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# Editor's Letter



September means back to work and back to school for thousands of people on Lanzarote, but instead of sadness, you find that there's usually a sense of relief about the return to normality. In fact, in September you realise just how much hard work holidays can be.

Finally, it's possible to find a parking place near the beach; to get a decent table in your favourite bar or restaurant; to drive past Timanfaya without getting held up in long queues of vehicles. The whole island seems to take a deep breath, stretch out and relax.

There'll still be plenty of visitors, of course. The "swallows" who summer in the north will start returning for the mild winter months, and there are plenty of holiday-makers who think that the month of September is one of the finest times to come to the island.

And they're right. Lanzarote doesn't have much in the way of seasonal contrasts, but you can still feel

something like autumn in the air – it's a golden time, when the weather is still glorious but a little kinder, more welcoming and forgiving; a time when shops and dining tables are full of the harvest of the fields.

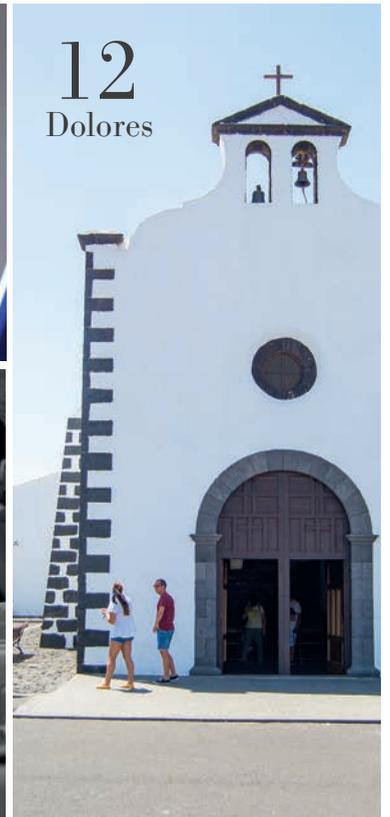
That harvest begins early on Lanzarote, and in this issue we take a look at how this summer's bumper grape crop was brought in once again amid the astonishing landscapes of La Geria. We also look forward to the Romeria de los Dolores on the 15th, which for many signifies the real finale of Lanzarote's long, festive summer.

So while it's back to normality for schoolchildren, teachers politicians, footballers, and many more, on Lanzarote you can guarantee that nothing is ever routine. This is an island where it's possible to be surprised and delighted every single day – all you have to do is walk out of the front door and open your eyes.

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# 8 Brief

## Warming Up

There is no longer any argument about climate change. It's happening, and we're largely responsible. The question now is whether politicians will address the issue, or simply ignore it. And that argument is as relevant in the Canaries as it is anywhere else.



David de la Hoz



Scorching heatwaves have swept throughout Europe this summer, with the UK experiencing the driest June and July on record, wildfires in Sweden and record temperatures in Spain and Portugal. Elsewhere, Algeria recorded the highest temperature of all time in Africa (51.9 C) and Canada has seen dozens of deaths owing to the heat.

The global heatwave is due to a weaker jet stream than usual, and scientists believe that global warming is one of the main reasons for this development. However, global warming is still denied or ignored by world leaders. Donald Trump claimed it was a "hoax" three years ago, later withdrawing the US from the Paris agreement on emissions. Although he has since admitted that there is "some connectivity" between human actions and global warming, it's a subject he prefers to ignore.

Meanwhile, on Lanzarote, the weather has also caused concern for different reasons. While there have been no

extreme weather events, the year so far has definitely been cooler and less predictable than usual, with a high incidence of calimas (hot air from Africa that brings dust).

Recently, Lanzarote's Cabildo hosted a lecture by geologist Jonathan Gómez Cantero relating to Goal 13 of the UN's Sustainable

Development Goals, which pledges "helping more vulnerable regions, such as land locked countries and island states, to adapt to climate change."

Canarian MP David de la Hoz, also spoke, highlighting the need for islands such as the Canaries to reduce their dependence on imported energy sources and praising projects on El Hierro and La Graciosa.

However, other voices are more critical. Ezequiel Navío, the ex-coordinator of the Canarian Climate Change Observatory recently blasted the Canarian Government's lack of action on the issue. "The Canaries are completely unprotected from the effects of climate change owing to the inaction of the Canarian Government", claimed Navío in a report.

## Towards the Future



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Playa La Garita

## New Walkway for La Garita

Spain's Coastal Department has granted permission for the renovation of the wooden walkway at Playa La Garita in Arrieta, which has been broken for several years.

The project will rebuild the walkway and add a semicircular viewpoint to the concrete area at the end. There will also be benches and shaded areas.

La Garita is one of the most popular beaches among islanders, although tourists occasionally find their way there too. In 2014, British Prime Minister David Cameron was stung by a jellyfish while bathing at the beach.

## Aquapark Robbers Arrested

Two men were arrested by the Guardia Civil and charged with armed robbery after a hold-up at the Aquapark in Costa Teguiise on 20th August.

The men, aged 19 and 35 and both resident in Arrecife, threatened a member of staff with a gun and escaped with €14,000 in takings from the park. However, both were detained shortly afterwards by the Guardia Civil, who confirmed that the weapon used was a replica pistol.

## Sergeant Faces Charges

The case of Sergeant Gloria Moreno, the Guardia Civil officer who was suspended earlier this year, has taken a surprising new turn after a prosecutor demanded she be given a four year prison sentence, alleging that she falsified documents. Moreno's lawyer insists that her client is innocent and is being subjected to a bullying campaign.

The charges arise from a report Moreno made following a Guardia Civil raid on a group of influential islanders who were caught killing and barbecuing protected shearwaters on the island of Alegranza. Shortly after the raid, Moreno received a report that a colleague in the Guardia Civil had informed the barbecue party of the raid in advance. Moreno passed this information on to superiors, and this is the document that is being accused of falsehood.



Sergeant Gloria Moreno

The recent events confirm that the barbecue party is at the heart of the recent controversy surrounding Moreno and superiors in the Guardia Civil. 11 men are awaiting trial for the crime of killing protected species, and could be subject to heavy fines and bans from public office.



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## Under the Radar



Pateras (boats carrying migrants) continue to arrive at Lanzarote without being detected by the radar system installed for the purpose. Early in August, 11 migrants were intercepted by police bodyguards of ex-President Zapatero at Famara, while later in the month boats arrived at Órzola, where 18 migrants were detained and at El Golfo, where no one has yet been intercepted. These were followed by the arrival of a Zodiac on Arrecife seafront, with seven migrants on board. None of the boats were detected by the expensive SIVE radar system on the island.

There has been a light increase in arrivals of migrants from the African coast in recent months, most of whom come from Morocco. However, the amounts are still nowhere near as high as they were ten years ago.

## Graffiti Crackdown

Arrecife police have identified 15 graffiti artists who

have been accused of "more than 300 acts of vandalism" in the capital.

Their investigation was made easier by the fact that many graffiti artists sign their work and have a strong presence on social media. Each of the accused faces a fine of up to €600.

Arrecife is not entirely opposed to graffiti. The capital boasts some impressive murals that have been specially commissioned, as well as areas where artists are allowed to spray on the walls. But the council has resolved to crack down on unsightly "tags" and unauthorised graffiti in public areas.

## Hotel Tension

Hotel working conditions took centre stage in the month of August as chambermaids at the Be Live Experience hotel in Costa Teguise went on strike in protest against the hotel's refusal to renegotiate wages and the amount of rooms that each worker should clean in a shift. After a one day strike in early August, during which workers demonstrated noisily in front of the hotel, representatives claimed their demands had been ignored completely and would commence an indefinite strike from 23rd August.

Meanwhile, in Playa Blanca, staff at the Hotel Princesa Yaiza also announced that they would take action relating to delayed wage payments and "other irregularities."

Over 50% of hotel owners recently announced that they expected an upturn in custom in the later part of the year, but only 40% stated that they were considering hiring more staff.

## Wonder Woman Closes Road



Fuerteventura's coast road

Residents on Lanzarote's neighbouring island of Fuerteventura are up in arms about the closure of a road in order to allow the filming of the new Wonder Woman film.

The local Cabildo decided to close the scenic coastal road from Corralejo to Puerto del Rosario from mid-August to October 8th, a period during which Warner Brothers will arrive for 11 days to film scenes for Wonder Woman 1984, the sequel to last year's big hit. Construction of sets for the shoot is already under way.

However, the Cabildo claims the road closure will also allow authorities to gauge the effect of closing the road permanently – a measure that has been long put forward to protect the natural dunes in the area.

However, many locals who face an inland journey that may be significantly longer and far less scenic, are opposed to the closure of the road at any time.

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## Expats challenge Brexit

Sue Wilson of Bremain in Spain, which campaigns for the rights of expats in Spain and the EU, has announced that a legal challenge will be brought against the triggering of Article 50 in March last year.

The premise for the legal challenge is that the triggering of Article 50 was not in line with 'constitutional requirements' after the Electoral Commission found 'beyond a reasonable doubt' that Vote Leave broke the law by exceeding spending limits during the Brexit referendum campaign. This matter has now been referred to the police for a criminal investigation. Plaintiffs will argue that the electoral offences nullify both the result of the referendum and, given that she relied upon that 'democratic decision' the Prime Minister's notification to leave the EU under Article 50.

Bremain in Spain are also campaigning for a second referendum on the final deal.

## Happy Birthday, Keith

Keith and Joan Challoner would like to thank everyone who celebrated with Keith on his 80th birthday recently, and would like to express special gratitude for the generous donations (€1000) given to him for the charities Sara and Cafe y Calor.



Keith and Joan first visited the island in 1982 and bought an apartment the year after. Keith says "Now as we look back, on having fallen in love with a desert island, we have shared many wonderful moments and, even after all the years that have passed, we still love being here more than ever, especially having witnessed all the wonderful changes on the island."

## Table sale

Don't forget to pencil the 13th October into your diaries, when Min, Jenny and Jean – three residents of Puerto del Carmen – will be holding a table sale at The Crafty Cow in CC Montaña Tropical (just outside the Gazette Life office) from 11am to 3pm. Tables are €10 each, and all proceeds will be shared between MacMillan Nurses, a dementia charity and a charity for the partially-sighted.

## Cat Trap!

Sharron, at the Highlander Too in CC Montaña Tropical, would like to alert regulars and visitors that there is a cat trap set on Montaña Tropical to capture strays. "We capture, neuter and return feral cats to the wild in order to try and keep the cat population to a minimum" says Sharron. "Please do not release a captured cat - it will be moved as soon as possible. If you have time to take a captured cat to the vet as a volunteer this would be a great help. Please contact Sharron at Highlander Too. Thank you."






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## Help Freddy

Jo Spencer is a regular Lanzarote visitor who, with her family, volunteers to help Freddy's Cathouse in Playa Blanca. Now, Jo has set up a petition on change.org with the aim of persuading Yaiza Ayuntamiento to donate land or premises to help Freddy set up a permanent shelter and cat cafe. A short-term temporary shelter already exists, but houses 50 cats in a space that is only suitable for 20. Such a donation by the council would allow Freddy to use more funds to feed, care for, treat and neuter the cats in the area.

The petition, which already has nearly 1,000 signatures, can be found at [www.change.org](http://www.change.org). Just search for "Freddy's Cathouse" using the search feature at the top of the homepage.

## Dress up right

Lanzarote's Cabildo has prepared a booklet and exhibition that will inform people about the elements of traditional Canarian dress. 5,000 leaflets will be distributed, and talks and exhibitions will be held in each municipality in the weeks leading up to the Romería de Los Dolores, when thousands of islanders wear



Dog owners at Playa Blanca's Canine Park

## Dogs at Play

In early August at least 15 dogs and several owners arrived at the new Canine Park in Playa Blanca to celebrate its opening.

Yaiza's Mayor, Oscar Noda; Jonatan Lemes, Public Works councillor and Omaira Umpiérrez, Animal Protection Councillor were all present at the opening, as dogs of all shapes, sizes and breeds tried out their new playground, which features tunnels, ramps

and tree trunks for the dogs to play with.

Bowls of water were given to the dogs and refreshments provided for owners on one the hottest days of the year. The Canine Park measures 2,300 square metres and will be open to all dogs for 24 hours a day.

Owners are requested to muzzle breeds classified as dangerous, and to pick up and bag dog mess in the zone.

local costumes for the pilgrimage.

Ricardo Reguera, who is in charge of the project, says "I don't want to dictate what people wear, but it's clear that many people aren't quite sure what is correct to wear." Among the main errors he points out are wearing sunglasses and watches, and allowing petticoats to show under skirts.

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## ■ Can Greece turn the page?



Pierre Moscovici

EU officials congratulated Greece after it exited its eight-year, €289 billion bail-out programme in August. Pierre Moscovici, EU commissioner for Financial Affairs, said “The worst is over - now Greece can finally turn the page in

a crisis that has lasted too long.” Meanwhile, Donald Tusk, President of the EU Council tweeted “You did it!”

However, in Greece the reaction was more muted. The ruling party, Syriza, has plunged in the polls, and the country still suffers from high unemployment, low wages and widespread poverty. The country will also be repaying loans for the next 42 years.

Greece is now free to borrow money, but most experts agree it faces an immediate future of low growth, higher taxes and little change for the majority of Greeks.

## ■ Staycation Summer

**TUI, the world’s largest travel company, has announced falling profits that it attributes to the recent hot weather in Europe.**

TUI’s profits in the second quarter of 2018 slid by 18%, prompting a 9% drop in share prices. A company spokesman said “Tourism companies don’t usually like it when it’s hot – and it is hot. People want to go on holiday when it rains.”

TUI also said that the weak pound and air-traffic control strikes in France had contributed to the fall, but said that the company fully expects to see growth in double figures by the end of the year.

Thomas Cook has also warned that profits may fall after a fall in holiday-makers seeking last-minute holidays overseas due to fine weather at home.

## ■ Supermarket Sleep

**100 shoppers in Helsinki spent the night in their local supermarket after the owners opened it overnight to provide locals with respite from the heatwave.**

Customers were invited to bring sleeping equipment and bed down in the aisles of the K-Supermarket, which is fully air-conditioned.

The supermarket also offered an evening snack and a raffle for its “guests”.

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## ■ EU to blame for deaths

**The EU is responsible for at least 700 deaths in the Mediterranean, according to Amnesty international.**

In a blistering report, AI slammed EU policies that have placed the safety of migrants in the hands of an ill-equipped Libyan coastguard, resulting in a reduction of rescue operations and increased drownings. The organization also criticised Italy and Malta for refusing to allow boats containing migrants to dock.

“Despite a reduction in the number of people crossing the Mediterranean in recent months, the number of deaths at sea has risen,” said Matteo de Bellis, an Amnesty researcher. AI also claims that the amount of migrants detained in Libya has more than doubled to over 10,000 in recent months, and that detainees face torture and abuse.



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# Pilgrims Assemble



September 15th will see the culmination of Lanzarote's long summer of fiestas, as thousands of islanders wearing traditional Canarian dress converge on Mancha Blanca in Tinajo to celebrate the island's only official miracle.

At the Ayuntamiento of Tinajo the arrangements for the island's biggest fiesta are one of the biggest tasks for the quiet northern town. On our visit to the Culture Department, staff are busy finalising the programme of events for the fiesta, but there's still time to attend to a girl who's come to pick up an athletics prize.

Carmelo Bernal has worked at the Casa de la Cultura for several years of the fiesta and tells us

"The islanders have always had their pilgrimages, to Mancha Blanca and elsewhere, but the big fiesta of Los Dolores has only been celebrated in its current form for 15-20 years."

He's talking about a long weekend where, apart from the resorts, Lanzarote comes to a virtual standstill. Roads are closed to allow pilgrims safe passage; authorities lay on refreshment stands and, of course, there are concerts, sporting events, fairs

and many other events to organise.

"The pilgrims come from all over," says Carmelo, "Up the hill from Arrecife, across from Teguisse and further north, and from the south of the island. In Teguisse, for example, groups set off with carts and donkeys at 7am in the morning, taking almost 12 hours to reach Mancha Blanca. They stop along the way to eat, drink and rest. It's a big event."

At Tinajo itself, the pilgrimage is shorter, with pilgrims gathering at the football pitch at 6pm for an hour's stroll to the church. At 7pm the image of the Virgin is taken from the church and paraded as all pilgrims enter the Plaza de los Dolores to pay homage. "This is my favourite moment," says Carmelo, and it's easy to see why. This is the moment where Lanzarote comes together as one.

## The Goatherd and The Virgin



The volcanic eruptions of 1730-1736 covered a third of Lanzarote with ash, lava and picón, wiping out entire villages, farms and estates. Towards the end of the eruptions, residents of Tinajo marched toward an advancing tongue of molten lava, begging for assistance from heaven. The priest thrust a cross into the earth, and the lava flow stopped. The villagers promised to build a church in gratitude for this rescue.

But that promise was forgotten until, in 1774 a young goatherd called Rafaela Juana Acosta reported seeing a woman dressed in black who told her to remind her villagers

about the church "or the lava will flow again". No one believed Rafaela until the strange woman appeared to her again a few days later, touched her shoulder and left the mark of a woman's hand.

Rafaela's parents rushed to the priest and she was taken to various churches, where she finally identified the woman as the weeping, black-clad Virgin de los Dolores (Our Lady of the Sorrows). The church was completed two years later and the image of the Virgin, now known locally as Our Lady of the Volcanoes, is the centrepiece of its altar.



After the procession of the Virgin, the Baile del Romero (Pilgrims' Ball) begins, with several parrandas (folk music groups) performing from 10pm until 4am the following morning. "There are plenty of pilgrims who don't get much sleep at all over the weekend," smiles Carmelo.

The Fiesta de los Dolores officially commences with the inauguration event, which will occur on the 11th September. A local personality is chosen to preside over the opening ceremony (this year it will be local restaurant owner Juan Martín) and a concert by the band Grupo Bohemia will follow.

On the 14th, the 30th edition of the

Nanino Díaz Cutillas Folklore Festival will take place, with folk groups from all over the Canaries performing on the eve of the big fiesta day. On Sunday 16th, at 7pm, festivities end with a Grand Mass and procession of the Virgin.

Meanwhile, the Handicrafts Fair will take place from the 12th to the 16th, with dozens of traditional craftsmen and women from all over the Canaries, as well as from a special guest country (Germany this year).

"It's a lot of work, but it's worth it", says Carmelo, before putting down sheaves of official papers to attend to the girl who wants her prize.

## Tips For Pilgrims

Lanzarote has issued special recommendations for pilgrims and motorists during the Romería.

Pilgrims are advised to drink regularly to avoid dehydration, eat to keep energy levels up and rest in the shade frequently.

They are also advised to wear comfortable, breathable clothing with sun protection. Fortunately, Canarian traditional peasant dress fulfils these requirements perfectly, and while pilgrims are not obliged to wear local costume, it is seen as a sign of respect to do so, and those who don't are very much in the minority.

Pilgrims are advised to walk in single file on the left-hand side of the road, to see and be seen by oncoming vehicles. They are also advised to wear a standard hi-vis clothing (e.g the day-glo jacket from a car) in conditions where visibility is poor or pavements are narrow.

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## BREXIT; deal or no deal?



Joe, Ian and George

For many, this is turning into a long-winded, boring and tedious subject. The fact that the Government (now 2 years after the vote) is still arguing amongst themselves, says it all. The deadline for BREXIT is set as the 29th March 2019, at which time the transition period will start, running up to 31st December 2020. Some EU negotiators are doubtful that a full UK-EU deal will even be achieved at this point.

In early July, the Cabinet was torn apart by disagreement over Theresa May's "third way" BREXIT strategy, unveiled at the Chequers country estate. Her plan was to aim for a divorce similar to the set up of Norway – part of the European Economic Area and trading bloc, but

with some opt outs for justice, immigration and regulation. Essentially, this would mean the UK would have to simply obey many European rules without having any say in their creation. In return, the UK would have access to the Continental market tariff-free. Following this development, several senior ministers, including BREXIT secretary David Davis, resigned.

Brexiters are upset because it's not really a BREXIT at all. Europeans are upset because it appears that the UK is trying to pick and choose which rules it will and won't follow. Remainers are upset because the UK is simply giving up a commanding seat at the EU table for a complicated patchwork that leaves things virtually as they were. All in all, everyone does agree that it is a shambles.

In light of the above, an increasing number of people have suggested the idea of a second referendum. This has been backed by a select number of ex-Cabinet members and also some famous celebrities such as Gary Lineker. There was also talk only a few weeks ago about the possibility of a second referendum with three options; to leave the EU with no deal, to leave

the EU with the PM's final negotiated deal, or to remain in the EU. Whether or not a second referendum is a genuine option is yet to be seen, but Theresa May, up to this point, has repeatedly stated "under no circumstances".

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The truth is nobody knows what is going to happen with BREXIT. It is impossible for anyone to say whether or not a deal will be finalised, because we simply don't know. If the Government don't even know themselves, how can we be expected to know?

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# Back to Basics

Spain's most-voted party, the PP, has elected a new leader to replace Mariano Rajoy, and Pablo Casado has promised to take his party back to the basics of nation and family.

The PP ruled Spain in coalition with the Ciudadanos party until May, when Socialist Pedro Sánchez launched a successful no-confidence vote following damning judgements in the Gürtel corruption case. The PP's leader for 14 years, Mariano Rajoy, stepped down shortly afterwards, opening the path for a new leader.

Immediately, two candidates stood out. Soraya Sáenz de Santamaría was Rajoy's Vice President for seven years, and is regarded as part of the moderate wing of the party. Many believed that the election of a woman as leader of one of Spain's main parties for the first time would help bring the renewal that the party requires.

Her main opponent was Pablo Casado, a 37-year old who have previously been in charge of the PP's communications department. Casado was supported by the more right-wing elements within the party, who are generally aligned with Rajoy's predecessor José María Aznar.

At the 19th PP conference on 21st July, party members elected Casado as their leader with 57.5% of votes against Sáenz de Santamaría's 42%.



Pablo Casado

Casado's election marks a clear return to old-style values for the PP. He has promised to lead "the Spain of flags on balconies", and support national unity – a clear reference to the situation in Catalonia.

He has also made overtures to the PP's traditional catholic voting base, opposing new laws on euthanasia, refusing to recognise abortion rights and claiming he is opposed to "gender ideology."

However, the election of Casado also indicates that PP members do not see corruption as

a major issue within their party. Casado himself has been accused of exaggerating or faking his academic qualifications, and corruption cases continue to dog the party.

How Casado's appointment will play out with Spain's electorate remains to be seen. Sánchez's Socialist party have shot up in the polls since he took over as President, and the PP will face stiff competition for the centre-right vote from Ciudadanos.

The first big test will be next May's local elections, with a general election due in 2020.

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# Ocean Traffic

The increasing volume of jet skis, RIBs, motorboats and other smaller watercraft on waters around Lanzarote is causing concern for tourist safety and the environment.

Last month a jet ski company in Puerto del Carmen was denounced by the Guardia Civil for not fulfilling various safety requirements. It's the latest in a series of incidents involving smaller watercraft that is causing increasing concern on Lanzarote and Fuerteventura.

Among the charges levelled at the company were that the jet skis did not have remote disconnection switches that allow monitors to turn engines off in situations of risk. The company was also accused of operating tour parties with more tourists per monitor than is legally stipulated.

The company, along with others, also offer inexperienced tourists excursions to the Isle of Lobos, a trip which requires an official skipper licence that most tourists are unlikely to possess.

Jet skis have been a common sight in the waters off Lanzarote for most of this century, and laws state that they must follow carefully delineated entry and exit zones when picking up people from public beaches.

Jet skis must also maintain a distance of 200 metres from the shore in areas which are not marked by buoys, but this law is also broken frequently. Jet skis travelling much closer to the shoreline can frequently be seen on the stretch of coast between Puerto del Carmen and Puerto Calero – where bathers often swim from the rocks – as well as at Papagayo and other areas.



## Puertito Problems



Safety is not the only concern surrounding jet skis and other light craft. Last month, authorities on Fuerteventura announced they would be cracking down on unauthorised visits to the protected Isle of Lobos, which lies in the strait between Lanzarote and Fuerteventura.

On just one day earlier this summer an observer counted 1,300 visitors arriving on Lobos in over 100 craft. However, the island is only officially permitted to have 200 persons on it at any given time.

The unauthorised craft are mooring at the beach of El Puertito, the island's tiny village, which is popular with bathers. After "water taxi" operators requested a marked-out landing zone there, the Ayuntamiento of La Oliva in Fuerteventura confirmed that all such visits were illegal, and the local police issued an order for companies to stop their activities on Lobos. However, only one company did so.

Meanwhile, journalists revealed that the Guardia Civil officer in charge of enforcing the laws, and his wife - La Oliva's councillor for Commerce - are both registered as co-owners of one of the principal water-taxi companies.

Environmentalists have long expressed concern about the amount of visitors landing on Lobos, and environmental issues have also been raised in Puerto del Carmen, where jetskis, RIBs and other motorboats regularly take tourists out to sea. The resulting disturbance and noise has been accused of affecting the rich marine life in this area.



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## What is a Floor Clause?

A floor clause is a clause included in many mortgage contracts that establishes a minimum interest rate to be paid on mortgage installments, regardless of the interest rate set by the market. According to the Judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union of December 21, 2016, banks must return amounts overpaid owing to such clauses from the date of formalization of the mortgage.

the start of the mortgage agreement; a new calculation of the amortization table and update of pending amounts from the date of signing the mortgage agreement.

## What are Multi-Currency Mortgages?

These financial products are complex, since they do not use the Euro as a currency and depend on the fluctuation of a chosen foreign currency, usually the Pound, Yen or Swiss Franc. In addition, they are generally not referenced to the Euribor (the most common index among the banking entities that operate in our country), but to the Libor (the interchangeable interest rate of the London market).

Between 2005 and 2009, banks offered "Multidivisa" mortgages as a very attractive product, since

they avoided the Euribor -which reached historic highs during that period- and operated with currencies that, at that time, had very low interest rates. Everything seemed to be advantageous, but the truth is that many clients took on risks without being informed correctly: their mortgage depended on the fluctuation of the currency in question. Thus, in more recent years, they have seen their monthly payment suffer variations and, what is worse, the capital pending amortization has been increasing.

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## What mortgage expenses can I claim?

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commission, which can represent 1% of the total loan.

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# No Smoking on the Beach



The issue of smoking on beaches has once again come to the forefront after the announcement that smoking will be prohibited on the famous Playa de las Canteras beach in Gran Canaria's capital, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.

From December, anyone smoking on the beach will be subject to a €300 fine. Local authorities will also ban fishing in bathing areas and limit jogging on the busy promenade to certain hours.

However, it is the smoking ban that is sure to attract the most attention. Las Canteras is perhaps the most famous beach in the Canaries, and if the measure proves successful there it is likely to be adopted on other beaches throughout the Canaries.

In fact, Lanzarote's capital Arrecife has

already attempted to ban smoking on the city's beaches. Last June the council voted to adopt a new bye-law penalising smoking and littering on beaches such as Reducto. However, objections to the prohibition were raised by members of the Partido Popular in Arrecife, and the law is still awaiting final approval.

The issue appears to be widely supported by citizens, with almost 90% of the Las Palmas residents who responded to a poll on the issue voting in favour.

Similar measures have also been adopted on mainland Spain, with 67 beaches in the northern region of Galicia now smoke-free, and several other beaches in

Catalonia also taking measures to ban smoking.

However, almost all the smoke-free beaches in Spain so far are generally located in cities and areas where beaches are more frequently used by locals than by tourists. Taking the step to outlaw smoking on tourist beaches could prove to be a much bigger challenge. In Britain, for example, only a handful of beaches in Wales have ever tried to ban smoking, although local councillors claim this has been successful in reducing litter.

In 2015, the Labour council in Brighton also floated a proposal to ban smoking on the town's famous shingle beach, but dropped the idea when it won little support from the public.

In Spain, slapping hefty fines on tourists who smoke on beaches is likely to be counterproductive in the short term, bringing complaints and bad publicity. As a result local authorities may try more gradual measures, such as urging lifeguards to warn beach-users about the problems caused by smoking.

## Butts Galore!

Go to any popular beach in Lanzarote and run your hands through the sand and, sooner or later, you'll find a cigarette butt. Not only are thousands buried in the sand by smokers each day, but they are also pushed into the cracks of stone windbreaks. A few smokers take an empty drinks can or another container for their butts, but they are very much in the minority.

The average cigarette end takes between 18 months and 10 years to biodegrade completely, and each one is heavily concentrated with toxins which eventually make their way into the sea. Many are consumed earlier by sea animals.



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# LA VENDIMIA

LANZAROTE'S WINE HARVEST IS THE EARLIEST TO TAKE PLACE IN EUROPE, AND EARLY LAST MONTH WE TOOK TO THE FAMOUS LANDSCAPES OF LA GERIA TO SEE HOW THE GRAPES ARE HARVESTED.

The harvest of grapes is such an important element of Spanish life that it has its own name – la vendimia. On Lanzarote, it's an eagerly-awaited event, providing the raw material for one of the island's oldest and most important products, as well as seasonal work for plenty of people.

Lanzarote is one of the warmest parts of Europe, which means that vines start to produce fruit earlier than anywhere on the continent. The grapes ripen through the early summer, and the harvest normally begins in mid-to-late July.

This year la vendimia started a little later. As many locals and tourists will have noticed, the weather in June and July this year has been noticeably cooler than in previous years – in fact there have been several days when heatwave-struck Britain and Ireland have beaten local temperatures here.

This “crazy weather”, as a local grape picker described it, has meant that the grapes took longer to ripen. In the traditional vine-growing area of La Geria, most were ready by early August, while others parts of the island had to wait even longer.

However, the weather hasn't affected the volume of grapes. This year's harvest is estimated to reach 3 million kilos – one of the largest in history, and wine experts have also stated that the grapes this year are of an exceptionally good quality.

As we drive along the LZ 30 road through La Geria, the first sign of activity we see is two men bending over rows of vines outside the Bodega la Florida. They tell us they've started work at 7 am, and are grateful for the cooler weather the early morning brings.

It looks like back-breaking work, but they've already stripped seven or eight rows of grapes, placing the fruit in yellow plastic crates that will later be taken to the bodega. I ask when they'll be finished and the picker sweeps his hand over the landscape and says “We've got all these fields to do yet, but there'll be a lot more of us tomorrow.”

La vendimia provides work for several locals in the summer, and although the work is tough, there's always a communal atmosphere, plenty of socialising and the festive nature of Lanzarote is never too far from the surface.

Although mechanical harvesters are used elsewhere in the world, the unique nature of Lanzarote's vineyards means that every single grape is picked by hand. This also allows pickers to keep an eye out for rotten or unripe grapes, which are discarded.

At Bodega La Geria, we watch grape pickers delivering pick-up trucks full of crates of grapes to the winery. The crates stack up before a specialised machine for washing the grapes is turned on. Huge amounts of grapes are washed in hot water, and each crate is heat-cleaned, as well, before returning to the fields.

Around the back of the bodega, several wooden barrels are standing alongside stacks of new, empty bottles. The barrels are for the increasingly excellent red wines of Lanzarote, which are classified according to how long they have been matured in barrels, and the bottles will receive the vintages from previous years. In front of the bodega we see the black listán negro grapes that are used for Lanzarote reds.

However, it's the green malvasia grape that is Lanzarote's main crop. Each vine can produce up to 25 kilos of grapes, which lie haphazardly on the volcanic picón beneath each vine. The foreman at La Geria hands us a freshly washed bunch, and they are superb – perfectly sweet and fragrant, and at just the right point of ripeness.

Outside, a workman is painting the pretty little church outside La Geria, preparing it the annual festival on August 15th when camels carry grapes back to the bodega to be crushed barefoot by visitors in the old-fashioned way.

On Lanzarote, the past is never too far from the present.

## GROWING RECOGNITION

Lanzarote's wines were recently awarded a special prize in the Island of Lanzarote Awards, announced by the Cabildo each year. Rafael Morales, President of the island's Wine Regulating Council, expressed his gratitude for this accolade, saying “We believe our wines are a sign of the

island's identity and a local product that also promotes tourism. We should always highlight that these wines are created in a unique place, which brings visitors from the whole world.”

Lanzarote's wines are, in the main, a local pleasure. Over 90% of bottles are sold in the Canaries, but the Wine Council has gradually been working to increase recognition of this

unique industry abroad. Earlier this year, for example, Bodega La Geria's 2017 dry malvasia and Bodegas Rubicón's moscatel won a Gold Medal in the Small Denomination of Origin Awards in Madrid, while El Grifo bagged two gold medals at the Berlin Wine Trophy awards for its Listán Negro 2016 red and the unique Canari dessert wine, which replicates the popular export wines of the 17th and 18th century.



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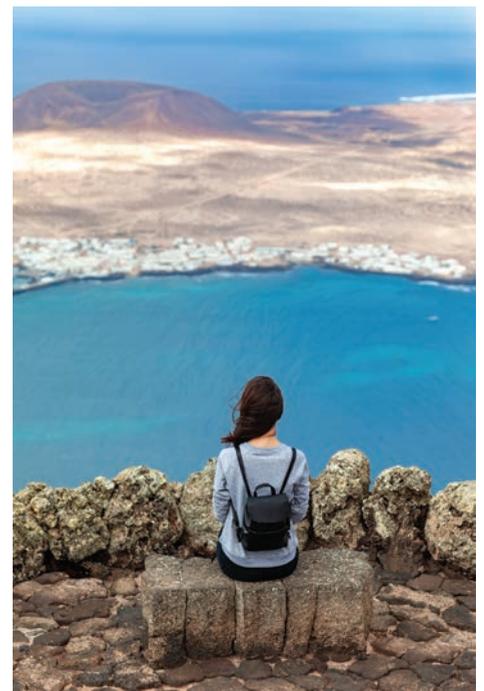


## Isla de Lobos

Like an upside-down teaspoon, Lobos is the dark island that can be seen in front of the golden dunes of Fuerteventura from Playa Blanca, and a visit is highly recommended.

To get there you'll need to take a ferry to Corralejo first, then jump onto another for the 15 minute voyage to Lobos. Once there you can trek past saltmarshes and strange volcanic mounds to the old lighthouse on the northern tip of the island; climb the Montaña de la Caldera for amazing views, grab something to eat in the charming ramshackle village of El Puertito or just relax on the gorgeous Playa de las Conchas, with safe, crystal clear bathing. Don't miss the last ferry back, though!

This is the perfect time of year to explore Lanzarote's neighbouring islands, or just get out and spend some time on the ocean. Here's what to see.



## Los Ajaches

Los Ajaches is one of Lanzarote's wildest places, a huge barren area stretching from Playa Quemada to Playa Blanca. You can explore the ancient mountains and dramatic barrancos on foot from Femés, but it's also worth finding about charters and sea safaris that will skirt the fascinating coastline of the area. Boats and catamarans from Playa Blanca also go regularly to Papagayo, offering you another perspective on these unbeatable beaches.

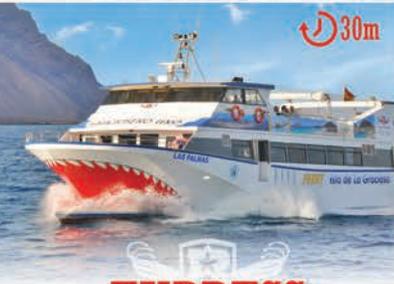
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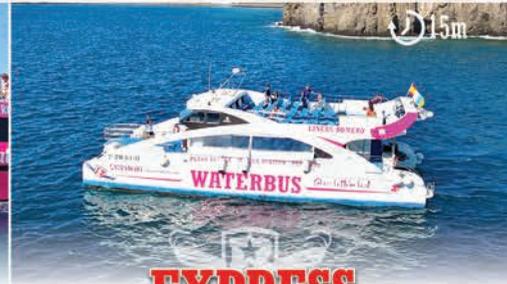


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## Los Charcones

Located just north of the abandoned Atlante del Sol hotel near Playa Blanca, Los Charcones are a stunningly beautiful series of natural rock pools on a rock plateau. Access isn't easy, but it's possible to scramble down at the northern end. Always make sure the weather and seas are calm and go during a falling tide.

## Playa del Paso

This "secret" beach is just a couple of kilometres north of El Golfo following a rugged cliff path, but is well worth it for stunning views of turquoise seas and white surf pounding against black basalt rocks and volcanic sand. Don't even think of swimming here, though...



## Rofera de Tesequite

A bizarre landscape located at the side of the LZ-404 between Tesequite and Guatiza, this was a rofera (a place where gravel was mined) where remaining pillars of rock have been sculpted by the wind into weird, alien shapes. So alien, in fact, that extraterrestrial scenes from the UK TV series Black Mirror were recently shot here.

## Haria Indoor Market

Haria's street market on Saturday mornings is always popular, but many visitors miss the Municipal Market just a few minutes away on C/ Barranco Tenesia. A lively, indoor market with stalls offering fruit, vegetables, bread, meat and fish, there's also a great cafeteria with plenty of delicious food to eat on the premises or take away. And while you're there, check out the Craft Centre (Taller de Artesanía) just next door for genuine souvenirs.



## Chain of Caves

Jameos del Agua is just one of a series of jameos (collapsed volcanic tunnels) that stretches from the Montaña de la Corona to the sea. Other caves can be accessed over rough terrain, but visitors are urged to avoid entering caves or making dangerous descents into the jameos.

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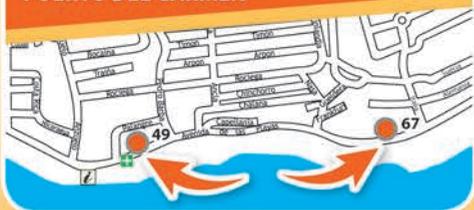


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# Back to School!

September is back-to-school time for all children in the Canaries (and plenty of adults, too). Here's what you need to know for the year ahead.

The official back-to-school dates on the Canaries are Monday the 10th of September for infants and primary school pupils, and Wednesday the 12th for secondary pupils and further education.

Spanish schoolchildren pay for their long, lazy summer with far fewer holidays in the school year. This year, they'll get two weeks at Christmas, running from the 24th December to the 7th January and one week at Easter from the 15th to the 19th of April.

There are also a number of national, Canarian and local holidays. National holidays fall on the Friday 12th October, Thursday 1st November, December the 6th and 7th, and May the 1st. Canarian Day is on the 30th May, while the 16th September is a public holiday on Lanzarote. Schools may also grant a day off for carnival in February or one of the local municipal fiestas.

It should be noted that while many of these dates also apply

to private schools, they often have a different calendar. In fact, if you have a child attending any school on the island, you'd be advised to contact them before the term begins to confirm their calendar.

“ Sharpen your pencils and your wits. ”

Unlike in the UK, state schoolchildren in Spain are expected to pay for books and materials. This can amount to around €200 and should be budgeted

for. Details are provided as soon as your children return to school.

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Fourteen students passed an average of 16 different subjects in the International GCSE examinations this summer.

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A total of 224 examinations were passed by these fourteen students.

Excellent students in the UK might pass ten or twelve subjects and one or two outstanding students in the world might obtain fourteen results, but no student outside Lanzarote will achieve sixteen excellent results.

The Department for Education can award a points score for each result and by adding up the total score for each student, the youngster with the best combined GCSE results in the world can be assessed. It will be some days before the results of this assessment are obtained, and it will be some months before the Cambridge International Examination Board will allocate awards for the most outstanding students in any individual subject.

The novelty this year at the Hispano Británico was the addition of a new subject -Information and Communication-, to increase the offer of digitally based subjects. Thirty four different students passed the subject and only one student failed to make the grade.

The digital world is the future of our children and yet it is the subject where there are very few teachers. Every child knows how to work a smart phone, but will they ever know what makes a smart phone work? Our I.T. department this year will offer lessons given by specialist teachers for children as young as five years of age. Employment for graduates in this subject starts at 70,000 € per year.

The startling news this summer was at A Level, where José Vázquez had such outstanding results that the university of Edinburgh made him an offer he simply couldn't refuse.

José is already one year advanced in his studies and at just seventeen, he has obtained A\* grades in

Physics, Chemistry and Biology, plus an A grade in Mathematics. They offered him to go straight into the second year of university studies, so he will now be two years younger than his class mates.

This is the first occasion that we have ever heard of such an offer from a UK university.



*José with his certificate in front of our memorial to César Manrique.*

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*After 15 years of study,  
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will never be seen together again.*



# ***They're leaving home***

**At the end of every school year,  
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This year's youngsters have been educated to such a high standard,  
that many might have the opportunity to play  
an important role in the future of our society.

***Many of these students are leaving Lanzarote to go to universities  
throughout Europe, America and Australia, which is a new destination.  
These youngsters will probably never live on this island again.***

***Only two of these twenty youngsters will study subjects other than sciences  
and Cyber Security is the new subject offered in several universities this year.***

The Hispano Británico educates youngsters to become individuals, with their

## **sights set on distant horizons**

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# Older Pets



Adopting an older pet could be one of the sweetest, most joyful decisions you ever make, says Lanzarote vet Jane Burke.

Those who know and love me have had to tolerate my repeated complaints that it is crazy that we live on an island full of lonely people when all the cat and dog rescue centers are full to bursting.

A new puppy or kitten can be a struggle for an older person, but, honestly folks, there are still plenty of lovely house-trained older animals incarcerated in despair and bewilderment who would give you so much unconditional love in exchange for just a little generosity with your time and affection.

I have been so very fortunate. I have adopted many dogs over the years. My first was Cariad, (a tiny black/white sheepdog like mongrel) dumped on the excuse that he had bitten. Keltie was a similar case, here in Lanzarote, handed back as a puppy with a story of having savaged a child. Neither had found

new homes because the staff are obliged to warn prospective adoptees of violent histories.

Yet who knows if either them had actually bitten anyone at all? Neither showed any aggression to humans in the many years they lived with me. Keltie was a typical high-energy bossy terrier. Her favourite person in the world was my builder friend. She would dance on my hall table and tremble with excitement long before his car pulled in the drive. She would jump on this big man's foot the moment he came through the front door, in anticipation of being gently kicked to slide down the long kitchen floor. Then she would scabble back to her feet and race back for him to repeat it. We both miss her.

Not long after I persuaded my bereaved father (and his rescue dog) to live here with us, he saw a

Facebook post about a tiny puppy that had been thrown out of a moving car. Already on the painful decline into dementia, he insisted we go and get her. It was 9pm and, after a long argument, he stomped off to bed but was there with his jacket and flat hat on waiting for me at 7am. And we stole her from Sara as soon as they opened their doors.

Nancy is more of a whippet than a podenco. She is exquisitely elegant, delightfully naughty and the last and loveliest present he gave me. These young dogs rapidly filled my home with love, and laughter quickly dug them deep into my heart. But adopting an older dog is, I promise you, an even more profound blessing. For them and for us!

My good friend Sarah visited me three years ago with stories and photos of a recent Kennel Klub rescue. She showed me heart breaking pictures of an old starving battered podenco and, as she knew I would, I offered to at least foster the old dog.

I like to think I am good with words. But I will never be able to convey the utter joy of watching such a tortured and terrified soul swell into trust and joy. Watch eyes that are

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blank, with the shutdown that has protected them from madness, change to the sparkle of mischief and amazed affection.

Nana arrived weighing under 12kg, a tired, broken old podenco. She had bred till her mangled teats touched the floor, her skin ruined and her bones sticking out under sores. Her teeth were worn to the gum from scraping the floor for sustenance and chewing rocks for want of food.

Once home, I gave her a bowl of food and watched her tremble in terror. Never having had anything but food thrown onto a wet filthy floor she took days to be convinced it was all hers. When I tried to remove the bowl she shook violently with fear. Once she understood, she paddled her tail with excited delight whenever she was fed, eyes wide with happiness at a bowl of her own.

Walking was awkward as she pressed so hard against my thigh it would be sore when we got home. I took her off the lead once in her last week of life, thinking she might like the freedom but she crouched down in a heartbreaking shutdown, terrified that I was abandoning her.

For our first few evenings she was painfully afraid of the men that appeared on my big flat screen TV. It took months until she felt safe with a man in the room. My son, a big tall guy, came to visit and carried her round in his arms for hours, smothering her trembling with kisses and successfully overwhelming her fears to become one of her favourites.

She was so happy with every little thing that it hurt. She loved being tightly cuddled, being kissed and sung to. A few months ago she developed a



“Blessed is the person who has earned the love of an old dog.”

malignant breast cancer and died in my arms, happily being hand-fed from her treasured bowl, wagging her tail and kissing away the tears of her big builder friend.

I was so blessed to know her.

I could tell you endless stories of adoptees whose sad lives have been filled with laughter, companionship and love in return for a forever home. Just this morning someone told me how their neighbour had transformed from a frail depressed pensioner to a woman in the flush

of being in love.

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## GOING NATIVE

If you're learning and speaking Spanish every day, you'll soon find yourself adopting words and phrases that show that you're slowly going a little bit native.



### AY!

Next time you stub your toe, see if you say "ay!" instead of "ow" or "ouch" (or "aua" if you're German). If so you're well on your way to going native. If you follow it up with a reference to the holy communion wafer "hostia", then you're even closer.

### UF!

"Uf!" is a useful Spanish exclamation of disbelief or shock that can mean the same as "phew!", "yuck!" or even "oof!" in English. You might find yourself saying it when you receive an expensive bill, tell someone you're exhausted or smell a nasty odour.

### ADIÓS!

Most Spaniards hardly ever say "adiós!" for "goodbye". Instead, they'll say "hasta luego" (see you soon) or even "ciao". "Adiós" is more often used to greet friends you know in the street, but don't plan on stopping to chat with.

### BUENOS DÍAS/ BUENAS TARDES

These are the magic words in any shop or public place when you're addressing someone you don't know. More polite than "hola", a simple "good morning/afternoon" gets all the formal niceties out of the way quickly. You won't hear as many "pleases" and "thankyous" in Spanish, because, once you've got the first polite greeting out of the way, it's down to business.

### VALE

Beginners in Spanish will almost use "si" when they want to say "OK", but after a while you'll learn that "vale" is far more common. "Claro" is another useful word, meaning "that's right". Once you get to "vale, venga" you're almost completely native.

### A VER...

Everyone needs to buy time when thinking of what to say, and that's even more true for learners. In English, you'll use words like "well..." and "er.." In Spanish, "a ver..." (let's see) is a handy way to hesitate.

### VENGA

A word that can be used in all sorts of situations, "venga" literally means "come on", but can also be used to mean "OK", "fine" or "well..." Most Spanish phone calls are liberally scattered with "venga"s that don't really mean much at all except that you're still on the line.

### I HAVE HUNGER

One of the signs that you're going native is when you say English phrases in a Spanish way. In Spanish you don't feel hungry or hot, you have heat or hunger ("tengo hambre/calor"). Other signs include saying "the car of Juan" instead of "Juan's car" or asking friends "It's a nice day, no?" instead of "isn't it?"

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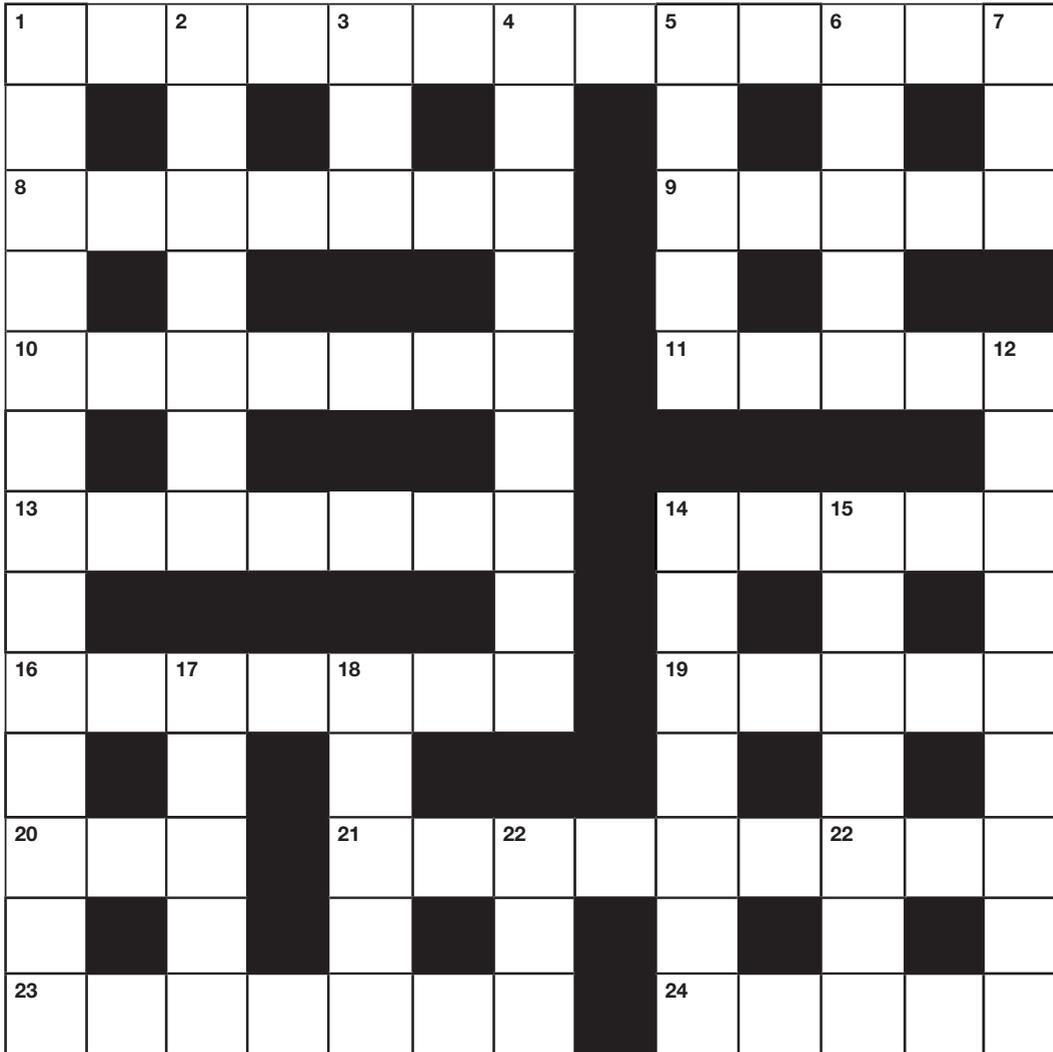
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# CROSSWORD



Now pay attention, 007. The theme of this month's crossword is James Bond. All you need is a pen that doesn't even have to fire poison darts or laser beams. Your mission is to complete the crossword and return it to us by the 15th September. You will receive a bottle of wine if your correct entry is chosen. Good luck, and think of England. Last month's winner was David McCance from Teguisse. Well Done David!



## ACROSS

1. Roger Moore's first Bond film, set in Harlem and the Caribbean (4,3,3,3)
8. Sean ....., the first big screen Bond (7)
9. A gathering of witches (5)
10. Kenyan capital (7)
11. Emilio ....., Bond villain played by Adolfo Celi in Thunderball (5)
13. Johnny ....., spoof Bond character played by Rowan Atkinson (7)
14. It's number is 666 (5)
16. Starting at one point and continuing e.g "I'll be at home from six ....." (7)
17. When a pub has draught beer it is .. ... (2,3)
20. Sick, unwell (3)
21. Crime stories; strange or unexplained things (9)
23. George ....., the second big screen Bond (7)
24. Type of stereo heard in movie theatres (5)

## DOWN

1. 16th Bond film, starring Timothy Dalton and set in Mexico and Florida (7,2,4)
2. .... machine – device that sells food, drinks, cigarettes and condoms (7)
3. Old English name for beer (3)
4. The Living ....., 15th Bond film with title song by A-ha (9)
5. To outdo oneself, Windows spreadsheet software (5)
6. Commander Bond is a trained scuba one (5)
7. British film company that produces the Bond films (3)
12. Bond film and Bond villain, played by Maud Adams in 1983 (9)
14. Head of SPECTRE, and Bond's worst enemy (7)
15. A mound where insects live (7)
17. Christoph ....., German actor who played 14 down in 2015 (5)
18. Type of numerals used for years in film credits (5)
22. Bond's job (3)

**Last months answers: Across:** 1.Marilyn Monroe 8.Robotic 9.Dubai 10.Avuncular 12.Rye 13.Fudge 14.Kibosh  
17.Eat 19. Bad Habits 21.Moroccans 22.Ace 23.Newman 24.Indian **Down:** 1.Morgan Freeman 2.Rebound  
3.Lot 4.Nicole Kidman 5.Older 6.Roberts 7.Eminem 11.Chewbacca 15.Branson 16.Astern 18.Throw 20.Iraqi



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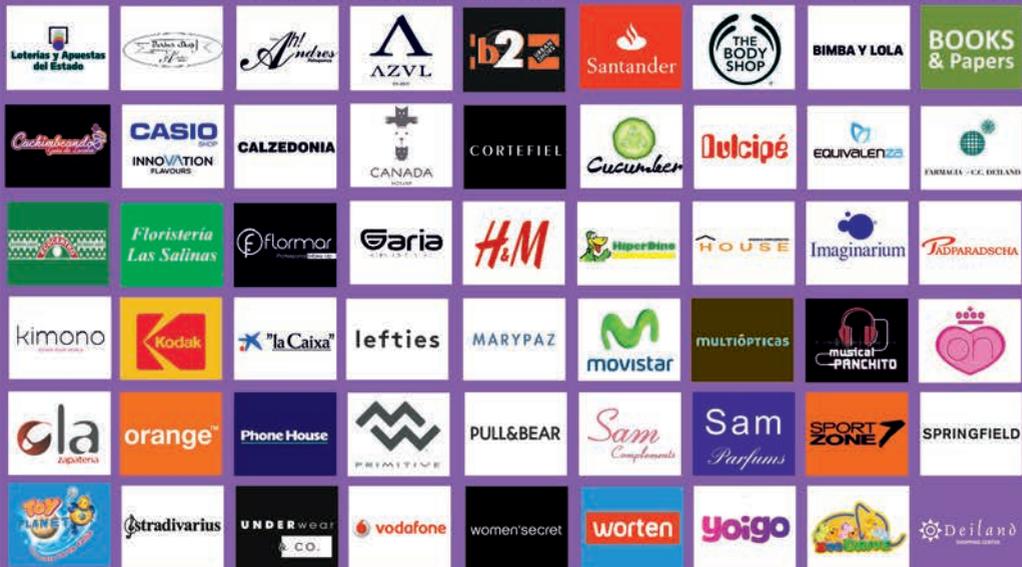
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## ■ Mental Rentals

*Dear Gazette Life,*

Recently I read an article about police in Palma, Mallorca, fining unrented hire cars that were taking up public parking spaces. Why can't this happen in Lanzarote? At this time of year it's simply impossible for many tourists to park anywhere near the most popular tourist beaches in the resorts, while unused hire cars line the streets.

**C. Digby, Playa Blanca**

**Ed: Palma's council prohibits unrented hire cars from using public spaces. There is no such law here at the moment, but any car that is left unattended in a public parking space for more than 24 hours can be reported to the police.**

**Car hire companies argue that they pay road tax on each vehicle and are therefore entitled to use public facilities. However, there is clearly a problem when areas that are meant to offer convenience to tourists and local residents are effectively being used as storage space.**

## ■ Silent Fireworks

*Dear Editor,*

It is a well-known but too-often ignored fact that fireworks are alarming for the elderly, animals, babies and those suffering with autism. There is growing concern about this and, consequently, in Britain, venues close to residents, wildlife or livestock often permit only quiet fireworks.

One town in Italy passed a law in 2015 that all fireworks displays must be quiet. By relying on rich colour effects and tight visual choreography, designers of quiet fireworks programmes can forego the big explosions and still deliver a stunning show.

The hope is that softer celebrations mean less stress for noise-sensitive children, veterans, older people, pets and wildlife. Quiet fireworks are not a new invention. In fact, they are used routinely in classic firework shows as visual effects to accompany the loud bangs. The real promise behind quiet fireworks, however, is the possibility that they could reduce the harmful effects of traditional fireworks, which include stress on animals and damage to people's hearing. Fireworks can cause birds to panic and flee en masse and loud fireworks also scare larger mammals like horses, deer and cows out into roads,

where they can get hit by cars. Pet shelters also claim to take in the most runaway dogs each year and the carnage on our roads here is horrendous.

For people, loud fireworks can lead to hearing loss. The World Health Organization lists 120 decibels as the pain threshold for sound, including sharp sounds such as thunderclaps. Fireworks are louder than that – "They're typically above 150 decibels, and can even reach up to 170 decibels or more," said an audiologist. So would the Cabildo and Aytos. consider a sea change? Please.

**Thanks, Jilly Simmons**

## ■ Water Rip-Off!

*Dear Ed,*

I was pleased to read that finally something/ someone was doing something about the exorbitant prices of a bottle of water at the airport. I really don't have words for the people in charge to keep on letting this happen.

So I was all the more disappointed when I went to the airport last week to still find the same outrageous prices for water.

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1) At least bring down the price of a half-litre bottle to one Euro (which is still a rip off), or

2) Make the airport install a couple of water fountains so we could fill up our plastic water bottles having bought them for a sensible price elsewhere first, drunk the water, and gone through security with the empty plastic bottle, so one could fill up with the water from the fountain. This was a great success at the airport in Hong Kong, and it would mean less plastic bottles here in Lanzarote.

*Yours Joy Norton, Costa Teguisse*

**Ed:** Half-litre bottles are already available for €1 at most Canarian airports following the new regulations by airport authority AENA, Joy. At Lanzarote, the rule will apply after existing contracts for shops and vending machines are renewed.

**You can do the water fountain trick using water from bathroom taps – it's the same water at the end of the day.**

## ■ Finish what you started!

*Dear Editor,*

I see unfinished buildings everywhere I go, abandoned foundations or derelict buildings. It really tarnishes the feels of Lanzarote, and makes the island look like it's falling into disrepair. I recently visited Arrecife and I was amazed to see that huge apartment blocks

had been left, unfinished, to rot amongst the neighbouring buildings.

Why don't authorities attempt to restore these old buildings so they can be used, instead of just ignoring them as if they do not exist. It's rather off-putting to spend a day in Lanzarote's capital, only to see tired buildings and rusty scaffolding staring you in the face. Maybe there should be some sort of annual charity event to fund the restorations through the community, whether that's through having a huge market day, festival, etc.

*Mr A Nolan*

## ■ Fix the Roads

*Dear Gazette Life,*

Lanzarote has some terrible roads throughout. It seems strange to me that the government would spend months repairing the main roads but not care to take a look at the roads in the towns/villages. With the excess funds that they dump into maintenance, in order to use all the money before a new candidate is elected, why can't they set aside money to fix the town roads? I'm sick and tired of driving over poorly repaired potholes and mistakes in the tarmac laying when the roads were first laid.

I think most would agree that the quality of Lanzarote's roads need addressing. The conditions of the roads will continue to deteriorate until something is done about them.

*Alex Whitehead, via Email*

**Ed:** Maintenance of town roads is the council's job, not the government's, Alex, and now is the time to make your complaints and requests to your local Ayuntamiento, as many of them will be carrying out works before next May's elections.

## ■ Where are the Windmills?

*Dear Ed,*

As you may know, nearly all of Lanzarote's windmills have fallen into disrepair. If it was up to me, I would repair/remodel them in order to be used to potentially generate power for the streetlights. I think having the windmills work again would bring back the heritage that a lot of the small villages had. But it would also breathe new life into the properties that possess the windmills, as they are often old derelict farm houses. Maybe I'm being a fantasist, but I really believe that it could rejuvenate smaller villages; and create a renewable power-source for that village.

*All the best, Sarah Goddard*

**Ed:** I don't know if you've noticed, Sarah, but there are already several windmills providing power for the island. They're just a lot bigger and more efficient than the old wooden ones. You'll often see smaller modern turbines whirling around on farms and vineyards, as well.

**I agree that it would be wonderful to get a few of the old ones up and running, but I doubt they'd offer a reliable power source.**

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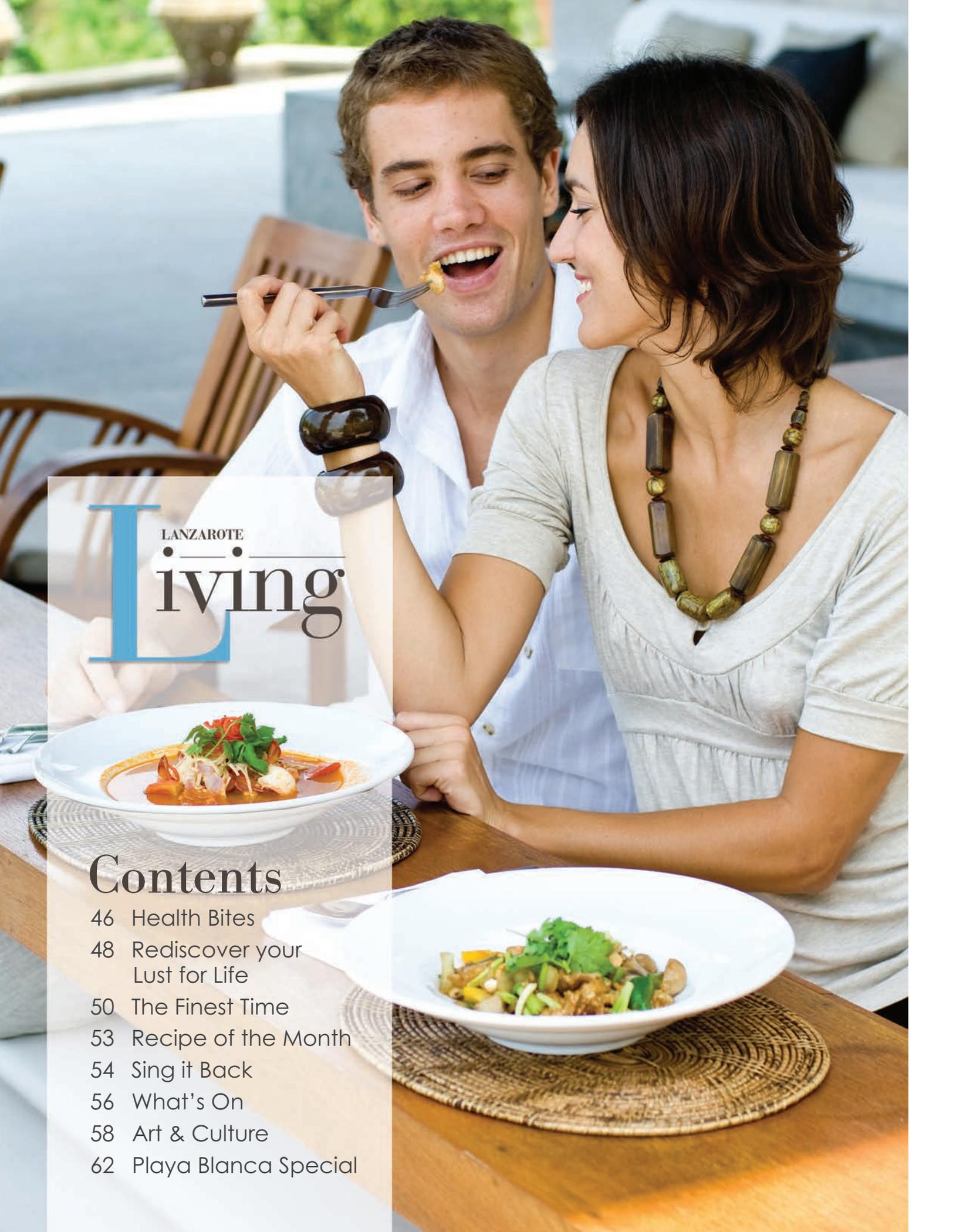
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# Lanzarote: A Feast for all the Senses

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Make the most of the mild temperatures and fantastic evenings that the new season brings, and discover the best cuisine on the island. Try modern dishes prepared with passion, charm and the best fresh local produce.

In central Arrecife, the Bar El Almacén - a bar with a rich history of the island's most famous artists - has reopened. This is, without a doubt, one of the best bits of news for food fans on Lanzarote. Music, culture, good vibes, and long chats with friends over dishes that blend international recipes and local produce at really affordable prices.

The **Bar El Almacén** also offers, in addition to their tapas and tostas menu, the chance to have a daily three-course menu for €11 per person.

At the **Restaurant El Diablo**, in the Montañas del Fuego, the magic from the volcano is still the key to their dishes, while the products of Lanzarote's seas and fields also continue to be the star dishes at **Monumento al Campesino**.

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# HEALTH BITES



On Lanzarote, health is a way of life, and this island is always at the cutting edge of latest trends in the health and wellness sectors. We round up some of the most relevant health news items of recent weeks.

## GREEN LIGHT FOR MEDICINAL CANNABIS



Billy Caldwell

You may remember July's Health Bites when 12 year-old Billy Caldwell, who suffers from uncontrollable epilepsy, had his medicinal cannabis oil confiscated at an airport. Much to the relief of other medicinal cannabis users, the Home Office has now granted permission for doctors to be able to prescribe cannabis-derived products to those deemed to have severe medical conditions. The Home Office aim to legalise medicinal cannabis by autumn this year. The decision was made after Prof. Sally Davies proposed that medicinal cannabis should be given to patients with specific medical conditions as it could improve their capabilities.

The decision reflects a trend in European governments, who are reappraising the benefits of medicinal cannabis.

## SUNCREAM GUIDELINES

The public are not using as much suncream as they should be, according to studies carried out by researchers. The problem isn't with the application of suncreams, it's the SPF of suncreams which is causing concern for researchers. King's College London scientists have found that SPF 15 simply is not enough to protect your skin from sun

damage; in reality, the SPF you should be using is within the range of SPF 30-50.

Unlike the UK, Lanzarote has sunny weather all year round, which makes it imperative to ensure that you protect yourself against sun damage. It's best to apply too much suncream rather than too little, to make sure that your days on the beach aren't spoiled by sunburn.

## IT'S IN THE EYES

A trip to the optician could soon highlight your likelihood of suffering from dementia.

Researchers have discovered that people with thinner retinas are more likely to have problems with memory and reasoning, and believe the test could be used to screen for early dementia.

Prof Paul Foster, of the UCL Institute of Ophthalmology, said OCT (optical coherence tomography) tests could help identify people at high risk of developing the disease. "It is likely that treatments will be more effective in slowing or stopping dementia at earlier stages of the disease."



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## SUMMERTIME INK

Plenty of holiday makers consider getting a tattoo on their holidays, but some experts think that this could be the worst time of year to get inked up.

Firstly, people are generally more uninhibited on their summer holidays. The likelihood that you'll make a decision you'll regret is a lot higher when there's plenty of sun and sangria around.

Secondly, many organic tattoo inks fade in the sun, and a newly inked tattoo is not only more exposed than a healed one, but is harder to cover up with suncream.

Finally, fresh tattoos are, literally, skin wounds. On holiday, when you're likely to be lying in sand, using pools and the sea and baring skin where others might poke it, you are laying yourself wider open to infections than you would if you keep the tattoo covered.

## HOMEOPATHY "DOESN'T WORK "

The Spanish government has asked the European Commission to modify a directive that allows homeopathic products to be sold as "medicaments".

Carmen Montón, Spain's Minister for Health, said "homeopathy doesn't cure anything" and requested regulations that will "put the market in order" and govern the approval and

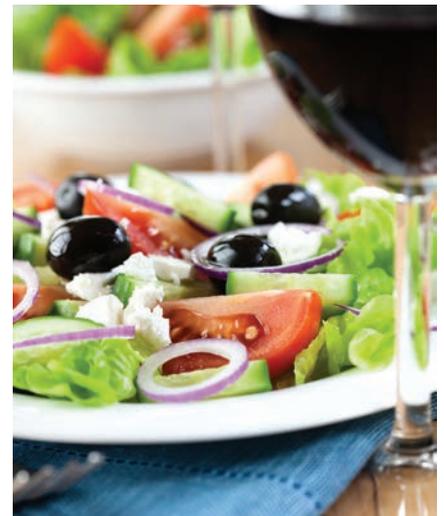
prescription of medicaments.

Montón has been a long-standing opponent of homeopathy since being in charge of Valencia's Health Service. She claims to know of cases of cancer patients who have died early as a result of abandoning clinical medicine for homeopathic remedies.

## MEDITERRANEAN DIET IS THE WAY!

Researchers have discovered that adhering to the Mediterranean diet may reduce the severity of psoriasis and slow its progression. Diet can play a key role in the quality of health, and following a more Mediterranean diet could benefit one's health massively. For those who do suffer from psoriasis, eating a high content of fruits and vegetables has been claimed to reduce the symptoms and inflammation caused by the disease.

Research has shown that pro-inflammatory compounds can in fact cause more inflammation and worsen the effects of psoriasis; causing more issues than solving them.



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# Rediscover your Taste for Life

Why do we remember holiday sunsets more than those we see every day at home? Why are the most memorable meals associated with special occasions? The answers to these and other questions give us hints as to how we can make our everyday lives more memorable, pleasurable and exciting.

Researchers from the University of Chicago and Ohio State recently published a fascinating paper that shows how “first-time” experiences can be replicated by doing things in unusual ways.

The researchers asked volunteers to eat popcorn normally with their fingers, while another group tried it with chopsticks. The second group reported that the popcorn was tastier and more pleasurable to eat, but this only applied to the first time.

Similar results were shown when volunteers were asked to drink water from a glass or lap it up like a cat, and when they were shown a video which they watched normally or through goggles made with their hands.

In all cases, the volunteers reported more pleasurable feelings when the activity was associated with a “first-time” method.

The key to this phenomenon is believed to be the “beginner’s mind”, which allows us to be receptive to new possibilities. First-time experiences are, of course, hugely important to our memory – many of us remember our first kiss, our first cigarette and several other experiences with much more

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clarity than the ones that followed.

And, of course, this phenomenon helps to explain why holiday experiences are so memorable and pleasurable. When we're on holiday we often do things in a new way, in new surroundings. In fact, it could even be the secret to why we believe food tastes better when eaten outdoors, something we don't usually do that often.

### *Vary your Routine*

Most of us have a daily routine, and for good reason. Routines work; they cut down on the possibility of nasty surprises and they make us feel secure and safe.

But routines also suck the joy out of life. Doing the same thing day after day soon becomes dull and same-ish, and even if we don't realise it, we lose curiosity and the capacity to enjoy life.

The key is to break out of your rut and try a different groove. Start by trying another route for your daily journey to work or walking the dog. Go somewhere you wouldn't normally dream of. Set off earlier, to make the most of the cool morning light, and stop off along the way for a coffee or just to enjoy the view.

When it's time to eat, ring the changes too. Try something you haven't eaten before but have always fancied; experiment with the chopsticks

trick described above, or just drink your coffee from a bowl, French-style, rather than a cup. Never stop experimenting.

Now take a chair, stick it in a corner of your living room, climb up and take a look at what you see. The new perspective will open your eyes to elements of your surroundings you may never have really noticed before. Make a mental note, then climb down and move things around a bit.

Meet up with old friends in new places; make an effort to meet new friends in any places; pick up a musical instrument for the first time; book a surfing lesson; go to a beach and jump into the sea.

Think you don't like romantic comedies or horror films? Give them another go – you might change your mind. Pick up one of the books your partner, your mum or your dad is reading and have a crack. Keep your mind open at all times, and always focus on the good aspects of any experience.

It may not be possible to make every aspect of your life as memorable as it was the first time, but by grasping new sensations, new ideas and changing your life as a matter of course, you'll simply have many more first-time experiences, and life will seem richer and more rewarding.

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# The Finest Time



September is the finest month of year on Lanzarote, a time when you can live – and eat – in absolute joy.

Lanzarote is at its very best in September. This is the month when everything comes into its own. The scorching heat of the summer eases off, leaving a mellow, peaceful atmosphere; the sea is at its warmest and calmest, the frantic buzz of tourism becomes an agreeable murmur, and the island's fresh food is at its very best.

In the harbours, fishermen are still returning with the fruits of the summer seas – yellowfin and skipjack tunas, as well as plenty of tasty sea bream, sardines and other species. In the fields, farmers are carefully harvesting fruits and salad greens that are at their peak of ripeness and crispness. And in the bodegas, this year's wine harvest has been collected and the first young whites will hit the market later in the year. There's an almost blissful aspect about dining out at this time of year. You're less likely to get sunburned or

see your menu whipped away by strong winds, and even though kids are always welcome on Lanzarote, the fact that most of them are on their way back to school means that open air life in the resorts has a quieter, more mature atmosphere.

Restaurants aren't so crowded, and their owners and chefs will have spent the entire summer – or perhaps much longer – perfecting their dishes. Waiters are less harried and more able to devote time to each diner, and the bounty of the season means that it's always worth checking the specials board.

## Dining Renaissance

Lanzarote dining has improved immensely in recent years. Part of the reason for this is the commitment of local authorities to promote food as a tourist



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attraction. The result can be seen at the regular tapas fairs around the island, where thousands of visitors discover the culinary wonders of a small island.

Local restaurant owners are the other main factor in this renaissance, banding together and ensuring that Lanzarote is being taken seriously as a place where fine food and highly professional cooking can be found.

This interest has also led to the flourishing of local producers, who can be found at markets all over the island selling products that were unavailable just a few years ago. At no time in the past has Lanzarote's wealth of food been so celebrated.

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And what a wealth it is! Lanzarote is famous for producing some of the best sweet potatoes, onions and tomatoes in the world; it's delicious goat's milk cheeses win world awards; its seafood is unmatched and its wine industry is also becoming more and more famed.

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## RECIPE of the MONTH

# Caldo de Millo

This classic Canarian dish is a *caldo* (a hearty stew/soup) that's full of flavour and goodness. The key ingredient is maize kernels, and in the past cooks would strip the cobs, crush the maize in a mortar, leave it in a windy spot so that the dried skins blew away and then nip off the tip of each kernel. You don't have time for that, but luckily local grocers sell prepared dried maize.

This is one of those dishes that takes advantage of the fact that most stews, curries etc, taste better the day after preparation.



### Ingredients

6 servings

400g of maize

100g of wheat grains

6 garlic cloves

300g of pork chops or a knuckle of pork (or both)

20ml olive oil

100g of diced bacon

1 big onion

1 tablespoon of smoked sweet paprika

1l of water (or chicken, pork or vegetable stock)

1 glass of white wine, dry

500ml extra virgin olive oil

### Method

Peel and chop the garlic cloves and the onion.

In a saucepan, heat the olive oil and cook the bacon over medium heat until it starts sweating. Add the onion, the garlic, the corn and wheat and cook everything for 5 minutes, stirring well.

Add the pork chops or the knuckle (if you have both, add them, your dish will be tastier!). Cook everything for another 5 minutes, and then add the white wine, scraping any baked on residue from the bottom of the pan. You need to cook the wine until all the alcohol is evaporated.

Add the paprika, cook for 30 seconds, then cover everything with water or stock, bring to the boil and simmer for 15 minutes over medium heat.

Leave to cool and keep your caldo de millo overnight inside your fridge.

Next morning add more liquid if necessary (maize and wheat will probably absorb some liquid during the night). Bring it to a boil again and cook it for 30 minutes or until the corn is tender. Your dish is ready to serve!

### Chef's Tip:

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# Sing it Back

Karaoke is huge on Lanzarote – an ever-popular evening out in the resorts. But before you grab the mic, follow a few basic karaoke tips:



## Grab a Friend

If you're just starting out, you'll feel a lot less nervous if you hit the stage with a friend or five. That way, when it all goes pear-shaped, you're not alone. Also, karaoke is meant to be social – it's perfect for duets and groups.

## Know your Song

Don't just choose a song you like. Think about it. Plenty of songs have long guitar solos when you'll be just standing around; others are a lot more difficult to sing than you might think – steer clear of Jamiroquai! If you know the limits of your vocal range, you'll be able to choose much better.

## Keep it Short

Unless you're an absolute star, it's doubtful that anyone wants to hear your 7 minute-long tribute to Celine Dion or Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody. Keep it short and sweet and, if they like it, do another one and ring the changes.

## Don't be too Obvious

Don't bother with My Way, Always On My Mind, Dancing Queen or anything by Adele. Someone else will be along soon enough to do exactly the same song. Try and choose songs that everyone knows, but not everyone hears all the time.

## Don't Rap

"It's just talking over music", your grandad says, but rapping properly is a lot more difficult than that, and busting rhymes properly needs a real sense of timing and skill. If you absolutely have to rap, choose something old-school and simple and don't take it seriously.

## Give it all you've got

Karaoke is about fun, drama, a bit of theatre and loads of laughter. Only grab the mic if you're going to forget your inhibitions and really get into the spirit of things

## Karaoke Top Ten

These are the top ten songs chosen by Gazette Life staff as their karaoke favourites. We're available for parties, weddings and other functions for a small fee.

- Shirley Bassey – Big Spender
- Chaka Khan – Ain't Nobody
- Alanis Morissette – Ironic
- Tone Loc – Funky Cold Medina
- Journey – Don't Stop Believing
- Krezip – I Would Stay
- Billy Jo Spears - Blanket On The Ground
- Celia Cruz – La Vida es un Carnaval
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# What's On

## MUSIC



### LOS SALVAPANTALLAS

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### UNIVERSO COLORAO

**8th September @ 8pm**

Domingo Rodríguez And The Toñín Corujo Quartet. Jameos del Agua

### CHANO GIL AND SERGIO ALONSO

**8th September @ 8:30pm**

Classic music concert  
Tías, Sala Indieras  
Entry: 10€

## SKATOONS



**14th September @ 9pm**

Puerto del Carmen, Wall Street Bar

### ARRECIFE EN VIVO

**21st September @ 6pm**

EMF, Amatria, Los Bengala, Los Invaders, Arrecife. Free entry

### JAMEOS MUSIC FESTIVAL

**21st September @ 9pm**

With John Morales (USA), Karizma (USA), Davide Fiorese (Italy) and Manolo Basteiro (Lanzarote). Jameos de Agua. Entry: 30/38€

### CANDELARIA GONZÁLEZ (VOZ) AND FRANCISCO YANES (GUITAR)

**21st September @ 9pm**

Teguiise, Casa Museo del Timple. Entry 10€

### JAMEOFF

**21st September @ 10pm - 7am**

DJ Night with North-South Project, DJ Sinkro, Chechua DJ and Atlantik Sound. Arrecife Mandala. Entry 15€

### ARRECIFE EN VIVO

**28th September @ 6pm**

La Chiva Gantiva, Agoraphobia, The Grooves. Arrecife. Free entry.

## THEATRE

### ROMEO AND JULIET

**29th September @ 5pm**

With the theatre company Burka Teatro (in Spanish language). Teguiise, Old Town. Free entry



### KING ARTHUR

**30th September @ 8pm**

Opera by Sergio Siminovich  
Puerto del Carmen, El Fondeadero  
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## EXHIBITIONS

### ALL TOMORROW'S PARTIES

**Until October**

Irene de Andrés, Jonas Mekas and Tamar Guimaraes recreate the party atmosphere of Lanzarote in the 60s and 70s. MIAC - Castillo de San José. Entry €4

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**12pm:** Water Gym, Sun Park Living, Playa Blanca

### ...EVERY TUESDAY...

**9am - 2pm:** Farmers Market, Pueblo Marinero, Costa Tegui

**9am - 2pm:** Market, Puerto Calero

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

**7.30pm:** Jameos Nights, Dinner and Live Music, Jameos del Agua  
Entry: 39,90 € (concert only: 11,50)

### ...EVERY WEDNESDAY...

**9am - 2pm:** Market, Playa Blanca, Marina Rubicón

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

**6pm - 10pm:** Handicraft Market, Pueblo Marinero, Costa Tegui

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### ...EVERY THURSDAY...

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### ...EVERY FRIDAY...

**9am - 2pm:** Market, Puerto Calero

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

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

**5 - 10pm:** Market, Pueblo Marinero, Costa Tegui

### 2nd Friday every month:

**10pm:** Toñin Corujo, Arrecife Gran Hotel and Spa

### ...EVERY SATURDAY...

**9am - 2pm:** Market, Playa Blanca, Marina Rubicón

**9am - 2pm:** Market, Arrecife, Plaza Iglesia de San Ginés

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

**9.30am - 1.30pm:** Market, Uga

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

**7.30pm:** Jameos Nights, Dinner and Live Music, Jameos del Agua  
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**10pm:** Asadero Macher, International Live Music, Mompas Duet

### Last Saturday every month:

**10pm:** Lanzarote Big Band, Arrecife Gran Hotel and Spa

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**9am - 2pm:** Market, Tegui

**9am - 2pm:** Farmers & Handicraft Market, Mancha Blanca, Tinajo

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

**1 - 5pm:** Cuban music, El Patio Creperie, Tegui

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Domingo Rodríguez

## El Colorao's Universe

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The timple is a tiny guitar with a pealing, piercing sound that has become the defining sound of Canarian folk music. It's been heard at fiestas throughout the islands all summer, and will be central to the celebrations at the Fiesta de los Dolores this month.

Domingo Rodríguez – known as El Colorao - is a gentle giant of a man whose skill on the timple has made him a maestro of the instrument. Born and raised in Fuerteventura, he was the first

to create a formal teaching method for the instrument, and his brilliant improvisational performances always attract connoisseurs of local folk music.

That's why the Universo Colorao event at the Jameos del Agua on 8th September will be such an unmissable event. El Colorao will play accompanied by the Toñín Corujo Quartet, two singers and the poetry of Antonio Corujo.

Entry is €20 (€26 for the first six rows) and tickets are available at Lanzarote's network of Cultural and Artistic Centres.

## All Tomorrow's Parties

Until late October

All Tomorrows Parties is a unique exhibition/workshop which will attempt to break down the barriers between artwork and spectator and convert the viewer into part of the spectacle.

The exhibition looks at developments in both art and tourism in the late 60s and 70s, and the way in which parties, discos and other hedonistic elements of life were linked with the creation of tourist destinations.

Featuring works by Ibiza-born artist Irene de Andrés, who recently created a fascinating exhibition about abandoned nightclubs on the "white island", as well as films by Lithuanian veteran Jonas Mekas and the Brazilian artist Tamara Guimaraes, the exhibition is likely to be one of the most singular artistic events on Lanzarote this year.

It will be held at the MIAC in the Castillo de San José, Arrecife, and will be open until the end of October. Admission is €4.



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## Arrecife goes live

21st and 28th September

The Arrecife En Vivo events are now one of the most eagerly awaited music festivals of the year, and they're back this month with another two evenings of varied sounds and plenty of celebrations along the way.

The formula is the same as always. One band plays in one venue, then the whole audience stroll on to the next venue and the next artist.

The first event will take place on the 21st September, and the headliners will be familiar to any Brits of a certain age.

EMF hit the big time with the rave anthem Unbelievable in 1992, and they'll appear along with Zaragoza garage rockers Los Bengalas, the electro band Los Invaders and acclaimed pop artist Amatria.

A week later, on the 28th, the "punklore" band from Belgium, La Chiva Gantiva headline, while rockers Zombie Love, Agoraphobia and disco-funk group The Grooves will add to the festivities.

Venues and times will be finalised closer to the event, but as usual, all concerts are free.

## Arty Crafty

### Various Dates

Lanzarote's crafts come into their own this month, with the annual fair of folklore and handicrafts taking place at Mancha Blanca on and around the festivities for the Romería de Los Dolores.

Here, you'll be able to browse and buy all sorts of home-made Lanzarote products, from palm baskets and straw hats to traditional pottery, as well as a wide variety of art and sculpture.

Mancha Blanca, of course, isn't the only place you can find out about handicrafts. The Artisan Market in Haría allows you the chance to meet craftsmen and women creating their products, while the Monumento al Campesino in San Bartolomé also has shops and living workshops where weaving and embroidery takes place.

The Monumento will also be offering regular workshops between 11am and 2pm on certain days, where visitors can learn to throw typical Canarian pots, as well as make the island's staple food of gofio or create a tangy mojo sauce from local ingredients.

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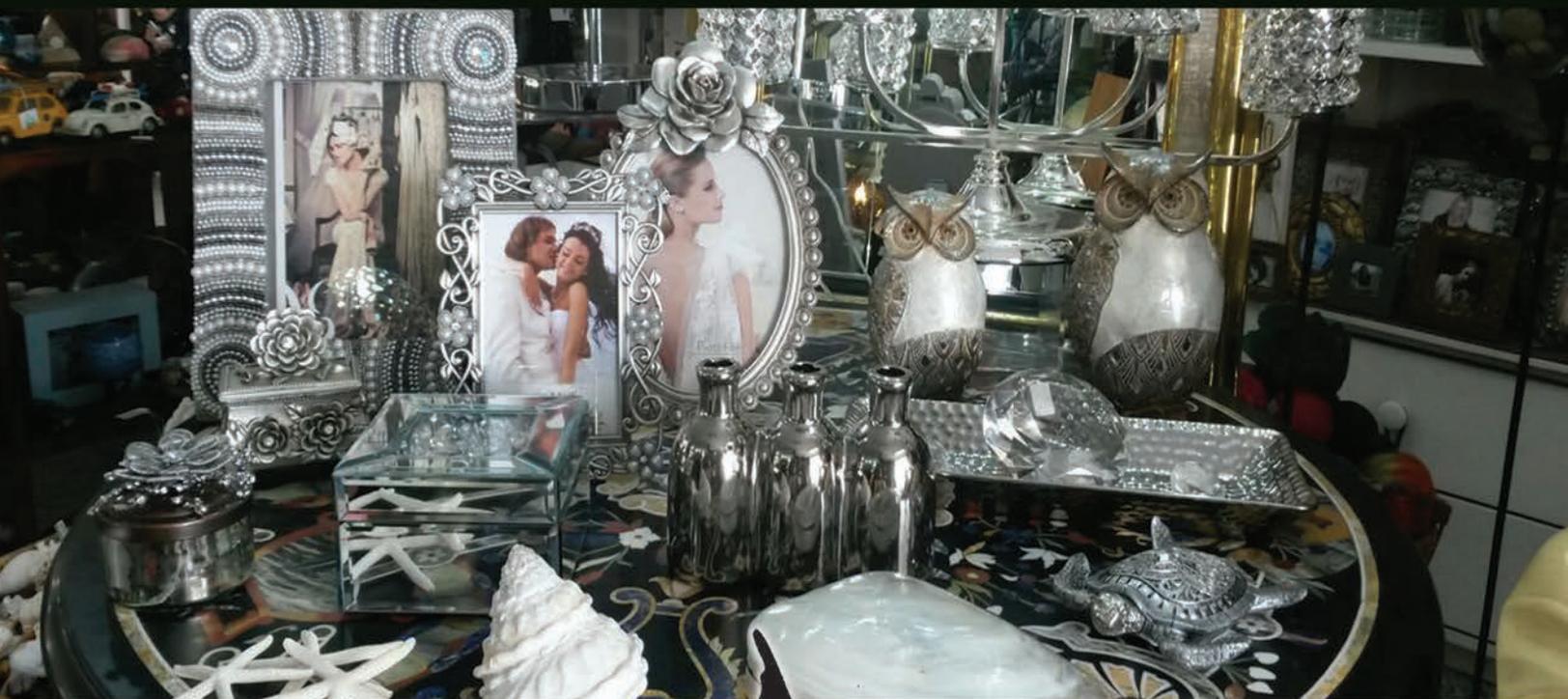
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# Way Down South

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Playa Blanca is Lanzarote's sunniest, most modern resort – a haven of peace and pleasure on the south coast of the island.

Playa Blanca started life as a tiny, remote fishing village, but grew into a modern resort in the 80s and 90s. Often warmer than the resorts further north, it also has a modern, luxurious atmosphere, and a relaxed sunshine vibe of its very own.

More than anything, Playa Blanca offers beauty – you're never far from a view of the ancient Los Ajaches mountains, the sleepy distant volcanoes of Fuerteventura or the spoon-shaped isle of Lobos, and it's just a short journey away from the spectacular beaches of Papagayo, the hilltop village of Femés and the spectacular surf-pummelled shores and black beaches of Janubio.

It's also a historical site – the first place where conquistadores set foot on the island in the 15th century, and where even older relics of Phoenician and Roman visitors have been found.

The town itself stretches from the Rubicón Marina to the Pechiguera lighthouse, with at least three spectacular beaches, a luxury marina, various shopping centres, a port and a busy town centre in between.

It's the ideal place for a classy, relaxed holiday, the perfect spot for a long, lazy day out, and, increasingly, a place that people are learning to call home.



## Don't Miss

A day trip across the water to explore those tempting dunes and the strange isle of Lobos.

# Sunshine Life



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A few generations ago Playa Blanca was a backwater - a little fishing village two days away from the capital Arrecife by camel or mule and a place where only the most intrepid foreign tourists ventured to the far south.

How things change! Nowadays, this haven on Lanzarote's south coast is the island's most modern resort, a bustling tourist and residential zone and an increasingly important link to Fuerteventura across the water. It's a place where it's getting easier all the time to do business.

Playa Blanca is its own place - set aside from the rest of the island, but every inch a 21st century town for living life to the maximum.

## Active Living

With sun, sea, beaches and magnificent views, Playa Blanca is perfectly suited for an outdoor lifestyle, but there are also plenty of places where you can stay fit and beautiful in a more structured atmosphere.

Playa Blanca offers gyms, various sports clubs, a magnificent marina for sailing and fishing and plenty of opportunities to hire a bike or pull on a wetsuit and discover the island and its waters further.

## Don't Miss

Papagayo. With five main beaches and several smaller coves and inlets, this is a paradise it pays to explore in full.



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## Linking Up

The tourist boom of the 80s was the reason for Playa Blanca's growth. After the development of Puerto del Carmen and Costa Teguise, the huge potential of the south was the obvious next step.

Across the water, Corralejo also grew quickly, soon becoming Fuerteventura's main resort. The ferries arrived, fast road connections from Playa Blanca to the airport and the rest of the island were developed and soon hundreds of residents began to move south.

A new harbour extension large enough for cruisers will surely make Playa Blanca's importance as a tourist and commercial port even stronger.



## Getting Sorted

Playa Blanca is increasingly a place where you can get things done. Yaiza has installed a council office in the town and the presence of legal specialists, insurance offices, property management firms and gestores means that you can find the right professionals to look after all your paperwork, whether its for your own business or simply the necessary processes that all residents have to undertake.

## Into The Future

Playa Blanca's status as the most modern resort on Lanzarote has given it an advantage over the older resorts to the north. It's the first choice for many disabled or older visitors simply because its hotels and public facilities were built after access and mobility became an important consideration.

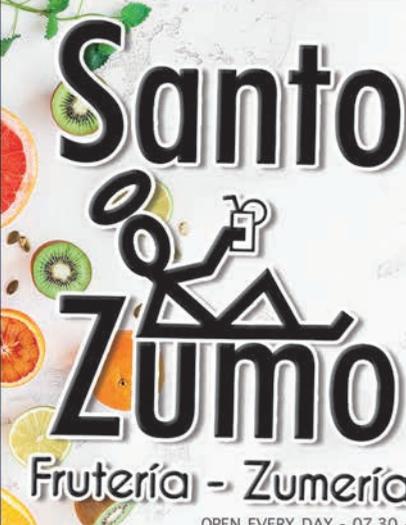
But it also attracts athletes tempted by the incredible terrain – perfect for running, swimming and cycling; its modern hotels are hugely popular with families, and its proximity to incredible natural beauty attracts all sorts of people looking for the spectacular.



## A Market Town

As well as locals, Playa Blanca hosts an ever-changing, ever-curious visiting population of thousands of tourists who have always seemed to have money to spend. They come all year round, providing a lucrative consumer market.

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# Stylish South

In Playa Blanca, the rest of Lanzarote can seem a long way away. There's a distinct sense of seclusion down in this warm and sunny corner of the island, a place where you can be whoever you want to be.



## Smart and Sleek

Playa Blanca is Lanzarote's newest, most modern resort, and the surroundings reflect that. With some of the finest hotels on the island, a bustling, pedestrianised town centre and a charming and extensive seafront, it's a resort that continues to impress. Then, of course, there's the Marina Rubicón - the very essence of a sleek luxury marina. It's a place where you'll want to make an impression yourself.

## Don't Miss

Swish designer shopping at the Marina and browsing Playa Blanca's pedestrian zone.



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## Chill Time

If Playa Blanca has a defining style, it's an upmarket, slightly laid-back hippy vibe. This is a place that is out of the mainstream but very much on-trend. The sun is a permanent companion, meaning that what you wear is defined by comfort and ease, but there are so many ways you can make this work for you. After dark, a cool, elegant style with a little sparkle always works. Take time to make an effort - you won't regret it!



## Action Stations

Of all Lanzarote's resorts, Playa Blanca offers the most in the way of nearby attractions. It's walking distance to the spectacular beaches of Papagayo, and you can also hike up Montaña Roja or visit the old lighthouse at Pechiguera. There are also countless sporting opportunities, a waterpark, safe beaches to swim from, and a cycle path leading to the north. Lanzarote's athletic addiction is also very much in evidence down south.

## Athletic Style

Sports are a way of life on Lanzarote, and Playa Blanca is no exception. 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.

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Playa Blanca is the largest population centre in the south of Lanzarote, and as a result it's also a place where shopping is a priority. Whether it's necessities, luxury buys or just a bit of window shopping, you'll find something in Playa Blanca.



## East and West

Outside the centre, Playa Blanca sprawls out for kilometres westward from the harbour, and there are several zones where shopping and dining take precedence. From Punta Limones to La Mulata, a stroll along the promenade offers various options, while there are several centres eastwards from the Papagayo shopping centre onwards.



## Marina Style

The Marina Rubicon is one of the shopping meccas of Playa Blanca. As well as a shopping centre, you'll find various shops dotted around the boardwalks and byways of this sleek, attractive leisure zone. It's the perfect place for taking your time, trying something on and taking a break for a coffee or a snack.

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# QUALITY & BEAUTY

Fran Herrero and Raquel Francés are genuine artisans – silversmiths and jewellers who started their ancient profession at the Tatagua Arte studio in El Golfo, before moving to new premises in Playa Blanca.



I'm greeted by Fran, Raquel and their unmistakable dreadlocked dog Geisha at their shop at C/Varadero 8 in Playa Blanca (just opposite the town library). Fran shows me how he creates the beautiful and unique pieces that are on display.

He sprinkles a handful of raw nuggets of silver on the counter, before showing me the crucible where he melts them at 1,000 degrees before forming them into small ingots. These are then worked on a laminator that can shape them into the forms required for the pieces of jewellery – from rings to tubes to thick or fine filaments.

Many of the pieces feature semi-precious stones such as opals, topaz, garnets, peridots, olivina, malachite, lapiz lazuli as well as pearls and local volcanic lava, which Fran and Raquel source from reputable suppliers from the whole world – India, Central Africa, the USA – using sources and contacts they've built up over years.

"We don't follow fashion," says Fran "Every piece

we create stands alone. Sometimes, if a piece proves popular we'll use the design again, but it will still be a unique art work." To illustrate he shows me a solid silver ring that has another moving ring attached within, and a set of earrings of concentric spheres that move independently.

“An ancient craft, creating beautiful artworks with love and care.”

Raquel agrees "Sometimes a stone will suggest what we want to do with it; sometimes the designs come from nowhere. This is art, not fashion." If a customer has an idea for a piece of jewellery, they can sit down with Fran and Raquel and discuss

the commission, which can then be finished in around three days.

As well as beautiful jewellery, Tatagua Arte also offers handmade dresses from Ibiza, perfumes created on the island by a local perfumier and several beautiful artworks from Canarian artists.

Fran and Raquel are also official artisans recognised by the Cabildo of Lanzarote. That means they undergo regular inspections and are subject to strict controls of standards. Each item of jewellery they sell is accompanied by a card with its number – a certificate of authenticity and repute – and even hidden pieces of jewellery items are made of solid silver.

"This is an ancient craft" says Fran. "We're proud to continue it, and add our own measure of love and care."

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# Pleasure Palaces



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Playa Blanca's hotels are some of the best advertisements for the resort - luxurious pleasure palaces where thousands of dream holidays have come true. But they're just a part of a buzzing, varied holiday resort.

## A History of Hospitality

Long before the first hotels were built, Playa Blanca already had a reputation for hospitality. The small fishing village was the favourite haunt of a few intrepid visitors and, as tourism grew, that popularity increased, especially among Scandinavian and German tourists.

One of the first planned hotels, the Atlante del Sol, was abandoned before being completed, and its ruins can still be seen on a couple of miles north of the resort. However, it was around the old fishing village that the real development started to take place.



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## Peak Pleasure

As tourists arrived on the sun-kissed southern coast of Lanzarote, hotels competed to provide the most unforgettable holiday experiences. The health and beauty boom of the 80s and 90s kickstarted a revolution in hotel facilities, and nowadays all the big hotels offer spas, beauty treatments, massages and gym facilities. Sport has also become a big selling point for hotels, and any reception area will give pointers to what's available.

## Dining in Style

The unique cuisine of Lanzarote is derived from two main sources. First, there's the rich local cuisine, based on fresh seafood, fruit and vegetables and delicious cheeses. But it was the island's hotels that capitalised on this bounty and catapulted Lanzarote food into the premier league.

Most hotels offer several dining options, and you'll find that almost all of them are open to everyone – not just guests. Playa Blanca's hotels offer some of the finest award-winning restaurants on the Canaries, so check them out.



## Step Outside

Playa Blanca hotels have helped create some of the resort's finest beaches. Check out Playa Flamingo, for example, a peaceful lagoon edged with white sand where fine traditional restaurants are just across the promenade. Then there's the busy Playa Dorada, perhaps the most popular family beach in the zone. Even the small town beach is a delight, with safe bathing and a wonderful atmosphere.

## Bang up to Date

Playa Blanca is Lanzarote's most modern tourist resort. That means that it's also the island's most up-to-date zone. Roads are new and modern and facilities reflect changes in modern living habits. For that reason, the resort is not only popular with older and disabled tourists, who find that mobility issues are better catered for here; but it's also a great place for families with children, who'll find plenty to keep the little ones entertained.

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# Follow the Flavour

In 1960, the British food writer Josceline Dimbleby came to live in Playa Blanca. Looking back on that time, she wrote: "Something about the fertile volcanic soil and the dry climate of Lanzarote produced wonderful vegetables, particularly tomatoes and small muscatel grapes, and potatoes that could almost rival Peruvian ones. In a tiny house surrounded by goats, lived a bent old lady from whom we bought cheeses. I liked them best when they were squeaky fresh, still wet and white, with a tangy, salty taste."

The simple food and lifestyle, the cheeses, the grapes and vegetables that Dimbleby described, are all still available and an essential part of Lanzarote's cuisine. But now of course, there is much, much more to complement them.

Good food is one of the main attractions of every holiday resort. And Playa Blanca certainly doesn't let the visitor down on this front. It's the perfect place to dine, snack and discover new flavours and experiences.



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## Don't Miss

An ice cream while relaxing on Playa Blanca's small but lively town beach.

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## A World of Flavour

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## Local Flavours

Playa Blanca enjoys some of the island's finest ingredients. The goats that roam freely around the mountains overlooking Playa Blanca provide sweet, fresh milk that is used to create some of the best cheeses in the world. The fishermen at the town's harbour bring back tuna, sardines, dorada and many other delicious fish from the island's coastal waters. The vineyards of Timanfaya are unique in the world, and there are many smaller fincas that produce fresh fruit and vegetables.

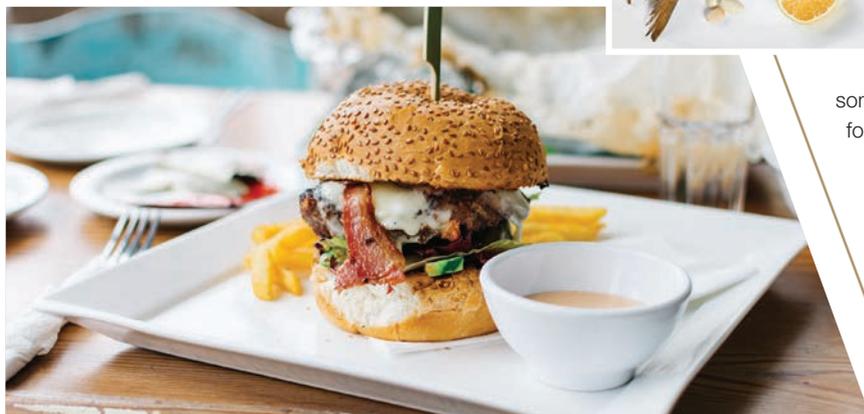


## Lift your Glass

Lanzarote's wines are, of course, one of the island's strong points and you'll find young dry whites and crisp rosés everywhere. But there are also plenty of places offering something from a little further afield, and it's worth keeping an eye out for newer Canarian craft beers that are now reaching the market.

## Coffee Time

There's no better resort to pause and take a cup of coffee, perhaps accompanied by a snack. Unlike its fellow resorts to the north, there's always a view in Playa Blanca – distant volcanoes, the Isle of Lobos, little boats scudding across the strait. And the warm, sheltered nature of the seafront means that terrace cafe culture simply makes perfect sense.



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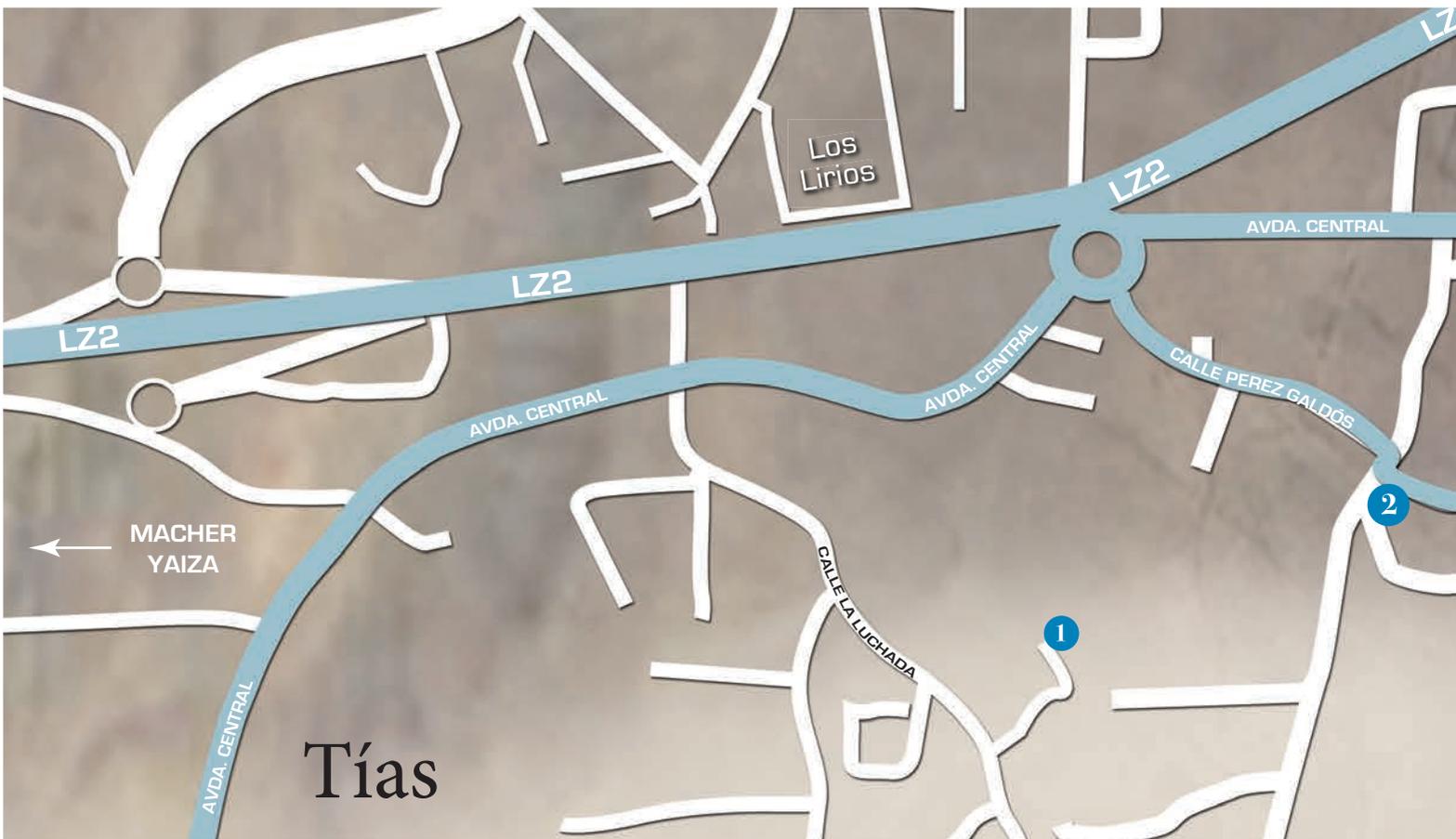
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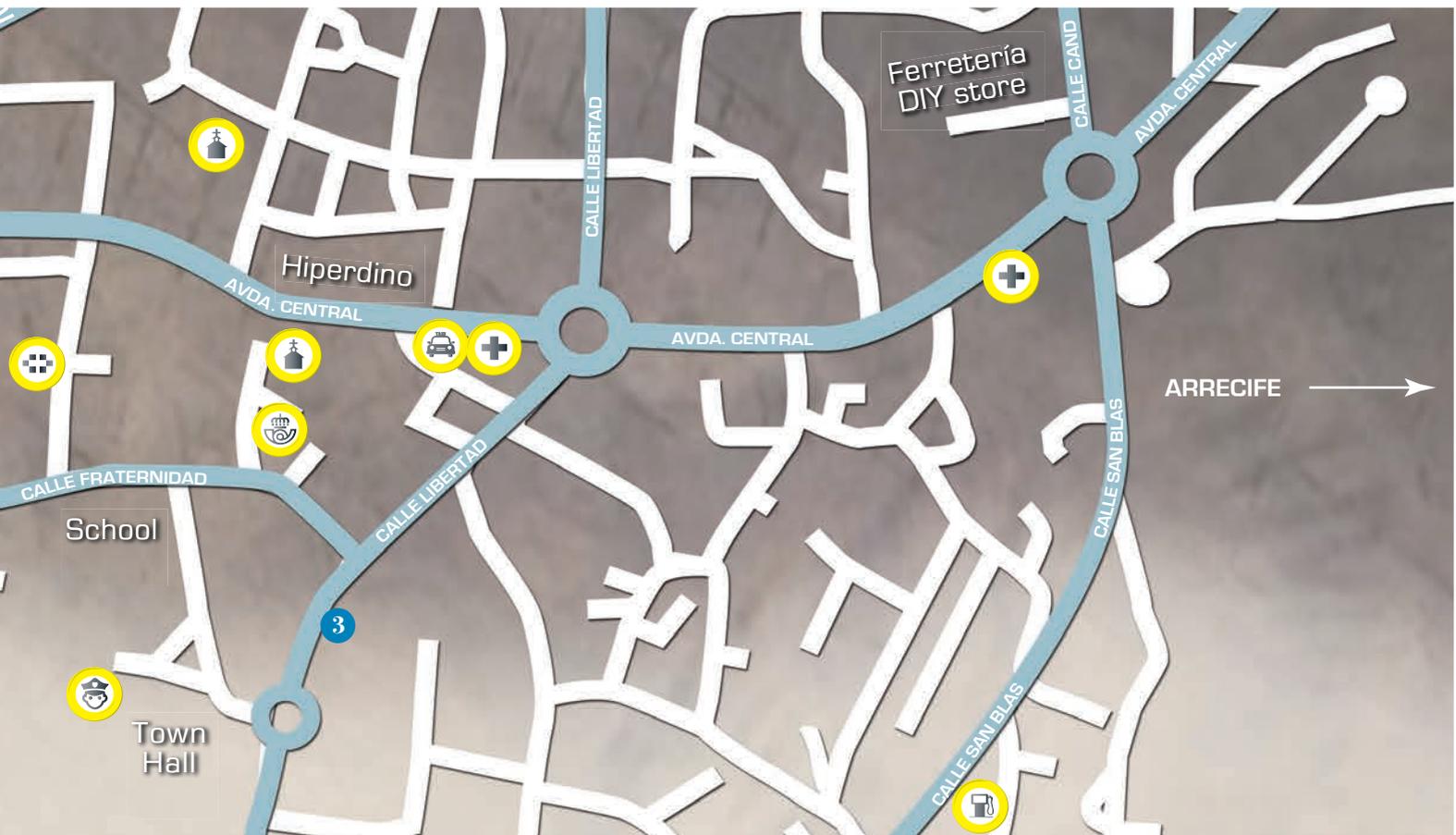
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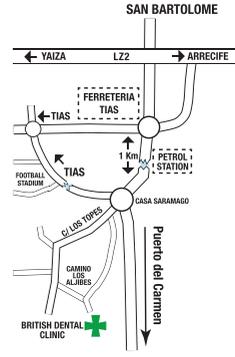
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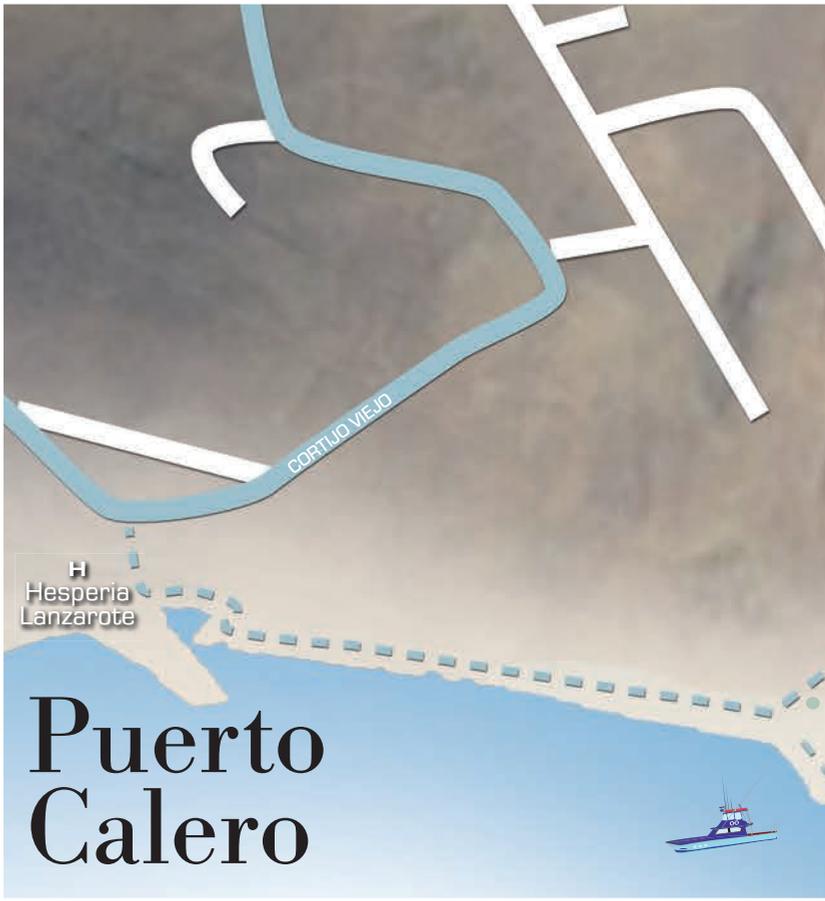
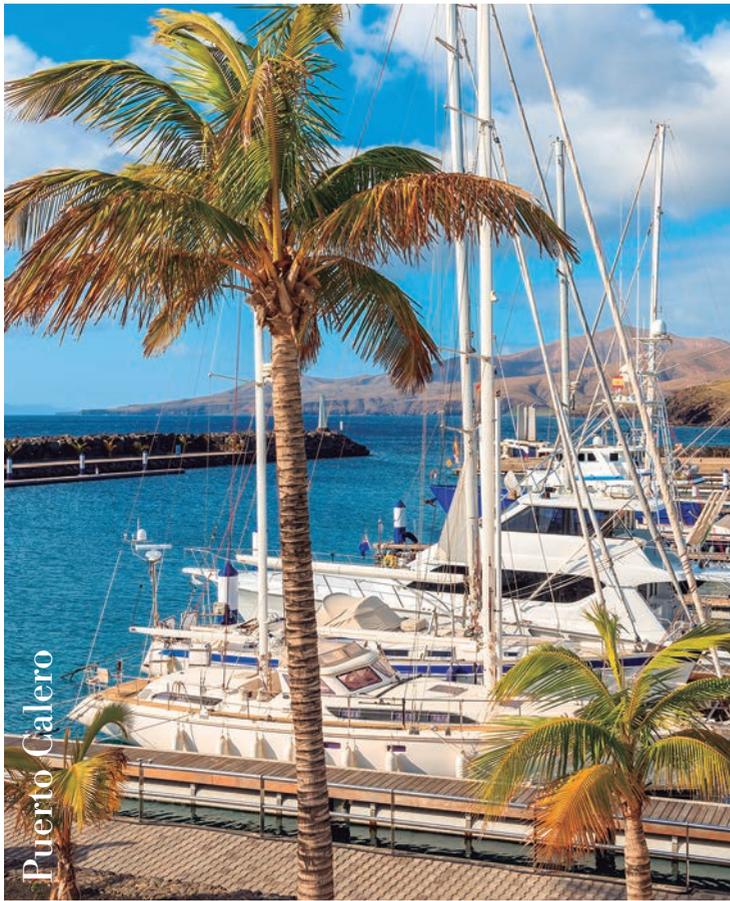
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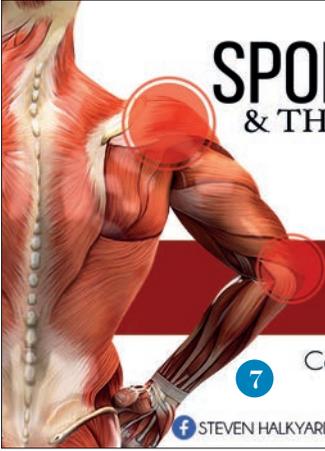
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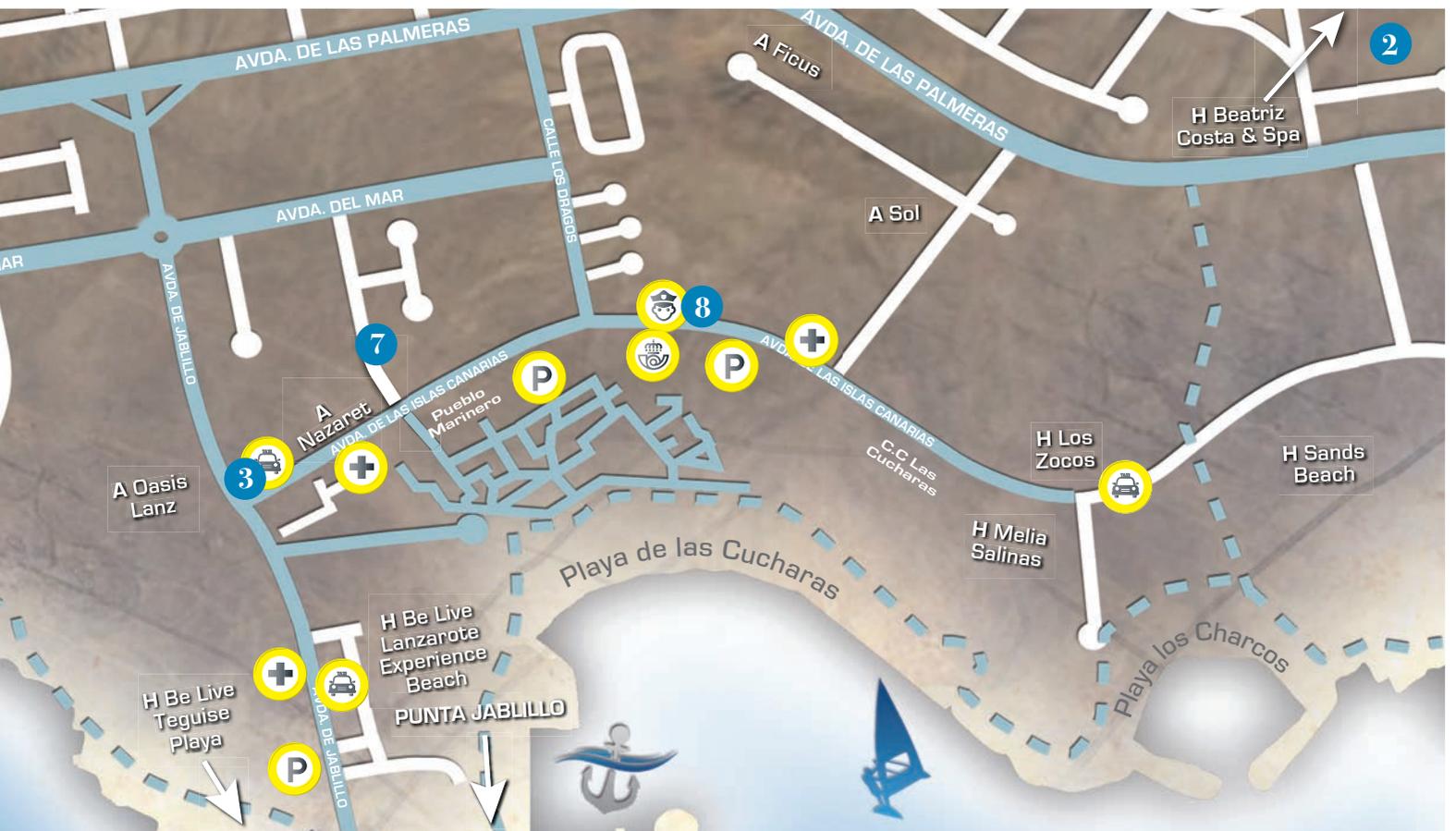
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## NO TAX ON SECOND HOMES

Spain's Minister of Development, José Luis Ábalos, has hinted that owners of second properties will not be penalised in the government's new measures to increase the availability of rental properties.

The problem of spiralling rents is rapidly becoming a major issue throughout Spain, and Pedro Sánchez's new government has promised to announce plans

to free up extra housing for rental purposes this month. Nevertheless, the Development Ministry has stated that a leaked white paper, which proposed raising the tax on unoccupied second properties from 1.1% to 5%, will not now form part of policy.

Ábalos has declined to make any further statements on the measures that can be expected in the raft of new proposals, which will require close co-ordination with other departments such as the tax ministry.

However, owners of ten or more properties may still face tax increases, while a proposal to allow tenants to reclaim a proportion of rent paid on their tax declaration also seems to be still on the table.

When El País released the leaked white paper, there was general alarm among owners of second homes, who in many cases may not wish to rent out their properties. However, there are also increasing demands from grass roots organizations to take serious measures that will free up rental accommodation and bring down the eye-watering rents that are currently being charged in many parts of Spain.



## PET SMART

Spanish property portal pisos.com has published a guide for pet owners who live in properties with a community of owners.

Keeping pets in a complex or apartment block can quickly cause problems with neighbours. Pet owners are advised to clear up after their dogs and cats, keeping a close eye out for mess in shared areas. Other recommendations include muzzling larger dogs when they are within the complex and keeping them under control at all times; allowing neighbours to use lifts ahead of them to avoid problems with allergies or fear of animals in enclosed spaces; and keeping animals quiet.

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The police also advise people not to post photos of themselves on social media while they're away from home. "It's one thing to leave your home; another to advertise the fact to the world," said a spokesman.

## FURNISHED?

Renting an unfurnished apartment could turn out more than 10% cheaper than one that is already furnished, according to new figures from Idealista.com.

In the province of Las Palmas, unfurnished lets are 11.2% cheaper than furnished ones, while in other parts of Spain the average is around 30%. However, only a quarter of properties are offered unfurnished.

In some cities in Spain, such as Seville, unfurnished flats are actually more expensive than furnished ones, generally due to the fact that they are new developments in desirable areas.

## FEWER, HIGHER MORTGAGES



New mortgages have fallen by 9% on Lanzarote in the first six months of 2018, but the average value of those mortgages has risen considerably, by €35,000 for each property.

In the first half of 2017, 514 mortgages were issued for Lanzarote properties, compared to 575 in the first half of 2017. However, the total value of these mortgages was far higher this year - €82,000,000 compared to €70,000,000. The vast majority of transactions involved properties in urban areas.

The figures indicate that, while the property market remains healthy on the island, it is wealthier buyers who are making the running. A dramatic rise in the amount of cancelled mortgages in 2018 also hints at underlying problems that have not yet been solved by Spain's much-vaunted economic recovery.

## CANARIES PERFORMS WELL

Recent figures from Spain's INE (National Institute of Statistics) show that house sales have increased in most of Spain's tourist areas, with the exception of Catalonia and, surprisingly, the Balearics.

The Canaries continues to perform strongly, with a 17% rise in sales, the highest of which was registered in Las Palmas province, while the Valencian region of Castellón led the field with a 35% rise in house sales in the first six months of 2018.

Catalonia, however, showed a 5% rise in sales, almost certainly as a result of the political instability in the region. Nevertheless, this was not as drastic as the decrease in the Balearics,



the only area to show an overall fall this year, which reached -27% in May. It is suspected that recent bans on holiday rentals in the Balearics may explain plummeting sales.



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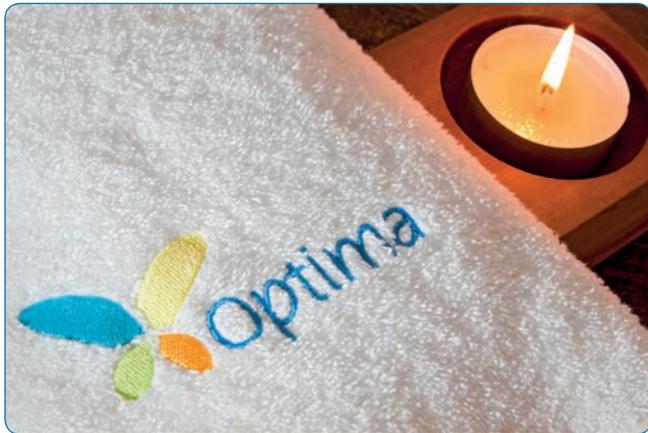
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# PROPERTY BUYERS GUIDE

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 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 transaction. 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 inscribed 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 must also pay a capital gains tax retention. In this situation, a sum of 3% calculated against the value declared in the title deed is retained and paid to the Spanish Tax Authorities to cover the



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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.

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 Valía') 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.

# 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.

## OTHER COSTS

Other costs include the Transmission Tax, the Notary's bill, the fees from the Registro and your lawyer's fee. These and previously mentioned costs should total 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.

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# NO TO TOURISMOPHOBIA



“Tourismophobia” is a word that was coined last year, after news reports of demonstrations against tourists in Barcelona and Mallorca. Similar discontent with mass tourism has also been seen in Venice, Amsterdam and even the Isle of Skye in Scotland. In many areas, the phenomenon is closely linked to the changing property market.

Yet on the Canaries, there is no evidence of anti-tourist sentiment at all. Why is this, and is it likely to change?

The simple answer seems to be “No”, for a number of reasons. Firstly, the areas where anti-tourism campaigns have occurred are generally residential city areas such as Barceloneta in Barcelona, which has seen several apartments converted into rentals and advertised through sites such as Airbnb.

Barcelona is a location that has become popular for stag and hen parties, and its clubs and festivals are a strong draw to party-going younger tourists. Many of the local complaints refer to late night drunken antics and noise caused by this type of tourist.

Other complaints simply relate to the sheer volume of tourists, who block streets and crowd into places such as Barcelona’s famous food market (which recently issued limits on the size of parties that can enter).

There is also the effect on local commerce that is caused by tourists. Put simply, prices tend to go up as shopkeepers and restaurant owners try and get the tourist Euro.

On the Canaries these problems are either non-existent or nowhere near as bad as they are in other places. The biggest queues on Lanzarote tend to be found at the Timanfaya National Park, where there are no locals to annoy, and there are few other tourist attractions on the other islands that see regular, huge volume of tourists.

Tourists on the Canaries also tend to stay in tourist areas, which are clearly defined by law. The Canarian Government wishes to ban holiday rentals in these areas, which may add pressure to residential areas, and places like Arrecife are

seeing an increased amount of “Airbnb” tourists who were not present even five years ago. However, the situation is nowhere near as urgent as it is in many other places.

Then there’s the average type of Canarian tourist, who tends to be more mature, often part of a family or here for sporting activities. Sure, Lanzarote locals may mutter about cyclists or tourists crawling along in a hire car once in a while, but the island is generally welcoming and understanding of tourists.

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## FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Everybody gets used to their own everyday way of life and often doubts and fears become a reason to postpone the dream of an everlasting spring until in the end it gets totally forgotten.

Nearly everyone who takes the step into a different way of living, finds that after a small period, they cannot imagine going back to live in their home country. This fact is contrary to the many questions that potential emigrants ask themselves. Once you cross the line of uncertainty, you can then go forward to explore your new surroundings and get to know and enjoy them.

Klaus Piesch from Interval Marketing, after 30 years of experience, came to the conclusion that "anybody can build a new life in Lanzarote provided they have the desire". A sentence that is as simple as profound. Like the old adage "where there's a will, there's a way".

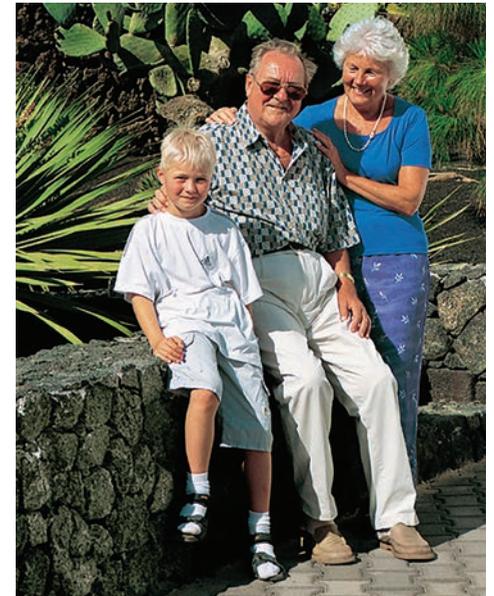
At the same time, it is proved that a change of venue also affects the whole family, both for the children and grandchildren, a new culture and a new language is very inspiring and a personal challenge. In a Europe that is growing together at an enormous speed, it is never too early to start to learn new languages, and to learn about different cultures. Buying a property in Lanzarote helps to facilitate this and will benefit generations to come.

During the last few years the number of doctors in Lanzarote has grown considerably and is still increasing. Today you can find a diversity of countries represented in the medical field, so that you have every chance of finding one who speaks your own language. Now you do not have to miss out on your favourite food or drink. English or German restaurants offer a variety of typical food, from fish and chips to Sauerkraut. Not to mention all the other nationalities that have restaurants here. In the

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You will find plenty to do in your spare time, for example the German "Treffpunkt" regularly organizes theme evenings. English groups such as "Ladies who lunch" have, as the name suggests, lunch parties and other fund-raising events to support and help abandoned animals. There is a cultural agenda which gives you a huge choice of many different events. The small and friendly character of the island makes it very easy to get to make new friends, neighbours help each other, people join together for boat excursions, and for a lot of foreign residents an exchange of information and experiences is a regular part of their social life. In school, where there are often as many as 30 different nationalities learning together, a basis for living harmoniously is formed from an early age: a very good thing for the future where language and communication problems are solved in a relaxed way.

"The right location is important for a property to shape up nicely", explains Klaus Piesch. "We promote a life in harmony with the traditions and nature of the island, not only in our business life, but in our private life as well. Our clients understand our philosophy and realize that it works well. The confidence in our experience pays off with time and many clients have become good



friends over the years."

Beside the well-known facts like the unique climate and natural beauty of this biosphere reserve, there are a lot of other points that help you with the start of a new quality of life. The international mix of population drops down the barriers of language problems and enables you at the same time to share favourite memories from your own country with compatriots. Tourism, because of its importance, has provided a very secure and good infrastructure that leaves nothing to be desired.

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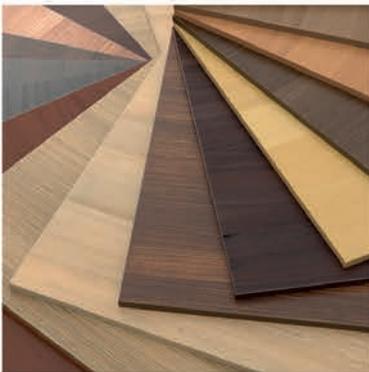


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# PHOTO PERFECT

If you're trying to sell or rent an apartment, there's a strong likelihood that you'll be putting photos of it up on the web. Here are some of the best tips to get the perfect result.

## HIRE A PRO

Now that almost everyone has a decent camera on their smartphone, the whole world seems to think they're a photographer. Think again: just because you've got a voice doesn't make you a singer. Photography is a skill that takes training, knowledge and intuition, and hiring a professional photographer will almost certainly create more interest in your property.

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## SELL A HOME

Even if you're selling an empty property, no one wants to see bare rooms. You may think that a photo of an empty room will attract buyers with the promise of space and potential, but sadly it doesn't work like that. Adding some furniture and decorations will help the buyer get an idea of the scale of the room, and also remind them that



Try not to mix your personal photos with your property portfolio

they're buying a place to live.

Quick decorating jobs on empty properties is one of the jobs that professional home stagers never overlook. Follow their example.

## PICK A TIME

Once the sun's fully up on Lanzarote, shadows are dark and white walls are blinding. Even though you're selling a sunshine home, it's often better to find a time of day when the light is softer. You may also have to wait for the sun to move across the sky in order to get good photos of all sides of your home.

## GO LANDSCAPE

We naturally see the world horizontally rather than vertically, so choose landscape photos rather than portrait format. However, when photos are laid out on a web page the odd portrait photo of a particular feature can add dynamism and interest.

## CLEAN AND DECLUTTER

Before your photoshoot, clean and wipe surfaces such as mirrors, windows and counter tops. Get rid of small personal items such as fridge magnets, posters, towels, toiletries and anything else personal that will look like clutter to an outsider. Finally, get some flowers or a bowl of fruit.



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# COMMUNITY RELATIONS



The Community of Owners is a Spanish institution that many foreign property buyers will need to learn about quickly. Here are the bare basics:

## WHEN DO MEETINGS TAKE PLACE?

Most communities have annual general meetings. However, extraordinary meetings may be called to deal with unforeseen circumstances.

## WHO RUNS THE COMMUNITY?

The head of the community is the President, who is always one of the owners. However, communities may also have a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Administrator. In practice, many communities hand over the day-to-day running of the community to an administrator.

## WHO APPOINTS THE COMMUNITY?

The President, and other posts, are voted in at the General Meeting. If no one presents themselves, a lottery may be held. Administrators, lawyers etc will also be appointed at the AGM.

## ARE MEETINGS IN SPANISH?

It depends on the Community. Some may have meetings in two or three languages. Nevertheless, if you are new to the concept of communities, you would be well advised to take a knowledgeable Spanish speaker to a meeting. If you cannot attend a meeting, a proxy voter may be nominated.

## WHAT IS A COMMUNITY OF OWNERS?

A Community of Owners is a legal necessity wherever there are common facilities shared by several property owners. In Spain, this generally applies to apartment blocks, where entry ways, carparks and lifts are shared. In tourist areas such as Lanzarote, it is also found in complexes, where pools, gardens and other facilities are shared.

is no choice in this matter – if a Community of Owners exists, and you buy property in the relevant complex, you will be legally required to pay the *cuota* for upkeep and maintenance.

## WHAT IS THE CUOTA?

A fee agreed by the Community on an annual basis to cover elements such as cleaning, maintenance, insurance, legal fees, possible new projects etc. Owners who do not pay their cuota are ineligible to vote at community meetings, and may be named and shamed.

## WHO IS A MEMBER?

Anyone who owns a property in the community. There

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Carefully selected artworks can make any Lanzarote interior unique and can provide a visual centrepiece that will not only delight you, but also connect you with the culture and history of the island.

Modern Lanzarote has, of course, been defined by one artist, and the influence of César Manrique is why this island is still so welcoming to art and artists. Works by Manrique, however, may be out of your price range, so it's fortunate that there are so many other opportunities to buy art that is deeply rooted in the island.

Lanzarote is not only the home of renowned artists such as Ildefonso Aguilar, it has also attracted artists from abroad, with names such as Christian Honerkamp and Mick Gonnel quickly finding devoted followings on the island.

The old town of Tegüise is almost certainly the artistic capital of Lanzarote, and on any Sunday you can visit several studios and galleries where locally-produced art is on sale. However, this is only the start. There are artists talleres (studios)

all over the island, and several galleries where you can get an idea of what the island offers.

The Arte ENMALA gallery in Mala is just one example of a space devoted to local art and

“LANDSCAPES AND LIGHT MAKE LANZAROTE A MAGNET FOR ARTISTS”

artists, while local councils also offer spaces such as Galeria in Yaiza or the Sala Municipal de Exposiciones in Arrecife. Also in the capital, the renovated El Almacén art centre is a great place to see works by Canarian artists and find out more about local art.

Other places worth investigating include the Escuela de Arte de Pancho Lasso in Arrecife - the island's art college, which often holds exhibitions of works by young artists - and the shops around the Monumento del Campesino in San Bartolomé.

Lanzarote's art is wildly varied, but it's also fair to say that certain elements dominate. Vivid colours contrast with deep, dark volcanic hues, reflecting the stark contrasts on the island. Abstract art seems perfectly natural here, where sea, sky and land often blend into moving, evocative shapes. Meanwhile, sculpture - art that occupies space, that can be seen and touched - is also highly valued.

However, whatever your tastes, if you take the time and the interest to investigate the island, you're sure to find something that will be perfect for your interior - an item of beauty to be treasured forever.

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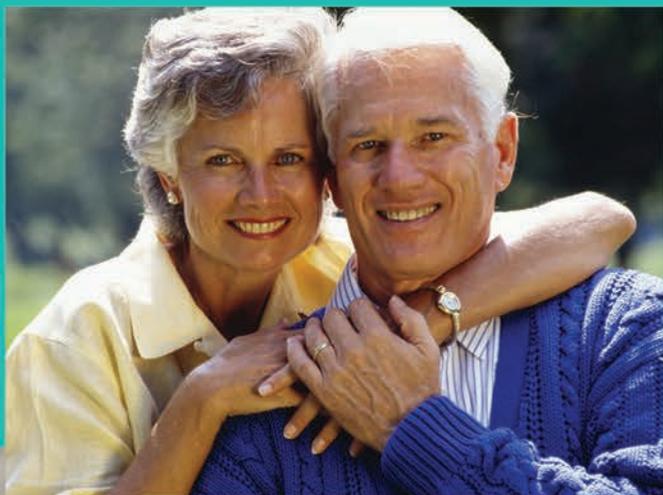


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# Flow - Motion



When finding flow in your outdoor space, you'll face plenty of challenges that simply don't apply indoors. But you'll also have opportunities that can really make the difference to your overall way of living.

Why is flow so important indoors? One of the main answers is that indoor spaces are static and unmoving. Creating flow gives a dynamic to an interior that makes it feel more like a living, breathing space.

Outdoors is different. For a start, you've already got at least two natural flows going on already: first, there's air, with breezes which are a constant on Lanzarote, and which will affect many of your

Bear in mind that many Lanzarote exteriors are blocky.

choices. Secondly, there's light, with the shade and light always changing as the day goes along, creating a constant flux of colour and tone.

Then you have to bear in mind that many Lanzarote exteriors are blocky, with straight lines and blank white surfaces dominant. This is true of interiors too, but outdoors you'll be using other resources to break up or soften those sharp, jarring borders.



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You'll want open spaces, and you'll want to have clearly defined paths connecting all parts of your exterior, as well as ample, easy access to indoors. Don't forget to keep those pathways lit at nighttime.

## Find a Haven

Outdoor flow is more natural than it is indoors, and natural flow is often interrupted and enhanced by changes of pace. Just think of lazy pools in a river or sheltered sea lagoons. That's why your outdoor space should include peaceful, calm havens where you can relax out of the sun's glare and the worst of the breezes.

This is where you can relax, dine and perhaps socialise, so furniture will be a central element here. But try and echo the colours or materials you use in your furniture elsewhere in your outdoor area to enhance the feeling of flow.

## Add More Flow

One of the advantages of outdoors is that you can add more natural elements to create flow. Plants, of course, are the most versatile and popular item, naturally echoing each other's shades of green, and providing movement, colour and even scent that adds a multi-sensual element of movement.

Then there's water. If you have a pool, you'll know the sheer pleasure of just watching water ripple in the wind or shimmer under candlelight. Water has always been used to create dynamism and a genuine sense of flow in gardens, and any water feature that you install will increase movement in your garden, as well as bring pleasing sounds.

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# Pool Tips &

# TRICKS



At this time of year, you'll want your pool to look its best. The secret is regular maintenance and cleaning. *By Shay Rourke.*

Generally, looking after your pool should take 10-15 minutes a day, whether that's setting time aside to remove all the leaves and other debris from the pool or scrubbing the waterline and walls to keep the pool sparkling clean.

Following this regime everyday will help to ensure that the pool doesn't turn murky or green. You can buy pool gear for your villa relatively cheaply from most pool shops. In total, you will need: a pool vacuum head, a pole, a pool cleaning hose, a brush and finally a net. If you're cleaning your own pool then buying the cheapest gear would be sufficient, and also save you some money!

When it comes to the servicing and cleaning of the pools, it becomes slightly complicated. One rule to always remember is to keep the water level halfway up the skimmer. To fill your pool you could use a hose or use a fill tap to add water. Learning the positions on the multivalve of your pump will benefit you greatly when it comes to vacuuming your pool. It is important to vacuum your pool, as

dust and dirt can get in when it's uncovered.

Cleaning the pool weekly is essential if the pool is being used throughout the week. Build up of suncreams and other lotions can become apparent when a lot of people have been using the pool.

“If in doubt, call the experts.”

Normally, there will be a dark line that surrounds the pool at the waterline. The water could even become murky due to excess amounts of suncream in the pool itself.

## Everythings gone green!

What do I do when my pool has turned green? The solutions are rather simple. You can easily

fix a green pool by going down to your local pool shop and buying tubs of a chemical called “Shock Chlorine”. “Shock Chlorine” is a stronger version of your regular chlorine which will attack the algae that causes the green colour in your pool. Adding a “Floculante” tablet to your pool after adding “Shock Chlorine” will help to remove the green colour from your pool. After a day or so, your pool should have returned to it's normal colour and the algae will be sitting at the bottom of the pool; ready for you to suck it up with your vacuum!

Be sure to send all that horrible green algae to waste. You certainly don't want any of that algae in your sand filter as it could cause your pool to become green again.

If you don't feel confident cleaning your own pool, or dealing with a green pool, don't try to attempt it yourself as you may cause more harm than good. If in doubt, always call someone who knows what they're doing. It's better to be shown how to clean a pool first, before attempting it yourself.



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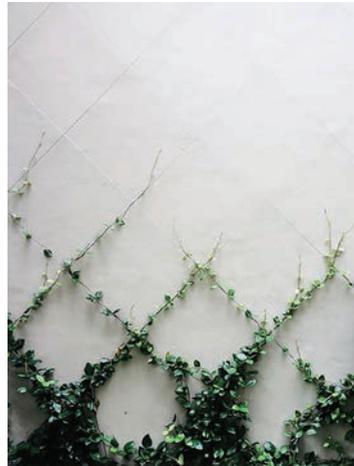
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# MAKE IT *Perfect*



In September your garden will be a place you want to be from sunrise to sunset, and this is a great time to turn it into a place that is both practical and beautiful.

If you've been a good little gardener and kept your plants sheltered, nourished and well-watered, you could be looking at a display that is just about to come into its own, as flowers and fruits emerge, filling your garden with scent, colour and greenery.

But if you've been naughty you could be faced with plants that are dead or on their last legs – the inevitable aftermath of neglect in

the hottest month of the year in the hottest part of Europe. Either way, September is a time when the heat mellows a little, allowing you cool mornings and pleasant evenings when you can get down to a bit of work.

And at this gorgeous time of year, it's best to focus on the flow of your garden, the way the whole thing comes together to create a delightful feast for all the senses.

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## Practical Matters

When you're using your garden a lot, you need space and clear areas of transit – every time you breakfast outdoors, for example, you're likely to be carrying trayfuls of food and equipment from the kitchen and back.

Get these areas cleared, if they aren't already, and try and find alternative storage areas for items like bikes, surfboards and all that other summer stuff that tends to gather in gardens. Once you're done, take a long look at your floor. Rough concrete underfoot is no fun, so think about decking or just invest in a few durable rugs and outdoors carpets.

## Three Dimensions

Gardens are usually a bottom-up affair, and after a hot summer you may find that many of your plants are right back down to the ground. But adding verticality is a trick that can really add interest and dynamism. If you haven't already, think about climbing plants that you can train up a wall, or even get to grow on an overhead pergola. Bushy shrubs can also be a godsend to add some substance to your garden, and are often easier to care for than you think.

## Container Mania

Why are containers so popular? Simple – they offer versatility, flexibility and an immense range

of shapes, colours and styles for you to play with. Try and stick with a unifying theme when it comes to pots and containers, and remember that smaller ones have the advantage of being portable, and can also be hung from vertical walls.

## Choose a Centrepiece

If you haven't got one already, September is a good time to choose that one eye-catching element that can make all the difference to your garden. It could be a chilled-out day bed, a fire pit or a spectacular plant such as a banana, strelitzia or palm, but once you've found your centre-piece you'll find yourself loving it more and more.

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# OFF-ROAD *Style*



If you're in the market for a top level SUV, then the new Audi Q8 is going to figure somewhere near the top of your shopping list.

Cars of this quality don't come cheap, but then the Audi Q8 isn't aiming at the budget market. It's in the running with other prestige 4X4s such as the BMW X6 and Mercedes GLE.

Lower, wider and more dramatically-designed than its predecessor, the Q7, it's also less chunky – basically a completely different-looking car. The changes start at the front, with a wider, lower-mounted version of Audi's 'singleframe' grille. This is flanked by large air vents on the lower edge, with slim LED headlights sitting just below the bonnet line.

The Q8's elegant interior echoes that of Audi's other flagship, the A8. The dashboard is neatly layered, with a pair of haptic touchscreens below an air vent element that runs the width of the entire dash. Audi's Virtual Cockpit digital dials are standard, and are clear and easy to interpret.

Despite the low-seeming roofline, back-seat passengers won't lack space, with good head and legroom even when sat behind taller adults. Front-seat comfort is excellent, with plenty of adjustment to the seats and three-spoke steering wheel. Material quality is up to Audi's usual high standards, as well.

There's plenty room to throw stuff in the back, too; the 605-litre boot is 25 litres bigger than you'll find in an X6. It's a low-slung car, but it's still a big boy that'll handle pretty much anything that an active lifestyle on Lanzarote can throw at it.

## MOBILE USE CRACKDOWN

Spain is set to increase the penalties for mobile phone use at the wheel from three points to between four and six.

Pere Navarro, the ex-chief of the Tráfico Department who devised the points system in Spain, announced that "distractions have been the leading cause of fatal accidents since 2016, ahead of excess alcohol and speeding." He

claimed that drivers are increasingly using their mobile 'phones "excessively and inappropriately" whilst at the wheel pointing to DGT statistics that show that 13% of drivers read or even write texts while driving.

Navarro also said he believed that hands-free options were every bit as dangerous as handling a mobile. "The problem is mental distraction," he said.



# OPEL THREATENS TO WITHDRAW CORSA

Opel is considering cutting further investment to its Zaragoza plant in Spain after failing to achieve a deal with unions on wages.

This move would affect production of the Corsa model, one of Spain's most popular cars, at the factory. The PSA Group, which acquired Opel from General Motors, says that the factory is less competitive than its other two plants due to higher wages and lower hours. Zaragoza's government has said it had called for an urgent meeting with Opel to evaluate the situation.



# OFF-ROAD IS THE NEW VINTAGE

Younger drivers are turning to the SUVs of yesteryear in place of the typical cheap hatchback. The reason for this amped-up interest in the SUVs of the past is partly because they're inexpensive and easy to work on.

The attraction of owning "vintage" items also appears to be an abiding trend amongst millennials, so it isn't hard to see the attraction of old beaten-up SUVs that are turned into trendy hipster-wagons by twenty and thirty-somethings.



# TAXI DRIVERS' STRIKE

Taxi drivers' protests in Barcelona have spread to Madrid and other major Spanish cities, threatening severe disruption during the height of the tourist season.

The taxi drivers have taken to the streets in protest against new cab services such as Uber and Cabify, and they have focused their protests around the airports and train stations as well as city centres.

However, the protests are unlikely to be seen on Lanzarote, where Uber and other online services have been strictly prohibited from operating.



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# SPORT DIARY



There's much more sporting activity this month as the summer holidays come to an end. The island's two third division football sides, UD Lanzarote and Unión Sur Yaiza, have already started their seasons, and there are several swimming contests, runs and other activities coming up.

## TRAVESIA PUNTA MUJERES

**1st September**

Swimming competition at Punta Mujeres.

## UNION SUR YAIZA VS VIERA

**2nd September**

Football at Municipal Stadium, Yaiza.

## 10TH ANNIVERSARY LANZAROTE GOLF TOURNAMENT

**8th September**

Six categories, several prizes. Lanzarote Golf, Puerto del Carmen. 9am tee-off. reservas@lanzarotegolfresort.com



## TINAJO YOU TRAIL

**8th September**

Mountain/trail running race with distances of 31 kms, 14km and 7.5km. Plaza de los Dolores, Mancha Blanca starts 9am.

## UD LANZAROTE V CD UNIÓN PUERTO

**8th September**

Football at the Ciudad Deportiva de Arrecife. 12 noon (confirm in advance)

## XXVI BIG GAME FISHING CONTEST

**13th - 15th September**

Puerto Calero

## UNION SUR YAIZA VS PANADERIA PULIDO

**16th September**

Football at Municipal Stadium, Yaiza.



## MS RUN LANZAROTE

**22nd September**

Distance running event for all ages in aid of multiple sclerosis.

< 5 yrs: 200m: 9:00am.

6- 9 yrs: 500m: 9:10am.

10 - 13 yrs: 1km: 9:20am.

Disabled: 4km: 9:30am.

Main race: 10km: 10:30am.

Arrecife. Entry €6 under 13's, €12 over 13's.

Call 928 802 500 for more info.

## XXII KAYAK CIRCUIT OF LANZAROTE

**22nd - 30th September**

170km of hard paddling, taking in La Graciosa, Fuerteventura and Lobos. Starts Arrecife, 22nd Sept, 10.30am.

## UD LANZAROTE V UD TAMARACEITE

**23rd September**

Football at the Ciudad Deportiva de Arrecife.

12 noon (confirm in advance)

## TRAVESIA EMMAX PLAYA HONDA

**23rd September**

Swimming competition with distances - 400m (children) - 800m (juniors) - 1200m (adults)

First race begins at 11.10am. Organised by Aguas Abiertas

## XVI MTB/XC RALLY

**23rd September**

Mountain bike challenge. Mancha Blanca, 9am.



## COPA CANARIAS 420

**29nd - 30th September**

Regatta for 420 class dinghies. Real Club Nautico, Arrecife

## UNION SUR YAIZA VS TACORONTE

**30th September**

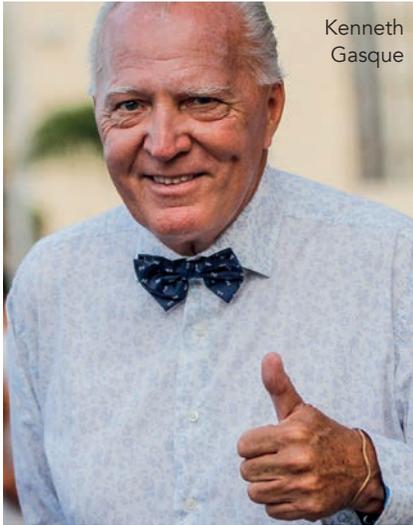
Football at Municipal Stadium, Yaiza.

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Kenneth Gasque

## Ocean Lava Planet: *Meeting of heroes*

The Ocean Lava race has grown from a Lanzarote-only affair to an international event that takes place all over the world. Next month, the big finale returns to the event's birthplace, Puerto del Carmen, on the **27th of October**.

There are several candidates for the person who changed Lanzarote into the beautiful, internationally famous tourist destination it is today. César Manrique must, of course, come top of the list, while engineers such as Manuel Díaz Rijo, who brought plentiful drinking water, are also vital to the island's development.

Kenneth Gasque must also come close to the top of the list. At Club La Santa it was he who turned Lanzarote into an official venue for the Ironman race, and he has also been the man behind several other sporting competitions on the island. Lanzarote's reputation as a sporting mecca is now unarguable, and Kenneth Gasque's contribution has been key.

Kenneth's biggest recent project has been then Ocean Lava competitions, an idea born on Lanzarote that has now reached 15 other destinations all around the world. From Wales to Madeira, Montenegro to Galicia, Ireland to

the Reunion Islands, Ocean Lava races have been taking place throughout the year, and will culminate in the Ocean Lava Planet race, which will take place on the **27th October** in Puerto del Carmen and is open to all athletes from beginners to professionals.

Sponsored by the world's largest recruiting company, the Swiss-based Adecco group, which employs 33,000 and has placed millions of works around the world and also the institutions in the Canary Islands, Lanzarote and Puerto del Carmen.

The Ocean Lava Planet is a half distance triathlon that will start in the crystal clear waters of Playa Grande in Puerto del Carmen, before the athletes emerge and set off on a spectacular cycling route through wine country and the volcanoes. Then it's a half-marathon in Puerto del Carmen again before the celebration party and festivities that are always a vital part of any Ocean Lava event.



Multisport Marathon/Swim	1.5h	Olympic/Olympic Marathon/Swim	1.5h	Super Sprint Marathon/Swim	45min	Alto/Low Ocean Lava
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This year, there's also a new development at the finishing line. There will, in fact, be two - an official finish line where times are logged, and then another line a few metres further on, which will give athletes the chance to cross the line with family members and take advantage of the joyful photo opportunities that these challenges bring.

There'll also be a bin for charity donations, and a charity bell that will peal out whenever a donation is made. It's going to be a big day, full of challenges, fun and excitement, so be sure not to miss it.

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# PRE-SEASON ON THE Beach



The Rojillos (The Reds) have enjoyed a good pre-season and after last season's excellent finish, expectations are high for reaching the play-offs once again, writes Ian Lane.

36 year old manager Maxi Barrera thrilled fans with his exciting style of play in his first year in charge and now, with a personnel change of around the half the squad, his aim is to build a team for promotion to Spain's third league, Segunda B.

The club held its 5th Annual Open training session on the beautiful Las Cucharas beach in Costa Tegui on the 1st August. Youngsters joined our first team squad on a fun training session and had their photos taken with the players.

Over recent years the management, players and local fans have been delighted with the support from the foreign fans and hope that it continues to strengthen.

This foreign support is typified by the owner of the Irish Harbour Bar in the old town of Puerto del Carmen. Owner Mai Blake along with manager David Timmons presented the club President

Paulino Guedes with a cheque for €1000 to help in the club's bid for promotion. Pop in for a pint and say "Up the Rojillos!" to these fab people.

It is so easy to get to the Arrecife Ciudad Deportiva stadium either by car or local bus (details below) and you just simply pay the small fee at the gate and then enjoy a small beer for one euro, a steak or gammon roll for two Euros whilst sampling the crowd atmosphere of your island club.

Season tickets are available from me at the clubs stall at the Sunday Tegui market (near toilets) and the Puerto Del Carmen Old Town Friday market both between 9.30am to 2pm. The prices remain the same as last year at just; Adults €50, Pensioners €25 and all persons 18 years and under are admitted free of charge.

For all info go to [www.lanzarotefootball.com](http://www.lanzarotefootball.com) or Facebook: Lanzarote Football Club or contact Ian on 0034 649963943, [info@mercancianlanzarote.com](mailto:info@mercancianlanzarote.com)

Official club shirts and merchandise are on sale with Ian at the clubs stall at Tegui market every Sunday (near the public toilets) and also at the Puerto del Carmen Old Town market every Friday. At Playa Blanca on the Rubicón Wednesday and Saturday market. All markets are from 10am to 2pm

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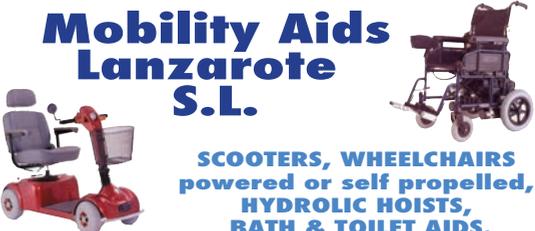
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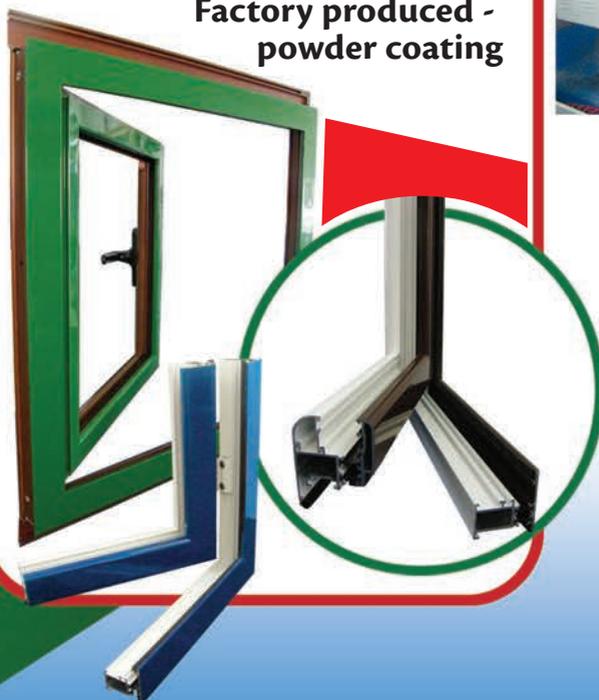
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This month, from the 22nd to the 30th September, Lanzarote will see the 12th Lanzarote Kayak Circuit, in which competitors travel anti-clockwise from Arrecife around the whole island, visiting La Graciosa, Isla de Lobos and Fuerteventura along the way – 170 kilometres of solid paddling.

Elsewhere, the Marlins club from Arrecife will be heading over to Castellón in Spain to compete in the Spanish Sea Kayak Championships on the 16th and 17th of September. In October they're off to Alicante for the European Championships, as well.. The Marlins have already won several medals in local and national competitions, and are one of Lanzarote's undoubted sporting success stories of recent years.

Anyone who fancies kayaking can simply enquire at any tourist information office for kayaking activities in their area, or ask about club activities. Kayaking is an increasingly popular tourist attraction, with several groups heading out every week for sea safaris and other activities. You can even do it in a see-through kayak!

Fishermen have also increasingly taken to kayaks, and kayak fishing has a small but devoted group of adherents.

Of course, kayaking requires strict safety measures to be followed, and no one should ever head off alone in a kayak. But once you get the hang of it, you could be hooked forever.



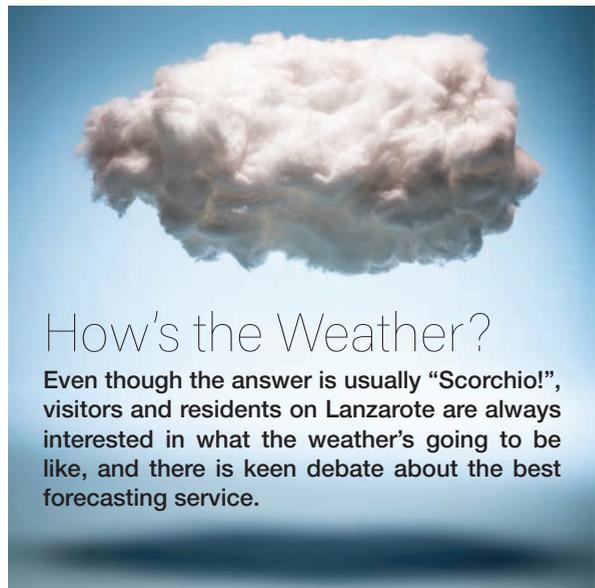
Tide Tables for Arrecife, Lanzarote. Units are in metres. (Times may vary by a few minutes around the island)

Day	Hour	Metres	Day	Hour	Metres
1	H: 05:22	2.4	17	L: 01:11	1.2
	L: 11:32	0.8		H: 07:30	2.0
2	H: 17:44	2.4	18	L: 14:00	1.2
	L: 00:01	0.8		H: 20:18	1.9
3	H: 06:12	2.3	19	L: 02:33	1.3
	L: 12:28	0.9		H: 08:56	2.0
4	H: 18:41	2.2	20	L: 15:33	1.2
	L: 01:01	1.0		H: 21:51	1.9
5	H: 07:18	2.2	21	L: 04:01	1.3
	L: 13:41	1.0		H: 10:19	2.1
6	H: 19:59	2.1	22	L: 16:49	1.1
	L: 02:20	1.1		H: 23:02	2.0
7	H: 08:42	2.2	23	L: 05:07	1.2
	L: 15:10	1.0		H: 11:19	2.2
8	H: 21:29	2.1	24	L: 17:41	1.0
	L: 03:47	1.0		H: 23:50	2.2
9	H: 10:06	2.3	25	L: 05:54	1.0
	L: 16:34	0.9		H: 12:03	2.4
10	H: 22:49	2.3	26	L: 18:22	0.8
	L: 05:01	0.8		H: 00:28	2.4
11	H: 11:16	2.5	27	L: 06:32	0.8
	L: 17:40	0.6		H: 12:40	2.6
12	H: 23:51	2.5	28	L: 18:56	0.6
	L: 06:00	0.6		H: 01:02	2.5
13	H: 12:12	2.8	29	L: 07:06	0.7
	L: 18:34	0.4		H: 13:13	2.7
14	H: 00:43	2.7	30	L: 19:28	0.5
	L: 06:50	0.4		H: 01:33	2.6
15	H: 13:01	3.0	1	L: 07:38	0.5
	L: 19:21	0.2		H: 13:45	2.8
16	H: 01:29	2.9	2	L: 19:59	0.4
	L: 07:36	0.3		H: 02:03	2.7
17	H: 13:46	3.1	3	L: 08:09	0.4
	L: 20:05	0.1		H: 14:16	2.9
18	H: 02:12	3.0	4	L: 20:29	0.4
	L: 08:18	0.2		H: 02:33	2.8
19	H: 14:28	3.2	5	L: 08:40	0.4
	L: 20:46	0.1		H: 14:47	2.9
20	H: 02:52	3.0	6	L: 21:00	0.4
	L: 08:59	0.2		H: 03:05	2.8
21	H: 15:09	3.1	7	L: 09:13	0.4
	L: 21:26	0.1		H: 15:20	2.9
22	H: 03:32	2.9	8	L: 21:33	0.4
	L: 09:40	0.3		H: 03:38	2.8
23	H: 15:50	3.0	9	L: 09:48	0.5
	L: 22:05	0.3		H: 15:56	2.8
24	H: 04:11	2.8	10	L: 22:08	0.5
	L: 10:20	0.4		H: 04:14	2.7
25	H: 16:30	2.8	11	L: 10:27	0.6
	L: 22:45	0.5		H: 16:35	2.6
26	H: 04:51	2.6	12	L: 22:47	0.7
	L: 11:02	0.6		H: 04:56	2.6
27	H: 17:12	2.6	13	L: 11:12	0.7
	L: 23:26	0.7		H: 11:12	0.7
28	H: 05:34	2.4	14	L: 17:22	2.4
	L: 11:48	0.9		H: 23:35	0.8
29	H: 17:58	2.3	15	L: 00:12	1.0
	L: 00:12	1.0		H: 06:24	2.2
30	L: 12:44	1.1	16	L: 12:44	1.1
	H: 18:57	2.0		H: 18:57	2.0

H=High Tide L=Low Tide



# Need to Know



## How's the Weather?

Even though the answer is usually “Scorchio!”, visitors and residents on Lanzarote are always interested in what the weather's going to be like, and there is keen debate about the best forecasting service.

For general forecasts, the most reliable source for local weather is the Spanish AEMET site (previously known as the INM). AEMET is Spain's state weather service, which gathers weather information from thousands of observation centres and produces computer-generated forecasts derived from the results.

There are six main weather stations providing data for AEMET on Lanzarote, including the military aerodrome, and the site is updated all the time. It is also the first place to look for weather warnings. (green: no risk, yellow: some risk, orange: serious risk and red: extreme risk). An app is available, and the AEMET website is also viewable in English.

The AEMET site's forecasts do not extend beyond one week ahead, although more general seasonal forecasts are available in Spanish. However, longer term weather predictions are usually based on average records from previous years. That's why certain sites may tell you that Christmas Day this year will be cloudy after lunchtime, when in fact we have no way of knowing whether that will be true.

Other popular sites, such as Accuweather or Weather Underground, are preferred by some, as they provide all information in English. Many will swear that their preferred weather service is more reliable than others, although this is virtually impossible to prove as the sources of data used by both sites are not publicly available.

Weather Underground, for example, lists just one PWS (personal weather station) in Lanzarote, while the source of Accuweather's data is unclear, but almost certainly relies on AEMET data.

Surfers require detailed information about swells and wind conditions, and sites such as Windguru, Windfinder and Magic Seaweed all have their fans on the island.

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## September 2018

By Clairvoyant Shona Langholm



### Libra 23 Sept to 22 Oct

Don't brood on recent setbacks, Libra. All the footprints on the beach are washed away by the rising tide, leaving a brand new, perfect view. Time will heal regrets, so concentrate on stepping out to a new future.



### Aries

21 Mar to 19 Apr

Focus on the small stuff this month, Aries, and the big stuff will look after itself. There's a real satisfaction in tidying up loose ends and paying attention to detail, so take your time and don't sweat the big stuff.



### Taurus

20 Apr to 20 May

The watchword this month is information, Taurus. There's a new change in your life, and you need to know everything you can about the situation in order to make the best choices. Talk to people, find out their views, enjoy their company – then make your move.



### Gemini

21 May to 20 Jun

Twins can be double trouble, Gemini, and your dual nature will get you into a few scrapes this month. Luckily, you have the charm and sparkle to make the best of any situation – just remember to be honest and stop playing games when it really counts.



### Cancer

21 Jun to 22 July

You think you're singing solo, Cancer, but every star has a backing band



### Leo

23 July to 22 Aug

You'll hit the ground running this month, Leo, adapting quickly to a new situation and enjoying the thrill of it all. You know the path to follow, so stick to it and don't stop to smell the flowers just yet. There'll be a well-earned break soon.



### Virgo

23 Aug to 22 Sept

If you are what you eat, then you've been pretty fast, cheap and easy over the last month, Virgo. It's time to eat healthier and cleaner – you'll soon feel the benefits, and this sense of a new start will kickstart a more satisfying phase of your life.



### Scorpio

23 Oct to 21 Nov

Sometimes your wicked sense of humour doesn't always have the desired effect, Scorpio. Try and consider whether the things you say might be genuinely hurtful and, if in doubt, keep your sharp mind and tongue to yourself.



### Sagittarius

22 Nov to 21 Dec

Travel is on the cards after a tight deadline, Sagittarius. Pack your bags and take that trip you've been looking forward to. Try and be social this month – you've spent enough time with your own thoughts, so spread yourself around.



### Capricorn

22 Dec to 19 Jan

Romance is in the air, Capricorn, but it's going to come from a completely unexpected direction. Change one element of your lifestyle to find undiscovered reserves of energy, then sparkle and charm your way through life.



### Aquarius

20 Jan to 18 Feb

All good things come to an end, Aquarius, but sometimes what replaces them can be even more fulfilling and satisfying. You're at a crossroads right now, but with honesty and a positive attitude, you'll choose the right route.



### Pisces

19 Feb to 20 Mar

Don't ignore a minor health problem. Instead, take the opportunity to get a full check-up. You're feeling sensual and sexy this month, Pisces, so make sure you make the most of it. Indulge yourself and light up your life.

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