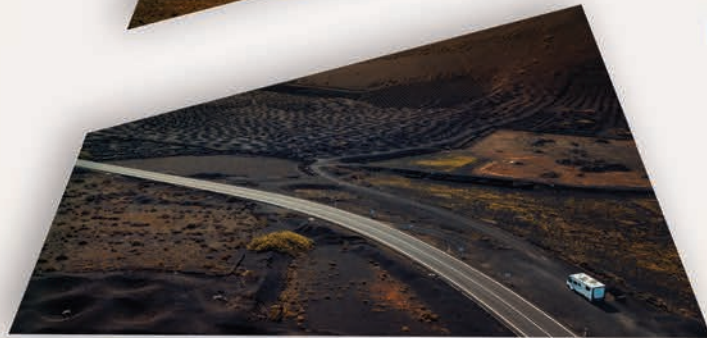


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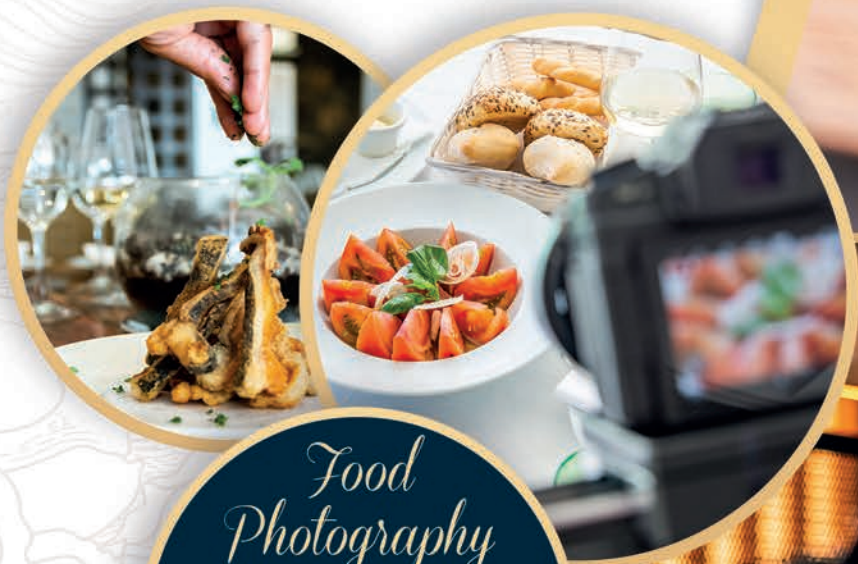
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Christmas is a time for looking back on the year gone by and being thankful for whatever good fortune has come our way.

On Lanzarote, it'll be the first Christmas for three years when we can take our masks off outdoors, stand shoulder to shoulder and enjoy public events; and it will come at the end of the first "normal" year since that unforgettable lockdown.

And at the moment things are looking promising. Tourism is now better than it was before lockdown, hotels are booked up, the resorts are buzzing and new projects are being completed all over the island.

There are still worries, of course. There's a brutal war going on, prices are rising and it's not as easy to enjoy unusual 30 degree temperatures in November without a little concern in the back of your mind.

We know that many families and individuals, here and elsewhere, will be having a much tougher time of it than we are. Holding out a helping hand for others is an absolutely essential part of the season, and there are so many ways you can help on Lanzarote.

There'll be sadness, too. Most Brits will see a King's Speech on Christmas Day for the first time in their lives, and many of us will remember losses much closer to home.

But that's Christmas. We wish each other a happy one, but only little children think it's a time of perfect happiness. The rest of us know that it's a big mess of laughter, tears, tinsel, sad smiles, terrible old jokes, wonder, love, songs you're sick of hearing, beauty, hope, mince pies, imagination, family, friendship, and goodwill to all.

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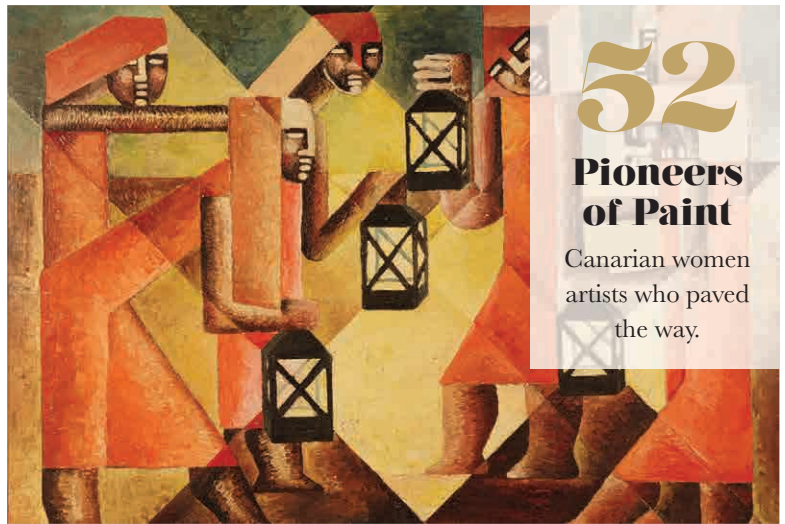
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# SPAIN SEEKS TO CHANGE 90-DAY RULE



Spain's Tourist Secretary, Fernando Valdés, said last month that his country wishes to get rid of the 90-day limit for UK visitors to Spain, and would be lobbying for change in Brussels.

It is the first time that a senior member of Spain's government has acknowledged the problem of the 90-day-limit, which restricts non-resident British nationals to staying 90 days out of every 180 in Schengen countries.

The rule has seriously affected the plans of “swallows”, British tourists who spend the winter months in Spain and the Canaries,

as well as non-resident British owners of properties in Spain.

Valdés told iNews that “It is in our interest to lobby and convince the EU that we can try to make an exception. But the solution has to come from them.”

However, the kind of exception Valdés has in mind is not clear. While it is unlikely that all 26

Schengen zone countries and the EU commission will agree to change the terms of the 90-in-180 day Schengen visa waiver period, there is a possibility that Valdés may be sounding out Brussels on how it would react to a decision by Spain.

The encouraging news is that his statements are the strongest indication yet that Spain is aware of how the 90-day issue affects British tourists, and that it is seeking to address it.

Andrew Hesselden, Campaign Director for the 180 Days in Spain campaign told us “It is truly wonderful to hear Sr Valdés acknowledging the difficulties that Brexit has caused for British people living fully or partly in Spain since before Brexit, as well as visitors to Spain who are frequent travellers with friends, family, work or clients elsewhere in the Schengen zone. But we don't think it's up to the EU Commission to decide.”

Hesselden suggests that a simpler way might be for Spain to sign a new bilateral agreement with the UK, or even to grant a visa-waiver unilaterally that is specific to Spain: “After all, the UK already does this for Spanish people, who can currently visit the UK for up to 6 months per visit with no passport stamping and no checks on exit” he said.

Spain already has bilateral agreements with 19 other countries including New Zealand, Canada, Japan, and the USA, which typically allow either extended stays or consecutive visits immediately after visits to other Schengen countries.

In September, Spanish diplomatic sources indicated they were keen to pursue a bilateral agreement with the UK, and that they wanted “the situation to be as similar as possible to what it was before Brexit.”



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# LOCAL NEWS

## OPEN MALL OPENS

Open Mall Lanzarote, Arrecife's brand new shopping centre, opened last month to big crowds and high excitement.

The €85 million private initiative is expected to bring 500 jobs to the capital, and 1,000 more in indirect employment.

Shops that have not previously been seen on Lanzarote include the German shoe shop Deichmann, Danish furniture store JYSK and the French fashion chain Kiabi. Primark is also expected to arrive in the first quarter of 2023.

Arrecife also welcomes back Zara, whose branch in the town centre closed a couple of years ago, and residents of the capital will also be able to enjoy pizza and pasta at the legendary La Rustica.



## RECYCLING IN COSTA TEGUISE

The Punto Limpio (recycling point) at Costa Tegui se has finally opened to the public three years after the initially announced date.

The delay was explained by the fact that, although the facility itself was concluded in time, access roads needed to be built.

The recycling point allows residents of Costa Tegui se

and other towns in the vicinity to get rid of waste that cannot be thrown out in rubbish containers, such as building rubble, garden clippings, old appliances and potentially toxic materials. It is free to use and booking is not required.

The Punto Limpio is located opposite Calle de las Baganvillas in Costa Tegui se, between the Aguapark and the golf course.

## ADIÓS, DOÑA JUANA

Juana Manrique, the last surviving sibling of César Manrique, died last month at the age of 95.

Doña Juana was well known for her elegant dress sense, and loved the island's carnival traditions. In 2013 she was honoured for the "many original costumes" she had created at a carnival event.

She was the only surviving member of the four Manrique children. César died in 1992, and his twin sister Ámparo and younger brother Carlos both died in recent years.

Lanzarote's Cabildo has issued condolences and paid homage to "a personality who will never be repeated, with a joyous nature and brimming with energy."



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A man died last month when his car overturned while driving on the hairpin bends on the Valle de Malpaso near Haría.

Emergency services were alerted and attended the scene of the accident on the LZ-10, where an overturned car with a male driver was discovered. Paramedics confirmed the death of the driver and secured the area.



## TOURIST FIGURES UP

Lanzarote Airport received 11% more visitors this October than in the same month in 2019, before the pandemic started. 680,525 visitors arrived on the island last month, according to Spain's airport authority AENA.



The figures place Lanzarote at the top of the Canaries in terms of recovery, and hint at a promising winter season ahead.

The British market remains the strongest, accounting for almost half of all visitors. Domestic Spanish tourists are the second most important market, with 275,000 arrivals in the first three quarters of this year, and third place is taken by the Irish who have leap-frogged the Germans with 193,000 visitors.

French and Scandinavian figures are almost as high as they were in 2019, the last year before the pandemic, while Italian and Dutch tourists have already beaten the numbers from that year.

## AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS

€198,400 will be used to carry out various improvements at Lanzarote's César Manrique Airport.

The main change will be the re-opening of the bus parking area that lies between Terminals 1 and 2, a space which has been used to park hire cars for the last few years.

Also on the agenda are a renovation of the smokers' area at Terminal 1, and a separate project, worth €158,000, will update the premises where the falcons and hawks of the airport's Fauna Control Department are kept.

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# ISLAND INFO

## LANZAROTE WALKING FOOTBALL TAKE THIRD



Congratulations to Lanzarote's Walking Football team, who headed over to Fuerteventura on November 15th to compete in the first ever Canary Island Cup competition at Corralejo.

The competition gathered two teams each from Tenerife, Fuerteventura, Lanzarote and Warwick in the UK, many of whom have been playing for far longer than Lanzarote's six months.

Nevertheless, one of the Lanzarote teams secured third place overall, whilst the other Lanzarote team finished in a

highly creditable sixth place.

Walking Football is the fastest-growing sport in the world currently. If you'd like to find out why, then you are welcome to join Walking Football Lanzarote's weekly sessions which are held every Thursday from 6pm to 8pm at Aqua&Sport in Costa Teguisse.

The sessions are open to men aged 50 years plus and women aged 40 years plus, and all are welcome regardless of ability or fitness levels. Find out more on Lanzarote Walking Football's Facebook page.

## ST PATRICK'S SORTED

Last month, the St Patrick's Day launch party took place at Dicey Reilly's pub in Puerto del Carmen.

Brendan Byrne, president of the Irish Hospitality Global Network, announced the 12 bars that would be taking part in the celebrations, as well as a mouth-watering line-up of musical acts.

Celebrations will start on Wednesday March 15th with the usual hurling tournament on Playa Grande and last until Friday, March 17th, when the big party will begin after a special mass in the morning.



## ADVENT CALENDAR

The Gazette's online advent calendar will be up and running by the time you read this, with dozens of fantastic prizes going for free from the best businesses

## GOLF CLASSIC

Playa Blanca Golf Society's two-day annual golf classic was held this year at the stunning Fuerteventura Golf Club at the Elba Palace Golf resort in Caleta De Fuste.

The winning team of the two-day event with 167 points were Alan Morris, Pete Norey, and John Plumb. In second place, with 165, were Seamus Conboy, Brett Sadler, Ronan Clarke and Paul Tracy; and in third place with 162 points were Kev Ward, Gary Taylor, Tony Corkindale, and Lawrence Armstrong.

Mick Cairns won the individual with 71 points, thanks to a 2nd day 41 points, going round in an impressive 7 over gross, and just pipping John Plumb 71 points, and Gary Taylor 69 points. Mayo big hitter Mike Webb won the longest drive with a beast of a drive on the 18th

New members are welcome, if you are interested in joining Playa Blanca Golf Society please contact, Tony Corkindale on 0044 7971 260212 or [tonycorkindale@yahoo.com](mailto:tonycorkindale@yahoo.com).

on the island. It was a massive event last year, and we've already got many more prizes than we had in that initial event.

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## CARNIVAL DATES



Details are coming together for next year's carnival season, which will begin in February 2023.

The first and biggest of the parades will be in Arrecife on 20th February, and the theme will be a tribute to the "Queen of Salsa", Celia Cruz.

This will be followed by the parade in San Bartolomé on Tuesday 21st. On the 22nd will be the unforgettable Burial of the Sardine, again in Arrecife.

On Saturday 25th February, Puerto del Carmen's fantastic parade will head along the strip. Over the following weekends, Costa Tegui, Playa Blanca, Haría, Tinajo and La Graciosa will also celebrate their parades. We'll print further details as those dates are confirmed.

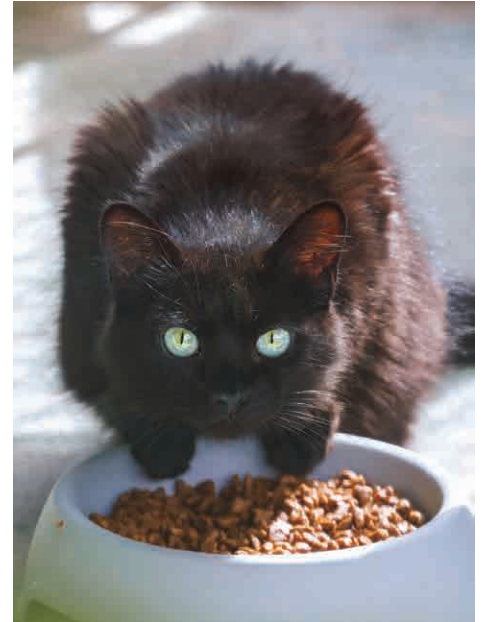
## DOG AND CAT OF THE MONTH

### CUSCUS THE CAT

Cuscus was very timid when he first arrived at the shelter, but with care he has grown into a happy and affectionate boy. This beautiful two-year-old male cat would make a wonderful feline companion. He is available now from SARA. Find out how to meet him and about adoptions at <http://saraprotectora.org>. There are also limited places for people to help with socialising cats. Email [info@sara-lanzarote.eu](mailto:info@sara-lanzarote.eu).

### TELMA THE DOG

Telma is a beautiful, unique looking podenco/pointer-mix. This friendly, five-and-a-half-year-old girl was found abandoned at the Arrecife city dump, but this hasn't affected her sweet personality. Why not come and meet her and see if she would be the right dog for your home? Find



out more about her at <http://saraprotectora.org> or book an appointment on 928 173 417 (English spoken). Dog walkers welcome from 10.30 13.00 Monday-Saturday (Saturday by appointment only). If it is your first visit, please bring ID.

*Don't forget the SARA Posh Frocks event from 11 am to 3pm on December 3rd at The Clock in Costa Tegui; and make a date for the monthly Flea Market at SARA on Saturday December 10th.*

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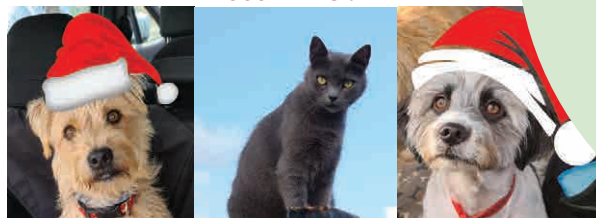
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Gone forever: the Leaning Palm Tree

criminal destruction of one of Lanzarote's favourite trees has highlighted the topic of how to protect Lanzarote's "secret" tourist attractions.

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of these places are fragile, and could easily be ruined by the arrival of too many tourists. Some are also located near private farms or houses that do not welcome a continual trail of sightseers (there have been suspicions that the palm at Masdache was chopped down for this reason).

The system has worked for several years, but an increasing amount of more adventurous, independent tourists has led to increased pressure on these places - as well as on emergency services who are increasingly being called out to rescue injured or lost walkers.

The rise of social media, and especially Instagram, has also increased pressure on these places, with many visitors seeking out the perfect photo. This has led to campaigns against the practice of balancing towers of stones on beaches, or arranging them to spell out names.

However, without closing down areas of the island to everybody or funding more environmental protection officers, the only effective tactic seems to be educating visitors to treat Lanzarote's natural areas with respect.

But this only works with those who are willing to listen. Whoever chopped down the leaning palm at Masdache also took time to tear down the sign politely asking visitors not to climb on its trunk.

On the last day of October, the *palmera inclinada* (leaning palm tree) at Masdache was discovered lying on the gravel, its trunk sawn through until it had fallen. The damage is irreparable, and police immediately launched an investigation.

Much of Lanzarote is open to the public, but the authorities tend not to publicise many of its hidden attractions, and there's a good reason for this. Places like the gorgeous pools of Los Charcones, the Famara clifftops or the Cueva del Naturalista could easily be dangerous for those who are not well-prepared. Rather than close them off (as was done at a cave in Haría), authorities prefer to let those who are "in the know" continue to enjoy them, while effectively keeping them secret from casual visitors.

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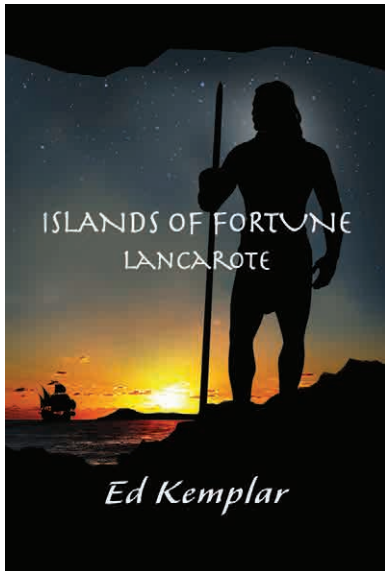
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## "A FANTASTIC STORY"



The longer you spend on Lanzarote, the more you come to feel the ancient history of the island. For Ed Kempner, who has lived on the island for almost 30 years, this feeling came to a head in 2019, when he decided to write a novel about the invasion of the Canaries in 1402.

"I tried to imagine what it was like back then. There were only 300 people on the island, and they were continuously raided by slaves and pirates. One day I climbed Mount Tinastoria, one of the places where ancient lookouts would have been kept, and the story started coming to me."

The novel begins with the King Of Spain arranging the conquest of the Canaries with French merchant Jean de Bethencourt. Both have an interest in the venture: for the King it is establishing new dominions; for the sailor it is an opportunity to corner lucrative markets in dye.

In the next chapter we shift to Lanzarote – then known by the Maho

natives as Titerrogekát. Here on the island lives Norstar, a trader from England who has stayed on the island to live with the Mahos. His life, and those of his friends and loved ones, will intertwine inseparably with those of the invading conquistadores over the following chapters.

Ed spent days in local libraries researching the novel, and shows me one of the main sources, *Le Canarien*. It's a famous first-hand account of the conquest of the islands by two monks who travelled on that first voyage, and the only surviving account of how the natives lived at the time. Ed says "It's like Chinese whispers. The Mahos didn't have a voice, and we can only read about them through the words of their conquerors."

Ed also travelled to Las Palmas in Gran Canaria to visit the Canarian Museum there, and headed up site of the Maho settlement at Zonzamas, where he spoke to archaeologists who

are unearthing the island's distant past. "The more I discovered, the more I realized this was an absolutely fantastic story," he says.

Ed admits openly that his is a fictionalised version of events, blending invented characters with real-life figures. "You have to fatten out characters, and writing fiction allowed me to explore issues such as my own feelings at being a foreigner who has spent many years on Lanzarote, among its people."

If the reception to the book is positive, Ed has two more volumes planned. "Once I started writing, it just started flowing," he says.

**At the time of writing you can find *Islands of Fortune: Lanarote* at the Bookswop in Playa Blanca, Finca La Florida in La Geria, the Bike Stop Café in La Santa and the Lounge Cocktail Bar in Playa Blanca.**

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CHRISTMAS IS ON ITS WAY, AND ON LANZAROTE IT MEANS A MONTH OF PREPARATIONS, CELEBRATIONS, RELAXATION AND GOOD LIVING.

In early December the shops will be full of Christmas gifts, decorations, sweetmeats, and many locals will use the December *punte*, two holidays on the 6th and 8th of December, for an early break.

On 22st December, the draw is held for El Gordo – the biggest lottery in the world, and for many this marks the true start of the Christmas holiday period.

Most locals have their Christmas meal on the evening of 24th December, and many will head out for midnight mass. Christmas Day itself is a quiet time to spend with close family and friends, and although it's usually straight back to work

on the 26th, Boxing Day is also a holiday this year as Christmas falls on a Sunday.

Then there are two weeks of festivities, culminating in the Three Kings parades on 5th January and another day's holiday on the 6th. This is when Spanish children traditionally receive their presents, although there'll be plenty of Santas giving it the ho-ho-hos, too.

It's a lovely, good-humoured time, and although the attitude is relaxed, there'll be plenty of activity, ranging from Christmas markets, folk concerts, Haria's wonderful circus festival and much, much more.

So here's to you and here's to Lanzarote.

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# HOW TO DO Christmas

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON ON LANZAROTE IS A LOVELY TIME OF YEAR, A LAID-BACK HOLIDAY THAT'S VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE FRANTIC RUSH YOU'LL FIND BACK HOME. HERE'S A FEW TIPS TO HELP YOU MAKE THE MOST OF IT.

## BUY A LOTTERY TICKET

El Gordo is the world's biggest lottery, sharing billions of Euros around the country every 22nd December. Massive jackpots are few, but that means that many more people end up with a winning ticket.

Most people buy a *décimo* – the tenth part of a ticket – for €20. This, and the ticketing system, means that prizes will often be shared by families, bars and entire villages or neighbourhoods.

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endless winning numbers out in a strange sing-song chant. By midday the champagne and cava corks are popping all over Spain.

## BE ENTERTAINED!

Hundreds of Christmas events, concerts and activities will take place during the festive season. There are far too many for us to list here, and many haven't been finalised yet.

To find out what's happening, head to your closest Tourist Information office or check the website of your local Ayuntamiento. Councils produce a Christmas programme in early December, and you'll also find that most shopping centres will be running Christmas activities.

Then there are the regular performers that you'll find in all three of the island's resorts, where plenty of festive fun can be guaranteed. Check out Julie's Live Music guide on page 44 for where to go and who to see.

## TO MARKET, TO MARKET!

Christmas markets will start popping up all over the island in December,

For the widest range of stalls and shops on the island, head to Teguise on a Sunday and spend a morning wandering in the pretty old town streets. For crafts, head up to Haria on a Saturday morning. For atmosphere, Arrecife's

Saturday morning food market always has a buzz about it at this time of year.

And don't forget the charity sales and flea markets, where your purchase can help to make life a little better for humans and animals.

## TAKE A STROLL

On Christmas Day, locals love to take a paseo – a leisurely walk along the prom or up the main street. They'll often mingle with happy British tourists heading out to a reserved table and a long-awaited turkey dinner, or others who have just headed out to enjoy the atmosphere.

You'll even see people on the beach taking a Christmas dip – the water is still far from freezing.

A sun-kissed Lanzarote Christmas Day is the peak of relaxation, warmth and good humour. Get out and enjoy it.

## CATCH THE FIREWORKS

The regular firework displays that welcome the New Year have been on-and-off in recent Covid-hit years, but they should be back this time round. Playa Grande in Puerto del Carmen and Playa Reducto in Arrecife are the places to be, but there'll be displays elsewhere, too.

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# STYLISH Season

GETTING PREPARED FOR CHRISTMAS ISN'T ALWAYS AS EASY AS YOU MIGHT THINK ON LANZAROTE, ONE OF THE FEW PLACES IN EUROPE WHERE A SWIMSUIT MIGHT BE PART OF YOUR FESTIVE WARDROBE. BUT HERE'S A FEW HANDY TIPS TO HEAD INTO THE SEASON LOOKING SUPERB.

The first thing to remember about Lanzarote's Christmas season is that it lasts for a long time, instead of coming to a frantic climax on Christmas Day. There'll be plenty of festive fun taking place from early December onwards, and the big day is just the first of 12 days of Christmas.

Another key concept is relaxation. Lanzarote's laid-back vibe comes into its own at Christmas, with its lazy days and lovely atmosphere. In the resorts you'll find thousands of tourists taking a long, deep breath from their daily lives, and up on the north coast you'll meet blissed out surfers riding the winter swells. There's an informal chilled-out vibe everywhere.



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### GET READY

The pre-Christmas lull is a great time to pamper yourself a bit. Book a beauty treatment or a spa session and recharge your batteries for the days ahead. Make that hairdressers appointment, and spend a little more time than usual thinking about the look you want to present. -there's often so much going on that a high-maintenance look will be exhausting to keep up – instead opt for hair and make-up that remains elegant, but is a little more manageable.

This goes for gents, too. It's surprising how many guys don't feel that a haircut and a bit of grooming is a priority at a time when

you're most likely to be seen and snapped for selfies, and family photos. Get yourself scrubbed up and look the part.

### TICK OFF THE DETAILS

If you're Christmas shopping in the weeks before Christmas, break it up with a little retail therapy for yourself. A couple of outfits that'll make you feel fantastic are a great way to add excitement to the season.

It doesn't have to be too christmassy – a little sparkle and flash is fine, but there's no need to dress up like Mariah Carey.

And remember: on Lanzarote items such as sunglasses and cool beach bags aren't accessories – they're staples. You may even want to update that swimming costume!

### STAY IN SHAPE

On Lanzarote, there's much less temptation to slob out on a sofa over the Christmas holidays. Weather usually permitting, it's a time when outdoor activities are ideal, even if it's just a daily stroll along the promenade.

Instead of New Year's resolutions that will quickly fall by the wayside before the Christmas holidays are over here, plan a routine that fits your lifestyle, that doesn't require immense willpower to keep up with and, above all, that's fun. The New Year's Eve runs that take place on the island are a great place to start.



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## LANZAROTE VET JANE BURKE URGES US TO MAKE A LITTLE EFFORT FOR THE RICHEST AND MOST FULFILLING CHRISTMAS – AND BEYOND.

I don't want Christmas cards or gifts this year. Instead, I'd like every single person who considers themselves to be an animal lover to gift their help with Pals car boot sales and/or auctions online. And please sign up a for Sara teaming! No one reading this article would miss the €1 a month. Please, please get

it sorted and sign up. It's such a tiny commitment, but a massive support for creatures and people in desperate need.

Furthermore, I wondered if I could possibly inspire the many genuine and generous animal lovers in Lanzarote to replace the Christmas

Card with a photo of one of the many animals incarcerated in an animal shelter or dog pound, with details of a donation given in their name.

Get children to decorate the envelopes or write a little story about the animal they have donated to. Take them to visit or walk the animal, giving an innocent creature the gift of fresh air, exercise and affection. Make it a family affair and - who knows? - you may want to repeat it throughout the year, making new human and animal friends along the way.

If you are planning parties this year, please think about themed activities, such as wrapping presents for children who will otherwise have none, or organising cakes and food parcels, all to be donated to Calor y Café. Or maybe give each party guest an envelope containing a picture of a dog or cat and envelope to put their donation.

And please make a real concerted effort to attend and support charity Christmas fairs and events. Take the opportunity to clear out clothes, toys, ornaments and donate them to the Pals boot sale, the Sara Shed, the Cruz Roja, or send suitable warm clothing

and bedding to Calor y Café.

Finally I want to take this opportunity to speak directly to those living alone. There are some 60 lovely cats in Sara desperate for a warm knee to curl up on, yearning for a safe dry home and a little love in exchange for head bumps, purrs and contented companionship. Please consider giving a home to one of these beautiful furries, Give a little love and enjoy the huge health and happiness benefits of adopting a cat as your best friend.

A dog is, perhaps, more of a commitment, especially as you get older. But consider an older dog! Sara can help with veterinary problems if you adopt an older animal. And there is nothing on earth that gives as much love and joy as the companionship of a canine.

Wash your pet's bowl till it shines and fill it with our lovely Lanzarote water and raise a glass with me to wish that everyone makes a little time to get involved this Christmas and gets to feel the real spirit of Christmas in return.

Here's wishing you and your furry families a safe and happy Christmas.




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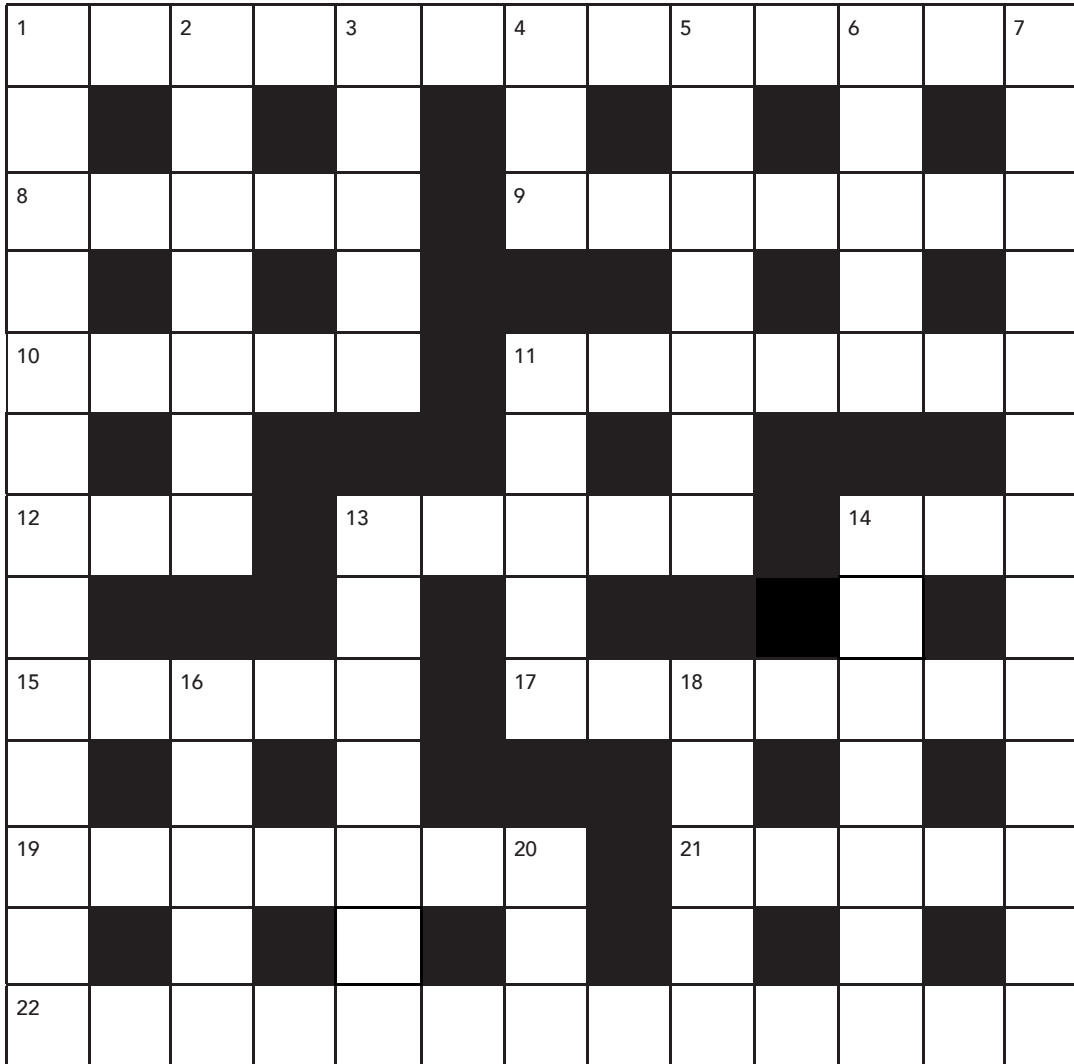


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# Prize Crossword



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It's another mind-bending Gazette crossword! Once you've solved it, rest your weary brains for a while, then WhatsApp a photo of the completed puzzle to 628 628 083, email one to [editorial@gazettelife.com](mailto:editorial@gazettelife.com) or send it to our NEW ADDRESS on page 3. Make sure it arrives by December 15th and don't forget your name.

One winner will receive a bottle of La Geria's fine rosé wine and another will enjoy spending a €10 voucher at Hankey Pankey's in the CC Montaña Tropical in Puerto del Carmen.

Last months winners were Kara Millward of Playa Blanca, who wins the wine, and Sean Egan, who gets the voucher. Well done to both of you!

## DOWN

1. Sweet fruit preserve (10,3)
2. Southernmost Scandinavian country (7)
3. Wear away (5)
4. You might dig for coal, stop your racing car or mosh in it (3)
5. Early childhood (7)
6. Very angry (5)
7. The drummer and bassist in a group form the basis of this (6,7)
11. John Lennon's was Instant; Boy George's was a Chameleon (5)
13. A rapid phone connection or phone service (7)
14. Inform on (slang) (5,2)
16. To seize part of a country from another (5)
18. Bruni, Gugino or Suárez Navarro (5)
20. Army unit whose motto is "Who Dares Wins" (1.1.1.)

1. First black man to win the Oscar for Best Actor, in 1963 (6,7)
8. Beatles drummer (5)
9. Singer who had a huge hit with "I Think We're Alone Now" in 1987 (7)
10. Large cetacean (5)
11. Actors Branagh and Williams or politician Clarke (7)
12. Moose (3)
13. Mr Styles, who had a global No 1 with "As It Was" in 2022 (5)
14. Not solid or liquid (3)
15. To cook in an oven or over a fire (5)
17. Old-fashioned, out, of date (7)
19. Heroin addicts (7)
21. UK PM Mr Sunak (5)
22. Formula 1 Champion 2022 (3,10)

**Last month's answers Across:** 1.Sheena Easton 8.Isaac 9.Wynette 10.Lantern 12.Emeli 13.Yes Or No 14.Colic 15.Arbuckle 17.ASAP 20.Sherman 21.Usual 22.Nadine 23.Nutini  
**Down:** 1.Shirley Manson 2.ETA 3.Nuclear 4.Edwyn Collins 5.Sentence 6.Oatmeal 7.Lewis Capaldi 11.Nosebleed 16.Cumin 18.Saudi 19.Lulu

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— Henry Ford —

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EAT, DRINK  
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*Merry!*

ON LANZAROTE, DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS MINGLE AND BLEND, BUT THREE THINGS REMAIN THE SAME – FOOD, DRINK AND AN ATTITUDE OF CELEBRATION, GOODWILL AND JOY.

Food is always central to Lanzarote life, but at Christmas it's even more so. Restaurants will be buzzing, supermarkets and shops will be piled high with fine, fresh produce and tempting imports and there'll be plenty of chances to tuck into old favourites as well as discover exciting new ingredients and dishes.

And on an island where wine is a way of life - the companion for every celebration - there'll be no shortage of clinking glasses and heartfelt toasts. But wine is just the start of it – whatever your tittle, and even if you're teetotal – you'll be well catered for here.

Spices and flavours are everywhere at this time of year, but the most important seasoning is the Christmas spirit, which is about so much more than enjoying yourself. The idea of goodwill involves sharing and generosity to others, especially those less fortunate than ourselves; it includes laughter, kindness and good company; there's space for sadness and fond remembrance, too, but there's always gratitude for what we have and hope for the future.

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## TOUR

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Our guide, Yurena, whose enthusiasm and humour are infectious, leads us up to the vineyard where the vines are currently “taking a siesta” after the summer harvest, and before the hard prune in February that begins the new cycle of grape production. Surrounded by vines, some of which are over 100 years old, with one of the most dramatic views on the island in front of us, we realise how unique this place is.

Yurena shows us how Lanzarote's malvasia vines have learnt to “crouch down” against the wind, while newer arrivals still tend to grow upwards; then shows us how the volcanic picón preserves moisture from rain and dew. Immediately, we can smell the earthy, mineral volcanic aroma of Lanzarote's soil.

Then it's a visit to what must be one of the most impressive workplaces on the island - an immense cellar where grapes are received, crushed, fermented, stored and bottled. Designed by Rafael del Castillo and architect Javier Matallana, it's cool, beautifully lit by large circular lamps, and lined with gleaming, state of the art equipment and dozens of wooden barrels.

This is where around 15 staff (who Yurena smilingly calls “the Minions”) carry out and monitor every stage of the process. We wander along broad gangways where the grapes are initially received, then descend a spiral staircase to examine huge wooden vats and a room full of 225-litre oak barrels from France, each one labelled with the date and type of grape.

Finally, we head back down to the restaurant area and relax in the shade of one of the huge eucalyptus trees on the patio. We're served a glass of Finca de las Palmeras – a white malvasia wine that has been aged over lees in oak barrels, adding complexity and depth to a wine that's usually drunk when young.



◀ *From vine to barrel to bottle, the process of wine-making at Stratvs is fascinating*

Yurena describes how the first aroma of wine derives from the grape variety; the second from the fermentation process and the third from the storage method. Every bottle contains these notes, and a light, floral rosé highlights the contrasts that can be smelt and tasted.

We finish with an award-winning Moscatel dessert wine, sweet but not at all cloying, and although it's only early November, this undeniably Christmassy wine leaves us feeling merry and festive.

As well as guided visits, Bodegas Stratvs is home to the El Aljibe del Obispo restaurant, which serves amazing dishes created from produce from the nearby Finca de Uga; and there's an excellent shop as well. Over Christmas, the bodega's nativity scene is also another charming attraction.

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One of the big differences between Lanzarote's sun-kissed Christmas season and colder holidays further north is food. Canarians don't have to dig into their winter stores because there is still plenty of fresh food being produced.

The summer runs of tuna and sardines are over now, but the seafood counters will be piled higher than ever with prawns, mussels, oysters, clams and fresh fish. In Spain, seafood is perhaps more highly valued than anywhere else in Europe and local fish such as cherne and mero are Canarian Christmas favourites. And don't forget the delicious locally smoked salmon that's a Lanzarote must.

Among the vegetables you'll find a wide range of greens, which are at the crispest and leafiest at this time of year. Canarian winter specialities include



the golden-fleshed boniato sweet potatoes, and there's never any shortage of chestnuts to roast.

The vivid colours and tangy peel of citrus fruits are essential to Christmas, and oranges, mandarins, lemons and other varieties will all be piled high in midwinter, better than at any other time of year. They'll be accompanied by winter fruits like pomegranates, chirimoyas and caquis and, of course, the grapes that are central to Spanish New Year celebrations.

And all over the island, in the kitchens of homes, restaurants, bars and societies, these ingredients will be being put to good use, as Lanzarote gears up for a Christmas season that will bring tens of thousands of guests to the table.

They'll find a warm welcome everywhere on the island. Many will seek out traditional home comforts at Christmas, and many more will eagerly seek out the exciting new dishes the island has to offer.

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# CHRISTMAS Curry

RECENTLY IN THE GAZETTE OFFICE, WE HAD AN ARGUMENT ABOUT WHETHER CHRISTMAS CURRY WAS A REAL FESTIVE TRADITION OR NOT. BUT EVEN IF IT ISN'T, EVERYONE AGREED THAT IT OUGHT TO BE....

For those who do have a tradition of Christmas curries, it's generally understood to be a home-made dish in which you use up some of the leftovers from the Christmas turkey on or after Boxing Day. The Christmas dinner itself is often a bit stodgy and bland – spuds, turkey, sprouts, gravy and bread sauce aren't the most intense of flavours, so a meal with a bit of zing and spice is a welcome change.

This is the Christmas curry that UK cooks like Jamie Oliver and Delia Smith have written about, and it's a particularly British dish with no close equivalent in India. It's incredibly versatile and can be an easy one-pot dish or a full spread with raitas, pickles, chutneys and poppadoms, and many who have the tradition enjoy it more than the Christmas dinner itself.



But on Lanzarote, most tourists (and many British residents) will not have a huge turkey to get rid of. If they want to enjoy a curry at Christmas, they'll need to go out and order one.

It probably won't be turkey, but that's OK – a Christmas curry just has to be spicy, delicious and a bit of an event, and the Indian restaurant owners on Lanzarote know exactly how to do that. Those delicious accompaniments will all be available and nobody in your

party will have to worry about cooking or cleaning up.

And while many places are fully booked on Christmas Day, you'll have several days after Christmas during which it shouldn't be too hard to make a reservation or maybe even just walk in.

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### INGREDIENTS:

- Crackers or pastry bases
- Finely sliced smoked salmon
- 2 ripe avocados
- 1 small clove garlic
- Handful coriander (cilantro)
- Fresh lime juice

### METHOD:

Place avocado, finely chopped garlic and coriander to a bowl and mash with a fork.

Add a blob of the guacamole to each cracker and top with a slice of smoked salmon (you can use a toothpick to support it if you like).

*Tip: Taste guacamole as you go, and add chilli, onion or tomato if you like.*

## LANZAROTE ROASTIES

You haven't tasted roast potatoes until you've tried the knobbly little papas bonitas that are available on Lanzarote. They're expensive, but the flavour is worth every penny.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 kilo papas bonitas
- Extra virgin olive oil
- Rosemary
- Garlic
- Sea salt (*flor de sal is best*)

### METHOD:

Preheat the oven to 220 C.

Remove rosemary leaves and bash with the back of a knife.

Parboil the potatoes for 10 minutes.

Dry potatoes and place on a baking tray with rosemary leaves. Drizzle with oil. Roast potatoes for 25 minutes until golden.

Sprinkle with salt and serve.

*Tip: Add some chopped garlic towards the end of roasting*

## CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES

Chocolate truffles are simply balls of ganache.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 200g dark chocolate
- 120 ml heavy cream (*nata para montar*)
- Tbspn of softened butter
- Salt to taste

### METHOD:

Break the chocolate into small pieces and place in a bowl. Heat cream in a saucepan until hot but not boiling. Pour cream over the chocolate pieces, add butter and salt. Leave for 3-5 minutes, then whisk until smooth.

Transfer to fridge and chill for at least two hours. Then mould into balls and add coatings.

Roll completed truffles in desiccated coconut, hundreds and thousands, crushed nuts, melted dark, milk or white chocolate, cocoa powder, matcha powder.

*Tip: For milder truffles, use 200g milk chocolate and 80g cream.*



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# CHRISTMAS CHAT



Spain is a country full of unique traditions and Christmas is no exception!

No holiday is complete without some iconic sweets. In Spain, the Christmas sweet is Turrón – a kind of nougat that can be either hard or soft and comes in many different flavours. There is always a plentiful supply in supermarkets, usually displayed on a festive table with lots of sweet goodies. Give it a try!

In Spanish families the fun starts on Christmas Eve, la Nochebuena when all the family come together for an indulgent dinner, often including several types of tapas, soup, seafood and roasted and cured meats.

Santa Claus, or Father Christmas is called Pápa Noël in Spain, but he's a fairly recent arrival to local festivities. Traditionally, Spanish children get their presents from the Three Kings (Los

Reyes Magos) and they have to wait until 6th January to open their gifts.

On January 5th, Lanzarote locals flock to the streets to greet the Kings, who ride by on camels, throwing sweets to the masses. This is known as La Cabalgata de los Reyes.

Nowadays, children in Spain usually open a few presents on Christmas Day as well.

Finally, there's the tradition of La Nochevieja – (The Old Night) or New Year's Eve. Like Christmas Eve, it's a night of food, drink and families being together. Then, as the clock strikes midnight, people eat doce uvas (twelve grapes), one at each chime of the clock, which they believe will bring them good luck, prosperity and happiness in the New Year.

## Here are some common Christmas greetings and well wishes:

¡Feliz Navidad! – *Merry Christmas*

¡Felices Fiestas! – *Happy holidays*

¡Feliz Navidad y próspero Año Nuevo! – *Merry Christmas and a happy New Year*

¡Brindo por... – *a toast to...*



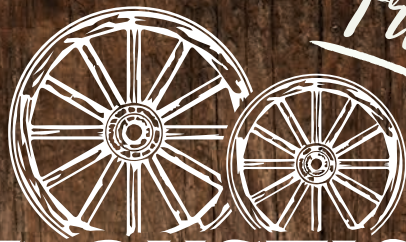
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Despite the relaxed atmosphere, it's also a busy time on the island with plenty of Christmas events alongside other December fixtures, such as the Lanzarote Marathon, the annual gospel concert and Haría's magical circus festival.

Each one of the seven local ayuntamientos (councils) will prepare a Christmas schedule that is usually issued in early December. In total, there'll be hundreds of events ranging from Christmas markets, traditional folk concerts, charity collections and visits by Papá Noel (Santa) and the Three Kings. We can't possibly publish them all here, so contact your local ayuntamiento for full details, or keep an eye on our Facebook page.

Over the next pages you'll find a list of special Christmas events that we've been notified of; general cultural events and, of course, Julie's indispensable Gig Guide – the most complete list of all the regular performers in the resorts.

We've also provided a list of the Belenes (nativity scenes) on the island, and a couple of suggested routes to enjoy this charming tradition. It's worth hiring a car just to see how Lanzarote celebrates.

So even if Christmas here is never going to be white, we can guarantee that, on Lanzarote, it's going to be merry and bright...

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# CHRISTMAS Events

HERE ARE SOME OF THE MAIN CHRISTMAS EVENTS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE ON THE ISLAND THIS YEAR. THERE'LL BE MORE TO COME, SO KEEP AN EYE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE [WWW.GAZETTELIFE.COM](http://WWW.GAZETTELIFE.COM)

## CAROL CONCERTS

Voices Lanzarote are a carol-singing group who will be performing three special concerts at local churches this festive season. The dates are:

**THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER, 6PM**

Yaiza Church

**TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER, 6PM**

Playa Blanca Church

**WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER, 6PM.**

Puerto del Carmen Church

*Entry is free, A collection for charity will be taken*

Call Dena Emerson on 686323130 or email [DenaEmerson@gmail.com](mailto:DenaEmerson@gmail.com) for more info.

## POSH FROCKS EVENT

**SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 11AM TO 3 PM**

Christmas sale in aid of Sara.

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## CHRISTMAS BRUNCH WITH GOATS

**16TH DECEMBER**

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Tickets: €19. All proceeds to Casa de las Estrellas. Call 695 840 245 to book.



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## CHRISTMAS FAIR

**17TH DECEMBER, 12- 6PM**

Outside Finchy Fitness/Bar Arena, Playa Blanca.

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There will be stalls all day, selling Christmas goods. Stalls are 10 Euros plus a donation towards a raffle prize. Please contact Sally Sheriston on 670 690 085.

## PAPA NOEL (SANTA CLAUS) VISITS TÍAS.

**WEDNESDAY 21ST, 5PM**

## CAROL CONCERT

**CHRISTMAS DAY, 8PM.**

Puerto del Carmen Church

Choirs will sing villancicos (*Spanish Christmas songs*)

## 31ST DECEMBER

**FROM 11.30 PM.** End of year party with DJ Ángel Pérez at the Old Town, Puerto del Carmen

**1 PM:** Firework Display at Playa Grande, Puerto del Carmen.

## CHURCH SERVICES

Anglican Church services over the Christmas season are as follows:

Puerto del Carmen Church

**DECEMBER 4 HOLY COMMUNION 12.30**

**DECEMBER 11 HOLY COMMUNION 12.30**

**DECEMBER 17 CAROL SERVICE 4PM**

**DECEMBER 18 HOLY COMMUNION 12.30**

**DECEMBER 25 HOLY COMMUNION 9AM**

Playa Blanca Church

**DECEMBER 4 HOLY COMMUNION 5PM**

**DECEMBER 11 CAROLS AND READINGS 5PM**

**DECEMBER 18 HOLY COMMUNION 5PM**

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# What's On...

## WORLD CUP 2022

Until December 18th

The World Cup in Qatar reaches its knockout stages in December, and will continue until the final on 18th December.

Lanzarote has plenty of supporters from Spain, England, Wales, Germany, France, Denmark, Argentina, The Netherlands, Belgium and Morocco, so there's bound to be high interest in bars and pubs all over the island. If Spain manage a decent run, there are likely to be public screenings of matches, too.

## THEATRE

### MALABHARÍA

29th January - 5th January



This little gem of a festival brings clowning, acrobatics and sheer wonder to the town of Haría.

As usual, there'll be public events at 5pm in the main square and gala evenings featuring several performers in the Sports Pavilion.

On 5th, there'll also be a Grand Cabaret for Three Kings night in the main square at 5.30pm.  
Full info and ticket details can be found at [www.malabharía.com](http://www.malabharía.com)

### LA CANTANTE CALVA / THE BALD SOPRANO

17th December

Lanzarote's Chespir theatre company will perform the best known work of Eugène Ionesco. *(Spanish language)*  
*El Salinero Theatre, Arrecife.*  
Tickets €5 [www.culturalanzarote.com](http://www.culturalanzarote.com)

### ARTE

28th December

The José Porcel company presents ARTE, a thrilling flamenco dance show.  
*Cueva de los Verdes,*  
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## MUSIC

### LANZAROTE ENSEMBLE

3rd December

Under the title "Rachmaninov, the rebirth of a genius", the Lanzarote Ensemble orchestra will interpret Rachmaninov's Second Symphony.  
*El Salinero Theatre, Arrecife.* Tickets €10 from [culturalanzarote.com](http://culturalanzarote.com)



### STAR OF GOSPEL

6th December

Gospel and classical singer Bridget Brazile is recognised as one of the most eminent voices of her generation, devoted to furthering the African-American tradition of spiritual music.  
*Teatro Municipal de San Bartolome.* Tickets €22 from [ecoentradas.com](http://ecoentradas.com)

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Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year to all.



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### TANA SANTANA

9th December

Composer, double bass player and electric bass player born in Gran Canaria, Santana presents a project that channels the improvisation of jazz through music genres such as rock, pop, drum and bass and Canarian folk music.  
*El Almacén, Arrecife*  
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# What's On...

## SPORT



### FONT VELLA LANZAROTE INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

3rd December

Lanzarote's first marathon returns after two-years of Covid-enforced absence. It's one of the oldest and most popular races on the island and always a big day out. This year there are full, half and 10 km distances, a half-marathon wheelers race and a 5 km Santa Claus dash.

The course runs along the seafront from Costa Teguisse to Puerto del Carmen, with starting points depending on the race.

Find out more at [lanzaroteinternationalmarathon.com](http://lanzaroteinternationalmarathon.com)

### RALLYE ISLA DE LOS VOLCANES

2nd – 3rd December

The postponed Rallye Isla de los Volcanes that was supposed to take place in April this year has been rescheduled. The rally will see cars kick up dust along trails in the area of El Jable.

Info – [www.rallyeisladelosvolcanes.es](http://www.rallyeisladelosvolcanes.es)

### MSRUN LANZAROTE

17th December

1 km, 4km and 8km modes are available in this annual run that raises funds for multiple sclerosis sufferers and their families on Lanzarote.

Register at [www.sportsmaniacs.com](http://www.sportsmaniacs.com)

## MARKETS & FLEA MARKETS

**10TH DECEMBER**  
**SARA car boot sale**  
at SARA animal shelter starts  
10am ends 12pm.

**EVERY TUESDAY & FRIDAY:**  
**Puerto Calero Market**  
(starts 9am ends 1pm).

**EVERY SATURDAY**  
**Haria Artesanal** (crafts and food),  
Plaza de Haria. 10am to 2.30pm.

**Arrecife market,**  
Plaza de San Ginés  
(farmers market). Morning.

**EVERY SUNDAY**  
**Teguisse Market**  
(everything) 9am to 2pm.

**Original PALS car boot sale**  
Lanzarote A Caballo. 9am to  
12pm.

**Mancha Blanca**  
(food) Mornings.

**WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAYS**  
**Marina Rubicon Market**  
(Souvenirs and gifts)  
Playa Blanca. 10am to 2pm.

**PLAYA HONDA MARKET**  
Third Saturday of the month  
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# Music, Maestro!



## Julie's Live Music Guide

December is bound to bring some special festive events, but our island's regular fabulous entertainment will also be available every night of the week!

This guide is divided by area and day. It's growing all the time, so it is a starting point rather than a definitive list. Gigs are subject to change, particularly at this time of year, so please double-check the Facebook page of the bar or artist/group to avoid disappointment.

Please contact Julie Helliwell via Facebook to add or confirm your event in the next edition (in print and online).

## — REGULAR GIGS —

### Monday

#### COSTA TEGUISE

**7.30pm:** Julie H Music, The Shamrock  
**8.30pm:** John Alan Pick, Four Seasons Rock Cafe  
**9pm:** Scott McQ, Tekkers  
**9.30pm:** Carl White, The Shamrock  
 Band of Gypsies, Decades Bar  
 Band of Gypsies, Decades  
 Wayne Harrison, Abbey Road  
**10pm:** Darren Morgan, The Lighthouse

#### PUERTO DEL CARMEN

**6pm:** Concrete Jungle, Cafe La Ola  
**7pm:** Collie and Deanne, Lava Bar  
**8:30pm:** Live music, The Dubliner  
 Connor James, Roadside Grill  
 Cool for Cats, San Antonio Hotel  
**8:45pm:** Dave Bandanna, Rocas Blancas  
**9pm:** Andy King, Marco's Bar, Los Pocillos  
 Mick Garry, The Good Old Days  
 Graham Jacques, Stars Cafe  
**10pm:** Collie Farrell, Mulligans Bar, Old Town  
 Mick Bennett & Connor Sloane, Craic n Ceol  
 Gayle O'Donovan, Murphy's Irish Pub  
 Amo, Spinnaker

#### PLAYA BLANCA

**5pm:** Alexander Lammers van Toorenborg, Paulo Bar  
**9.30pm:** Don Parker, Portobello  
 Good Intentions, Bikers Beach Club

### Tuesday

#### COSTA TEGUISE

**9.00pm:** The Ska Duo, The Venue  
**9.30pm:** Gerie B, The Shamrock  
 Brian John, The Cavern  
 John Alan Pick, Tekkers Bar & Restaurant  
**10pm:** Scott McQ, Saxos

#### PUERTO DEL CARMEN

**6pm:** Concrete Jungle, Cafe La Ola  
**8:30pm:** Live music, The Dubliner  
**9pm:** Pete Worthy, Spoons  
**10pm:** Raggle Taggle Gypsies, Bar 67  
 Connor Sloane & Jordan Kenneally, Craic n Ceol

#### PLAYA BLANCA

**9:30pm:** Boulevard, Bikers Beach Club  
**10pm:** Don Parker, The Flagship Bar

### Wednesday

#### COSTA TEGUISE

**9.00pm:** Scott McQ, The Venue  
**9.30pm:** John Alan Pick, Cactus Jacks  
 Tara C, The Shamrock  
 Raggle Taggle Gypsies, Irelands Eye  
 Bradley Bromley, Abbey Road

#### PUERTO DEL CARMEN

**6pm:** Concrete Jungle, Cafe La Ola  
**8:30pm:** Live music, The Dubliner  
**9pm:** Graham Jacques, Stars Cafe  
**10pm:** Collie Farrell, Mulligans Bar, Old Town  
 Cabaret & Comedy Drag Show, Betty Boop's  
 Mick Bennett & Jordan Kenneally, Craic n Ceol

#### PLAYA BLANCA

**2pm:** Johnny Black, Treat Bar, Punto Limones  
**8pm:** Pete Worthy, Berrugo Tapas Bar  
**9.30pm:** Don Parker, Portobello  
 The Millsy Brothers, The Harp Bar  
 JäGerBone, Bikers Beach Club

### Thursday

#### COSTA TEGUISE

**5pm:** The Ska Duo, Decades Bar  
**7pm:** John Alan Pick, Decades Bar  
 Wayne Harrison, Abbey Road  
**10pm:** Darren Morgan, The Lighthouse

#### PUERTO DEL CARMEN

**6pm:** Concrete Jungle, Cafe La Ola  
**8:30pm:** Live music, The Dubliner  
**8:45pm:** Dave Bandanna, Rocas Blancas  
**9.30pm:** Gary Mac, Brian Boru  
**10pm:** Collie Farrell, The Irish Viking  
 Andy King & The Gas Tank Dogs, Tequila Bar  
 Alan Murphy & Jordan Kenneally, Craic n Ceol

#### PLAYA BLANCA

**9.30pm:** JäGerBone, Bikers Beach Club

### Friday

#### COSTA TEGUISE

**5pm:** Jam Session, Tekkers  
**9.30pm:** The Ska Duo, The Venue  
 John Alan Pick, Cactus Jacks

#### PUERTO DEL CARMEN

**9pm:** Graham Jacques, Stars Cafe  
**10pm:** Collie and Deanne, Mulligans, Old Town

#### PLAYA BLANCA

**9.30pm:** Andy King, The Old Mill  
 Gary Mac, Portobello  
 Boulevard, Bikers Beach Club

### Saturday

#### COSTA TEGUISE

**9.30pm:** Brian John, The Cavern  
 The Ska Duo, Decades Bar

#### HARIA

**8pm:** La Noche en Mala, Don Quijote

#### PLAYA BLANCA

**9.30pm:** JäGerBone, Bikers Beach Club

#### PUERTO DEL CARMEN

**3pm:** The Ska Duo, Hankey Panky's  
**9pm:** Graham Jacques, Stars Cafe  
 Gerie B, The Good Old Days

### Sunday

#### COSTA TEGUISE

**8.30pm:** Darren Morgan, Four Seasons Rock Cafe  
**9.00pm:** John Alan Pick, The Venue  
**9.30pm:** Anthony on Sax, Decades Bar

#### PUERTO DEL CARMEN

**1pm:** Sax on the Roof with Anthony, Biosfera  
**8:30pm:** Live music, The Dubliner  
**8:45pm:** Dave Bandanna, Rocas Blancas  
**9pm:** Graham Jacques, La Avenida Restaurante  
 Pedro Ruiz, The Good Old Days  
**9.30pm:** Gary Mac, Scotch Corner  
**10pm:** Collie Farrell, The Irish Viking  
 Comedy Drag & Cabaret Show, Betty Boops  
 Mick Bennett & Connor Sloane, Craic n Ceol  
 John Gold, Murphy's Irish Pub

#### PLAYA BLANCA

**9.00pm:** Adrian Bambrough, Portobello  
**9.30pm:** Andy King, The Old Mill

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- 5 p.m Children's workshops.
- 7:30 p.m Switching on Christmas lights.
- 7:45 p.m Performance of the students of the Municipal School of Music.
- 8:30 p.m Performance of the Parranda Los Labradores.

### Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 6:45 p.m Inauguration of the Nativity Scene of Puerto del Carmen. Performance of the choir Al Ándalus Entre Alisios y Levante. Exterior of the church of La Tiñosa.
- 7:30 p.m Performance of the Parranda El Golpito. Square of Varadero.
- 8 p.m Sheila Blanco concert. Municipal Theatre of Tías.

### Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 7 p.m A White and Magic Christmas, dance school MT Dance. Municipal Theater of Tías.

### Monday, 5<sup>th</sup>

- 7 p.m Inauguration of the Nativity Scene of Tías. Performance of the folklore group Guanapay. Square of the Church of San Antonio.

### Friday, 9<sup>th</sup>

- 10 a.m The elders of the municipality visit the Nativity Scenes of the island. Registration in the area of Elderly and in the centers of La Orilla and Bajamar street.

### Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup>

- 7 p.m Solidarity concert, Flora Acoge. Performance by: Bossa Nova with Toñín Corujo and his Brazilian musicians. Municipal Theatre of Tías.

### Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup>

- 8 p.m Christmas Festival, school dance Beatrice Senet. Solidarity event for Social Services (non-perishable food), in the Pavilion Municipality of Tías.

### Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup>

- Santa Claus visits Tías. Square of Leandro Fajardo.
- 4:30 p.m Christmas circus and children's show.
- 5 p.m Santa Claus walks along Avenida Central and Libertad street.
- 5:30 p.m Meet Santa Claus and children's Christmas cooking workshops.
- 6 p.m Children's Christmas drawing competition awards ceremony. Square of Leandro Fajardo, Santa Claus stage.
- 8 p.m Christmas Concert, El Pavón. Avenida de las Playas (C.C. Arena Dorada).



### Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup>

- 6 p.m Christmas snack. Performance of the Parranda Coheso. La Orilla Senior Citizens' Centre.

### Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 8:30 p.m Meeting of the Easter Ranchos of Mácher, Tinajo and Tías. Municipal Theatre of Tías.

### Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup>

- 8 p.m Christmas carols, meeting of choirs. Church of Puerto del Carmen.

### Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup>

- 5 p.m Children's Christmas show Cinderella. Municipal Theatre of Tías.

### Friday, 30<sup>th</sup>

- 8 p.m XIX Solidarity Tree of the cultural association Guágaro. Toy collection and performances by Acatife, El Pavón and Guágaro. Municipal Theatre of Tías.

### Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup>

- 11:30 p.m New Year's Eve party with DJ Ángel Pérez and the quartet Los Conejeros. Square of Varadero.
- 1:00 a.m Fireworks. Avenida de las Playas, Puerto del Carmen.

### January 2023. Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup>

- 6 pm. Divershow Special The Three Kings. Municipal theatre.

### Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup>

- 11 a.m Arrival of Their Majesties the Three Kings of the East at the dock of Puerto del Carmen, parade and collection of letters in the Varadero Square.
- 6 p.m Parade of Their Majesties the Three Kings of the East in Tías. From the roundabout of La Casona, passing through Avenida Central and Libertad street to the football field Francisco Bermúdez Hernández "Pancho". Reception and collection of letters.

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# FOLLOWING Yonder STAR

BY MID-DECEMBER, LANZAROTE'S BELENES (NATIVITY SCENES) WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN TOWNS ALL OVER THE ISLAND. HERE'S HOW TO ENJOY THIS LOVELY TRADITION.

The belenes are large, often very large, and are usually displayed in the centre of each town. Every belén will feature the basic elements of Mary, Joseph, three shepherds and three wise men making their way towards the manger (baby Jesus is often absent until Christmas Day). But there's much, much more....

That's because Lanzarote's belenes always celebrate the island they are created on, with volcanic landscapes, depictions of traditional agriculture and, often, scale models of real buildings on the island. It's an acknowledgement that Christmas has come to the island, and that the Holy family are not just in Bethlehem, but here right among us.

Some belenes also feature a caganer. This Catalan tradition is a figure of young man squatting down to do a poo which is hidden somewhere in the nativity



scene. It's especially loved by children, but you won't find it everywhere, as some regard it as vulgar.

Last year, we travelled all over the island to look at the belenes in various towns, and discovered that some are definitely worth waiting until sunset to visit. Here are our suggestions for two Christmas driving tours that will guarantee the best experience.

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### ► HARÍA

Haría's lovely nativity scene reflects the cliffs, palms and rural existence of the north.

### ► TEGUISE

Tegui's Belén is a little staid compared to others, but modellers will appreciate the immense detail of the scaled-down buildings and the old town itself is even more magical at Christmastime.

### ► ARRECIFE

Last year, Arrecife's nativity scene raised the bar for all displays on the island – a huge, astonishingly detailed diorama of the whole island in a marquee on the seafront. It was accompanied by a Christmas market and the whole experience is sure to put you in a festive mood.

## AFTER-DARK TOUR

### ► TÍAS

Tías lights up at Christmas, and the large belén in front of Tías's San Antonio church is always worth seeing, full of detail and loving care.

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### ► YAIZA

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## TASTY *Decor*

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From chocolates hanging on the Christmas tree to bowls of nuts, Christmas has always been a time when food is particularly celebrated. In Spain it is, if anything, even more pronounced, with many homes displaying an entire leg of ham and several selections of polverones and turróns – the seasonal sweetmeats.

It makes sense to think about your presentation first. Choose bowls that reflect the overall decor of your home. They don't have to be shiny or tinselly – there's always a place for wood or simple earthenware at Christmas, too.

Choose your snacks and nibbles carefully and keep those bowls topped up if you have guests around. Christmas is a time of plenty, after all. But whatever you choose, there'll always be a place for nuts, whether they're brazils, pecans, hazelnuts or walnuts. Even if you don't like them much, their warm natural colours and shapes are inherently pleasing.

You can have a lot of fun with fruit bowls at Christmas – mandarins and other citrus fruits are in season, and their brightly coloured peel has always been a symbol of Christmas. Here on Lanzarote, there's a much better chance that you'll get hold of their lovely, glossy leaves, too. But there are many more lovely fruits to choose from, including yellow star fruit and bananas, red pomegranates, orange caquis and exotic pineapples, mangos and papayas.

It's also a time to play with fragrances, Cinnamon and mace can be incorporated into home made decorations, and clove-studded orange pomander balls can be prepared fresh, or dried earlier in December.





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IF YOU'RE RECEIVING FRIENDS OR FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS, YOU MAY HAVE TROUBLE FINDING SPACE FOR THEM ALL. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SPARE STABLE OR MANGER FOR YOUR GUESTS, HERE ARE A FEW OTHER IDEAS.

## GET FURNISHED

Human beings aren't like cats that curl up in any corner. They insist on sitting down on chairs, sleeping in beds, using bathrooms and generally taking up space, and this is something you'll have to be prepared for.

You may need to buy new furniture, such as chairs and folding beds that you wouldn't otherwise use, so make sure it's collapsible, stackable or storable, and remember that there's much less difference between garden furniture and indoor items here.

It's also wise to revise your bedlinen, cutlery and crockery. While it might be trendy to make a toast with a jam jar of wine, it's not what most people expect.

## BUFFET TIME

Traditional Christmas meals demand a large table, but if you haven't got one, it's probably an investment you'll be unwilling to make. Instead, think about a buffet arrangement, using the furniture you've already got. It'll take a little planning, but it'll add an informal holiday vibe to your festive season.

## DECORATE SMART

Forget massive trees and huge piles of gifts that take up space, and focus on keeping your Christmas decorations manageable. To do this, think vertical – hanging tinsel and other festive items where they won't get in the way. And pay special attention to lighting – fairy lights are fine, but well-placed spots or uplighters that highlight decorations can really add a touch of Christmas class.

## GET THEM OUTSIDE!

A full house is hard work for hosts at any time, but Christmas preparations can mean you really feeling the pressure. That's why getting your guests out of the house is a must. On Lanzarote the weather is likely to be fine, and there's an island full of sights to see and things to do. Organise a few excursions in advance and if you have a patio or a pool, make sure it's put to full use.



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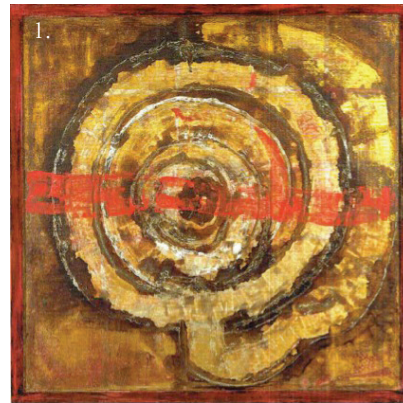
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# WOMEN Pioneers

IT'S ONLY IN RECENT DECADES THAT CANARIAN ART AND DESIGN HAS OPENED UP TO EMBRACE SCORES OF TALENTED AND GIFTED FEMALE ARTISTS. BUT THAT PROCESS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE TRAIL-BLAZING WORK DONE BY THREE WOMEN WHO WORKED UNDER VERY DIFFERENT CONDITIONS LAST CENTURY. ONE OF THOSE WOMEN, JANE MILLARES, DIED LAST MONTH, PERHAPS MARKING THE END OF AN INSPIRATIONAL ERA.

Jane Millares, Pino Ojeda and Lola Massieu reached adulthood in a Spain where women's roles were strictly limited by the traditional attitudes of the Franco dictatorship. Nevertheless, Spain was one of the leading artistic countries in the world, as the works of Dali, Miró and, above all, Picasso, became globally revered.



The legacy of the “Generation of 1927”, an immense explosion of artistic, poetic and literary talent that arose in the late 20s, was also strong. Among those pioneering artists, a group of women who named themselves Las Sinsombreros (the refusal to wear hats was part of their rebellion against traditional values) marked one of Spain's first flourishings of female creativity, producing painters such as Margarita Manso and the surrealist Maruja Mallo.

These creative currents reached the Canaries and had a profound influence on local artists like César Manrique, but they were

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Photo 1: Lola Massieu

Photo 2: Jane Millares

Photo 3: Pino Ojeda

Photo 4: "Spiral" by Lola Massieu

Photo 5: "The Lanterns" by Jane Millares

Photo 6: "Polar Cave" by Pino Ojeda.

also seized upon by women – usually from middle-class artistic backgrounds – the only environment at that time where a female artist was likely to receive support and encouragement.

As well as Tenerife-based artists such as Maribel Nazco and María Belén Morales, three Gran Canarian pioneers stood out.

### JANE MILLARES SALL

Born into one of the most illustrious Canarian artistic families, with Irish descent on her mother's side, Jane Millares Sall's brothers

included the musician Totoyo and the artist Manolo.

Jane herself began painting from an early age and was hugely productive, moving from a figurative style to more abstract works, and finally specialising in a strongly Canarian style that has been classified under the latin American "indigenist" movement.

Always socially committed, Jane was one of the strongest campaigners for a university in Las Palmas – a dream that came true in 1987.

### PINO OJEDA

Also in Gran Canaria, Pino Ojeda began to write in 1938 after the death of her husband in the Spanish Civil War and by the 1950s she had become a nationally acclaimed poet. It was in this decade that the first exhibition of her paintings and sculptures was held, in Barcelona.

She was soon exhibiting throughout Europe, and became the first woman to open an art gallery in the Canaries, the Galería Arte on the Playa de las Canteras in Las Palmas. Her works, always signed "Pinojeda" were widely admired, and Spanish Nobel Prize winning author Camilo José Cela said that "it is impossible to stay neutral faced with her sweet rocks of lava and the bitter mystery of her homeland."

### LOLA MASSIEU

Lola Massieu once recalled that, as a girl, when she said she wanted to be a painter, someone in her family slapped her. That did not discourage her, though, and she learnt art by the side of her uncle and great uncle, both called Nicolás.

In the 1950s she discovered abstract art and soon became one of the most influential Canarian artists in this field. She founded the Grupo Espacio, which also included Jane Millares, and became one of the most popular figures on the Canarian art scene until her death in 2007.



## CANARIAN *Christmas*

THE DEEP GREEN OF FIR TREES, THE RICH SCARLET OF HOLLY BERRIES, THE PURE SPARKLING WHITE OF FROST AND THE SHIMMERING GOLD OF THE WINTER SUN. THESE ARE THE CHRISTMAS COLOURS THAT MANY OF US INSTINCTIVELY THINK OF.

But look out of your Lanzarote window, and you're unlikely to see much of any of them. The greenery is vivid, but generally much paler, those whites are solid blocks rather than a dusted sprinkle, the sun is bright and brilliant and sea greens and sky blues are everywhere.

The Canarian Christmas palette is much fresher than the one you'll find in northern climes, where hardly any fresh produce is in season. Here, December is one of the most fertile times of year, and that is reflected in the colours that are favoured in the long, relaxed festive season.



*In winter, the Canaries are painted with freshness and delicate subtlety*

There's a lovely delicacy about the vivid red of the poinsettias that symbolise the season here, and it's that freshness and the warm climate that offers a more sunlit, outdoorsy style of decoration.

Those lovely maritime blues, for example, can easily be set off by shiny silvers and golds; subtle greens offer a background for pale yellows, pinks and snow white flowers. It's a celebratory springtime feeling with a touch of that essential Christmas sparkle.

The rich, bright patterns of ethnic fabrics also fit into this style and, of course, there are those warm, natural terracottas and ochres that reflect the subtle shades of the island's volcanoes.

Just get outside and let yourself be inspired by Lanzarote's kaleidoscope of colours and contrasts. Then use that inspiration to create your own Canarian Christmas at home.



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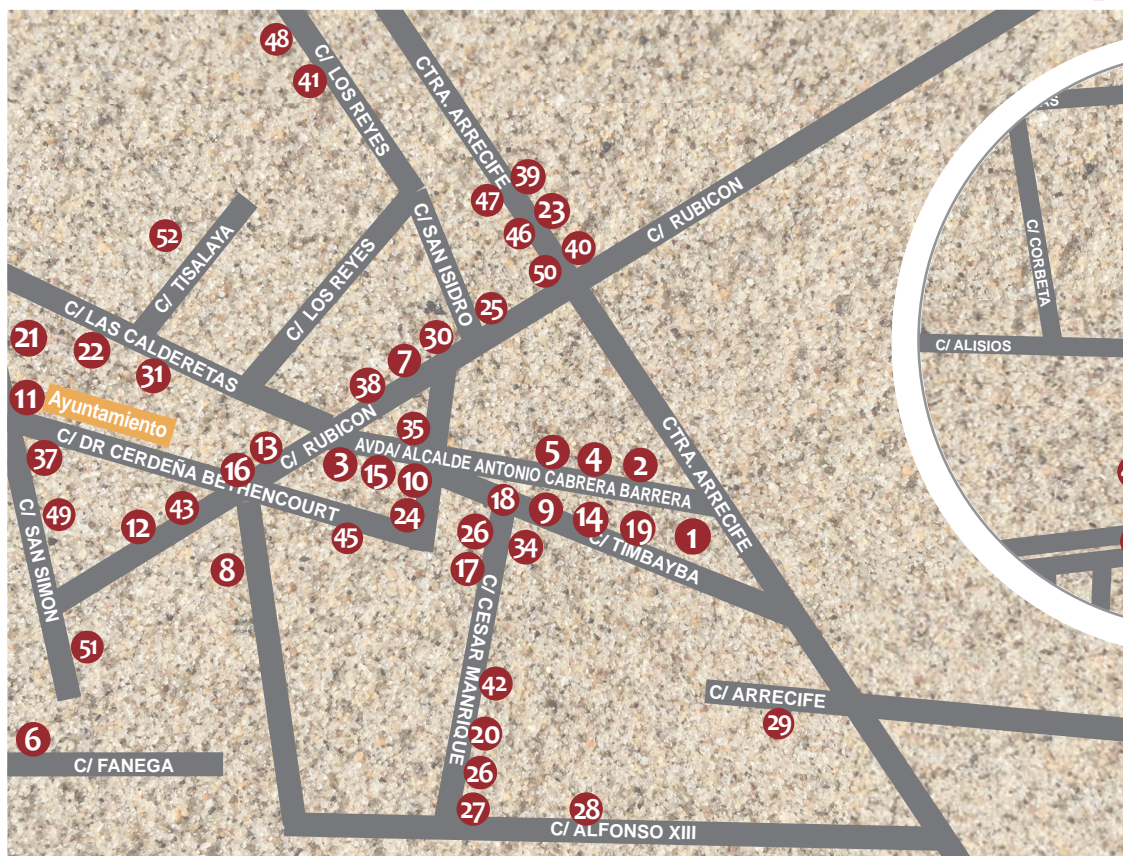


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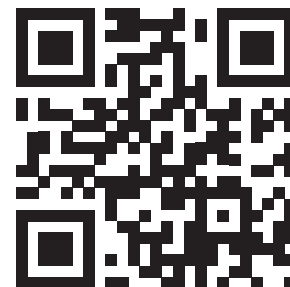
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The fight with the banks is not easy, because it all starts with a formal claim that must be lodged before the customer service department of the bank in question. This claim is always rejected as a matter of course, and the next step is to lodge a claim before the Bank of Spain, with all the bureaucracy that this entails.

Lanzarote lawyer Erardo Ferrer describes how some banks are using Brexit as an excuse to charge unfair fees.

Since Brexit, many banks and banking entities have introduced an increase in the banking commissions to be paid by their clients for transfers between Spain and the UK. They justify this on the grounds that, after Brexit, the bank is obliged to charge the customer these commissions for international transfers.

These commissions can sometimes be very high, especially when an ex-pat has sold a property in Spain and they wish to send the funds to the country of origin.

Nevertheless, while the UK did leave the EU, that did not affect its membership of the SEPA

However, At Lanzarote Abogados, we have recovered a lot of money from our clients with these claims, which is why we encourage you to claim any money that your bank has improperly charged you for transferring money from Spain to your country of origin.

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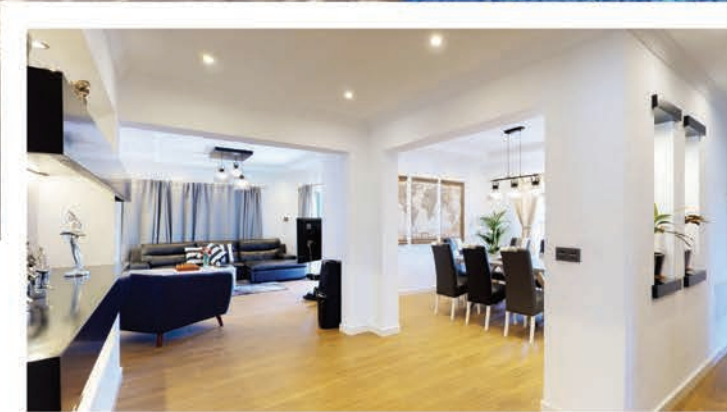

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## BREXIT BITES



The effects of Brexit are already being felt on Lanzarote, but there is hope for a future agreement that will benefit both Britons and Lanzarote islanders, communities whose lives have been intertwined for decades.

Here at the Gazette we never told people how to vote in the Brexit referendum six years ago – you’re not stupid and that’s not our job. We did, however, point out that there were likely to be no benefits for the British community on the island, for British tourists or for the island itself. And so it has proved.

The transition period ended on Jan 1st 2021, at the height of the pandemic, a year after the deal signed by Boris Johnson. Immediate disadvantages became clear quickly, as businesses that relied on importing goods from the UK faced a nightmare of paperwork that usually resulted in increased prices.

Meanwhile, non-resident British home owners and long-stay travellers learned that, like other “third country (non-EU) nationals”, they were now only permitted to stay for 90 days out of every 180. The effect on “swallows”, who used to spend the winter months here has been profound.

In May this year, British residents who had failed or been unable to exchange their UK licences for Spanish ones discovered that they were banned from driving unless they passed a Spanish driving test. At the time of writing, the situation has not been resolved.

As for the effect on Lanzarote itself; that remains to be seen. Britain remains the island’s main tourist market, and millions of Britons still come here, only slightly affected by new passport rules. The only minor “Brexit benefit” mentioned by local media - increased duty free discounts - has so far failed to materialise due to the complicated Canarian VAT system.

It is also harder for Britons to work here. For the last few decades, hundreds of British residents on Lanzarote have arrived the same way – visiting the island for a holiday, finding work and then staying. However, it is now far more difficult for younger Britons to get an employment contract here.

The Spanish government has stated that it wishes to sign a bilateral agreement that will return things to a situation that is “as close as possible” to the one before Brexit. There has been no statement on this from the UK government, and any such deal is likely to be complicated and difficult.

However, we can only hope that, with co-operation, dedication and goodwill, such a deal will go ahead. It could only bring benefits for Lanzarote and all of its residents.



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# Snug as a bug



WHILE LANZAROTE IS FAMED FOR IT'S WARM CLIMATE, THE ISLAND CAN GET COLD AND DAMP IN THE WINTER MONTHS. TO KEEP COSY AND SNUG THIS CHRISTMAS, YOU'LL WANT TO BEAR THESE FACTORS IN MIND.

## **NORTH AND SOUTH**

Most properties on Lanzarote face southwards, towards the sunshine. However, this means that the northern-facing parts of the house may be in permanent shade and, although the island is dry, damp-proofing is rarely used and damp can be a serious problem.

Ventilation is the key here – keeping your home well aired will eliminate moisture. Leave a little space between furniture and walls to let air circulate, and if damp seems to be a real problem, you may consider investing in a dehumidifier.

Really bad weather tends to arrive from the south-west, which is where many awnings and pergolas will be located. Be absolutely sure that you can secure these against strong winds and torrential rain.

## **HEAVY WEATHER**

Lanzarote has had dry weather for at least two years, but that long drought came to an end in September when the island received a thorough soaking. You can still see the greenery that resulted on

the hills and fields.

Rainfall does happen here, and when it does, it's often surprisingly intense. It will come down hard and fast, and it will find its way into every crack and hole available.

Unfortunately, you're likely to learn that you have leaks when it's already too late. Rain can cause serious damage to your furniture and will lead to more leaks and a damp problem if left untreated, so it's best to prepare in advance by having your roof looked at by professionals.

## **BE PROTECTED**

If maintained, protecting your home on Lanzarote is simple. It's a question of making sure that your roof, walls, doors, and windows are watertight.

Ensure that your door and window fittings are secure and that your roof has a healthy coat of protective sealant on it to protect from water and dust.

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# Winter pool preparations



THIS MONTH WILL SEE HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES ARRIVE ON LANZAROTE AS THE KIDS BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS TIME. THEY'LL BE KEEN TO HOP ON THE SUNBEDS, DIVE INTO THE SWIMMING POOL AND CHILL OUT IN THE HOT TUB ON COOL WINTER EVENINGS. WHETHER YOU'RE A HOMEOWNER EXPECTING FAMILY OR A VILLA RENTAL OWNER EXPECTING GUESTS, THERE'S SOME THINGS THAT YOU'LL WANT TO PREPARE FOR.

## INVITING SUNBEDS

Sunbeds are one of the main features in a villa's garden area, either standing along or by an inviting swimming pool, it's important that they look like something you want to lie on for hours.

Gone are the days of flimsy blue plastic sunbeds, they are easily stained by sun cream and hard to clean if the grime is allowed to sit. Black durable sunbeds can last for years if looked after, and they look fantastic too.

If you're expecting guests this December, you'll want to invest in quality sunbed covers that use durable materials and are easily cleaned.

## JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER

Pool and Spa covers are a vital part of maintenance – they help to keep in the heat and keep out any contaminants. A flaking, sun bleached pool or spa cover is not a good look and may be costing you money on heating. A brand-new cover can cut down on heating usage, maintenance time, and water evaporation.

## BLUE CHRISTMAS

By cleaning your pool weekly and checking the chemicals, you can ensure that you'll be enjoying a blue Christmas with your guests.

There are a few things that your guests should keep in mind when hopping into your pool or spa hot tub:

- Sun cream should be washed off before getting into the pool or hot tub. Even if the bottle says water-resistant, the sun cream will float on the surface on the water and leave marks along the water line.
- Plastic, not glass! You should never drink from glasses around the pool – if broken glass were to fall into the pool, then it would have to be drained, swept thoroughly, and filled again.
- Electronics and water don't mix. It should go without saying. You should never use your phone near a swimming pool or spa – a broken phone can really spoil a holiday.



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# COSY Christmas

ON LANZAROTE, CHRISTMAS IS A MUCH MORE OUTDOOR AFFAIR THAN IT IS FURTHER NORTH. SOME PEOPLE MAY MISS ROARING FIRES AND THAT COSY FEELING YOU GET WHEN YOU COME IN FROM THE FREEZING COLD; BUT FEW OF US WILL MISS THE HEATING BILLS – ESPECIALLY THIS WINTER.

But even on an island where a Christmas barbecue on the patio is perfectly possible, we still seek that warm, cosy feeling. And although the last few Christmases on the island have been sunny, December can still sometimes get cool and wet.



If you live in higher-lying areas of the island, you'll know that heating may be required at this time of year, and you'll want to preserve all the heat in your home.

Home insulation is almost non-existent here – the benefits simply aren't worth the expense. But you'll certainly benefit from tight, well-fitted doors and windows that allow you to cut out all draughts and remain snug. Double-glazing is also a great idea, although you're likely to most appreciate its benefits in the scorching summer.

Light blinds on windows allow you to let the sunlight in and warm up your interior, as well as cut out glare and radiation heat when it's too hot. But many Spanish homes also have a set of much heavier curtains that, once again, keep the place cool in summer and can also conserve warmth in winter.

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## 1. THE CACTUS GARDEN

César Manrique once said the Cactus Garden was his favourite of the works he created on Lanzarote, and it's not hard to see why. It's a

lovely, strange little place, located in an abandoned quarry in Guatiza and overlooked by one of the old windmills that were so important to islanders in days gone by.

With several hundred cacti species on display, you'll soon be enchanted by the variety, the shapes and the sheer weirdness of these plants, which were also a key element of the area's economy.

## 2. JAMEOS DEL AGUA

The descent into the Jameo is one of the most magical experiences on Lanzarote, as you head down through large, glossy leaved monstera and rubber plants into a volcanic tunnel. At the other end there are elegant palm trees overlooking a perfect pool, and beautifully kept plants all around.

## 3. CÉSAR MANRIQUE'S HOMES

Both of César Manrique's homes have wonderfully well-kept gardens. The César Manrique Foundation in Tahiche is, of course, an amazing place, inspired by Manrique's discovery of a fig tree growing from a volcanic hole. It's a masterpiece of design, and greenery is an essential element of its charm.



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The rambling Casa Museo de Manrique in Haría is also filled with impressive plants.

#### 4. HARÍA

The little town that nestles among the ancient volcanoes of the north is probably Lanzarote's greenest place, and well worth a stroll just for the variety of wild and cultivated plants you'll find. Tumbledown old houses sit side by side with beautifully cultivated gardens where fruit trees and bougainvillea plants abound, there's a gorgeous tree-lined main square and there's plenty of agriculture going on, too.

Serious plant lovers shouldn't miss David Riebold's wildlife garden in the heart of the town -a fascinating project that celebrates and protects the natural species of the island. To visit, contact david.riebold@gmail.com

#### 5. FAMARA CLIFFS

For wild plant life, a trip to the Famara cliffs is unmissable. This is the area of the island with the most varied plant life, and the largest concentration of native Lanzarote species. There are several footpaths in and around the clifftops, but we'd recommend a short hike from El Bosquecillo to the Ermita de Nuestra Señora de Las Nieves, where you'll see all sorts of plants including aeoniums and native daisies, large wild fennel plants with their yellow flowers, stocky purple thistles, convolvus and much, much more. It's a botanist's dream -just stick to the path.

#### HOTEL GARDENS

Many of the island's hotels have wonderfully designed and maintained gardens containing a wealth of fascinating plants, flowers and trees.

If you're not a guest, just ask permission to take a wander around at reception or book a meal at the hotel restaurant and wander at your pleasure.

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## POINSETTIA

The vivid scarlet and green leaves of the poinsettia plant are a symbol of Christmas throughout Latin America and the USA, and they've also become hugely popular in other countries – it's now the most-sold houseplant in the UK at Christmastime.

You'll see them all over the island in the run-up to Christmas, and the vast majority of these plants will end up being discarded once the Christmas season is over. However, it's a tough, hardy customer and its leaves remain attractive long after they've lost their red colour.



Poinsettia

That red colour is spurred by keeping a poinsettia in absolute darkness for at least two months, for 14 hours a day. You can try this yourself with a box, if you like. It might require care, but you'll be sure to have one of the few poinsettias on the island that has flowered twice.

## AMARYLLIS

A gorgeous, lush deep red trumpet-shaped bloom is the main attraction here. The amaryllis flower is simply spectacular, and a real sign of Christmas opulence.

It's also a lot tougher and longer-lasting than you think. Those blooms will last for at least seven weeks, and even cut flowers are likely to stay fresh over the whole Christmas holiday.

## AZALEAS

Available in several colours, including gorgeous seasonal reds and whites, the azalea guarantees blooms, colour and joy at Christmas.

Once they start blooming, their flowers last up to a month, making them a great centrepiece for the whole Christmas period. They're best kept in slightly cooler areas, and away from too much heat. The soil should be kept moist at all times, with watering usually required at least two to three times a week.



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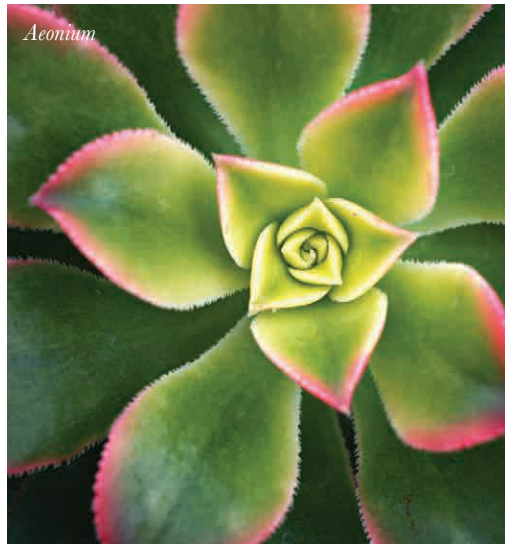
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Many of these Canarian native succulents are especially beautiful at this time of year, with red or pink tinged leaves and hugely attractive rosette colours. Once again, they're the sort of plant that can easily be decorated for Christmas.

**BAY TREE**

A bay tree is a perfect Christmas gift, its deep green leaves echoing the laurels and holly that are found on Christmas wreaths. It's also one of the most popular ornamental shrubs, and provides fragrant leaves for use in the kitchen all year round.



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IN THE LAST THREE MATCHES UD LANZAROTE EARNED EXCELLENT AWAY DRAWS AGAINST THE B TEAMS OF BOTH CD TENERIFE AND UD LAS PALMAS, FOLLOWED BY A HOME 1-0 WIN, AND HAVE MOVED UP TO 7TH SPOT IN THE FIFTH TIER OF SPANISH FOOTBALL (THIRD DIVISION RFEF).



Striker Keita with the winning goal v Arucas CF

It has been an entertaining opening eight games of a 30-match season and the Rojillos (The Reds) have won three, drawn three and lost the other two matches, leaving them two positions and four points adrift of the playoff positions.

One of those defeats was on the 23rd October against league leaders UD Villa Santa Brígida. Lanzarote took the lead in the first minute of the second half through striker Rodrigo and were good value against the unbeaten side.

In the 53rd minute, right back Keita picked up his second yellow card and the Rojillos were forced to play with only 10 men in energy-sapping heat of up to 32 degrees. Nevertheless, Lanzarote looked more likely to score the next goal. In the 75th minute striker Di Renzo hit the inside of the right hand post from 25 yards and the Rojillos were on top.

With only eight minutes remaining, the referee gave the Gran Canarian side a free kick on the edge of the box for a nonexistent foul. The strike at goal took a wicked

deflection and it was 1-1. Two minutes later and it was 1-2 to the visitors which was followed by a converted penalty making it 1-3.

Lanzarote fought back with sub Machín reducing the deficit to 2-3 in the 93rd minute with a header and this led to a frantic final five minutes, but the visitors held on to claim maximum points.

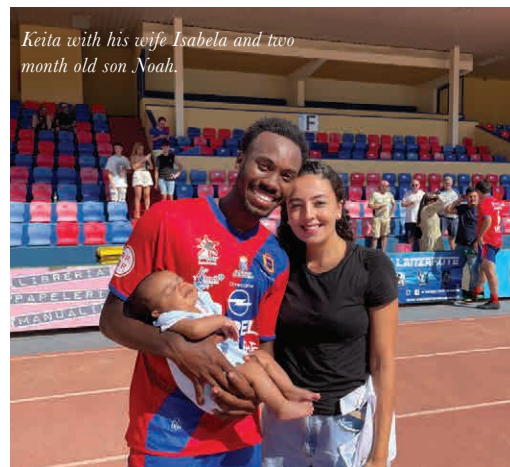
This season the fans have been delighted with the style of football being played and the attitude of the players, but as we all know that will be quickly forgotten if the club is not competing for a playoff spot in April.

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Alcohol is involved in many of these incidents, and Spain's Traffic Department has spent years campaigning and cracking down on drink-driving. The country now takes the issue of drink-driving as seriously, or more seriously, than most others.

Yet you'll still hear friends recommending routes that are supposedly free of police patrols, still hear the excuse that "I've only had a couple". It's a self-centered attitude, but it's too late to start being responsible when a drunk driver is involved in an incident that kills or injures another person.

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(Times may vary by a few minutes around the island)

Day	Hour	Metres	Day	Hour	Metres
<b>1</b>	L: 01:05	1.1	<b>17</b>	L: 01:21	1.2
	H: 07:23	2.4		H: 07:37	2.2
	L: 14:02	0.9		L: 14:09	1.0
	H: 20:21	2.2		H: 20:24	2.1
<b>2</b>	L: 02:24	1.1	<b>18</b>	L: 02:30	1.1
	H: 08:38	2.4		H: 08:42	2.2
	L: 15:11	0.8		L: 15:08	0.9
	H: 21:27	2.3		H: 21:23	2.2
<b>3</b>	L: 03:31	1.0	<b>19</b>	L: 03:31	1.0
	H: 09:41	2.5		H: 09:41	2.4
	L: 16:06	0.7		L: 16:01	0.8
	H: 22:19	2.4		H: 22:14	2.4
<b>4</b>	L: 04:26	0.8	<b>20</b>	L: 04:26	0.8
	H: 10:33	2.5		H: 10:34	2.5
	L: 16:52	0.7		L: 16:50	0.6
	H: 23:03	2.5		H: 23:02	2.6
<b>5</b>	L: 05:12	0.7	<b>21</b>	L: 05:16	0.6
	H: 11:18	2.6		H: 11:24	2.6
	L: 17:32	0.6		L: 17:36	0.5
	H: 23:42	2.6		H: 23:48	2.8
<b>6</b>	L: 05:53	0.6	<b>22</b>	L: 06:05	0.4
	H: 11:58	2.6		H: 12:12	2.7
	L: 18:08	0.6		L: 18:22	0.4
				<b>23</b> ○	H: 00:33
H: 00:17	2.7	L: 06:52	0.3		
L: 06:31	0.6	H: 12:59	2.8		
H: 12:35	2.6	L: 19:07	0.4		
<b>8</b> ●	H: 00:51	2.7	<b>24</b>	H: 01:19	3.0
	L: 07:06	0.6		L: 07:39	0.2
	H: 13:10	2.6		H: 13:47	2.8
	L: 19:14	0.6		L: 19:53	0.4
<b>9</b>	H: 01:24	2.7	<b>25</b>	H: 02:06	3.0
	L: 07:42	0.6		L: 08:28	0.2
	H: 13:45	2.5		H: 14:36	2.7
	L: 19:47	0.7		L: 20:40	0.4
<b>10</b>	H: 01:58	2.7	<b>26</b>	H: 02:53	3.0
	L: 08:17	0.6		L: 09:18	0.3
	H: 14:20	2.4		H: 15:26	2.6
	L: 20:21	0.8		L: 21:30	0.6
<b>11</b>	H: 02:32	2.6	<b>27</b>	H: 03:44	2.9
	L: 08:53	0.7		L: 10:11	0.4
	H: 14:56	2.3		L: 16:20	2.5
	L: 20:57	0.9		L: 22:22	0.7
<b>12</b>	H: 03:09	2.5	<b>28</b>	H: 04:38	2.7
	L: 09:32	0.8		L: 11:08	0.6
	H: 15:35	2.2		H: 17:18	2.3
	L: 21:35	1.0		L: 23:20	0.9
<b>13</b>	H: 03:49	2.4	<b>29</b>	H: 05:37	2.5
	L: 10:15	0.9		L: 12:10	0.7
	H: 16:19	2.1		H: 18:23	2.2
	L: 22:18	1.1			
<b>14</b>	H: 04:34	2.3	<b>30</b> ○	L: 00:26	1.0
	L: 11:03	1.0		H: 06:43	2.4
	H: 17:10	2.0		L: 13:17	0.9
	L: 23:09	1.2		H: 19:33	2.1
<b>15</b>	H: 05:27	2.2	<b>31</b>	L: 01:38	1.1
	L: 12:00	1.1		H: 07:54	2.3
	H: 18:10	2.0		L: 14:26	0.9
				H: 20:43	2.1
<b>16</b> ○	L: 00:11	1.2			
	H: 06:29	2.2			
	L: 13:04	1.1			
	H: 19:17	2.0			

H=High Tide L=Low Tide

○ New Moon	◐ First Quarter Moon
● Full Moon	◑ Last Quarter Moon



December 2022

# Weather Watch

## Delightful December.

As we approach the winter solstice, December brings Lanzarote's darkest days. Fortunately, in this part of the world that still usually means plenty of sunshine and warmth.

We're definitely in the Canarian winter, though. There's a higher chance of rain, the still autumn months give way to stronger breezes, and temperatures can fall below 15 degrees centigrade. Nevertheless, unless you're in higher-lying areas of the island, the only heating you're likely to require is a jacket or a cardigan.

## What to Expect in December



**Day Time Temps**  
22°C (ranges from 20°C to 29°C).



**Night Time Temps**  
17°C (ranges from 19°C to 25°C).



**Sunshine Hours**  
11 hours daylight. 6 hours full sun.



**Sea Temp**  
20°C



**Rain**  
3 days (10 mms average).



**Wind**  
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# Telephone Numbers



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# Need to Know

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2023

As usual, there will be 14 public holidays this year. Eight are national, and cannot be changed. Four are decided by the Canarian Government (one of which is an island holiday), and the remaining two are fixed by local councils.

### NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

7th April	Good Friday
1st May	Workers' Day
15th August	Assumption
12th October	Spain's National Day
1st November	All Saint's Day
6th December	Constitution Day
8th December	Immaculate Conception
25th December	Christmas Day

*(Weekend low-rate energy tariffs only operate on these national holidays).*

### CANARIAN HOLIDAYS

6th January	Epiphany ( <i>Three Kings Day</i> )*
6th April	Holy Thursday*
30th May	Canary Day
16th September	Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores ( <i>Lanzarote holiday</i> )

*\*While these days are likely to be holidays throughout Spain, it is regional governments who choose them.*

### MUNICIPAL HOLIDAYS

Municipal holidays have still not been announced by Ayuntamientos. However, these are the most likely dates:

<b>Arrecife</b>	<b>Tías</b>
<i>21st February:</i> Carnival Tuesday	<i>2nd February:</i> Day of Candelaria
<i>25th August:</i> San Ginés	<i>21st February:</i> Carnival Tuesday
<b>San Bartolomé</b>	<b>Teguise</b>
<i>21st February:</i> Carnival Tuesday	<i>16th July:</i> Nuestra Señora del Carmen
<i>24th August:</i> San Bartolomé	<i>24th June:</i> San Juan
<b>San Bartolomé</b>	<b>Tinajo</b>
<i>21st February:</i> Carnival Tuesday	<i>21st February:</i> Carnival Tuesday
<i>24th August:</i> San Bartolomé	<i>24th June:</i> San Juan
<b>Haría</b>	<b>Yaiza</b>
<i>28th February:</i> Carnival Tuesday	<i>7th July:</i> San Marcial
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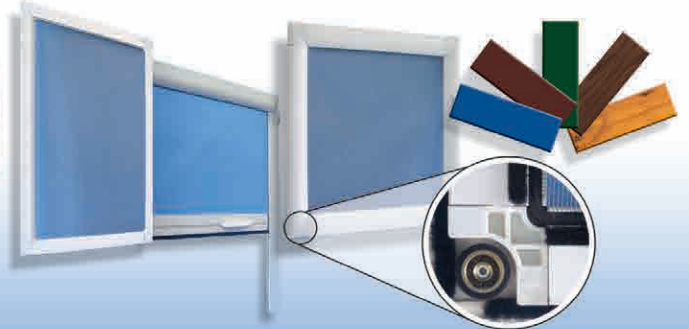


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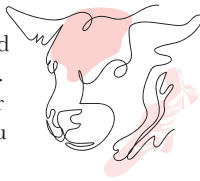
(21 MAR - 19 APR)

Money's a little tight, Aries, so put some thought into those Christmas preparations. Shop around, look for deals, use your imagination and do your best to keep costs down while not seeming stingy. Now is not the time to splash out.

## Taurus

(20 APRIL - 20 MAY)

It's all coming together, Taurus, and you can afford to switch off for a while and just enjoy the holidays. There'll be challenges to come, but you need to be your best self to deal with them, and a break will help you get there.



## Gemini

(21 MAY TO 20 JUNE)

It's great to see that bubbly Gemini character returning, and this time it's for real. The worst is over, the corner has been turned and your friends and family deserve to enjoy you at your sparkling best. Let yourself go!

## Cancer

(21 JUNE TO 22 JULY)

You'll be in a soulful place this month, Cancer. Emotions will be intense and you'll be thinking about matters that move you deeply. This is exactly what you need. Life is a serious business, and treating it that way will bring real satisfaction.



## Leo

(23 JULY TO 22 AUG)

Friends are full of well-intentioned advice this month, Leo. Listen carefully, you might learn something new, but deep down you know exactly which choice you're going to make, so start preparing the ground early.

## Virgo

(23 AUG TO 22 SEPT)

Get out, Virgo! Go on, get up, get your shoes on and head out into the open air. Look for fresh landscapes, new pathways and spend some time with nature and friends. You'll feel fantastic and full of inspiration.



## Sagittarius

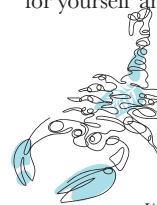
(22 NOV TO 21 DEC)

People you love need you close, Sagittarius. Don't postpone this; nothing is more important than the bonds in your life. There's excitement on the horizon, but it may have to wait until you're available again. And you will be...

## Libra

(23 SEPT TO 22 OCT)

Think about your body this month, Libra. Think of how you can enjoy it to the maximum, how it moves, how it feels and how it looks. Don't worry about what others think - do it for yourself and be proud of every part of you.



## Scorpio

(23 OCT TO 21 NOV)

If you're in the mood for romance, this month is a great time for it, Scorpio. But new affairs and relationships can also be hard work. If you feel it's worth it, go for it. If not, let it slide for now - there'll be plenty more chance soon.

## Capricorn

(22 DEC TO 19 JAN)

Social duty is important this month, Capricorn. You know what I'm talking about - renew those contacts, rekindle those friendships, reach out, get in touch and strengthen your social network. Don't leave anyone out.



## Aquarius

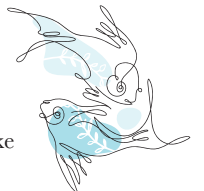
(20 JAN - 18 FEB)

Things are moving steadily forward, Aquarius, and you're satisfied with how life is developing. But don't take your eye off the ball. Enjoy the holiday, but put time aside for the project that's becoming your passion.

## Pisces

(19 FEB - 20 MAR)

Why is everyone flirting with you, Pisces? Could it be that you've spent a bit of time on your appearance? Maybe it's your humour and charm? Whatever it is, make the most of it and enjoy a delightful social whirl!

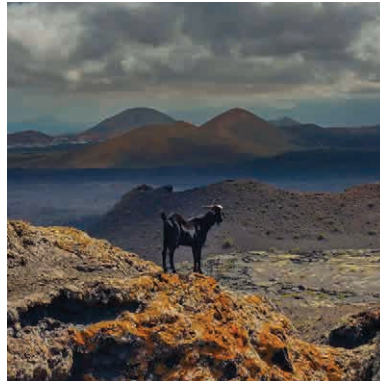


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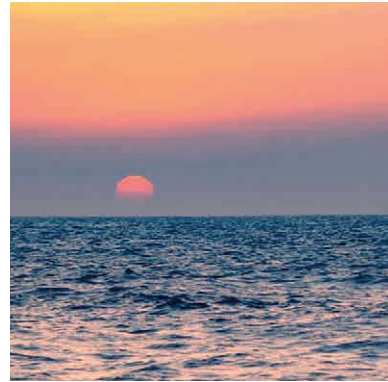
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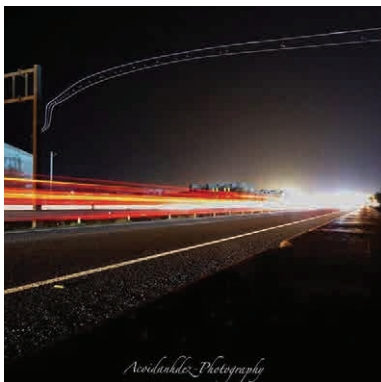
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