasional lows. Share your feelings by all means, but don't expect everyone else to enter into your spirits. Take some time to be alone and work your feelings out with yourself.



#### Cancer

21 Jun to 22 July

Have you ever actually tried burning a candle at both ends, Cancer? You may

get double the light, but it'll burn out twice as fast, too. You've been working too hard, so take things easy and enjoy a little more time and a little less heat and fire.



distraction can arise form the fact that you've never been as charming as you are this month, but keep your feet on the ground and stay loval to those who've always stood by you.



#### Libra 23 Sept to 22 Oct

This month, step back and take a birds-eye

look at your life. Plan where vou've been and where you think you're going, and don't be afraid to be critical of yourself. Then come back to earth and use that wisdom to rerally get yourself on the right track.



#### Scorpio

23 Oct to 21 Nov

Money problems are a worry this month, Scorpio, but don't let them

get you down. Instead, act quickly and decisively, and explore new avenues to make cash. Plant seeds now and you'll be reaping the harvest soon enough.



#### Sagittarius

22 Nov to 21 Dec

You've been feeling a little fragile recently, Sag, so give yourself a little TLC. Energy

levels will soon return to normal, and there's a hectic couple of months ahead of you, with travel, new faces and new opportunities all on the cards.



#### Capricorn 22 Dec to 19 Jan

While everyone else is having fun, you'll be frustrated at the amount of work you've got to do. Stop whinging and get on

with it. The end is in sight, and if you

really apply yourself, you'll end up with something you can be proud of for life. You can do it, and you know you can.



Aquarius. If you've been thinking about a new hobby or interest for

a while, now's the time to explore it deeper. Laughter is everywhere this month, leaving you feeling fulfilled, beloved and wickedly funny.



#### $\operatorname{Pisces}$

19 Feb to 20 Mar

You're the star of your own Superhero film this month, Pisces. A crisis will require you to use one of your special powers to save the day. It's easy

for you, but you'll impress a lot of people, and some of them may turn out to be very useful indeed.

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Total floor área 124 m2 plus a private large terrace up to 120 m2 with 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms and wide livingroom

#### **RESIDENCES ARE OUTWARD FACING AND BRIGHT**

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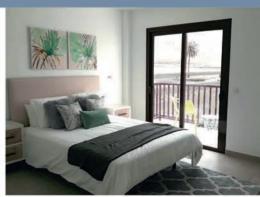
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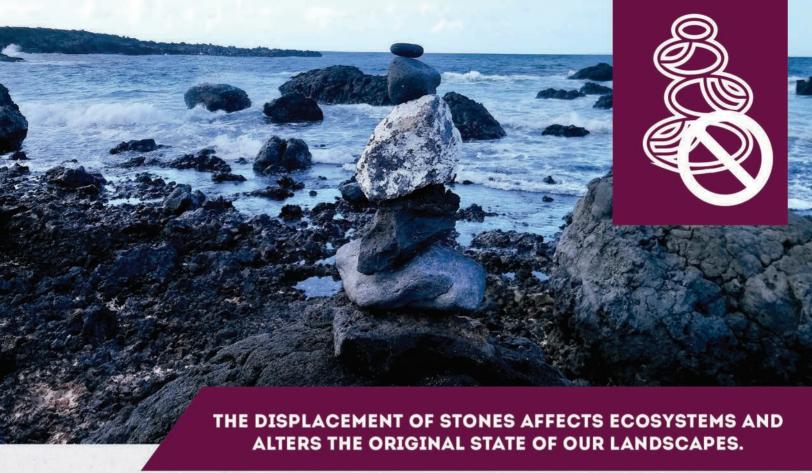
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