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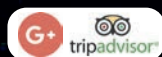
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There's been plenty of good news recently, as Lanzarote's tourist season exceeds expectations, restaurants and bars are packed out and employment is on the rise.

What's been really uplifting was to see how people came flocking back to the island after the long absence. And they weren't just the familiar old regulars that it's always good to see again; there were thousands of new arrivals, too.

Part of this is a result of marketing by local authorities, who have succeeded in presenting a hugely attractive vision of Lanzarote – an island of great food, fine wine, unique beauty and a magnet for sport lovers.

But it's also a result of the internet and social media, which allow anyone in the world to instantly tap into what's happening on the island.

It wasn't that long ago when the only glimpse tourists would get of Lanzarote in the long months between

holidays was a photo in a brochure. Now it's there, online, in all its glory, any time you want to enjoy it.

A glorious sunset can go viral, admired by thousands of people; you can see what's happening in your favourite bar even though you're thousands of miles away, and you can plan your holiday far more easily than was ever possible.

Here at the Gazette, we clearly saw that fierce desire for the island throughout the lockdown, and now it's fantastic to see how people are flocking back to find that those high expectations are not just satisfied, but exceeded.

Of course, 2022 was still a tough old year for many who live here. The pandemic's aftermath and war in Ukraine has caused inflation; there are serious housing problems and many other things that need to be changed.

But we head into a brave New Year with hope and optimism, shoulder to shoulder with millions who love Lanzarote.

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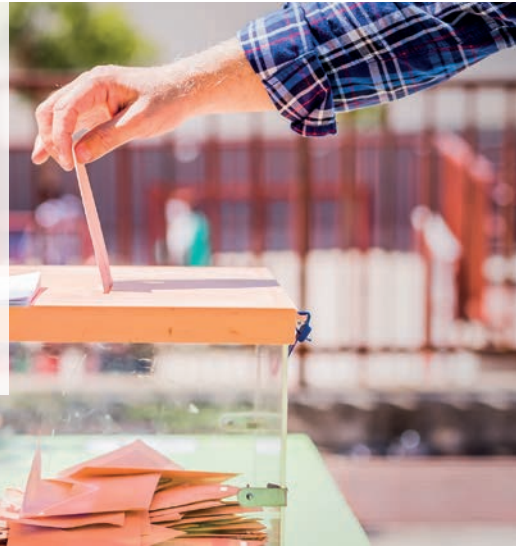
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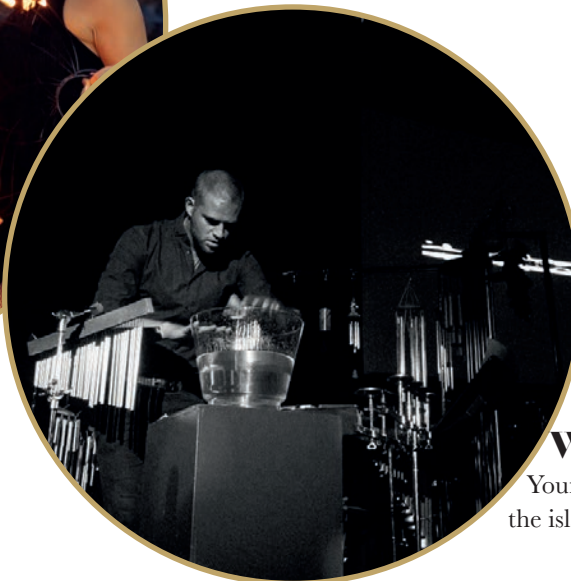
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STATUE WARS



The Atlantic Museum

The removal of two statues from the underwater Atlantic Museum in Playa Blanca has been condemned by diving schools, but it's just the latest episode in a long tale of political rivalry involving public artworks.

In 2013, the VII Lanzarote Biennial was launched in Playa Blanca by the then-Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés. Sponsored by the German art dealer Helge Achenbach, it was at this event that a proposal for an underwater museum by British artist Jason de Caires Taylor was first made.

Taylor soon took up residency at a studio in the Marina Rubicón, working with scores of Lanzarote residents who turned up to be cast in fibre-glass. These casts would later be the basis of the 300 concrete statues that would be placed on the seabed as part of the museum.

The Atlantic Museum opened in 2017 to worldwide coverage. Hailed as the first museum of its kind in Europe, it was quickly included on the list of the island's official CACTs (Cultural, Artistic and Tourist Centres) which, up to

then, had been entirely composed of César Manrique projects.

However, behind the scenes there had already been strong objections to the project. The statues were later removed under cover of darkness, and were later confirmed to be images of the lawyer Ignacio Calatayud, an associate of ex-President San Ginés. Both men are currently being investigated on corruption charges. Meanwhile, the César Manrique Foundation maintained silence on the issue - a silence that left most observers in no doubt as to their stance.

In 2019, the Coalición Canaria were voted out of the Cabildo and replaced by a coalition led by Socialist María Dolores Corujo. One of her first acts as President was to remove the museum from the list of CACTs, a decision that was justified by the fact that it was attracting just 22 divers a day and

making heavy losses. Since then, the museum has remained a regular excursion for dive schools, although it is no longer publicised officially, and costs the island nothing.

On 26th November, divers managed to turn back a boat chartered by the Cabildo that had been sent to remove two statues from the museum. The statues were later removed under cover of darkness, and were confirmed to be images of the lawyer Ignacio Calatayud, an associate of ex-President San Ginés, who is currently being investigated on corruption charges.

Dive schools fear that this is the start of a “progressive dismantling” of the museum. Whether that is the case, or whether it is a bizarre instance of a political vendetta against San Ginés and his party, remains to be seen.

THE RISING TIDE

In 2016, the Cabildo installed four statues of horses made by Jason de Caires at the foot of the Castillo de San José in Arrecife. The works as a whole were titled *The Rising Tide*, intended to be covered and revealed by the tide twice a day, and had previously appeared at an art festival in London.

The exhibition was described as “temporary” at that time, and in 2019, the new Cabildo removed the horses, despite a campaign to keep them there. According to President Corujo, they had been removed to “return the identity of César Manrique” to the castle. Following the removals, Jason de Caires Taylor accused the Cabildo of “censorship”.

The horses remain in a depot in Arrecife, their future uncertain.



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LOCAL NEWS

SPECTACULAR SUNSET

Social media filled up with astonishing images of one of the most spectacular sunsets Lanzarote has experienced recently – a sight that many described as the “lava sky”.

The late November mackerel clouds were caused by high altitude atmospheric waves, and as the sun descended they were lit up from behind with fiery red and orange colours.



WINDFARM FOR LAS CALETAS



A Spanish electricity firm has requested permission to place a wind farm off the shore of Arrecife.

The offshore wind farm proposed by Capital Energy would be composed of four windmills and produce 50 megawatts. Another wind farm of the same size and potential has already been requested by a Portuguese company in the same location.

The turbines would be located around three kilometres off the shore of Las Caletas, where the island’s power station is located. As well as proximity to the power station, water depth and wind frequency are the reasons chosen for this location.

The company points out that, on the Canaries, the majority of power is still being provided by fossil fuels, and says that the price of fuel production on the islands is more than three times that on the mainland – a cost that must be shared by all Spaniards.

TEN TONS OF TOPS

10,000 kilogrammes of plastic bottle tops have been collected by Lanzarote schoolchildren last year, and will go towards helping children with special needs.

Hugo Delgado, councillor of the waste disposal at the Cabildo, announced that the *tapones solidarios* (supportive bottle tops) campaign had been a great success, and announced that proceeds from the bottle tops would go towards treatment for young Gabriel Padilla, who is suffering from cerebral paralysis; as well as towards a wheelchair for a girl called Sofia.



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METEORITE LANDS

The Canarian Astrophysics Institute (ICA) has said that a meteorite that passed over Gran Canaria before falling into the sea is the first to be recorded in the Canaries.

In early December, people on Gran Canaria heard a thundering sound that may at first thought was an earthquake. However, later seismologists reported that there had been no tremors, and witnesses reported seeing a “reddish-green” light in the sky.

The ICA has stated that it believes the object was a meteorite measuring between 50 cms and a metre in diameter, and that it fell into the sea north of the Canaries. If confirmed it will be the first meteorite to be reported landing in Canarian territory.

Coincidentally, on the same night Ramón López, an astronomer in Playa Blanca, took photos of a rare double meteorite passing over the islands.



NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR SAN BARTOLOMÉ

San Bartolomé Mayor, Isidro Pérez, and the Canarian Education Minister, Manuela Armas, have signed off the agreement to build a new primary school in San Bartolomé.

The new school will cost €8 million and be named the Centro de Educación Infantil y Primaria (CEIP) Alcalde Alexis Tejera Lemes, in honour of the young mayor who died of a degenerative illness last year. It will take the place of the current provisional primary school facilities in the Casa Ajei.



YAIZA BELÉN THEFT



The theft of five camels and a shepherd from Yaiza's famous nativity scene was condemned by

the local Councillor for Culture, Daniel Medina, last month.

“It's a prank in extremely bad taste,” he said, “Not just because of the loss, but because of the work the creators have put into the Belén”.

Medina also revealed that two other people had been stopped by the police after taking material from the scene while it was being prepared. He promised that cameras would be installed shortly to deter further thefts.

WORLD CUP JOY AND HEARTACHE

The Qatar World Cup brought joy and heartbreak for thousands of tourists and residents on Lanzarote.

There was disappointment for German fans as

their team crashed out in the group stages, but joy for Moroccans as their team progressed to the semi-finals for the first time.

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ISLAND INFO

REGISTER TO VOTE



A reminder that, if you wish to vote in the municipal elections in May this year, you'll need to make sure that you are registered on the local padrón municipal (local electoral list) before the 15th January.

According to the British Embassy, those who are eligible to vote in next May's municipal elections should now have received a letter from the Electoral Office (OCE). As a reminder, anyone who has been resident in Spain for more than three years is entitled to vote even if you have not received a letter, provided that you are registered on the padrón and confirm your registration on the electoral roll between 1 December 2022 and 15 January 2023.

The OCE letter will tell you what you need to do to confirm your registration on the electoral roll. In general, you can register online (using your cl@ve pin if you have one or the code provided in the letter) or you can fill in the form and send it back by post.

If have not yet received the letter, go to your local Town Hall (Ayuntamiento) with ID and check that you are registered.

It's a very quick process and shouldn't require an appointment.

CHRISTMAS ISN'T OVER!

Lanzarote celebrated Christmas in fine style last month as every town on the island mounted its Belén, or nativity scene; musicians strolled the streets playing festive tunes and Santa Claus arrived in various localities.

And, as everyone who lives here knows, it's not over. Belenes and Christmas decorations will remain up until at least the 6th January, while the Three Kings will travel around the island on the 5th January. See our What's On section for more details.



LANZAROTE ON VINYL

It's been a good few years since a vinyl record was issued on Lanzarote, but local group **Ya -No Te Quiero** have just released their EP *Latinoamérica* on Malpais Records.

You can buy the record at Bysiroco in Arrecife or from the Malpais store on Discogs.



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Free bus travel for frequent users is now in operation throughout the Canaries.

The free service only applies to regular users who holds bonos (travel cards), and the minimum total of journeys that can be made in a month is 15. If fewer journeys are registered, the user will have to pay normal prices when the card is renewed.

On Lanzarote, cards must be issued and renewed at the central bus station in Arrecife.

Canarian Transport Minister Sebastián Franquis justified the 15-journey limit by pointing out that the measures were intended to support workers and students, who make an average of 30 to 40 journeys a month.

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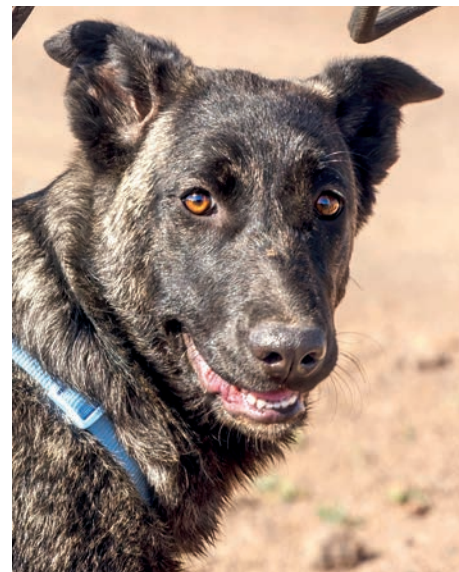
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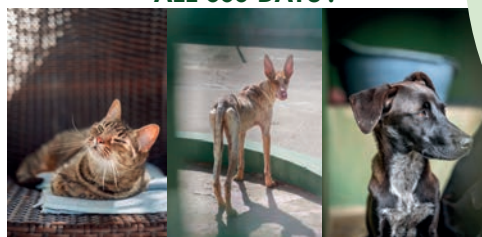
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In May this year, Lanzarote's strict rules on advertising will be suspended and the island will be decked with posters, banners, flags and other political advertising. This is all part of a democratic process that will dictate the next four years of policy in Lanzarote and the Canaries – the local elections on Sunday, May 28th.

Those posters and flags may get a second outing later in the year, as a General Election must take place in Spain before the end of November. But for the next five months, Lanzarote will be on campaign footing as local politicians fight to keep their jobs and to promote their vision for the island.

THE ELECTIONS

On May 28th, Spanish nationals in the Canaries will be able to vote for representatives in the Canarian Parliament, the Cabildo (island government) and for their local Ayuntamiento (municipal council).

EU nationals and British residents will be permitted to vote for their local municipal council only – (the Spanish government granted special dispensation for British voters following Brexit). There are three municipalities on Lanzarote where their votes could have a significant effect.

TÍAS

For the last four years, Tías has been ruled by a coalition led by Socialist Mayor José Juan Cruz. His main rival is expected to be Francisco Aparicio, the candidate for the conservative Popular Party (PP).

Cruz ruled Tías for several years before being ousted by the PP's Francisco Hernández in 2011. However, the PP's



involvement in corruption scandals at national level and its support for oil drilling off Canarian coasts contributed to their defeat in 2019.

More than one in four Tías residents are from the UK or an EU country, meaning that their votes could be an important factor in the make-up of the council.

TEGUISE

Mayor Oswaldo Betancort of the Coalición Canaria has ruled Teguise with an absolute majority since 2019. An ambitious politician, he will step down and stand for the Cabildo Presidency this year. His colleague Olivia Duque will be the CC's



candidate for Mayor. Meanwhile, the CC's main rivals, the Socialists, led by mayoral candidate Marcos Bergaz, are mounting a strong campaign in the municipality.

YAIZA

Yaiza's Mayor, Óscar Noda, will stand once again for the UPY (Unidos Por Yaiza) party. On the evidence of previous elections his main challenge is likely to come from the Coalición Canaria.

Although there is no evidence that foreign residents have ever influenced elections in Yaiza, it is a municipality where just a couple of hundred votes can guarantee a seat on the council.



THE PARTIES

On Lanzarote, parties can be split between national organisations and regional ones.

Of the national parties, the Socialists (PSOE) have historically been strongest, followed by the conservative Partido Popular (PP).

Smaller parties, such as the centre-right Ciudadanos and the left-wing Podemos party, have been influential in forming coalitions, while the hard-right Vox party has so far failed to win any seats in any of the island's institutions.

Regional parties are devoted to gaining more power and representation for the islands, rather than independence. The strongest regional party is the Coalición Canaria (CC) which ruled the Canaries in various coalitions since the mid-90s before a Canarian-wide campaign by opposition parties removed them in 2019. While it's harder to classify regional parties, CC are now generally agreed to be on the centre-right. Nueva Canarias is a centre-left regional party with a limited presence on Lanzarote, but which is influential at Canarian level.



HOW TO VOTE

If you wish to vote in the municipal elections in May, you must be registered on your local padrón (electoral roll). However, this does not guarantee your right to vote. To do so, you will need to register your intention to vote at your local Ayuntamiento, and you'll need to do it soon – the cut-off point in previous elections has usually been at the end of January.

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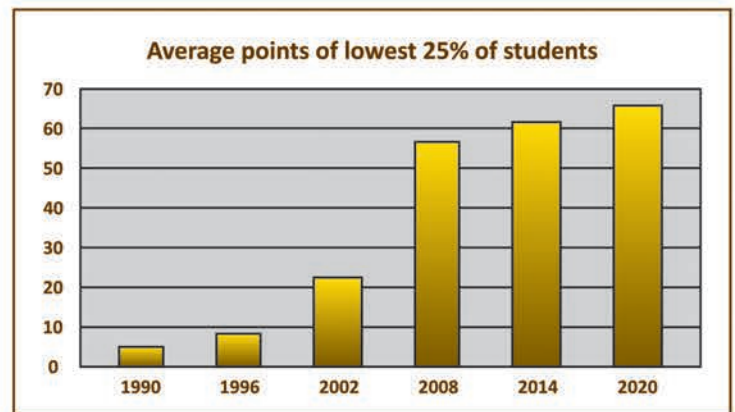
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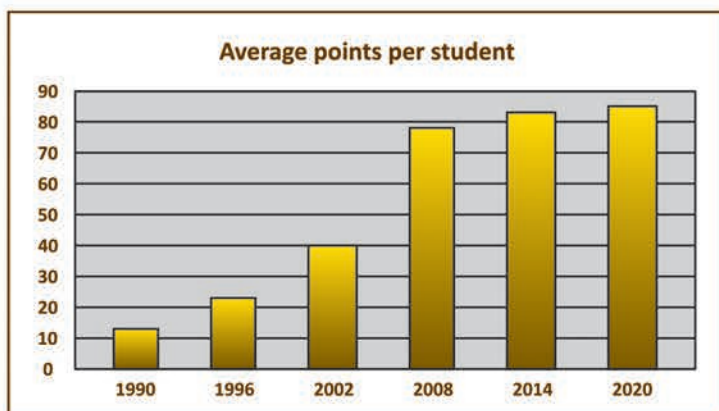
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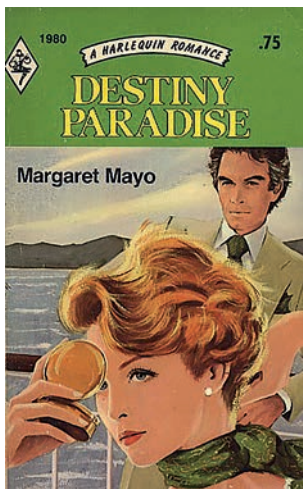


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A Canarian professor has written a book that analyses the role of the Canary Islands in British romantic fiction.

may not reflect the reality of Canarian life.

The professor admits that many of the novels, especially the earlier ones, contain errors, and that their quality varies: “Some are very good, and others are terrible.”



Few British novels are set on the Canary Islands, or so thought María Isabel González Cruz, a Professor of English Philology at the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. She was investigating English-language literature about the islands when a colleague, Laura Vivanco, suggested she focus on the romantic novels published by Mills & Boon and Harlequin.

Produced in their millions, these cheap paperbacks were hugely popular among a mainly female readership, and were often translated into several languages. But they have always been looked down upon by literary critics, regarded as “trash” or “pulp” with no redeeming qualities.



Professor González unearthed more than 40 titles, dating from 1955 to 2004. “In many cases, the writers came here on holiday and were inspired to write about the islands,” she says. Among them are Lanzarote-set romances by authors such as Sally Wentworth, Margaret Mayo and Lilian Peake.

Most of the novels involve a woman who arrives on the Canaries for work, or to visit family, and who falls in love with a Canarian, a Spaniard or a British man who lives on the islands. María Isabel shows how the books sometimes incorporate local legends and environmental themes, while some also refer to events such as the 1971 volcanic eruption in La Palma and the Tenerife air disaster of 1977. Local figures such as César Manrique also appear.

González also addresses the “paradise myth” present in the books – the islands are presented as beautiful, wild and exotic places – the perfect backdrop for wild romance, although this idealised image

“When Talia followed her young sister Serine to Lanzarote, Dervan Deville told her she was an interfering busybody. Surely Dervan should understand that Serine was too young and immature to live abroad on her own - especially with a wolf like him about!”

Mutual Attraction by Margaret Mayo.

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Strategic financial planning for the New Year

By Paul Montague, Partner, Blevins Franks

Of course, you can review your financial planning any time to ensure it is on the right path, but the New Year is the perfect prompt to do so if you have not taken a fresh look for a while.

One key reason to review your wealth management is to ensure it is up to date. Establish whether any tax rules or financial regulations have changed and consider if developments in your personal circumstances mean you should adjust previous arrangements.

But an effective review of your financial planning, to ensure it is suitable for your life in Lanzarote and wishes for the future, needs to go beyond that.

Many people only consider segments of their finances at a time. They may have bought shares in companies they like and/or invested in funds recommended by an adviser years ago. They may speak to a tax accountant about Spanish taxation and tax planning opportunities. Then they speak

to a lawyer about setting up a Spanish will. At some point they look at their pension funds.

For truly effective financial planning, however, you need to consider all these various aspects together. For example, how you hold your investments can make a difference to your Spanish tax liabilities. Estate planning in Spain is no simple matter, with its complex succession tax regime and forced heirship rules, and how you own assets can impact on what you can achieve. Finally, when deciding what to do with your pensions, look at all your retirement savings and what income they can generate for you.

Every family is different. Your strategic financial planning must be carefully designed for you. All the various aspects should work cohesively together to create an overall wealth management plan that provides long-term financial security for yourself and achieves your wishes for your heirs.

For peace of mind that you have covered everything,

and have understood the intricacies of Spanish taxation, and that making one financial decision will not have unexpected consequences on another, take expert, professional advice, ideally from a locally based cross-border wealth management specialist.

The tax rates, scope and reliefs may change. Any statements concerning taxation are based upon our understanding of current taxation laws and practices which are subject to change. Tax information has been summarised; an individual is advised to seek personalised advice.

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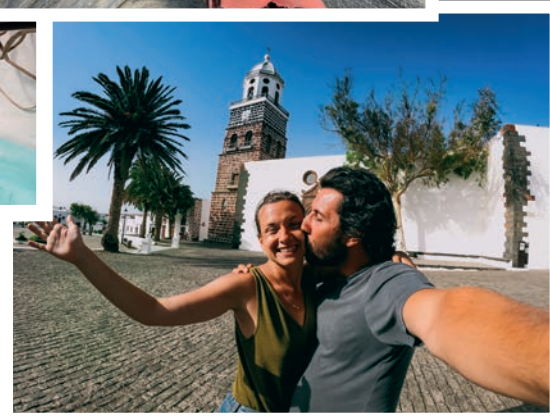
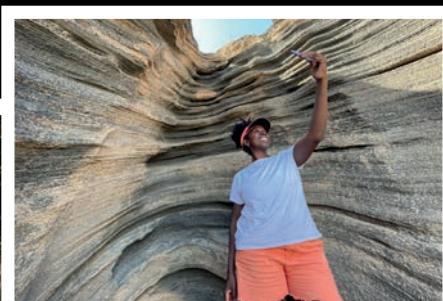
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EXPRESS YOUR SELFIE!

We'd like to start the New Year with a splash, and so we've decided to revive our selfie competition and get a close look at Gazette readers enjoying this fantastic island. Winners will win a fantastic trip to Rancho Texas!

The last time we held a selfie competition, it was in the summer. This time, we've decided to hold it in the New Year, when the island is cooler, but perhaps even more beautiful than ever.

All you have to do is take a selfie somewhere on Lanzarote – up a volcano, on a beach, wherever you like. All we ask is that the selfie shows a little of your character, and reflects life on Lanzarote – whether it's wild fun or serene beauty.

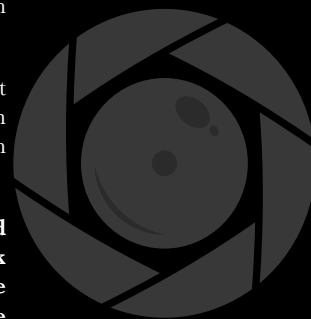
Then send it to us via Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp 621 274 473 or email at editorial@gazettelife.com with your name, where you live and short description of the photo (where it was taken, who's in it, why you chose it etc). The closing date for

entries will be 15th February, giving you a good six weeks to sort your selfie out.

All entries will be judged by the keen eye of our resident photographer Sabrina. The winners will be announced in our March edition, and their selfies will be printed.

Entries from kids are also welcome, but remember that we'll need permission from parents or guardians to be able to publish them.

Prizes: We have three adult and child tickets to Rancho Texas theme park for the lucky winners, and three bottles of La Geria wine for the runners up.



Key Dates for

Financial Calendar

We trust you all had a lovely festive period and are looking forward to the New Year ahead. Let's hope some of the world's problems sort themselves out this year!

Given that we are at the very start of the year, we thought it was a timely opportunity to remind Spanish tax residents of their fiscal obligations throughout the year. Below are some key dates to look out for in the calendar.

Remember, the Spanish tax year runs in line with the normal calendar year, from 1st January to 31st December. This could be different to other countries systems; for example, the UK's, which runs from 6th April to the following 5th April.

Modelo 720 Declaration: This is a non-taxable Worldwide Asset declaration which needs to be completed by the 31st March 2022. Spanish tax residents should declare all overseas assets (outside of Spain) which have a value of 50,000€ or more. The value taken for each asset is calculated as per its value of 31st December the previous year and includes bank deposits, investments, and property.

"La Renta" Income Tax Return: This is the generic income tax return which most people will have experienced in the past. The income tax return has to be completed by the 30th June 2022 but is often done as early as May, allowing accountants to get ahead of the game. Spanish tax residents have an obligation to declare and pay tax on any Worldwide Income which is outside of any exemptions/ allowances. Each person has at least a 5,550€ personal allowance to offset against income, which rises depending on age and other factors.

Wealth Tax "Impuesto de Patrimonio"/ Solidarity Tax "Impuesto de solidaridad a las grandes fortunas": These taxes apply to both residents and non-residents alike but only



affects individuals with significant estates. Any tax liability starts after the personal allowance has been deducted; set at between 500.000€ and 700.000€ per person, depending on which autonomous region you live in within Spain. There are also additional allowances for main residences. The declaration for the Wealth tax has to be done at the same time as La Renta, i.e. by the 30th June 2022. The Solidarity Tax is new and is likely to be levied on the 31st December each year.

It may be that some (or all) of the above declarations are not applicable to you given your circumstances but if you have even the slightest doubt, we would strongly recommend that you check your position.

Having lived and worked in Spain for over a decade, we are very well placed to inform you of your obligations and to give you guidance on where you stand. Please do not hesitate to make contact if you think we can help.

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2022 REVIEW



As 2022 shuffles off and 2023 bounds in, we take a look at some of the main issues and events that have defined Lanzarote in the last 12 months, as well as take a peek at what the year ahead has in store.

BACK TO NORMALITY

As the New Year came in, Spain was still under Covid restrictions that meant masks had to be worn in all public spaces indoors and outdoors.

That soon changed, as the outdoor rule was lifted in February and, in April, the indoor rules were restricted to public transport, chemists shops and public health buildings.

A hugely successful vaccination programme on the islands led to Covid figures being treated in the same way as flu, and combined with home-testing, this brought an end to compulsory quarantine rules.

As a result, 2022 was the first year since 2019 when several of the island's most popular events could go ahead once again. We saw the return of Arrecife En Vivo, Sonidos Líquidos and all the summer fiestas.

TOURISM RALLIES

Covid devastated the tourist trade for almost two years, but even before the lockdown there had been worries about the rise of competing destinations.



But as tourism opened up completely earlier this year, it became clear that the Canaries and Lanzarote had lost none of their charm and attraction. Tourists flocked back to the islands and by the end of the year figures were comfortably improving on the pre-lockdown situation.

PRICES ROCKET

The post-Covid global recovery led to a rise in inflation that was suddenly made much worse by Russia's invasion of the Ukraine, which led to an immediate increase in fuel prices.

In Spain, subsidies of 20 cents on every litre helped keep many on the roads, but everyone on Lanzarote has seen prices rise in supermarkets and shops.



WINE CHANGES

A better than expected grape harvest capped a year of experimentation and optimism in the wine sector. At El Grifo, the first “spring wine”, made months earlier than the normal harvest in June, was declared a big success.

Transport costs are preventing many Lanzarote wine makers from promoting their products abroad so, for the time being, we've got it all to ourselves. Cheers!

CRIMES SOLVED & UNSOLVED

A firebug who confessed to setting hundreds of rubbish containers on fire was tracked down and arrested by police in October.

The arsonist cycled from his home in Playa Honda to Puerto del Carmen and Arrecife, where he started fires in containers. Any motives are still unknown.

Also in October, anger and frustration greeted the news that the elegant *palmera inclinada* (leaning palm) had been chopped down, removing one of the most photographed trees on the island for ever. No one has yet been charged with the act of destruction.

WEATHER WATCH

2022 was an exceptionally dry, hot year, and one of the main weather conditions noticed by



everyone was calimas. The dust storms were rarely heavy, but there was a constant haze on the horizon for much of the year.

Heavy rains washed things clean in September, and the island enjoyed a gloriously still and calm November.

NEW BUILDS

Several new projects were unveiled this year. They ranged from Arrecife's brand new Open Mall Shopping Centre and the Soco shopping Centre in Puerto del Carmen to a sports pitch in Costa Tegui.

New roundabouts popped up in Macher and Nazaret, and there'll be much more tarmacking going on before the elections in May.

LOOKING AHEAD

Last year was a great start, but 2023 promises to be the year when Lanzarote really returns to its old self.

The activity gets under way in February, as the island celebrates its carnival, over a month, starting at Arrecife on the 20th February and in Puerto del Carmen on the 25th.

It's already confirmed that March will see the hugely popular St Patrick's celebrations roaring back.

In May there's all sorts going on, with local and regional elections and man an Ironman race on the island, while elsewhere there's a Eurovision song contest in Liverpool and the coronation of King Charles III.

Summer fiestas and sporting events will return, and those election flags and posters will return at the end of the year, as Spain votes in a general election.

Lanzarote will also welcome big shopping names such as Primark, Mediamarkt and Aldi for the first time.

There'll be much, much more than that going on, though, and we'll be here to cover it all. Have a fantastic 2023!

DAVID'S DETOURS

PUNTA MUJERES TO JAMEOS DEL AGUA



Punta Mujeres

WALK INFO

Distance: 6 kms.

Time: 2 hours.

Walk type: Linear.

Terrain: Easy, non-challenging.

Public transport: No 9 to Punta Mujeres.

Tour guide David Penney leads a group along some of the islands prettiest and wildest coastline, shaped by the eruption of Volcán de la Corona 3,000 years ago.

We parked on Calle la Cuesta, which is at the northern end of the Punta Mujeres, the seaside village just north of Arrieta with beautiful natural pools.

But we'll look at those later. Now we're heading north on foot keeping the ocean on our right all the time.

As soon as we leave the village we can see the malpais (badlands) of northern Lanzarote. They're given this name because farming is virtually impossible in this rocky region, but that doesn't mean that nothing grows - we immediately see the green covering of the tabaiba plant spread over the lava.

We continue along a sandy track enjoying this unique landscape with its variety of amazing different colours - the dark brown lava rocks, the golden sand track, the fresh green vegetation, the contrasting blues of the sky





and ocean and the white banks of clouds high overhead.

This is an easy path to follow, as we just keep heading north.

After a short while out of the village, we came across about a dozen inflated innertubes, various items of clothing and some medication which appeared to be written in Arabic.

We were all of the opinion that these items were left behind earlier that morning or



through the middle of the night by some of the migrants who arrive on our remote coastlines. Rather than coming into the rocky shore with their boat, this group appear to have used the innertubes to save them from drowning.

Within the hour we come to the signposts which indicate the pretty paved path leading up to Jameos del Agua. The signs also remind you that the area is a protected zone and a conservation area.

A jameo is a volcanic tunnel, and the one

that includes the Cueva de los Verde and Jameos del Agua is one of the longest in the world, extending out into the ocean beneath our feet.

We decided to carry on past the turn-off to Jameos del Agua and continue exploring north for a wee while longer.

However, within a short space of time the terrain changes dramatically and the sandy track becomes a very rocky trail. You have to concentrate on each step as some of the lava rocks are razor sharp and you need to pay attention to where you are walking.

We decide that this has taken a lot of the enjoyment from the walk and choose to about turn and head back to the better conditions.

Once back on the sandy track, we stop for a juice break and a short rest before we make our way back along the path we trekked on the way up but this time keeping the ocean to our left side.

Before returning back to our cars we wandered around Punta Mujeres in search of a cold drink as our reward for the day.

For further information about walks around Lanzarote please contact, DAVID Penney via **email** lanza888@yahoo.com OR via **WhatsApp message** 0034 649389888

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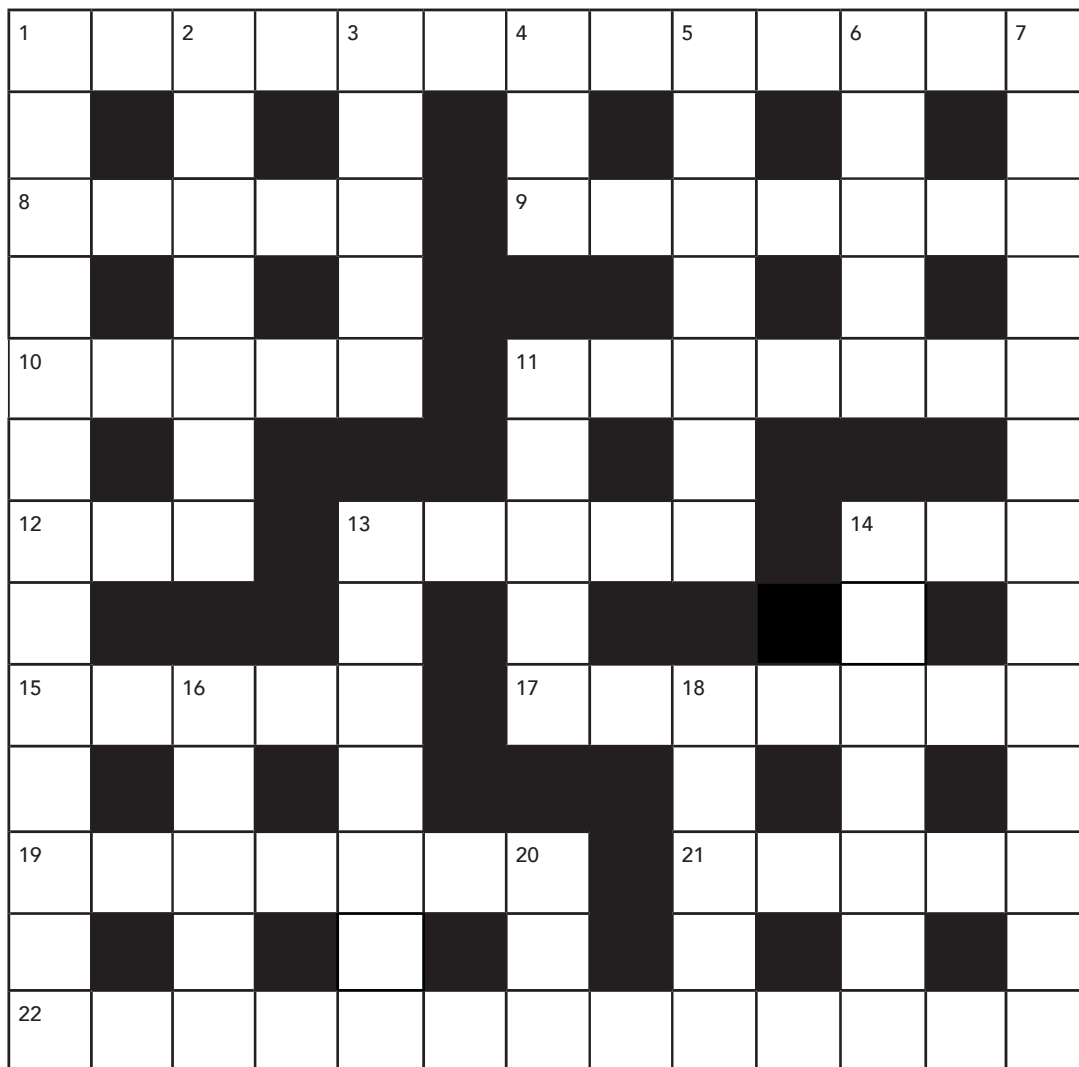
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Prize Crossword



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Last month's crossword winners were Samantha Williams from Tabayesco, who wins a bottle of La Geria's legendary Lanzarote wine; and Paul Forrester from Playa Blanca, who will take a table at Hankey Pankys and decide what delights he's going to spend his €10 voucher on. Well done, you two, and you can both pick your prizes up at the Bookswop in Puerto del Carmen.

DOWN

1. Consuming alcohol in short, intense sessions (5,8)
2. Uncomfortable, embarrassing (7)
3. A large spoon for soup (5)
4. A rude, noisy aggressive youth (3)
5. Eight-armed cephalopod (7)
6. Actors Ustinov, O' Toole or Sellers (5)
7. Actor who played The Sundance Kid and founded the Sundance film festival (6,7)
11. Sprites or pixies (5)
13. An underground cell in a castle (7)
14. Lager is this type of beer (7)
16. A break in concentration (5)
18. Clean a computer of viruses (5)
20. How to get down a snowy hill fast (3.)

ACROSS

1. American actor whose only Oscar is for the music in A Star is Born (7,6)
8. Nude (5)
9. A place to get clean (7)
10. Dodge, avoid (5)
11. The supreme ruler of Japan (7)
12. A stick for fishing (3)
13. En Vogue were Funky in 1992 (5)
14. A scratch golfer plays to it (3)
15. Synthetic fabric (5)
17. A horse made ready to ride is...(7)
19. Inspire admiration, make a mark(7)
21. A high pitched Cuban drum (5)
22. Naturally good at gardening (5,8)

Last month's answers Across: 1. Sidney Poitier 8. Ringo 9. Tiffany 10. Whale 11. Kenneth 12. Elk 13. Harry 14. Gas 15. Roast 17. Archaic 19. Junkies 21. Rishi 22. Max Verstappen
Down: 1. Strawberry Jam 2. Denmark 3. Erode 4. Pit 5. Infancy 6. Irate 7. Rhythm Section 11. Karma 13. Hotline 14. Grass Up 16. Annex 18. Carla 20. SAS

Adopting CATS WITH FIV

DID YOU KNOW THAT AT LANZAROTE'S BIGGEST ANIMAL SANCTUARY THERE ARE A GROUP OF CATS WITH ONE THING IN COMMON? THEY ALL HAVE THE FELINE IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (FIV). DESPITE THIS, THEY ARE ALL ABSOLUTELY ADOPTABLE AND LOOKING FOR LOVING, SECURE HOMES.

A diagnosis of FIV can be a little scary, especially when people associate it with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and AIDS. However, cats with FIV can live long and healthy lives and there is absolutely no danger of passing the condition onto humans.

In fact, studies have shown that cats with FIV often live as long as otherwise healthy cats that do not have the virus. Many of these felines never show signs of FIV-related illness and age normally.

One of the FIV cats at SARA is Curry - a gorgeous, four-year-old ginger male. He was brought into the shelter after being found with extensive injuries to his face, including a smashed jaw and badly damaged eye.

After nursing by the dedicated staff and volunteers at SARA, he was well enough to join the other FIV cats at the shelter. They include

Ulises, whose kittenish playfulness belies his age as a veritable abuelo at eleven-and-a-half years old. He and best friend Andresín - a characterful six-and-a-half-year-old - spend their days play-wrestling.

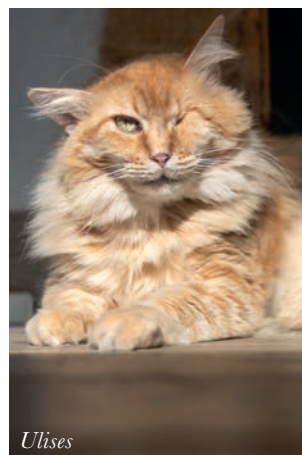
Another eight or so cats share the room with them. They are very well cared for but all would dearly love a home of their own.

FIV is commonly transmitted through cat bites. That means that cats with FIV should only be adopted by households with no other cats, or which already have other cats with the condition.

And there is another important recommendation. Although the disease is not easily transmittable, cats with FIV should not have access to the outdoors, in order to avoid contact with other felines. An exception can be made in the case of an enclosed patio or garden, but generally an FIV cat should be an indoor house cat.



Fivo



Ulises



Andresín

Nevertheless, many people - especially those living in flats - have successfully adopted FIV cats and enjoyed a long and happy companionship with them.

So, if you are interested in potentially giving one of these beautiful cats a new home, please contact SARA to discuss (English spoken) on (+34) 928 17 34 17 or email info@sara-lanzarote.eu. You can also view which animals are available for adoption and details of dog walking for the public and cat socialising on their website saraprotectora.org.

SARA's 2023 calendar features photos of dogs and cats at the shelter with paintings of Lanzarote's famous artist César Manrique. It is available now from SARA and other stockists across the island. All proceeds go to help fund their important work.

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Goals galore!

RESOLUTIONS FILL US WITH DREAD, BUT GOALS ARE A CHALLENGE WE APPROACH WITH ENTHUSIASM. SO SET YOURSELF A TARGET THIS YEAR AND TICK THOSE BOXES OFF!

New Year's resolutions come in two varieties: negative and positive, and this can seriously affect your chances of sticking to them.

Negative resolutions are the ones we all make year after year – stop drinking; cut down on the fatty foods, etc. What we're doing here is telling ourselves what not to do, and nobody really enjoys that, even when it's ourselves who are doing the bossing around.



One moment of weakness and it's all undone. Anybody who's tried to give up smoking or drinking will know how fiendishly clever we are at making excuses for ourselves and how easily we can justify lapses; and they'll also know that dull, depressed "What's the use?" feeling once you've fallen.

Positive resolutions are much more forgiving, and you can usually tailor them to your lifestyle far more easily. Think of it this way: if you can write it down on a list and tick it off, it's probably a positive resolution.

If you miss a day or two that doesn't

mean you lose sight of the final goal. There are all sorts of reasons for stumbling, but a positive goal allows you to take your time and climb back into the saddle again.

DO AN EVENT

Lanzarote is full of sporting events that suit all types. Whether it's a full Ironman race or a 5K run; a travesia (summer swimming contest) or a mountain bike race, just choose your event and then start to get ready.

It's the getting ready that's the real challenge, of course. You'll need to establish a training routine and do

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your best to stick to it. Depending on the event, you'll also need advice and help, of which there's no shortage on the island.

This is real goal-oriented fitness, and although the pay-off of arriving at the finish line can provide an incomparable thrill, you'll also find benefits all the way along, as you learn, improve and feel physically and mentally great.

LEARN SOMETHING

Every sport and physical activity involves learning, and the more you know the more independent you'll be. That's why starting out on a fitness routine is best done with instruction from somebody who's been there and knows exactly what it involves.

Let's take yoga, for example. During the lockdown three years ago, thousands found themselves trying to contort themselves into asanas in their living rooms, and many of them found that the experience was no substitute for real-life lessons with an instructor.

Even on-line lessons are infinitely better than watching a YouTube video you can't interact with.

It's also why gym classes and personal trainers are so highly valued. They are run by people who know exactly what you need, and have the experience to recommend the best way for you to get to the place you want to be. Even if you don't continue, you'll have made hugely important strides in learning about your own body.

JOINT GOALS

On Lanzarote, every volcano and every footpath offers a goal to tick off, but you'll find it much more enjoyable and rewarding if you share the experience. Over the years, we at the Gazette have reported on groups of friends who have done everything from walking the length of the island to raising money at fitness classes.

A goal is always easier to reach if someone's by your side, so meet up with your besties and decide what it is you're going to do.



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Crystal clarity

Clairvoyant Shona Langholm looks at what 2023 has in store, while Marta Bourke, from the Natural Treasure shop in Arrecife, suggests the perfect crystal to accompany you through the year ahead.

ARIES

(21 March- 19 April)

Money is going to be a priority for most of the year, Aries, but your ambition and force will help you power through. Most important, however, are love and friendship. It's going to be a year where other people will help you define exactly what you want from life, and they will also provide many of the rewards in a rich and busy year.



Crystal companion: Jasper. The perfect match for Aries, complementing their drive, energy and bravery.

TAURUS

(20 April – 20 May)

There'll be a big break with your past life this year, Taurus, and things will never be quite the same again. Embrace the changes and don't waste time wondering what could have been – this path is the one that will bring out the best in you. Love will be rewarding, and take up a lot of your time. Keep a close eye on niggling health issues and sort them out quickly.



Crystal companion: Amazonite. Stubborn Taurus can gain clarity and mental calm from this green crystal.

GEMINI

(21 May to 20 June)

There'll be ups and down this year, Gemini, but your emotional landscape has never been so rich and fulfilling, and you'll learn exactly how resilient and resourceful you are. It's time to take love a little more seriously and put some serious work into relationships. All the rest will fall into place naturally.



Crystal companion: Shungite. Protective and grounding, this Russian crystal will keep flighty Geminis down to earth.

CANCER

(21 June to 22 July)

Education never ends, Cancer, and this year you'll be filled with a thirst for knowledge. Whether its professional training or just following a personal interest doesn't matter, you'll get real joy from study and learning. Your social and romantic life will also benefit from this passion, and you'll be proud of the smart, knowledgeable person you become.



Crystal companion: Labradorite. A powerful crystal that unblocks wisdom and intuition, clearing the way for truth and honesty.

LEO

(21 July to 22 Aug)

The big advice for this year is to take your time, Leo. There'll be challenges, but only when you've climbed the hill will the road ahead be visible. Focus on one thing at a time and then move on. This also applies to romance and work – there's a clear step-by-step path ahead that you shouldn't try and rush.



Crystal companion: Tiger Eye. Strength, vitality and good luck are enhanced, and protection granted.

VIRGO

(23 Aug to 22 Sept)

There are some storms ahead, Virgo, but nothing you can't handle. The important thing is not to make too much of a big deal about emotional upsets. Instead, wait for the clear weather after the rain. It'll leave you cleansed, focused and absolutely irresistible to friends and admirers who recognise and love you at your very best.



Crystal companion: Clear Quartz. For absolute clarity, laser-like focus and emotional balance.



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LIBRA

(23 Sept to 22 Oct)

Looks aren't everything, Libra, but this year you'll feel the urge to get in shape and smarten up. This resolve will feed into all aspects of your life, and leave you flashing sparks in all directions and reaping rewards on all sides. The end of the year is going to be a blast, full of fun, surprises and joy.



Crystal companion: Bloodstone.
Libras like to weigh things up, and this crystal promotes decisiveness and body/soul balance.

SCORPIO

(23 Oct to 21 Nov)

You're good at keeping your guard up, Scorpio, but this year you should try to open up and trust a little more. It may be a little frightening, but the opportunities you'll get, in work and romance, will make it more than worthwhile. Money will be coming from unexpected sources, but don't go crazy just yet. You'll know when you're ready to splash out a bit.



Crystal companion: Tourmaline.
A crystal that helps Scorpions open up and welcome the world outside to share their sweet mysteries.

SAGITTARIUS

(22 Nov to 21 Dec)

Don't panic, Sagittarius. This is going to be an eventful year, with plenty of big changes. You'll need to buckle down and get to work, but you'll also find loads of support from friends and romantic interest. It'll be tiring, but at the end of the year you'll be happier, healthier and well on the right track top where you want to be.



Crystal companion: Cornelian. This crystal motivates and focuses you, as well as bringing sexy, romantic vibes.

CAPRICORN

(22 Dec to 19 Jan)

You've been aiming straight ahead for so long that you've almost forgotten what it's like to stop, look around you and enjoy the people and places you love. This is a year when you can afford to relax a little, Capricorn. Think about what makes life worth living, then seek it out and take time to enjoy it to the full.



Crystal companion: Rose Quartz.
Capricorns can be confrontational, and this crystal encourages reconciliation, love and understanding.

AQUARIUS

(20th Jan - 18th Feb)

Perseverance will pay off this year, Aquarius. Don't lose sight of the prize and if you fail at first, try again. You're own brand of slightly crazy charm and your good humour will win plenty of admirers, but also the support that you'll need to get through springtime. Your mood changes towards the end of the year - a deep, warm loving sense of fulfilment.



Crystal companion: Amethyst.
It represents the nobility, clarity and spiritual peace that Aquarius aspires toward.

PISCES

(19 Feb to 20 Mar)

New faces, new horizons and new passions - these all lie ahead for you, Pisces, but you need to keep your eyes open for chances you don't want to miss. Luckily, you're feeling alert and full of valiant hope. Romantic, social and financial success are all within reach, so smile, reach out and grab them with both hands.



Crystal companion: Aquamarine. A crystal that fosters intuition, fearlessness and hope, and protects those who travel.

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Canarian ICONS



When people talk about Canarian food and drink, they're not always referring to fresh fish, gofio and local wine. Several Canarian companies produce mass market products that are well-known to everyone on the islands. Here are a few of them...

Firgas in Gran Canaria is famed for its waters.



AREHUCAS RUM

Arehucas rum is distilled on Gran Canaria and is an essential element of any celebration. Other brands, such as Artemi and Cocal are also popular, but Arehucas is the oldest and the best-seller. It's available in dark and white varieties, of various vintages, and also makes the sweet, local favourite, honey rum.

TROPICAL / DORADA BEER

The huge rivalry between these two brands masks the fact that they're now both owned and brewed by the same company. However, Tropical's roots are in Gran Canaria, symbolised by a dog, while Dorada's are in Tenerife, with Mount Teide on every bottle.

There are other Canarian beers: Reina is a dry Pils that occupies third spot in sales, while Lanzarote now has three different local craft brewers: Nao in Arrecife, Malpeis in Tinajo and Los Aljibes in Tahiche.



CLIPPER DE FRESA

Clipper is the only major Canarian soft drink manufacturer, and has been operating since 1956 from Gran Canaria. It's drinks come in orange, lemon and apple flavour, but for some reason it's the strawberry version that has become a symbol of the islands and a homecoming favourite for young Canarians. In an online poll in 2020 the drink beat Fanta Naranja as "best soft drink in the world".



TIRMA AMBROSIA

These small chocolate wafer bars are regularly voted the favourite sweet snack on the islands, beating international contenders such as Kit-Kat. One of the reasons for their popularity is the fact that the Canarian airline Binter has given one to every passenger for several years.

FIRGAS MINERAL WATER

No mineral water has been produced on Lanzarote since the desalination plant stopped producing Chafariz several years ago. Instead, Firgas is probably the most popular Canarian mineral water, bottled in the beautiful Gran Canarian village of Firgas, whose natural springs have been famed for over a century.



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social life. We never leave our restaurant night or day, we cut and chop and boil and bake, stir and shake just for you, our dear guests, because we want you back with your friends even dragging them in by force if you have to - we will be gentle with them. If you throw a party, call us. We'll cater it and it will be the talk of the town for quite a while. Food has always been a passionate subject for us.

We love it here - Lanzarote is really our home away from home -but most of all we love you, our dear guests. So enjoy, and if there is anything we can do to make your experience more pleasurable, do not hesitate to ask.

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FASTER *Pasta*

Pasta is as popular in Spain as it is everywhere else – a store cupboard staple that can be used for a satisfying meal at any time.

In Spanish supermarkets, all types of pasta are sold, from fine noodles to spaghetti and linguine; from lasagne sheets to shells and spirals. Look closely at most packets and you'll see a notice telling you how long the pasta should be cooked for.

There are endless arguments about whether to add a little oil to the water. Some believe it stops the pasta from sticking together, others say it prevents the water boiling over. It's up to you, though. Salt is, however, vital, and you can use up left-over stock for pasta, too.

When the pasta's done, strain and reserve a little of the cooking water, then return to the pan and stir in your sauce, adding some water if necessary.

Here are a couple of ideas for a fast and tasty pasta feast.

Sardines, capers, and parsley

- *Two tins of sardines or sardinillas in olive oil*
- *Capers*
- *Bunch of parsley*
- *1 or 2 fresh chillies*

Chop capers, parsley and chillies. Mash sardines in a bowl with a fork and add other ingredients. Stir into cooked pasta and heat through. Serve with parsley leaves to garnish.

Add chopped, sun-dried tomatoes if you like.

Aglione olio

- *Extra virgin olive oil*
- *Butter*
- *Two cloves garlic*
- *One bunch basil*
- *Grated parmesan cheese*

Tear or chop the basil leaves. Heat the olive oil and butter in a small pan, then fry the garlic for just two minutes, making sure it doesn't burn. Stir into the pasta with the basil and serve piping hot, sprinkled with cheese.



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LANZAROTE Flavours

Chefs, wine-makers, bakers, farmers and other food producers all laid out their stalls last November for the island's biggest food fair – Cocinas Volcánicas.



The island's food fair, organised by Saborea Lanzarote, had become one of the island's most popular weekend outings before the pandemic; and despite controversy about its relocation from Teguise to Puerto del Carmen, it turned out to be a huge success once again.

No other Canary Island holds an event like this, and it has become central to Lanzarote's vision for a tourist future that places value on local food and produce, and the treasures that the island holds beyond the beaches and resorts.

For two days, food lovers could try €1 or €2 samples of food from several of the island's best restaurants; accompanied by local wines or craft beers. And the amount of inventive, beautifully -presented and mouth-watering dishes on display was hugely impressive.



In a separate tent, talks by cooks from Madeira and Indonesia, workshops on Canarian cheeses and cooking challenges involving La Santa's famous prawns were packed out.

The whole event was a triumph for Lanzarote's food and drink sector, and we look forward to future editions that are every bit as successful.





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What's On...

Lanzarote launches into the New Year with the usual acrobatics, three kings parades and a feast of classical music.

MUSIC

CANARIAN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Various dates

The 39th edition of the festival is here – a celebration of music which will see classical concerts across the Canary Islands. Lanzarote dates in January are as follows:

- 14th: Tenerife Symphony Orchestra, Jameos del Agua Auditorium, 8pm.
- 15th: Orthemis Orquesta, El Salinero Theatre in Arrecife. 8pm
- 20th: Cuartero Casals, San Bartolome Theatre, 8pm.
- 24th: Gabrieli Consort. Convento de Santo Domingo de Teguiise. 8pm.
- 26th: Canary Guitar Quartet/Timples & Other Small Guitars. Tias Theatre. 8pm

Full info and ticket details can be found at: en.icdcultural.org

MICHAEL'S LEGACY

7th January

A spectacular tribute to Michael Jackson, King of Pop.
6pm and 9pm, Teatro de San Bartolomé. Tickets €23



GITANAS

18th January

“Gitanas” is a flamenco spectacular by the Asociación Festival Flamenco Romí devoted to the voices and dances of gypsy women.

8pm, Teatro “El Salinero”, Arrecife. Full info and ticket details can be found at ecoentradas.com

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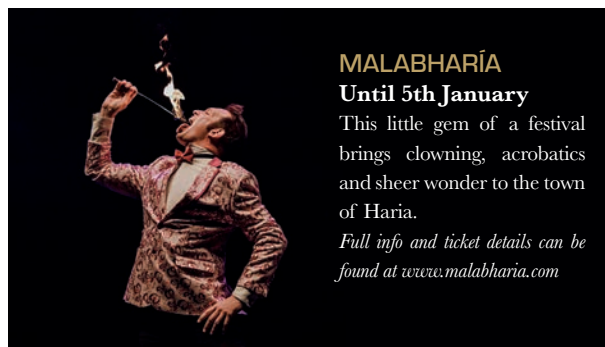


TRÁNSITO

4th January

A spectacular show created by Canarian percussionist, Paco Navarro. Navarro has chosen six pieces that, with the help of dance, will transmit different states of mind in an audiovisual experience.

8pm. Cueva de los Verdes. Tickets €20 at www.cactlanzarote.com



MALABHARÍA

Until 5th January

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

Full info and ticket details can be found at www.malabharía.com

FIESTAS

HERE COME THE KINGS!

Their Royal Majesties Gaspar, Balthazar, Melchior will arrive in every town on Lanzarote on the 5th January, parading around on camels or other means of transport, throwing sweets around and receiving letters from children. Here's where they'll be:

Arrecife

6pm, from the Recinto Ferial to the pier

Tías

- Puerto del Carmen: 11 am at the Old Town Harbour
- Tías: 6 pm, starting at La Casona roundabout

Yaiza

- Yaiza: 5 pm
- Playa Blanca: 7pm, near main square



Teguise

- La Villa de Teguise, 7 pm, from windmill to main square.
- Costa Teguise: Not yet confirmed

San Bartolomé

- Playa Honda, 5pm
- San Bartolomé, 7.30 pm

Tinajo

5.30 pm

Haria

6.30 pm.

SPORT

4-STAGE MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

28th January

The 4 Stage Mountain Bike Race will see participants tackle four days of mountain bike racing which will challenge both experienced and amateur cyclists.

Club La Santa. Full info and registration details can be found at: clublasanta.com



MARKETS & FLEA MARKETS

14TH JANUARY

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 Haría. 10am to 2.30pm.

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

EVERY SUNDAY

Teguise Market
(everything) 9am to 2pm.

Original PALS car boot sale

Lanzarote A Caballo. 9am to 12pm.

Mancha Blanca
(food) Mornings.

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAYS

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Playing with fire

The Missfits are three Lanzarote mums who want to bring the best of cabaret and burlesque to Lanzarote. We met up with them recently on the lovely seafront at Playa Honda.

The three Missfits are Michelle, Amy and George, three British women who have all arrived and made their lives on Lanzarote, and are raising families on the island.

They met each other while performing as dancers and singers in places like Rancho Texas, and a shared love of cabaret and burlesque, as well as tight friendship, led them to form The Missfits. They're supported at home by their partners, who they call the "Mr. Missfits", and who perform duties ranging from childcare and transport to security and photography.

Before the Covid pandemic hit, they were performing at Oceans in Matagorda, but the lockdown and a new baby for George has meant they've been a little quiet since. But it's clear that they're raring to get back on stage and doing what they love as a team.

All of them love burlesque, and the retro-styled versions of modern hits that are performed by the Post-Modern Jukebox company. Circus is another love, and they've headed over to mainland Spain to see Cirque du Soleil.

I'd heard about their antics with twirling fire sticks, and they explain that it's not all they do, but it's an exciting part of some routines. "But you don't actually do fire-eating or flame-breathing?" I ask.

"Yes!" they cry. Michelle even rolls down her sleeve to show me the burn scars she's suffered from the flames. George admits that, as the main singer, she doesn't get involved as much with the fiery stuff as the dancers.

They love musicals, and think this is an area where Lanzarote is lacking. "We don't want to go out and do Sweet Caroline again," they say. "We've performed songs from Moulin Rouge and Chicago, and they've gone down brilliantly."

A Sister Act tribute, in full nun costume, is one of their favourite routines.

The Missfits also love performing with other acts on the island, and last year put on a 20s-themed Great Gatsby



show with sax hero Jake Hanson (who Michelle admits to having once babysat a few years ago when he was a boy!).

Shows such as the ones The Missfits stage on don't happen overnight. They tell me that, when one of them gets an idea, they get in touch with each other and start a new book – then show me one of the books in question, a notepad full of notes and ideas.

"People don't realise how much work is involved," says Amy. "Every show needs planning, you have to learn the words, choreograph the routines, rehearse everything over and over, and prepare the costumes."

All three light up at the mention of costumes. "We love it," says Amy "The sparkles, the glamour, the sequins, the rhinestones..."

"All fire-resistant, of course," adds Michelle.

"So what's the dream then?" I ask, and their answer is unanimous. "We'd love to have a regular venue and work as residents there, alongside other performers." It's a dream that would allow them to do what they really want to do, together, as friends and companions. And it's a flame that they will not allow to go out.

Keep an eye on The Missfits Facebook page and Instagram for updates on when the girls will be back in action.

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Music, Maestro!



Julie's Live Music Guide

Why not make one of your New Year's resolutions to go out and enjoy some live music? January doesn't have to be any less fun than December, as fabulous entertainment is still available to you every single night!

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, so please double-check the Facebook page of the bar or artist/group.

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
7.30pm: Maryann, Dickey Reilly's
8.30pm: Live music, The Dubliner
 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
 Liam O'Sullivan, Dickey Reilly's

PLAYA BLANCA

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

Tuesday

COSTA TEGUISE

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
7.30pm: Maryann, Dickey Reilly's
8.30pm: Live music, The Dubliner
8pm: David Truran, Waves
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
 Bradley Bromley, Abbey Road

PUERTO DEL CARMEN

6pm: Concrete Jungle, Cafe La Ola
7.30pm: Maryann, Dickey Reilly's
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
 Al Murphy & Steve Hogan, Dickey Reilly's

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

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

PUERTO DEL CARMEN

6pm: Concrete Jungle, Cafe La Ola
8pm: Pedro Ruiz, Dickey Reilly's
8.30pm: Live music, The Dubliner
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
10.45pm: Amo, Dickey Reilly's

PLAYA BLANCA

9.30pm: JäGerBone, Bikers Beach Club

Friday

COSTA TEGUISE

5pm: Jam Session, Tekkers
9.30pm: John Alan Pick, Cactus Jacks

PUERTO DEL CARMEN

7.30pm: Maryann, Dickey Reilly's
9pm: Graham Jacques, Stars Cafe
10pm: Collie and Deanne, Mulligans, Old Town
 Chris Green & Steve Hogan, Dickey Reilly's

PLAYA BLANCA

9.30pm: Andy King, The Old Mill
 Boulevard, Bikers Beach Club

Saturday

COSTA TEGUISE

9.30pm: Brian John, The Cavern
 Julie H Music, Decades Bar

HARIA

8pm: La Noche en Mala, Don Quijote

PLAYA BLANCA

9.30pm: JäGerBone, Bikers Beach Club

PUERTO DEL CARMEN

7.30pm: Maryann, Dickey Reilly's
8pm: Pete Worthy, Waves
9pm: Graham Jacques, Stars Cafe
 Gerie B, The Good Old Days
10pm: Al Murphy, Dickey Reilly's

Sunday

COSTA TEGUISE

8.30pm: Darren Morgan, Four Seasons Rock Cafe
9.00pm: John Alan Pick, The Venue

PUERTO DEL CARMEN

7pm: Dan Trayers & Steve Hogan, Dickey Reilly's
8.30pm: Live music, The Dubliner
 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
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PLAYA BLANCA

9.00pm: Adrian Bambrough, Portobello
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Flying back to the past

Lanzarote's Museo Aeronáutico (Airport Museum) is passed by thousands of cars daily, but only a few end up exploring this fascinating place. That's a shame, because it's a little gem – a step back in time to Lanzarote's earliest days as an air destination.

The building in which the museum is located was actually the first airport on Lanzarote, which operated from 1946 until 1970, when increased traffic meant a move to what is now Terminal 2. It's a small but attractive building, with a circular control tower overlooking what used to be the runway.

This original airport gives a strong sense of what flying must have been like back in the old days when only a handful of planes arrived each week.

Inside, you can find all sorts of mementos and souvenirs of Lanzarote's early years of aviation. There are photos of visits by Concorde, vintage uniforms worn by flight staff, accounts of early hydrofoil landings in the waters off Lanzarote and a fearsome case of weapons and contraband that were once confiscated.

The old control tower.



You can also see a replica of the original mural that César Manrique created for the airport, as well as another mural by the Belgian artist Jean-Pierre Hock. One of the most charming exhibits is the original bar where passengers and flight staff might share a drink or a snack before and after take-off, and you can also head upstairs to look at the control tower itself, with all the instruments and charts that were necessary in the days before GPS location and modern computers.

The Museo Aeronáutico is well-signposted as you enter the airport, with plenty of parking available and helpful assistants on hand. It's open from 10 am to 2 pm each day, and admittance is free of charge.

Tourist Guide



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Mirador del Río

Manrique's spectacular viewpoint set into the Famara cliffs looks out over La Graciosa and the rest of the islands of the Chinijo Archipelago.

Cueva de los Verdes

The oldest of Lanzarote's tourist centres is a marvelously lit tour through a volcanic cave system. The optical illusion towards the end is genuinely stunning.

Jameos del Agua

Manrique's space age party venue is located in a lava bubble, where a legendary lake filled with unique blind crabs is flanked by restaurants, cafés, a volcano museum and a natural concert auditorium.

MIAC: Castillo de San Juan

This 250-year old fortress overlooks Arrecife's commercial port and is home to an art gallery featuring works by Picasso, Tapies, Miró and other modern artists. With a famous restaurant and attractive gardens, it's a glimpse of the island's past and future.

Cactus Garden

Manrique's favourite of his creations, this charming garden features over 1,400 different types of cactus and is set in a disused quarry in the heart of Lanzarote's cochineal country. A traditional windmill overlooks the scene.

La Casa Amarilla

The "yellow house", located at the foot of Arrecife's main shopping street, is the old seat of the island's government, and is now an art gallery and information centre.

Timanfaya: The Fire Mountains

Lanzarote's most popular outing offers a pure, breathtaking spectacle at one of the newest landscapes in the world. Take an unforgettable coach trip through the volcanoes and see the power and heat of the earth's inner crust.

Casa-Museo del Campesino

This complex of buildings in the very centre of Lanzarote is overlooked by Manrique's 15m high monument to the Farm Worker. Visitors can buy unique souvenirs, see exhibitions and take part in traditional activities.

Other outings

Museo Agrícola El Patio

Step back in time at this charming and fascinating farm museum on one of Lanzarote's largest estates. Clucking chickens, windmills, living history and a gorgeous location.

Museo del Timple, Tegui

The timple museum is devoted to the small guitar that is the sound of Canarian folk music, but you'll also be amazed by the Palacio Spinola, the island's grandest colonial home.

Mancha Blanca Volcano Visitors Centre

Often overlooked by visitors, this terrific little museum will teach you all you need to know about Lanzarote's dramatic volcano country.

César Manrique Foundation, Tahiche

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Aeronautical Museum, Lanzarote Airport

Set in the island's first terminal building, this great little museum gives you a glimpse of bygone days when one plane a week landed here.

LagOmar, Nazaret

Built by Manrique's associate, Jesús Soto, LagOmar is an amazing gallery, museum and restaurant set in a mountainside. It's a magical, unforgettable place.

Pirate Museum, Tegui

Located in a hilltop castle where locals used to hide from raiding pirates, this museum revisits the island's lawless and often tragic past.

Museo Tanit, San Bartolomé

A lovely little museum that offers a fascinating glimpse of bygone Lanzarote and the tough, resilient and gloriously creative islanders who lived there.

Close up on: La Ermita de Las Nieves

The Ermita de las Nieves is the highest traditional building on Lanzarote, a wild and beautiful place where all of Lanzarote's glory is laid out in front of you.



The church sits on the Famara cliff top, and you can drive up there via Tegui and Los Valles, or approach in the other direction from Haría.

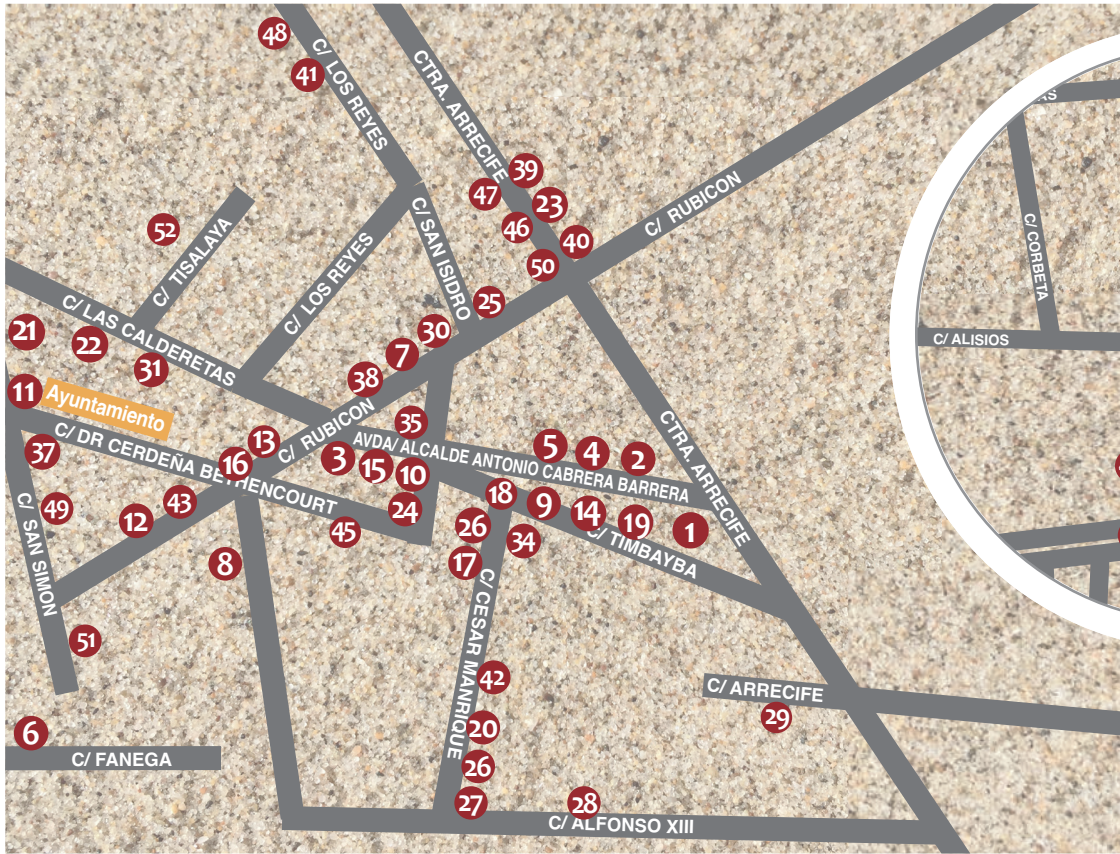
Upon arrival you'll be left to your own devices with incredible views of the island and the solitary La Ermita de Las Nieves church. It's a strange and beautiful landscape with stunning views, hovering kestrels, purple

thistles and prickly pear cacti.

In August, pilgrims from all over Lanzarote ascend to pay tribute and see La Virgen de las Nieves "Our Lady of the Snows."

The celebrations don't last long. The Virgin is displayed at the doors of the church for one last time before being returned to the altar for another year.

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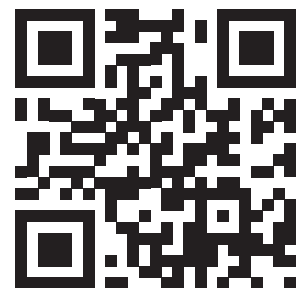
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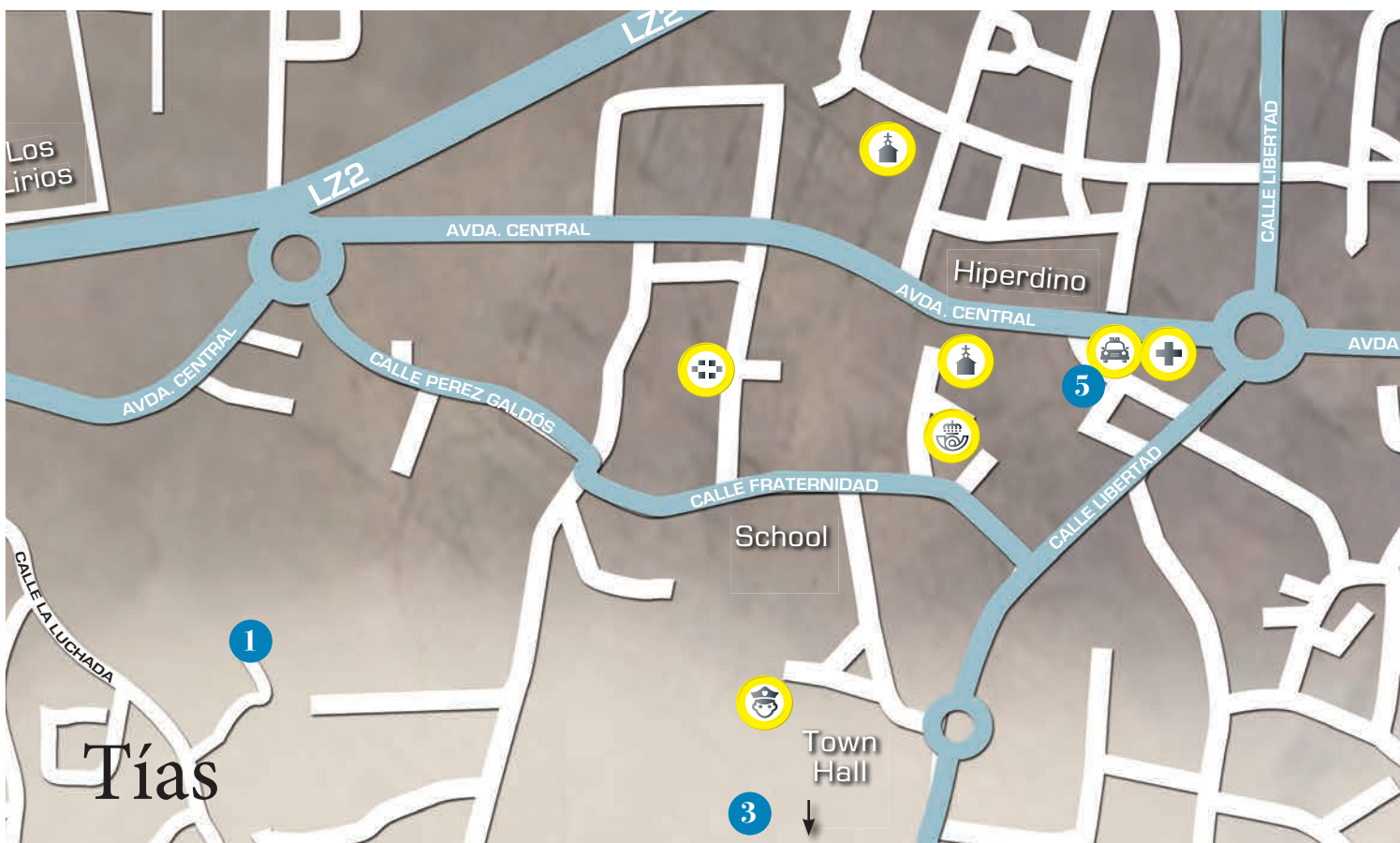
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FOREIGN BUYERS UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

The Nueva Canarias (NC) party has called for a commission to assess the impact of foreign buyers on the property market. The result of such a commission could theoretically see the introduction of restrictions on foreign property buyers.

NC is a centre-left regionalist party whose main support comes from Gran Canaria and Tenerife. However, it has been a member of the Socialist-led coalition that has ruled the islands for the last four years and could play a critical role in forming the next government this year.

The main parties in Spain have so far resisted any moves on limiting foreign buyers, which could also run into difficulties with EU directives that guarantee foreign buyers the same rights as locals.

Spain's land registrars' association has revealed that foreigners were responsible for 34% of home purchases in the Canaries in the third quarter of 2022 - the highest region in Spain. Similar figures have been issued by the Spanish government.



Román Rodríguez
of NC

HOUSING FOR HOTEL STAFF "IMPOSSIBLE"



Jorge Marichal

Canarian hotel owners have complained that the lack of affordable housing is making it impossible for them to find staff to work for them.

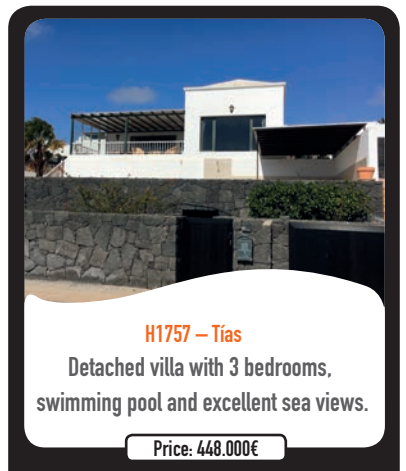
According to Jorge Marichal, president of hoteliers federation Ashotel, there are three reasons for the lack of housing: "Failure to build public housing; housing projects sold to vulture funds by promoters following the 2008 crisis, and a move from residential lets to tourist lets."

"We're finding it increasingly difficult to hold on to qualified staff because of the price of housing," said Marichal, "and it's

making it difficult to attract people from outside. Housing on the Canaries is becoming impossible."



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As the year turns, Spain's inflation rate appeared to be falling as the year came to an end.

In November, Spain's inflation rate was 6.8%, a fall of 0.5% on the previous month and much lower than the overall Eurozone rate of 10% and the UK's 11.1% rate. The main driver behind this fall was energy prices, which are strongly related to the methods for calculating inflation in Spain.

That method meant a huge rise in inflation earlier in the year, following energy price increases after Russia's invasion of the Ukraine, but those prices have since been falling.

Other good news for the economy include a resilient labour market and, on the Canaries, a strong winter tourist season.



WEALTH TAX FOR SPAIN

Spain is likely to introduce a new wealth tax on the richest in society in 2023. The "Solidarity Tax" is forecast to raise almost 3.2 billion Euros.



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Spanish residents will be expected to pay the tax on all assets held inside and outside of Spain (in the absence of double-tax agreements). Non-residents will only pay tax on assets in Spain.

Although the tax has been pencilled in for declarations in 2023 and 2024, it could be extended beyond those dates.

CHEAPER TO BUY THAN RENT

Despite rising interest rates, the soaring cost of rented accommodation means that it is still currently cheaper to pay a mortgage than rent in the Canaries.

According to local mortgage broker Hypoo, the average Canarian will pay €218 less each month on a mortgage than they would on rent for a similar property.

However, further increases in interest rates could change that – although there seems no immediate solution to the shocking lack of rental accommodation on the islands, and the resulting high rents, either.

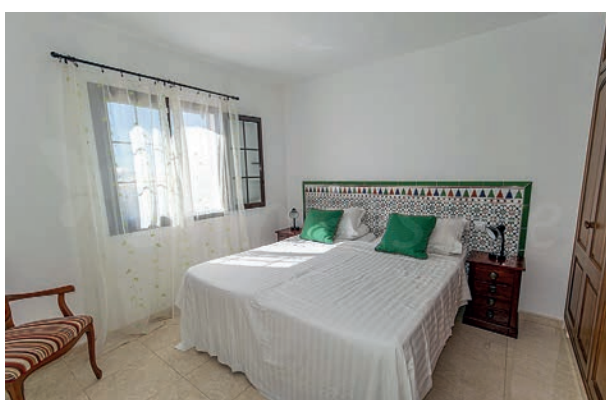




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You'll look very hard on the Canaries before you find a fireplace with a hearth and a roaring fire. That's because it simply isn't required, and never has been. That also means that mantelpieces are fairly unknown here.

Carpets are also rare. That's because there's no need for their insulating qualities and the fact that dust is the main cleaning problem in the Canaries. Carpets are often regarded as unhygienic and Spanish families tend to use easily cleanable rugs or wear house shoes indoors.

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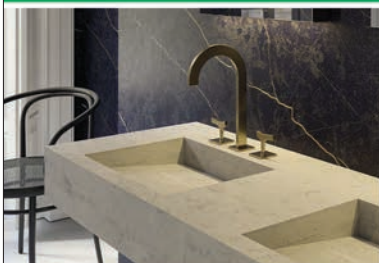
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Windows, and shutters

Spanish windows tend to open inwards. That's because shutters are widely used to control heat and sunshine, as well as to add extra security. You won't be able to put much on your windowsill, though.

Kitchens

Most Spanish homes don't have kettles because they don't drink a dozen cups of tea a day. What they do have is extractor hoods, due to the popularity of fried foods.

Spanish kitchens often have two sinks – one for washing and one for rinsing and leaving to dry. A drying rack may also be used. The British practice of wiping soapy dishes dry with a cloth horrifies Spaniards.

Mixer Taps

In the UK, cold water comes from the mains and hot water from a tank in the home. Safety laws once meant that taps were separated to ensure people drank from the cold tap, avoiding possible contamination from the tank. In Spain, no such laws existed and mixer taps are standard.

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CLEAN START



The idea of spring cleaning comes from colder northern countries, where winters are too cold and wet to air the house. But on an island where it's warm all year round, you can spring clean whenever you want, and New Year is a great time to give your Lanzarote home a good old clean out.

Dustbusting

Dust is the cleaner's main problem on Lanzarote, and last year saw plenty of the stuff. It'll get in somehow or other, and you'll need to establish a routine.

For floors, a vacuum cleaner is essential to Hoover up the dust rather than just redistribute it around the house, but you'll also find a dust mop very useful, and a final pass with a wet mop will leave things perfect.

Before you do the floor, though, use a feather duster and damp cloths on higher surfaces. Always work from top to bottom.

Check doors and make sure dust guards are well-fitted.

White washing

January's a good time to give white walls a good clean, exterior walls a hose down or even fetch the paint out for a touch-up.

The good thing about white is that it's easy to match with new paint, but it's still a good idea to buy a big tin and decant some into smaller containers for those regular touch-ups.

When cleaning, pay special attention to areas that get grubby – around light switches, for example. Use a sponge or a pencil rubber to get rid of stubborn stains.

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Spanish home-owners kit, with hundreds of uses around the house. Just make sure they're not going to do any damage before you use them (hydrogen peroxide is a bleach).

Spanish cleaning products have become highly fashionable in the UK in recent years, beloved for their fragrances and effectiveness. It's worth experimenting with the products in your local supermarket.

Clutter out

Decluttering is also a great idea after the Christmas holidays. You'll be taking down your decorations anyway, so why not carry on and make the job a good 'un? New Year is a time for taking off on new starts, so make sure you've got as little baggage as possible.



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Back to the Fuchsia



MAGENTA IS
PANTONE'S COLOUR
OF THE YEAR FOR
2023. AND WHILE THIS
DEEP RED SHADE MAY
BE THE LATEST WORD
IN FASHION, IT ALSO
HAS A POWERFUL
HISTORICAL LINK WITH
LANZAROTE THAT
SURVIVES TO THIS DAY.

Last December, unveiling its colour of the year for 2023, Pantone announced “an unconventional shade for an unconventional time: a new vision: Viva Magenta.”! Magenta is a crimson red tone with enough blue to make it straddle the border with purple shades.

According to Pantone, it’s “vibrating with vim and vigor; a shade rooted in nature descending from the red family demonstrating a new signal of strength.”

And the nature that this colour descends from is located precisely here on Lanzarote, in the cactus fields of Guatiza and Mala.

Look closely at one of the cactus lobes and you may see a small whitish, silky lump – the cocoon of the cochineal beetle. Pinch it between your fingers and they’ll be stained with a vivid, pure red – the origin of magenta.

Cochineal was used to produce rich, deep fuchsia colours on which the artificial magenta dye was based (the colour is named after a French battle), and cochineal was one of Lanzarote’s main exports in the past, used to colour fabrics and foods. It’s long been overtaken by artificial dyes, but you’ll still find designers and crafters using natural cochineal products for gorgeously-tinted items of clothing.

You’ll also see magenta in the stunning displays of bougainvillea flowers that climb over walls and trellises in the island’s gardens, and it’s a colour that is often found in other tropical and sub-tropical flowers that thrive here.

It’s a colour that’s stimulating and calming at the same time, a bold statement and a comfort. And there’s no better time than this year to make magenta a part of your interior decor.



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Digging deep



Jesús Soto



The quarry at Tinamala

THE ABANDONED QUARRIES OF LANZAROTE OFFER A CLUE TO TRADITIONAL BUILDING METHODS, AS WELL AS THE RECENT HISTORY OF THE ISLAND.

The quality of volcanic basalt around Guatiza and Mala is the reason why this area is home to most of the abandoned quarries on the island. The most famous of these is the Cactus Garden, which César Manrique situated in an old quarry overlooked by a windmill.

But it's the stone of Montaña Tinamala, just south of Guatiza, that has the most spectacular quarries. The warm, reddish-coloured basalt from this area can be seen in the Cabildo building, at the airport and in some of the older hotels on the island.

The busiest years of the quarry were between 1955 and 1965, when owner Isaías Fernández contracted the electrician Jesús Soto to assemble a machine that made cutting the stone much easier and more precise.

It was while visiting the quarry that Soto's motorbike broke down, and he hitched a lift back to Arrecife with a Cabildo worker, Luis Morales, who had been overseeing roadworks nearby. The two men got to know each other, and Morales recommended Soto to the Cabildo's President for a new project to illuminate

the Cueva de los Verdes for a visit by archaeologists.

That project marked the birth of modern Lanzarote's tourism – the first of seven amazing tourist centres that would see the island's most famous son, César Manrique, invited back to transform his home.

The quarry, however, has been almost forgotten, but head up the dirt path just behind the Cepsa garage at the turn off to Guatiza and you'll soon find yourself near the quarries. It's easy to park and walk a short distance further up.

Once there you'll see an amazing site – a large, regularly shaped pit sunk into the ground with regular, straight lines running across its walls. These show where the stone was sawn out of

the quarry, and you can still see some of the abandoned machinery in the quarry itself.

This dramatic place was used as the setting for a Swedish production of the opera *Aida* in the 1980s, and it was also once proposed as the site of a theme park.

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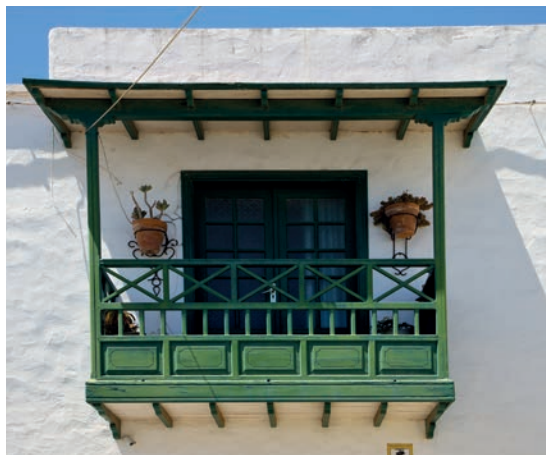
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Outside—in

LANZAROTE LIVING IS WHERE OUTDOORS MEETS INDOORS IN A WAY THAT MAY BE NEW AND A LITTLE CONFUSING. BUT IT MAKES PERFECT SENSE.



On an island where rain is scarce and the temperature rarely drops below 15 degrees, outdoor living can take place all year round. While northern Europe is wrapped up warm, insulated and watching frost form on the windows, Canarians are breakfasting outdoors in the sun and fresh breeze.

That's why there are few porches and hallways in the Canaries – those areas where people in northern climes put on, take off and keep their scarves, coats, wellies, umbrellas and all the other things you'll never need here. In cold places, like an airlock in a spaceship, but they're completely unnecessary here.

Instead, you'll find many transitional areas where outdoors and indoors blend. Traditional larger

Canarian homes generally have an inner courtyard, which allows enjoyment of the outdoors while maintaining privacy. The pattern is repeated in many apartment blocks or complexes, arranged around shared central pools and gardens.

Then there are balconies – deliberately designed to blend outdoor and indoor living, creating a space where the sun and air can be enjoyed to the maximum.

"THE SECRET TO LANZAROTE LIVING IS CONTROLLING HOW MUCH OUTDOORS YOU ALLOW INDOORS."

Nevertheless, there are times when you'll want to shut the outside out and feel the shelter of being indoors, and on the Canaries that will often be in the summer, when fierce heat can become unbearable.

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THE DESIGNS OF CÉSAR MANRIQUE HAVE NOT JUST TRANSFORMED THE ISLAND; THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN KEY IN MARKETING IT, WITH A SERIES OF LOGOS THAT CONTINUE TO DEFINE THE ISLAND'S TOURIST IMAGE.

The most famous Manrique logo is, without doubt, the “black sun” image that greets every arrival to the airport and continues to be used to market the island internationally. It’s a timeless design that was commissioned by the Cabildo in 1992, and cannot be used without their permission.

The logo is clearly influenced by the one that the Catalan artist Joan Miró created for Spain’s tourist board nine years earlier, using the same red, black and yellow colour scheme that reflects the flag of Spain. However, Manrique’s logo adds vivid red rays radiating from a volcanic black circle, and a crescent moon is also clearly visible.

The nature-loving Manrique also could not resist adding a splash of green to the logo – the island’s name appears entirely in the colour.

Miró’s logo was hugely successful and led to several other countries adopting new logos for their tourist boards. But Spain and Lanzarote have remained faithful to these iconic images, whose power is demonstrated by the fact that they are still used by the tourist boards, and have not been changed or updated for decades.

Another famous logo of Manrique’s is the monograph that became the logo of his foundation at Tahiche. Consisting of the artist’s initials in red and black, with clear echoes of the island’s volcanoes and sun, it’s a simple, devastatingly effective design.

Manrique also created images for each of the island’s seven cultural and artistic centres (CACTs), the most famous of which is probably the Devil of Timanfaya. This was created as a joke by Manrique about the volcanic heartland of the island’s resemblance to a fiery hellscape, but it has taken on a life of its own and has even resulted in a false “legend” being invented and widely spread about a mysterious devil that appeared during the eruptions in the 18th century.

Then there is the crab of Jameos del Agua, referring to the unique animals that live in the tunnel; and the fish that guides the way to the Mirador del Río. The CACT department itself is also defined an elegant Manrique logo.

In Arrecife, the César Manrique secondary school and the adult-training centre both bear Manrique-designed logos, and the artist was not at all adverse to lending his talents to business, either. Every bottle of wine from the El Grifo bodega bears the griffin logo he created for his friends at the winery; while the Canary Island Car (CICAR) hire car company continues to use a dynamic Manrique-signed logo.



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The hard prune that the vines are subjected to can be surprising to newcomers – they are hacked back to stubby stumps that it seems they may never recover from. But recover they do, and in just a few months they'll be growing more vigorously than ever.

Pruning is a vital skill not just for wine growers and farmers. In your garden it's a way of getting rid of dead or unwanted growth, shaping plants the way you want them to grow, and making them enter a new phase of vigorous growth.

And now's the time to do it.

EQUIPMENT

This depends on what you want to prune. A pair of kitchen scissors will be fine for many houseplants, but a good pair of secateurs is something every serious gardener needs. For trees, you may also need a saw.

Outdoors, make sure you wear tough gardener's gloves and, if necessary, further protection against Lanzarote's spiky, serrated plants. Glasses and goggles are also a very good idea.

If you've got lots of garden waste, sort out a container or buy several binbags for it, and plan a trip to your local Punto Limpio (recycling point). Disposal of garden waste in normal rubbish containers is against the law.

FOOD AND WATER

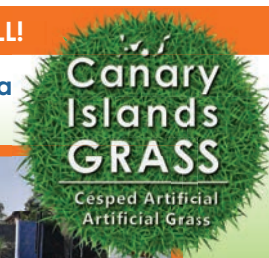
Don't water or fertilise plants before or immediately after pruning. Pruning is damage, and they'll have enough work to do adjusting to the changes. Instead, leave them for a week, lightly watering if necessary, then add fertiliser and give them a good soak.

A vine after hard pruning



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HOW TO PRUNE

Pruning depends on the plant and what you want from it. If you want vigorous growth and the possibility of fruit later, then a hard prune is generally required. If you just want to shape the plant and remove dead growth, then do so, remembering that this will need to be done fairly frequently.

For new growth, the basic rule is to get to know your plant and understand where new shoots and branches come from. These are

often nodes on the stem or branch, and you will have to cut just above them.

The type of plant will also dictate how much pruning you should do. Remember that the more growing shoots, you have, the more effort the plant will have to put into each one. One or two shoots will grow much more vigorously than five or six.

Pruning is a learned skill. You'll get better at it as you get to know your plants, but don't be afraid to look for help online.







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Getting hold of plants isn't as easy as you might think here. Wild plants are usually strictly protected, with heavy fines for anyone found removing them. There is also a long and exhaustive list of plants that it is prohibited to import to the islands, even if you order seeds or bring cuttings in your luggage. While the chances of being caught are low, the fines are high enough to make anyone think twice.

Taking a cutting is also risky. While many British gardeners see nothing wrong with snipping a sprig here and there back home, it's not well received on an island where plants were many people's livelihood not so long ago. You should

always seek permission, or find an online community where members exchange seeds, cutting and plants.

Larger supermarkets often sell seeds and some basic gardening equipment, and you'll often see gardeners hanging around IKEA on a Thursday morning when they put their new plants out, but to get the full range of what's on offer, you need to head to a garden centre, or vivero.

Garden centres are the best places to get reliable, first-hand advice on what to grow and how to grow it in Lanzarote's challenging climate.



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This garden centre in Macher is one of our favourites. Flower Power itself is a charming garden centre with all sorts of plants, flowers and garden supplies on offer. Decorando, a little bit further up the hill, is the ornamental centre, and one of the first stops on the island for anyone interested in beautiful containers and other garden equipment.

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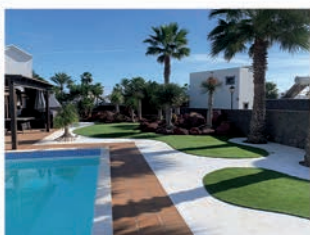
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SITTING PRETTY FOR 2023

OVER THE LAST MONTH THE ROJILLOS (THE REDS) HAVE CLAWED BACK A FOUR-POINT DEFICIT AND ARE NOW IN THE PLAYOFF POSITIONS. IAN LANE REPORTS ON UD LANZAROTE'S LATEST UPS AND DOWNS.

Rodrigo celebrates his goal with Fabricio.



Four straight wins set them on course, but this was halted with a 93rd minute goal against playoff rivals CD Mensajero in a 2-1 defeat. The La Palma side are notoriously good on home soil and made it five wins and a draw in their six home matches.

On Sunday December 11th Lanzarote hosted second-placed side CF P.P. San Mateo and on a scorching hot day played one of the most exciting goalless games seen in recent seasons. It was end-to-end stuff, helped by a referee who did all he could to play advantage and tried his best to keep the whistle away from his lips. This is very rarely seen in lower league football or even international football.

With the point earned from that match, UD Lanzarote are back in the playoff positions, occupying fifth spot in the Tercera Division RFEF (Fifth Tier). They will be raring to go when football returns in January with two home games on the bounce: firstly against bottom club Estrella CF on the 8th January, followed by the big derby match against local rivals U.S. Yaiza on the 15th.

To come and see any home match there is no need to book tickets in advance. You simply turn up and pay at the door, adults 8 Euros and Pensioners 6 Euros (2 Euro discount for residents). Children 16 years and under are admitted free of charge.

The club have a great offer on Season Tickets (abonos) for the second half of the campaign. For the eight remaining matches you can buy an adult season ticket for 35 Euros or just 20 Euros for a pensioner. This can be bought on match day, at the club in Arrecife or in the shop in Costa Tegui (details below).



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LICENCE TO EXCHANGE

THE LONG WAIT FOR RESIDENTS WITH UK-ISSUED LICENCES WHO ARE PROHIBITED FROM DRIVING IN SPAIN MAY SOON BE OVER, ACCORDING TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY.

For seven months, the British Embassy has been negotiating with Spanish authorities to try and get resident British drivers back on the roads. In the meantime, the affected motorists have been constantly asking “Are we nearly there yet?” like bored children in the back seat.

Now it looks as if the destination is in sight. The British Embassy has announced that “legal and political approvals” are now under way that will once again permit drivers to exchange UK-issued licences for Spanish ones. The option of continuing to use a UK licence will only last for six months.

The Embassy has announced “ Once the Agreement is finalised and published in the BOE (Spanish state bulletin) you will be able to drive for six months on your valid UK licence, during which time you will need to exchange it for a Spanish one to be able to continue



driving. After that six months, you will no longer be able to drive on your UK licence, but will be able to continue to exchange it for a Spanish one.

To change your UK licence for a Spanish one, you will need to apply at the Tráfico Department in Arrecife (or another island – several Lanzarote drivers found it easier to get appointments in Fuerteventura before the ban).

Part of the driving test will involve a “psycho-technical” test, which can be booked at a centro de reconocimiento de conductores (there is one

directly opposite Tráfico, for example). This test sounds daunting, but involves an eye test and a brief “video game” test of reactions. You’ll also be asked about your medical history and some health issues, such as heart conditions, may result in a reduced term on your new licence.

The Embassy says that “you can exchange any valid UK car (category B) licence, and we expect that many other licence categories can be exchanged too, including mopeds and motorcycles. Further details of all categories will be available when the agreement is published.

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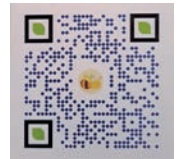
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|------------------------|----------|--------|--|--|--------|
| 1 | L: 02:47 | 1.1 | 17 | L: 02:43 | 1.0 |
| | H: 08:59 | 2.2 | | H: 08:57 | 2.1 |
| | L: 15:24 | 0.9 | | L: 15:18 | 0.9 |
| | H: 21:40 | 2.2 | | H: 21:37 | 2.2 |
| 2 | L: 03:54 | 1.0 | 18 | L: 03:57 | 0.9 |
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| | L: 16:19 | 0.9 | | L: 16:24 | 0.8 |
| | H: 22:34 | 2.3 | | H: 22:40 | 2.4 |
| 3 | L: 04:50 | 0.9 | 19 | L: 05:01 | 0.7 |
| | H: 10:56 | 2.2 | | L: 11:11 | 2.4 |
| | L: 17:06 | 0.9 | | L: 17:21 | 0.6 |
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| | H: 11:42 | 2.3 | | H: 12:05 | 2.6 |
| | L: 17:48 | 0.8 | | L: 18:12 | 0.5 |
| 5 | H: 00:00 | 2.5 | 21 | H: 00:25 | 2.8 |
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| | H: 12:22 | 2.3 | | H: 12:55 | 2.7 |
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January 2023

Weather Watch

January

January is Lanzarote's coolest month, although there are still usually plenty of opportunities to get some sunbathing done.

Average daily temperatures are around 22 degrees, but they can drop well into the teens or approach 30. Nights are definitely cooler, and you'll need some warm clothing and even heating if you're in high-lying parts of the island.

It's Lanzarote's rainiest month too, with around four or five days when rainfall can be expected.

But the island is still spectacular. The cool weather makes walking in the country a pleasure, rains can bring a light sprinkling of green to the hillsides and there'll be plumes of smoke and the smell of fires in wine country, as the vines are pruned back hard.

What to Expect in January



Day Time Temps

22°C (ranges from 17°C to 28°C).



Night Time Temps

18°C (ranges from 14°C to 22°C).



Sunshine Hours

11 hours daylight. 7 hours full sun.



Sea Temp

19-21°C



Rain

4-5 days



Wind

Moderate NE breezes

Telephone Numbers



AIRPORT

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| Tias | 928 833619 |
| Tinajo..... | 928 840021 |
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| Colegio Arenas | 928 590835 |

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| Playa Blanca..... | 928 518942 |
| Costa Teguiise (CC Jablillo)..... | 928 826628 |
| Costa Teguiise (Islas Canarias) | 928 590423 |

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| Anglican Chaplain..... | 928 514241 |
| Family Church | 618 186755 |
| Christian Worship Centre | 620 309684 |
| Sunday Worship..... | 630 175810 |
| Pastor Norwegian Church | 616 407693 |

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| Britain | 928 262508 |
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| Spanish Emergency Services..... | 061 |
| Red Cross (Ambulance)..... | 928 812222 |

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| Dr. Mager Clinic | 928 512611 |
| Hospiten Lanzarote | 928 596100 |
| Overeaters Anonymous | 662 116415 |

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| Teguiise | 928 845252 |
| Tias | 928 834101 |
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TAXI RANKS

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| Teguiise/Costa Teguiise | 928 524223 |
| Puerto del Carmen/Tias..... | 928 524220 |
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| Tinajo..... | 928 840049 |
| Yaiza/Playa Blanca | 928 524222 |

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| Directory Enquiries | 11811 |
| International Directories | 11825 |

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| Costa Teguiise..... | 928 592542 |
| Puerto del Carmen | 928 513351 |
| Playa Blanca..... | 928 518150 |

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| Gran Canaria | 928 771550 |
| La Gomera..... | 922 870281 |
| La Palma..... | 922 423340 |
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| Iberdrola | 900 225235 |

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| Jane Burke..... | 928 513895 or 649 910784 |
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Need to Know

TIDAL TIPS

Every day the sea around Lanzarote rises and falls twice. The island's tides are one of the ancient pulses of the island, and knowledge of them is vital for sailors, surfers and other marine specialists. But you can benefit from a little tidal nous, too.

SAFETY

Swimmers should be aware that at high and low tides there'll usually be an hour or two when the water is "slack", with hardly any movement. But that will be followed by the strongest currents as water rushes out or in. The time midway between high and low tides will see relatively steady currents. If you see water moving fast over a reef, stay clear.

BEACHES

There is less room on beaches at high tide, but you'll often find entry to the water easier, as low tides can expose rocks. Never let children play burying games in wet sand – it can be surprisingly hard to get out.

FISHING

Rising tides are usually best for fishing, as that's when fish like to feed. But high tides are also riskier, so take care that you're in a safe, dry spot -wet rocks mean danger.

EXPLORING

Some places, such as the coves at Papagayo, can be cut off by high tides, and more than a few people have found themselves stranded for a few hours. If you're exploring wild beaches, always check tide times and go when it's low.

As a rule, if you're walking on the wild north coasts of Lanzarote, low, falling tides are the time to go. High tides combined with rough weather can create surprisingly violent conditions.

HIGH AND LOW

The highest and lowest tides occur at Full moons and New moons. First and Last Quarter moons are when there is the least difference between tides. The highest tides of the year occur in mid-September.

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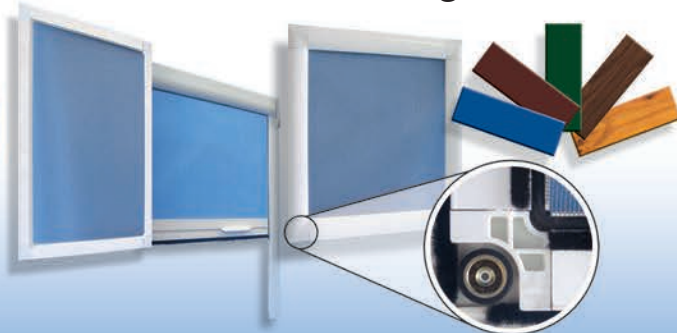


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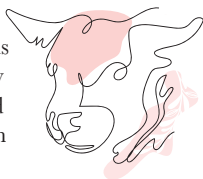
(21 MAR - 19 APR)

Love is always worth examining closely, Aries. This month, take a little time to think about the people you love, those who love you back and the nature of that love. Don't question – just appreciate it for what it is, and you'll find real fulfilment.

Taurus

(20 APRIL – 20 MAY)

If other people are frustrating or annoying you this month, take a little time to look deeper, Taurus. They may need your support to overcome insecurities, and that's a real compliment. With a little thought you can be at your very best this month.



Gemini

(21 MAY TO 20 JUNE)

Opportunities are now starting to get so close you can almost reach out and touch them, Gemini. You need to be careful not to grab at them too quickly, but also make certain not to miss the best ones. Talk to friends, get advice, go for it.



Cancer

(21 JUNE TO 22 JULY)

If at first you don't succeed, try again, but after that maybe it's a good idea to just walk away, Cancer. Don't waste your energy on a project that's going nowhere. Instead, clear your head and start afresh with something different that excites you.



Leo

(23 JULY TO 22 AUG)

You'll need to recharge your batteries after New Year, Leo, but don't worry too much about resolutions. You'll find your life changing for the better naturally, with very little effort. And love and romance will have a lot to do with that.



Virgo

(23 AUG TO 22 SEPT)

We've all got our people – the ones we feel an immediate bond with, the natural friends and inspiring colleagues – but we sometimes let them go. Take some time to contact old names and see some familiar old faces – you won't regret it.



Capricorn

(22 DEC TO 19 JAN)

You will need good advice this month, Capricorn, and Google isn't going to provide it. Hire a professional or contact a trusted friend. You'll also be full of energy – use some of it to get in shape and feel really good about yourself.

Libra

(23 SEPT TO 22 OCT)

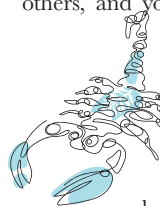
You're surprised to find yourself in a situation you never asked to be in, Libra, but instead of retreating, take control. Your wisdom and energy will surprise yourself, as well as others, and you'll end up with valuable and rewarding responsibilities.



Scorpio

(23 OCT TO 21 NOV)

Don't hang about this month, Scorpio. You need to take advantage of opportunities quickly and give it 100%. Be bold and fearless, but don't burn bridges. You'll need friends and support in the exciting places your heading for.



Sagittarius

(22 NOV TO 21 DEC)

There's some big changes on the way, Sagittarius, and you need to prepare the ground. It will be hard work, but this will give you a chance to shine that you've been longing for. This is a long term project, so get your pathway to the future cleared.



Aquarius

(20 JAN - 18 FEB)

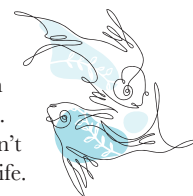
Make sure you're around people this month, Aquarius. Whether it's friends, family or just volunteering to help, you'll benefit enormously from getting out of your room and starting to build a rewarding social life.



Pisces

(19 FEB - 20 MAR)

A fascinatingly evocative month awaits, Pisces, when music, fragrance and art unlock deep, sensual pleasures. Take time to stop, listen and smell the flowers and don't ever regard it as a waste of time – this is how you enjoy life.

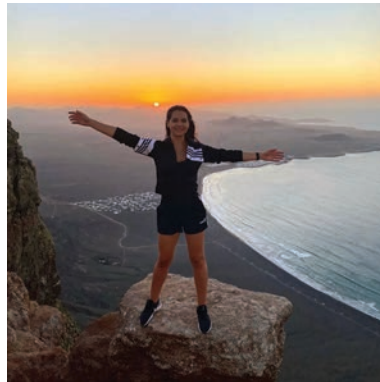


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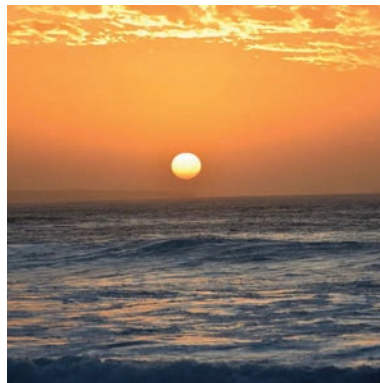
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