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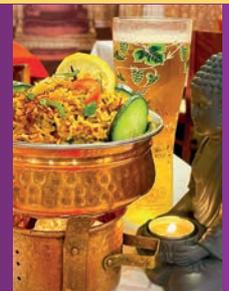


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Ed's letter

Every day, I see dozens of photos of Lanzarote posted on social media. They range from spectacular images of volcanoes and wildlife to simple snaps of holiday-makers having fun.

But almost always they show a beautiful, welcoming holiday destination that attracts millions of people a year, many of them return visitors who can't get enough of the island.

There's plenty wrong with social media, of course, but in this case it does a fine job. Any potential tourist can see for themselves what their holiday might be like, and the image of Lanzarote that is seen is overwhelmingly positive.

The days when the only info you'd get was a holiday brochure, and a TV presenter's bad joke could stigmatize the island for years are long gone. Lanzarote's on display every day, and it's looking great.

The image of the island is important, but when I hear local politicians talk about it I sometimes wonder if they've ever actually talked to any of the millions of tourists who come here each year.

Calling the island "saturated" at a tourist fair, for example, might be surprising, but it won't change anyone's mind about visiting. Even the nonsense the British press recently invented about British tourists not being wanted here doesn't seem to have affected tourist figures in any way at all.

Similarly, I've hardly ever heard complaints about wind turbines, which are often opposed for their "impact on the landscape and Lanzarote's image". Solar energy parks have been successfully halted for this reason for years, but many tourists are actually surprised that they don't see more of them here.

The things that do damage the image of the island are varied, and range from the abandoned hotels that have scarred certain resorts for decades to the way animals are treated; queues for taxis and buses to rip-off electronics shops. Some of them are out of anyone's hands, others are long overdue for improvement.

New councils and governments that are taking their seats this month, and maintaining the image of the island will be one of the things on their to-do list. Let's hope they remember to ask the tourists as well as the locals.

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SATURATION POINT



"TOURISM HAS GOT OUT OF HAND."

HOLIDAY LETS

Corujo identified holiday rental accommodation as one of the main causes of saturation, claiming that, while hotel places remain stable, holiday lets are "growing steadily".

"One in three visitors to the island spend their stay in a type of accommodation that operates in a legal limbo," she said, and claimed that holiday rentals were partly responsible for high rental prices and "family difficulties" on the island.

Lanzarote's future is conditioned by two factors, the president claimed: first, the fact that it has "exceeded saturation point", and secondly, that the tourism model is "evolving uncontrollably, with unplanned, unregulated accommodation."

Tourism on the island has "got out of hand", she concluded.

Note: This article was written before the results of last month's Cabildo elections.

The Cabildo president María Dolores Corujo took the first step of officially declaring Lanzarote "touristically saturated" last month, allowing the island to make sustainable plans for the future.

The declaration will be submitted to the Island's Director of Territorial Policy, who will report on measures to be taken when drawing up future development plans for the island.

Earlier this year, Corujo's comments on the island's tourist plan, during which she claimed the island was saturated, were misrepresented by English-language journalists, who falsely claimed that the island was "fed up with British tourists".

Locally, this led to political opponents criticising her decision to make such a claim in public. However, there is a general consensus on the island that Lanzarote is at the limits of tourism, and that measures must be taken to control the situation.

In response, Corujo claimed last month that the declaration is not a "fanciful notion", but will allow authorities to identify areas of the island where future tourist development should not be permitted.

"(This declaration) is not a reckless action that puts the reputation of Lanzarote's tourism at risk. What is reckless is to pretend that we're back in the 1960s, when development was confused with growth; what is reckless are the abandoned hotels that every tourist sees" said Corujo.

In response, the Partido Popular have repeated that "such declarations are unnecessary and counter-productive."



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LOCAL NEWS

HEATWAVE HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Spanish government has announced that it will prohibit workers from working outdoors during extremely hot weather.

The law will require companies to introduce a series of measures to protect employees who have to work outdoors and is being introduced following recent heatwaves on mainland Spain, which were ruled as factors in the death of some workers.

The rules will apply when the state meteorological service issues an orange or red heat alert. Orange alerts are issued when the temperature rises above 38 degrees, and a red alert is issued when they exceed 43 degrees.

An orange heat alert was last issued on Lanzarote in July last year. Despite its sub-tropical location, the island receives fewer heat alerts than larger Canary Islands and inland areas of southern Spain.

WINE TIME

Lanzarote's wine harvest is expected to at least match the amount harvested last year, according to the island's Wine Council.

While rains in the winter months remained under average, they were sufficient to help a harvest that is expected to match or exceed last year's total of 2 million kilos of grapes.

The council based its prediction on observation of shoots in wine-growing areas. However, as always, the harvest remains at risk from an early summer heatwave.

A normal harvest will allow wine makers to restock. Huge demand for wines over the last year has meant that many bodegas are running out of wine supplies from previous years.

SPORTS GROUND FOR PLAYA BLANCA

Yaiza Ayuntamiento have issued a tender for a new sports field near the lighthouse at Faro Park, with a budget of just under 300,000 euros.

The new multipurpose sports field will also come with a small park area for children to play in. The court will facilitate football, handball, and basketball.

Interested companies will have until Monday, June 5th, to submit bids.

WIND FARM WORKING AGAIN

The wind farm at Los Valles is back in operation after eight of its turbines were repaired recently. The remaining turbines are still waiting for spare parts to arrive.

The Los Valles wind farm belongs to the publicly owned Eólicas de Lanzarote company, which is currently involved in a contractual dispute with the company that was hired to maintain the turbines. They allege a serious breach of contract that forced them to hire an alternative company on a temporary basis.



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CABILDO DENOUNCED

Animal rights organisation ADEMAL has issued a formal denouncement against Lanzarote's Cabildo for failure to comply with Spanish hunting laws.

ADEMAL accuse the Cabildo of failing to compile a list which would require hunters on the island to register each one of their hunting dogs, as well as report their cause of death.

According to ADEMAL's

legal representative, the failure to compile such a list could constitute an act of prevarication by the Cabildo.

ADEMAL claim that the existence of a list would reduce the amount of dogs that are abandoned each year, which they estimate at around 400 animals.

ADEMAL's statement is particularly critical of Cabildo President María Dolores Corujo, who they claim, "has always

boasted of her support for animal rights while not carrying out a single measure to protect the animals."



SEVEN BLUE FLAGS

Lanzarote has maintained its seven Blue Flag awards for beaches in 2023.

Blue Flag status is awarded for a series of criteria, including water quality, public services, environmental factors, and security.

Previous Blue Flag holders such as Playa del Jablillo in Costa Teguisse and Playa de la Garita in Arrieta have not managed to regain the award. At the time this was due to shortcomings in disabled access, lifeguard services and public conveniences rather than water quality.

The beaches are as follows: **Arrecife:** Playa del Reducto; Playa Blanca: **Playa Blanca** Town Beach; **Costa Teguisse:** Playa de las Cucharas; **Puerto del Carmen:** Playa Grande, **Matagorda,** Pila de la Barrilla (Playa Chica) and Los Pocillos.

Puerto Calero has also maintained its Blue Flag sporting marina status.

HEATING THE HOSPITAL

The Canarian Health Service has invested almost a million Euros in a project to supply Lanzarote's Dr Jose Molina Orosa Hospital with geothermal energy.

The pioneering project will be executed over the next 18 months, with 70% of the money coming from the EU's Next Generation fund. It is expected that 500kW of energy will be provided, which will be used for air conditioning, heating, and hot water production in the hospital.

The consumption of around 2.7 million kWh a year are forecast to be saved by the project – an annual financial saving of around €729,000.

The project exploits Lanzarote's natural geothermal activity and is the first-time geothermal energy will be used in the Canarian Health Service.

RIGHT TO CHOOSE

A court in Las Palmas has issued a landmark judgement stating that a pregnant woman has the right to choose between a natural childbirth or a caesarian section.

The judgment follows an incident in the maternity hospital of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria in 2016 in which a woman bearing twins underwent a 17-hour labour during which one of her twins suffered irreversible brain damage.

The court considered that the woman had not been adequately informed of the options available to her and described the incident as an act of "obstetric violence".

The Canarian Health Service has been ordered to pay a million Euros in compensation.

HIGH WINDS IN MAY

Lanzarote recorded wind speeds of up to 84km/h in early May, which caused various callouts for local fire fighters.

Light structural damage was suffered by several buildings, including a hotel, a petrol station, and a business in Arrecife. Two palm trees and an electricity cable also fell. Fortunately, no injuries were reported.



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ISLAND INFO

HERE'S TO CEPAL



Gazette staff César Martínez, Shaun Addison and Judith Flores had a great evening at the opening of the new Cepal Shop last month. The shop, at C/Palencia 7, near the Open Mall Shopping Centre, is an innovative and magnificently designed showroom and outlet for the Cepal Group, specialists in metal, glass and aluminium constructions.

EL ÁTICO

El Ático de Lanzarote is a non-profit organisation raising money for good causes all over Lanzarote. They have two shops in Playa Blanca offering 'pre-loved' fashion, accessories and homeware, and there are drop off/collection points across the island.

They are always on the look out for donations and volunteers. To find out more, search "El Ático de Lanzarote" on Facebook. You can find them at: Virginia Oasis Complex, Locale 1, Calle Francia, Playa Blanca.



CARNIVAL HONOURS

The Canary Island's first all-women carnival group, Las Revoltosas, and Los Buches, the oldest traditional group of Arrecife's carnival, have been awarded the Gold Medal by the Canarian Government.

Las Revoltosas are a murga (singing group) who were formed in the early 80s in

San Bartolomé. Los Buches are an Arrecife group who dress as fishermen, wearing net masks and brandishing the inflated swim bladders of fish. Both groups were prominent in the carnival parades of a few weeks ago.

The awards were presented on Canary Day, the 30th of May.



SAN SIMÓN CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE

Muebles San Simón in San Bartolomé have extended the annual offers that accompany their annual anniversary celebrations in May until the end of June. What better excuse could there be to head up the hill and find out what's on offer?



WINE AWARDS

Bodegas El Grifo took home three awards, a Gold and two Silvers and Bodegas La Geria received a Gold award for its Manto Malvasía Volcánica, at the recent "World of Malvasia" event in Parenzo, Croatia.

In addition, Bodegas Martinón and El Grifo won Gold Medals at the recent Bacchus awards in Spain, while Lágrima de Malvasía Volcánica took a silver prize.

Bodegas La Grieta in Haría also won a Gold Medal at a competition in Burgos, Spain.

Malvasia grapes are grown around the world, but only Lanzarote cultivates the malvasía volcánica strain, which remains one of the few grapes in Europe that derives from engrafted rootstocks that pre-date the phylloxera epidemic of the 19th century.

CAT & DOG OF THE MONTH



Romeo is a charming small/medium-sized male dog who certainly lives up to his name. It is a bit of a mystery as to why he has been at the shelter for just over a year. He spent most of his life previously living on a roof, but this ten-and-a-half-year-old boy is very affectionate and loves his walks. Find out more about him at www.araprotectora.org or book an appointment on 928 173 417 (English spoken). Dog walkers welcome from 10.30 13.00 Monday-Saturday (Saturday by appointment only). If it is your first visit, please bring ID.

Arturo is a real character! Black cats are often overlooked by people visiting the shelter. This lovely eleven-year-old boy also has feline leukaemia. However, cats can lead normal, happy lives in lone



homes or with other cats with the condition. Hopefully someone will give this super affectionate boy a second chance. Find out how to meet him and about adoptions at www.saraprotectora.org. There are also limited places for people to help with socialising cats. Email info@sara-lanzarote.eu.

ISLAND-TO-ISLAND

The Travesía a Nado del Río, the famous swimming race between Lanzarote and La Graciosa, will take place on 4th November this year.

It will be the first full edition of the race for five years, after cancellations in 2019, 2020 and 2021, and a limited race last year.

Registration for the 2.6 kilometre race will open on the morning of 16th June, and is predicted to be quickly filled on the same morning.



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RISK MANAGEMENT

Lanzarote's savage beauty is famous, but that beauty also brings danger, and an endless tightrope walk between safety and freedom.

The recent tragic accident that saw a 60-year old Irish tourist die when her buggy lost control and plunged into a disused quarry has highlighted the narrow path Lanzarote authorities must tread between safety and freedom on the island.

The accident took place when a buggy which was part of a convoy left the dirt road at a bend and plunged 20 metres into a disused quarry. There is no suggestion that the company involved was acting negligently – they had a licence to operate and were fully aware of the dangers in the area. But accidents can happen, and in Lanzarote they often do.

In the vast majority of cases, accidents aren't serious. Walkers frequently fall or twist an ankle when hiking around volcanoes or other wild places, and are usually safely rescued. However, occasionally a tragedy occurs, such as the disappearance of a British walker in 2011, whose body was eventually discovered 18 months later on the Famara cliffs.

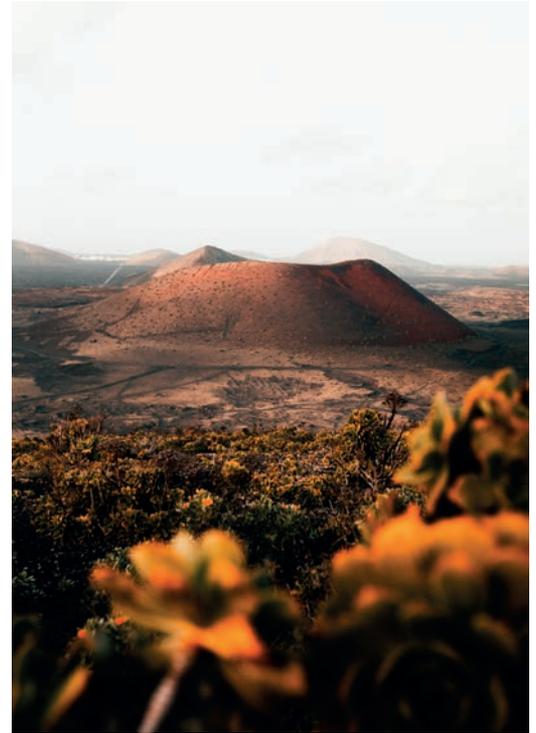
Much of this island remains wild

and unspoiled, and some of its most spectacular volcanic scenery, rugged coastlines and remote beaches have the potential to be extremely dangerous for those who aren't properly prepared and set out without an experienced guide.

This is one of the reasons, along with conservation, why the Timanfaya National Park area is strictly protected, with visitors strictly forbidden to leave authorised roads and pathways.

Two years ago, we saw a small child walk a few yards past the DO NOT PASS signs at the Fire Mountains, touch a metal pipe and howl with pain, his hand burnt by the heat. The signs and low fences are there for good reason.

Elsewhere, island authorities have closed off certain areas judged to be too dangerous for access. Some caves in Haría have been permanently barred off, preventing anyone without keys from entry. But this type of restriction is rare, and bars, fences, gates and barriers are not common here.



Much of Timanfaya is strictly out of bounds.





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A SENSE OF FREEDOM

Lanzarote has so far adopted a fairly liberal approach to its wild places. A good example is Famara beach, where a red flag flies permanently, warning bathers that swimming is extremely dangerous. However, unlike other Canary Islands, where local bye-laws allow bathers to be fined when red flags are hoisted, bathing at Famara is not prohibited and drownings have occurred.

The reason why bathing is not banned at Famara is because of the beach's popularity with surfers, and the decision shows how authorities balance security with the freedom to enjoy the island.

That freedom is enjoyed safely and responsibly by hundreds of locals and tourists every day, and removing it would be hugely unpopular. As a result, one of the ways local authorities have protected tourists in the past is by simply not telling them about many of the hidden areas of the island. That's why places such as Los Charcones near Playa Blanca, the Ajaches mountains and large areas of Timanfaya just outside the National Park area do not appear in tourist publicity. However, a policy that may have worked well a few years ago is less likely to do so nowadays for one reason – the internet.



A Red Flag flies permanently at Famara Beach.

ONLINE ISLAND

It's now easier than ever to find information about Lanzarote online. This means that places that were previously unknown even to most islanders, such as the Arch of Famara, are detailed on several walking sites, displayed on Instagram and Facebook and precisely pinned on maps.

This doesn't just increase the risk of accidents,

but also threatens the areas themselves. Calls have been increasing for increased restrictions and a heavier presence of guards and rangers on the island.

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CARPETS OF SALT



Arrecife



Teguise

The weekend of 10th and 11th of June will see one of Lanzarote's oldest and most colourful fiestas: the salt carpets that greet Corpus Christi.

Corpus Christi celebrates the holy sacrament, and the theme of the celebrations is the transient beauty of life. It is celebrated in different ways throughout Spain, many of which seem strange such as the jumping over babies that goes on in Burgos or the famous dancing egg of Barcelona (an egg suspended in a fountain).

In the Canaries, the traditional way of celebrating is to lay beautiful "carpets" of fresh flowers on the night before. These are then displayed on Sunday morning before a procession from the church tramples all over them. On Gran Canaria, La Palma and Tenerife the streets are filled with the scent of countless flowers.

But a quick look around Lanzarote will confirm that flowers aren't very common, and are certainly not available in the quantities required for the Corpus Christi celebrations. The solution is something we have plenty of: sea salt.

On the evening of Saturday 10th June, lorries will dump tonnes of brightly dyed sea salt on the streets of Arrecife that surround the church



Yaiza

"SUNDAY MORNING REVEALS A GLORIOUS SIGHT."



of San Ginés. Once they've done so, dozens of small groups will start work on their carpets.

These artists come from various charities, organisations and groups, often with a religious link. They use laths of wood, trowels and other tools to carefully recreate a design that often represents a religious theme, and many of them will be at work until late at night.

Once day breaks on Sunday, locals arrive to admire the carpets, shimmering in the early morning sunlight. At 12 noon, a special Mass is held in the church and the procession leaves, trudging over each and every carpet. Afterwards, local children who have come prepared with jars and bottles, fill them with layers of the multi-coloured sand - a pretty souvenir of the day.

Last year there was anger when the city awoke to discover that an unknown local had ignored the closure of the street and driven their car over a few of the carpets, so it's possible there may be more vigilance this year.

Salt carpets are also laid outside the churches in Tías, Teguise, Yaiza, Haría, Tinajo and San Bartolomé.

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PRICED OUT

Dear Gazette,

An apartment owner I know is asking £600 per week for his holiday let. I asked how many bookings he had and he told me "Three".

I suggested he dropped his prices, three weeks at €600 is much less than 40 weeks at €450, which was his previous rental fee. He said he was happy and people will pay.

My friends recently changed their minds about coming to

Lanzarote because of the costs. They've gone to Turkey instead.

Lanzarote is pricing itself out of the market.

Les, via Email

Ed: The island made more money on fewer bookings last year, almost entirely because of the rise in accommodation prices. We can't comment on your rental owner friend's decision, but for the time being, at least, demand remains high.

NORTH AND SOUTH

Dear Ed,

In your quick quiz last month you said that El Golfo lies further north than Tias or Arrecife. So why do I have to drive 20 or 30

minutes south to get to it from either of those towns?

Kate, via email.

Ed: Look at a map showing latitude, Kate. You're driving west and north-west.

NO REPLY

Dear Ed,

Last month you wrote that "politicians welcome complaints" because they can then know about problems and try to fix them. Could you forward this to my local Mayor, who hasn't even bothered to reply to the several messages about a planning proposal I've sent to his office?

Keith, via email

IN PRAISE OF HOTELS

Dear Ed,

I've seen complaints about the opening of the big hotel in Playa Blanca, but I'd just like to say that I've been impressed by the way many hotels on the island are taking the environment seriously. Recycling appears to operate efficiently at many of them – much more than at the spilling rubbish containers we see near residential areas - and they're also the ones that seem to be taking

advantage of renewable energy.

Coach trips are also looked down on by many, but I'm pretty sure they're a lot greener than all the hire cars we see buzzing about these days.

Of course, no tourists at all would be even more environmentally friendly – we could all grow grapes and raise goats instead. But if we're going to have tourism, lets try and do it in the most sustainable way we can.

Daniel Wills, San Bartolomé

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HOTEL SALINAS

The Hotel Meliá Salinas was the first large hotel to be built in Costa Teguise, and the first five star establishment on the island.

Fernando Higuera met César Manrique in an art shop in Madrid in the late 50s, and the Lanzarote artist offered the young architect one of his first major projects – a house in Camorritas, Madrid.

Their friendship continued after Manrique returned to Lanzarote in 1966, and the pair drew up plans for some incredible projects that never came to light.

However, it was the decision of the Río Tinto explosives company to develop the coast of Teguise for tourism that led to their greatest collaboration, and in the late 70s Higuera arrived to design the Meliá Salinas.

It's only really from above that you get an idea of the hotel's unique chevron shape, pointing directly out at the ocean and allowing hundreds of terraced hotel rooms to receive a sea view and sunshine.

The photo shows a complete absence of any other buildings in the area, although the car park in front of the Las Cucharas Shopping Centre is already there, and it appears that plenty of land is being prepared for development.

The enclosed lagoon in front of the hotel remains, but has been opened to the sea and turned into a beach.

The salinas (saltworks) that provided this

area's only previous economic activity, and which gave the hotel its name can be seen behind the hotel, but now no longer exist. In fact, almost all the land you can see in the photo has since been built on.

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TIME FOR *Walkies!*

Everyone's welcome at Lanzarote's biggest animal shelter!

By Justin Kerswell, SARA volunteer photographer

Did you know you don't need to be a resident to walk the dogs at SARA? Many tourists also make the trip up to the shelter in Tahiche to help out., often pairing it with a trip to César Manrique's famous house and artist studio nearby.

SARA rehomes hundreds of cats and dogs each year in Lanzarote and abroad. In 2022, 143 dogs found their forever homes. However, whilst they are very well cared for at the shelter, SARA relies on volunteers to take the dogs on their daily walks. Sadly, on some days there just aren't enough people to ensure that all the dogs get outside. That's why the shelter is desperate for more people to come and walk with them. It's a win-win situation for both the dogs and the walkers.

Did you know that regular dog walking has huge health benefits? These include improved cardiovascular fitness, lower blood pressure, stronger muscles and bones (built up by walking regularly), and decreased stress for people. For dogs it also reduces stress, fights obesity, aids digestive health and helps them sleep. It also helps greatly to socialise them ahead of adoption. They love human company

and their walks really are the highlight of their day.

However many times you can come, you will be welcome. Even once a fortnight or once a month. Every little helps! Whilst SARA would especially welcome some stronger walkers to take out the larger dogs; there are animals for every age and size. Whatever your age or fitness level there is a perfect pup partner for your walks together.

Linda Bartlett is a long-time resident of Lanzarote and has been walking dogs at SARA for seven years. She has even adopted three dogs of her own from the shelter. She says: "It is so incredibly rewarding to get the dogs out. They so look forward to their walks and just shine with joy at being outside in the fresh air and enjoying the beautiful Lanzarote sunshine. It is exercise for the body and soul."

The only requirement is paying a small yearly fee of 4€ for liability insurance for residents (payable at the shelter's office). Tourists don't have to pay the fee. Bring some photo ID on your first visit and some sensible shoes for walking.



If you can't walk the dogs there are other ways to help, too. A donation to support SARA's vital work would be very welcome via their website saraprotectora.org or by phone (English spoken) on (+34) 928 17 34 17. You can also view which animals are available for adoption and also volunteering opportunities for cat socialising on their website. The shelter can also be emailed at info@sara-lanzarote.eu.



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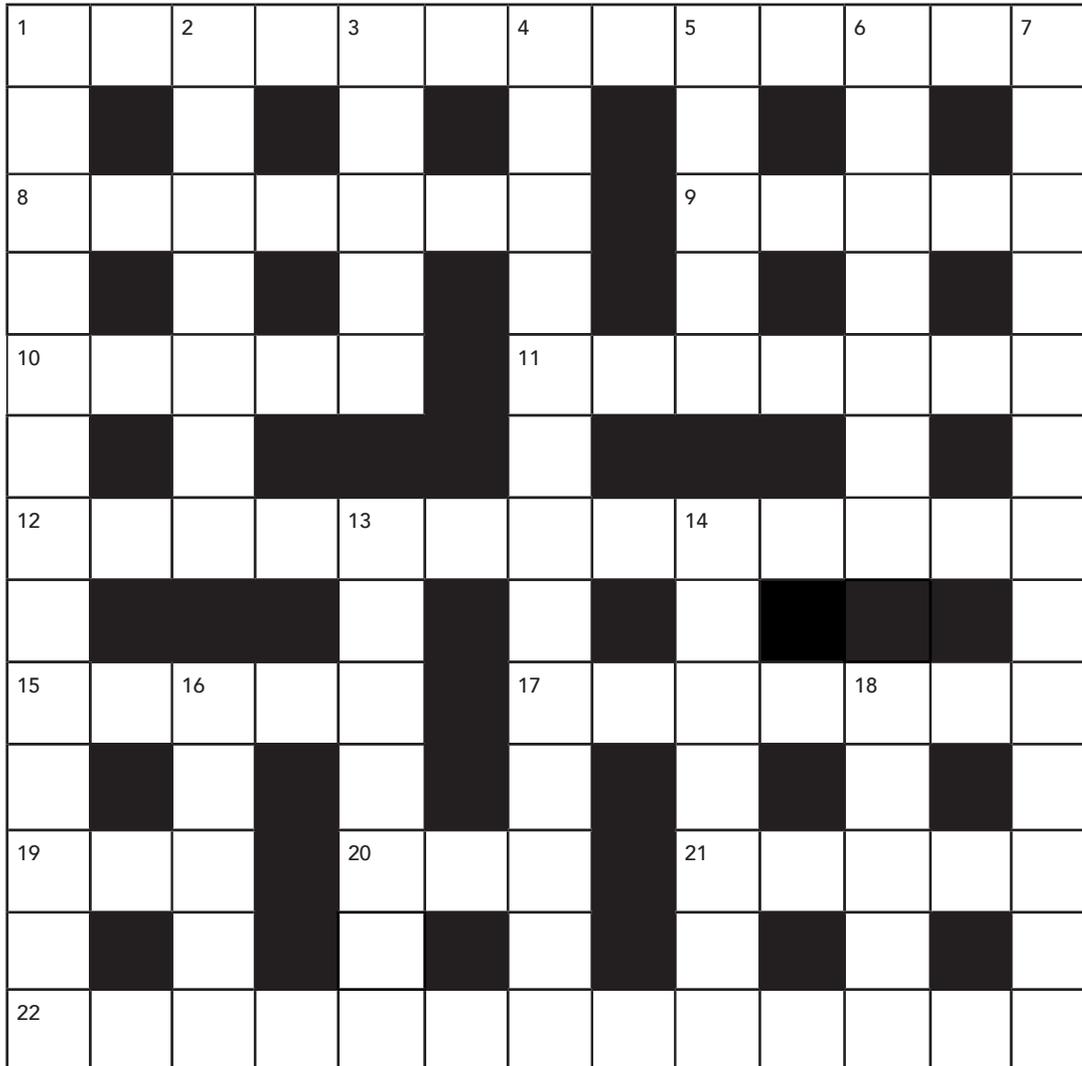
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Prize Crossword



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There's no theme to this month's prize crossword. Just solve it and send it to us at editorial@gazettelife.com (mark email "Crossword"), WhatsApp to 628628083 or post/deliver to our address on pg 3. The winners get a bottle of La Geria wine, and a €10 voucher for Hankey Pankys in CC Montaña Tropical in Puerto del Carmen.

The winners of last month's birdword were Jemima Manjon, who wins a bottle of La Geria's legendary Lanzarote wine; and Larisa Adon, who gets to sit down at a table at Hankey Pankys. Well done, you two.

(We had a couple of complaints about the spelling of Hubara and Teheran. Both are accepted spellings, but as long as you came close, we marked it correct.)

DOWN

1. and 19 ac. Dinosaur which fought King Kong and Lara Croft, and escaped in Jurassic Park (13,3)
2. US men's fashion magazine; term of respect for a gentleman (7)
3. Operate a car or hit a golf ball (5)
4. The 1977 ABBA song (4,3,2,4)
5. Earp, involved in the gunfight at the OK Corral (5)
6. Cassava starch, nicknamed "frogspawn" by British schoolchildren (7)
7. 1982 hit by The Clash (4,3,6)
13. A baby under a month old (7)
14. A voter (7)
16. 74 in Roman numerals (5)
18. Faith, confidence (5)

ACROSS

1. Keeping afloat but making no progress (8,5)
8. Mass or musical piece for the dead (7)
9. Clear savoury jelly (5)
10. Racket, din (5)
11. A military settlement in another country (7)
12. Identical (3,3,3,4)
15. Permit (5)
17. Greek superhero played by Jennifer Garner and Elodie Yung (7)
19. See 1 down
20. Rita ..., UK/Kosovan singer of I Will Never Let You Down (3)
21. Shortest digit on the human hand (5)
22. The, 1955 film in which Marilyn Monroe's dress got blown up (5,4,4)

Last month's answers Across: 1. Hubara 2. Bustard 3. Owl 4. Narrative 5. Osprey 6. Allies 7. Silver 8. Wiper 9. Until 10. Teheran 11. Lob 12. Unanimous 13. Wayne 14. Kestrel
Down: 1. Hoopoe 2. Ballpoint 3. Range 4. Bird 5. Swallow 6. Alibi 7. Dresser 8. Brat Pack 9. Vulture 10. Parkour 11. Curlew 12. Heirs 13. Nasal 14. Boy

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Find the 17 Puerto Calero themed words in the grid.



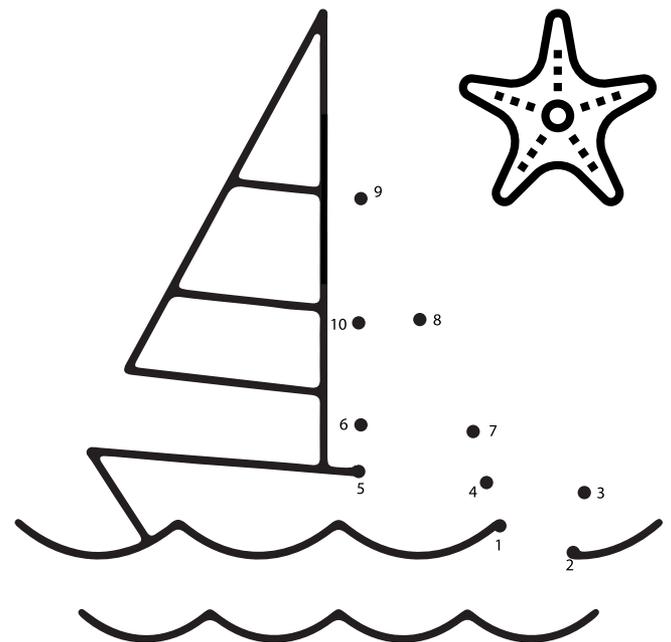
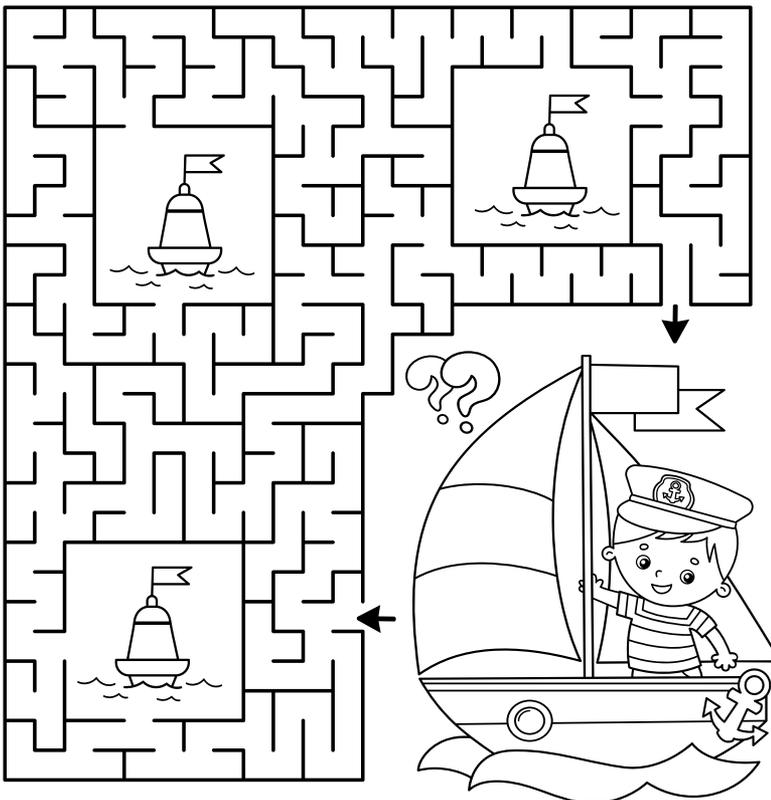
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Quick Quiz

1. Puerto Calero was the dream of which young businessman?
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B. José Calero
C. Jesús Soto
 2. What is Puerto Calero commonly referred to as?
A. The Submarine Resort
B. Sailing City
C. Millionaire's Marina
 3. How many moorings does the marina have?
A. Under 200
B. Under 500
C. Under 600
 4. In Spain, what is a calero?
A. A tool used in smithing
B. A worker in the lime-kilns
C. A sweet treat
 5. When was Puerto Calero first built?
A. 1976
B. 1983
C. 1986
- Answers: B, C, B, B, C



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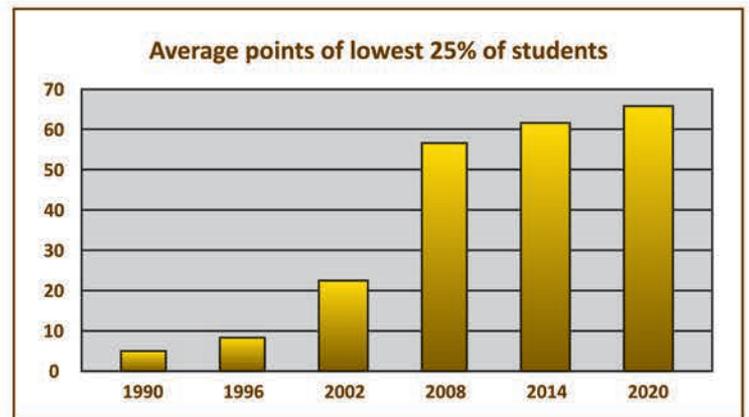
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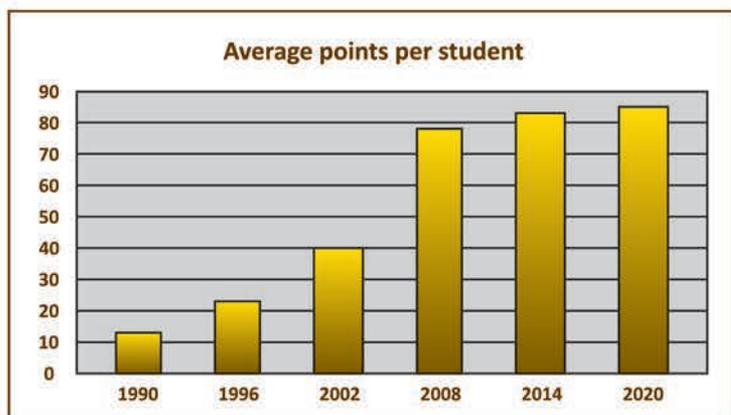
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1996-02 One of our students became the youngest Doctor ever to graduate in Veterinary Science.

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2008-14 A student from our school became the youngest Doctor of Medicine ever to graduate from a British university. Cambridge Examinations began to single out the highest mark in a subject obtained by a student, both at national and world level. In the following four years students at the Hispano Británico obtained sixteen national awards and on five occasions, the highest mark in the world was achieved. We became an official centre for the German national Goethe examinations.

2014-20 Five students obtained the highest GCSE results in the world. The Queen congratulated the school for its outstanding success. Students received from Cambridge Examinations a further twenty national awards and four world awards. We began pre-university laboratory practice with the extraction of DNA. Our promotion of young ladies in Science resulted in three ex-students studying post graduate courses at Cambridge, two becoming Doctors in Biology and a third reading Nuclear Physics. Kim Salen becomes the first student to pass exams in a total of eighteen different IGCSE subjects. We were authorised to offer courses that could lead to the provision of British university studies in Lanzarote.

2020-present A further world award and nine national awards were obtained from Cambridge International Examinations. Marcus McCarter obtained a place at Cambridge University, continuing the constant stream of children from Lanzarote who have had the fortune to study sciences at the most prestigious educational establishment in the world.



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SWIM INFO

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Timing: The swim is best done at high tide, allowing you to swim over the reef of Playa Jablillo and exit on Playa Bastian's sandy beach.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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- Keep an eye out for boats or jet skis. They're not often seen here, but you should keep an eye out nonetheless.
- Stay visible with a marker buoy and a swim cap.
- Inform the lifeguard at Playa Jablillo before you start.
- **NEVER SWIM IN OPEN SEA ALONE.**

This swim is easy, but you need to be an experienced swimmer who feels comfortable in deep water.

Playa del Jablillo is our starting point, and the place where you'll be leaving your clothes. We've swum here hundreds of times and never had a theft, but you may want to bring someone to guard your gear and leave all valuables in your car.

After warming up you can enter from any of the sandy beaches and gently paddle out over the reef into the deeper water beyond. You'll see crabs, blennies and plenty of fish as you do so, and it's worth looking out for the needle-shaped gar fish that often cruise beneath the surface of the water over the reef.

Once you're out beyond the reef, turn right towards Playa Bastián and set off, keeping the rocky breakwater at a safe distance to your right. After a while you leave the breakwater behind you and continue swimming in a straight line over the rocks. The water gets a little shallower here and eventually you'll come to an area of sand, with a shallow bay on your right.

From here. It's simply a question of swimming above the edge of the rocks where they meet this sand. You'll see the Villa Toledo

restaurant on the shore and fairly soon afterwards you'll reach another sandy area where you can turn right and swim to the sandy beach of Playa Bastián.

Pause as many times as you like, and if you wish you can do this swim with goggles and a snorkel. You're guaranteed to see (and even hear) sea urchins, shoals of sea bream, black Damselfish with electric blue fins and colourful Ornate Wrasse. If you're lucky, you may spot an eagle ray, a stingray or an angel shark on the sea bed.

At Playa Bastián you can shower off then walk back barefoot along the promenade to Jablillo. If you're a strong swimmer you can simply turn round and swim back again. Any wind will usually be against you for the return trip, meaning it may take a little longer, but it's not difficult.

This swim can also be done in the other direction from Bastián, but do ensure that the water is well over the reef at Jablillo first - clambering out over wet slippery rocks can be dangerous. The flag at Bastián should be yellow before you start (as an open water beach with no lifeguard it is never green).

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Sun smarts

Lanzarote is one of the sunniest places in Europe. That's why millions come here every year, but it also means that the sun should be taken seriously. Here are some tips on how to live with that gigantic fireball in the sky.



LOCAL WISDOM

Sun cream wasn't widely used until the 1950s, and generations of Canarians have worked in the sun without ever using a drop of sunblock. Their simple method for protection is coverage – long sleeved dresses, skirts and trousers, broad-brimmed straw hats and sombreros.

Loose-fitting clothes are best, as fabric can get hot in the sun and a layer of air insulates the skin. That's also the reason why more than one layer of clothes are commonly worn. As long as the clothes are loose fitting, it doesn't really matter what colour they are, but you'll soon learn the difference between wearing a tight black t-shirt to a white one.

The other local tip worth remembering is simply to get out of the sun when it's at its strongest. That's the main reason for the traditional siesta hours that are still observed in rural parts of the island, and also the reason why older local houses tend to have dark, shuttered interiors rather than sunlit rooms.

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Finding shade will depend on the time of day, but in the morning and late afternoon you'll find that walking on one side of the road will offer you the cooler shade of a row of houses. The midday period will offer you very little respite, as the sun is almost directly overhead and most buildings, trees and other vertical items offer just a tiny slice of shade on the northern side.

IN THE SUN

There are, of course, plenty of times when you'll want to enjoy the sun. How you do so depends on your skin type and the activity, but sunblock will be a vital help in all of these cases.

It's your decision whether to sunbathe or not, but never forget that a sun tan is just as much a sign of skin damage as sunburn.

Water-resistant sunscreens are highly recommended if you're bathing in the sea or a pool, but they should be reapplied regularly in any case.

Water-wise, it's also worth remembering that ultra-violet rays are reflected from water, meaning that you should take extra care when doing water-based activities.

Sunglasses are also important at all times of year on Lanzarote. The bright glare of the sun can lead to visual problems in later life, and

sunglasses simply make many activities, from driving to relaxing in a bar, more pleasant and tolerable on an island full of blinding white buildings.

CHILDREN

It's never too early to protect against the sun. There's evidence that skin cancer is more prevalent in adults who received serious sunburn as children, so youngsters need to be looked after carefully.

Encourage the use of sunscreen and the use of hats and protective clothing. Some people think the full-body swimsuits that can be seen worn by children on many beaches are too much, but they allow children to play happily without having their outing ruined by sunburn. Make sure kids drink plenty, too.

ANIMALS

Animals should be kept in when the sun is at its height. The pads on the paws of dogs can be seriously burnt by the heat of a pavement, and skin cancer is rife among the local feral cat population.

Make sure animals have plenty of clean, fresh water, and never leave them unattended in cars. It is actually a criminal offence to leave an animal without shade.



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Puerto Calero is Lanzarote's youngest resort, a Blue Flag luxury sporting marina with a sleek, luxurious image and a unique character.



Puerto Calero was the dream of young businessman, José Calero. Born in La Asomada, and bearing a surname that reflects the traditional industry of his islands (a calero is a worker in the lime-kilns which provided ash for the soap industry in the 18th and 19th centuries), José left the island in the 1960s for Liberia.

Twenty years later, after setting up a number of successful businesses in Africa, he returned to Lanzarote and, at the age of 38, set about making a long-time dream come true. Two years later, the Puerto Calero leisure marina, with 198 moorings, opened.

A keen sailor, Calero launched the Canarian Sailing Circuit, a competition that operates

between Lanzarote and Tenerife, and has won various prestigious sailing awards, as well as honours from Canarian authorities.

In almost 40 years of its existence, Puerto Calero has become an ever-more important tourist centre on the island. With two large hotels and an apartment complex, thousands of tourists choose the elegant port as their base of operations. While the resort has also become a residential area it remains compact and well-planned, without the sprawl that other places have witnessed.

The first thing you'll see on arrival at Puerto Calero is a boat – either on the sculpture at the roundabout that enters the resort, or the ranks of mast and sails swaying gently in



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the large marina. They reflect the main theme of the marina, which now has over 400 moorings and spaces for luxury super yachts.

Lanzarote's location also means that Puerto Calero has become an increasingly popular sailing destination – the launching point for various tournaments and competitions, including the Royal Ocean Club's transatlantic race.

The marina's seafront reflects the wealthy, relaxed atmosphere of the port, with polished brass bollards, citrus trees and a host of fantastic restaurants, cafes and designer shops. This means that the marina has become a hugely popular attraction for all types of visitors, not just the maritime types.

So why not weigh anchor, heave to and step ashore onto one of Lanzarote's most impressive corners.



BY LAND AND SEA

Puerto Calero is located in the middle of the large, sheltered bay that stretches from Puerto del Carmen to Playa Quemada – a location that makes it perfect for sailing, but also attractive to whales, dolphins and other marine animals.

You can get there by car or bus, but it's also a lovely destination to stroll to from Puerto del Carmen – an easy 2.5 kilometre walk along a well-prepared cliff-top footpath that offers incredible views of the bay and the Ajache mountains to the south.

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PUERTO CALERO: *Beautiful Haven.*

Puerto Calero is, literally a haven. The word haven means “harbour, a place of shelter and calm” and perfectly sums up the atmosphere of Lanzarote's first leisure marina. We chatted to some of the people who live and work there about the attractions of the resort that's sometimes called “Millionaires' Marina”.



Sailing is at the heart of Puerto Calero. The forest of masts gently swaying on the skyline and the wide ocean beyond is at the heart of the marina's appeal.

Stephanie and Keith Charlton have been running Endeavour Sailing for 17 years from an office with glorious views of the marina. “As a place to work, it's not too shoddy,” Stephanie tells us.

Endeavour Sailing offer Royal Yacht Association sailing courses and skippered charters around Lanzarote and between the Canaries. It's exactly the sort of business you'd

expect to find in this nautical paradise.

“Puerto Calero is a little off the beaten track,” says Stephanie. “It has a calm, relaxed atmosphere. You won't find wild nightlife, but you can have a really nice evening. It's also good for kids – they love playing in the Plaza or watching the fish.”

The word “tranquil” pops up again and again and that's exactly what tourists will find in luxurious adult-only hotels such as the Royal Marina suites, but that doesn't mean there's nothing happening. The gentle buzz of activity here is part of the attraction, as boats come back

and forth, the water taxi plies its way regularly up the coast and the Yellow Submarine, catamaran cruises and fishing and safari voyages head out.

There are also special events. Stephanie says “There's a real sense of occasion when the big races, such as the ARC or the RORC arrive at the marina.”

Every Tuesday and Thursday there's also a popular market beneath the elegant awnings on the harbour promenade. Susanne Torriani, who lives and works in Puerto Calero, running the Parafarmacia on the seafront, tells us that these

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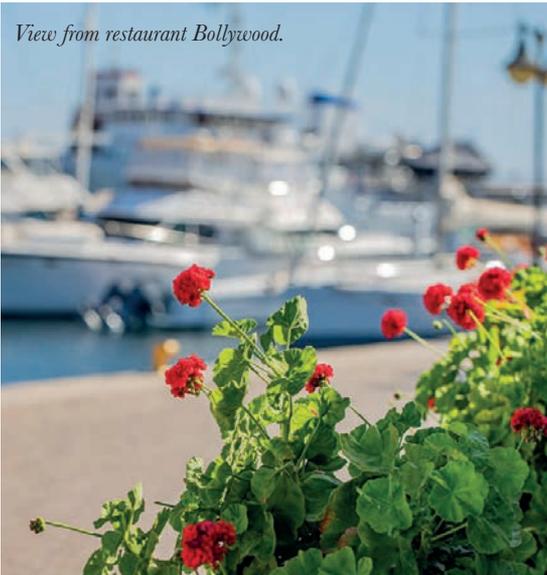
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View from restaurant Bollywood.



days are among her busiest.

“We get all types of tourists in the shop,” she says “There are three hotels and an apart-hotel complex, so there are quite a few tourists staying here. Many more turn up for the day, especially when the market is on. We see regulars returning all the time, too – both tourists and the “swallows” who spend the winter here.”

The Parafarmacia sells a wide range of non-prescription health products and people pop in all the time for this and that. “We sell all sorts of items, ranging from First Aid Kits for sailing boats to natural and homeopathic products,” says Susanne, and laughs as she describes how she sometimes feels like an unofficial tourist information service, happily answering the questions and enquiries of visitors.



A TABLE WITH A VIEW

Another thing that every visitor to Puerto Calero will notice is the wide range of dining options, which range from genteel tea shops, cafes and diners to opulent restaurants. There are also ethnic options such as the Pappardella Italian restaurant and Bollywood Indian Restaurant.

Hitesh Bhagwani, who manages Bollywood Indian Restaurant, says “The diners we get here in Puerto Calero tend to be older than the ones we get at our family’s restaurants in Puerto del Carmen. The atmosphere is calmer, and they seem to appreciate the tranquil environment we’ve created here.”

“I think customers here tend to spend a little more, and we make it worthwhile by offering them traditional North Indian food in a spacious restaurant, with a more modern, simpler style.

“A CIVILISED, SLEEK MARINA TUCKED AWAY OFF THE BEATEN TRACK, PUERTO CALERO'S CHARM IS UNIQUE.”

“I love my work, and I love coming to Puerto Calero.”

Tucked just behind the seafront in the shady Plaza de

Arte is C’era Una Volta Il Gelato. The name, which means “Once Upon a Time There Was Ice Cream...” indicates that this is a genuine Italian ice cream restaurant, and owner Veronica Maspero and her partner have been there for just over a year.

“We came because friends who knew the island recommended lovely places on Lanzarote to open a restaurant, and Puerto Calero was the one we chose,” she says. “It’s an exclusive harbour where tourists and residents come to find peace and relaxation, a place they can enjoy with all the family.”

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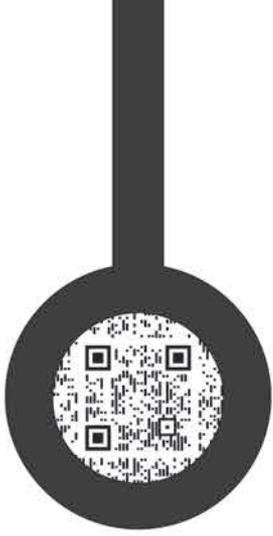
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Lanzarote's local produce isn't always cheap. You'll usually find imported wines that are much cheaper than local vintages and local cheese always demands a little outlay. These prices reflect the importance and value placed on these small industries.

But it's also possible to find reliably cheap ingredients in shops and supermarkets. Here are a few:

SEA SALT

Sea salt has always been plentiful on Lanzarote, and a kilo will still cost you less than a Euro. This means you can pickle and brine ingredients or bake fish in salt with little worries. Gourmet varieties are available, too. But the coarse local stuff is an essential for every kitchen.

Our tip: Put it in a pepper grinder for table use.

TUNA

June will see the tuna running along their usual migratory routes, and the small Lanzarote fleet will take advantage. There are various types, and the more protected bluefin tuna will usually be pretty expensive, but smaller bonito and skipjack tuna can be available for less than €2 a kilo. Perfect for hearty stews, melt-in-the-mouth seared steaks or sashimi.

Our Tip: Buy when cheap and freeze.

COURGETTES

Courgettes grow quickly and easily on Lanzarote, and that rapid growth and resulting fast turnover is why they're often so cheap, especially around this time of year.

Our tip: Go for smaller ones, and keep it simple – sliced courgettes pan-fried in butter are a real delicacy.

PARAGUAYOS

These flat peaches aren't grown in bulk on Lanzarote, but come from other Canary Islands and can be temptingly cheap in the summer months. More reliable than normal peaches, they're tasty, succulent and kids love them.

Our tip: Cut into quarters, remove the stone and you have a perfect fruit salad ingredient.



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Minestrone soup

This light soup is a perfect spring recipe and, although it is an Italian dish, it is easily adaptable to Spanish kitchens.

Ingredients you'll need include a parmesan rind (cut it off a fresh wedge of parmesan, or keep your rinds in the fridge); pinto beans, the dried, salted tomatoes sold in local supermarkets. Fideos (noodles) are a good pasta for this dish, and can be bought in various sizes.

It's a vegetarian recipe, but can easily be made vegan by omitting the cheese (try kombu seaweed instead), or made a little more meaty with some chicken stock and chopped jamón.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, peeled and diced
- 1 garlic clove, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 carrot, peeled and diced
- 1 celery stick, diced
- Salt
- 400g peeled pumpkin, cut into chunks
- 400g potato, cut into chunks
- 8 dried tomatoes
- 1 sprig rosemary
- 1 parmesan rind
- 1.5 litres vegetable stock, bean broth or water
- 400g cooked pinto beans
- 200g spinach or chard (acelgas)
- 150g pasta shells or fideos.

METHOD

To prepare, soak the pinto beans overnight, then simmer for 60-90 minutes (a pressure cooker will speed this up to under 10 minutes). Remove the beans but keep the broth. Soak the dried tomatoes in warm water for half an hour.

Fry the onion, carrot and celery in the oil with a little salt for ten minutes, adding the garlic towards the end. Add the pumpkin, potato, tomatoes, rosemary and parmesan rind, cook for a minute, then cover with the stock or water and simmer for 25 minutes.

Add the beans, the green vegetables and the pasta and cook for a further ten minutes. Serve with grated parmesan and good bread.

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June 9th

Acatife present their new album "Mi pueblo y César" live. After more than 40 years, the Canarian folk group bring their seventh album inspired by Lanzarote and the Canary Islands, combining traditional rhythms and sounds.

Teatro Victor Fernández Gopar, Arrecife Tickets €10 to be bought online at: www.culturalanzarote.com



CINEMA

THE QUIET GIRL

June 21st & 22nd

A quiet, neglected girl is sent away from her dysfunctional family to live with relatives for the summer. She blossoms in their care, but in this house where there are meant to be no secrets, she discovers one. The film will be shown in original English with Spanish subtitles.

El Almacén, Arrecife

Tickets €3 to be bought online at www.culturalanzarote.com

FESTIVAL

YORÜBÁFEST 2023

June 17th

YorübáFest is an event celebrating culture and tradition. In the second edition of the festival, the theme will be Ògún, one of the most revered deities in Yorübá culture. There'll be workshops, traditional food, live afrobeat music, crafts and more.

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ACROSS HIP-HOP LANZAROTE

June 17th

"Across Hip-Hop" is an innovative urban dance project aimed at young people on Lanzarote. The show will see students from various dance schools on the Canaries perform.

Teatro Victor Fernández Gopar, Arrecife

Tickets €3 to be bought online at www.culturalanzarote.com



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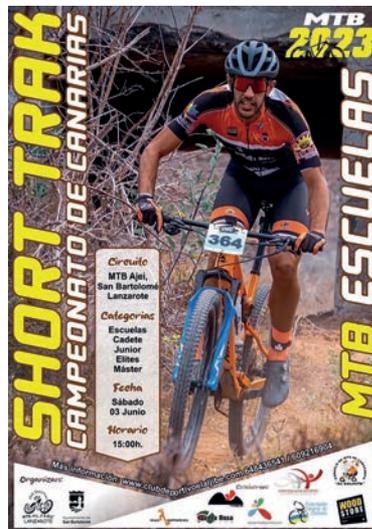
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Julie's Live Music Guide

Lanzarote's live music scene is bursting with venues and artists, meaning you've got a fantastic choice of fabulous entertainment after a day on the beach or exploring this incredible island! Let them be the perfect soundtrack to your holiday!

This guide is divided by area and day. 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 at events@gazettelife.com or via Facebook to add or confirm your event in the next edition (in print and online).

REGULAR GIGS

Monday

COSTA TEGUISE

- 5pm:** Nigel Fredricks, Kitty's
- 7.30pm:** Julie H Music, The Shamrock
- 8.30pm:** John Alan Pick, Four Seasons Rock Café
- 9.30pm:** Carl White, The Shamrock
- Band of Gypsies, Decades Bar

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- 6.30pm:** Pedro Ruiz, Rory's Corner Bar
- 7pm:** Al Murphy, Las Amigas Rooftop Bar
- 8.30pm:** Dave Bandanna, Rocas Blancas
- 9pm:** Mick Garry, The Good Old Days
- Andy King, Marco's Bar, Los Pocillos
- 9.30pm:** Elvis, Maguire's
- Adrian Bambrough, Finnegan's Wake
- 10pm:** Collie Farrell, Mulligans Bar, Old Town
- Gayle O'Donovan, Murphy's Irish Pub
- Vanilla Soul, The Irish Viking
- Mick Bennett & Connor Sloane, Craic n Ceol

Tuesday

COSTA TEGUISE

- 5pm:** Julie H Music, Kitty's Bar

- 9.30pm:** Band of Gypsies, Decades Bar
- John Alan Pick, Tekkers Bar & Restaurant

PUERTO DEL CARMEN

- 6.30pm:** Gayle O'Donovan
- 9pm:** Max Santalucia, The Good Old Days
- Adrian Bambrough, Golden Corner
- Gary Mac, Irish Rover
- 9.30pm:** Mary Gray, Maguire's
- 10pm:** Raggle Taggle Gypsies, Bar 67
- Gayle O'Donovan, Murphy's Irish Pub
- Connor Sloane & Jordan Kenneally, Craic n Ceol

Wednesday

COSTA TEGUISE

- 5.30pm:** Andy Walton, Kitty's
- 6pm:** Smokin' Barrels, Decades Bar
- 9.30pm:** John Alan Pick, Cactus Jacks
- Raggle Taggle Gypsies, Irelands Eye

PUERTO DEL CARMEN

- 6.30pm:** Connor Sloane & Jordan Kenneally, Rory's Corner Bar
- 7pm:** Andres, Las Amigas Rooftop Bar,
- 9pm:** Nolita, The Good Old Days
- 9.30pm:** Mick Garry, Maguires
- 10pm:** Collie Farrell, Mulligans Bar, Old Town
- Gayle O'Donovan, Murphy's Irish Pub
- Vanilla Soul, The Irish Viking
- Gary Mac, De Barras
- Mick Bennett & Jordan Kenneally, Craic n Ceol

PLAYA BLANCA

- 9.30pm:** Andy King, Las Casitas

Thursday

COSTA TEGUISE

- 5pm:** That Belfast Boy, Kitty's
- 5.30pm:** The Ska Duo, Decades Bar
- 9.30pm:** John Alan Pick, Decades B

PUERTO DEL CARMEN

- 6.30pm:** Martin Kenny, Rory's Corner Bar
- 8.30pm:** Dave Bandanna, Rocas Blancas
- 9pm:** Adrian Bambrough, Golden Corner
- Ryan McArthur, The Good Old Days
- Graham Jacques, The Buccaneer
- 9.30pm:** Mad Mick, Maguire's
- 10pm:** Collie Farrell, The Irish Viking
- Andy King & The Gas Tank Dogs, Tequila Bar
- Jon Gold, Murphy's Irish Pub
- Alan Murphy & Jordan Kenneally, Craic n Ceol

Friday

COSTA TEGUISE

- 5pm:** Smokin' Barrels, Kitty's

- 8pm:** Anthony on Sax, The Clock
- 9.30pm:** Brian John, Lively Lady Cabaret Lounge
- Cool for Cats, The Venue

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- 6.30pm:** Pedro Ruiz, Rory's Corner Bar
- Al Murphy, Las Amigas Rooftop Bar
- 8.30pm:** Dave Bandanna, Rocas Blancas
- 9pm:** Nolita, The Good Old Days
- 9.30pm:** Elvis, Maguire's
- 10pm:** Collie and Deanne, Mulligans, Old Town
- Gayle O'Donovan, Murphy's Irish Pub
- Mick Bennett & Connor Sloane, Craic n Ceol
- Gary Mac, De Barras

PLAYA BLANCA

- 9.30pm:** Andy King & Lorraine McLaughlan, The Old Mill

Saturday

COSTA TEGUISE

- 9.30pm:** The Ska Duo, Decades Bar

PLAYA BLANCA

- 9pm:** Cool for Cats, Natura Palace

PUERTO DEL CARMEN

- 3pm:** The Ska Duo, Hankey Panky's
- 6.30pm:** Pedro Ruiz, Rory's Corner Bar
- 7pm:** Marcus Rose, Las Amigas Rooftop Bar
- 9pm:** Gerie B, The Good Old Days
- Dave Bandanna, Marco's Bar, Los Pocillos
- 9.30pm:** Mary Gray, Maguire's
- Graham Jacques, Galleon 2
- 10pm:** Gayle O'Donovan, Murphy's Irish Pub
- Jon Gold, Spinnakers Bar
- Mick Bennett & Connor Sloane, Craic n Ceol

MALA, HARÍA

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

Sunday

COSTA TEGUISE

- 9.30pm:** John Alan Pick, The Venue
- Anthony on Sax, Decades Bar

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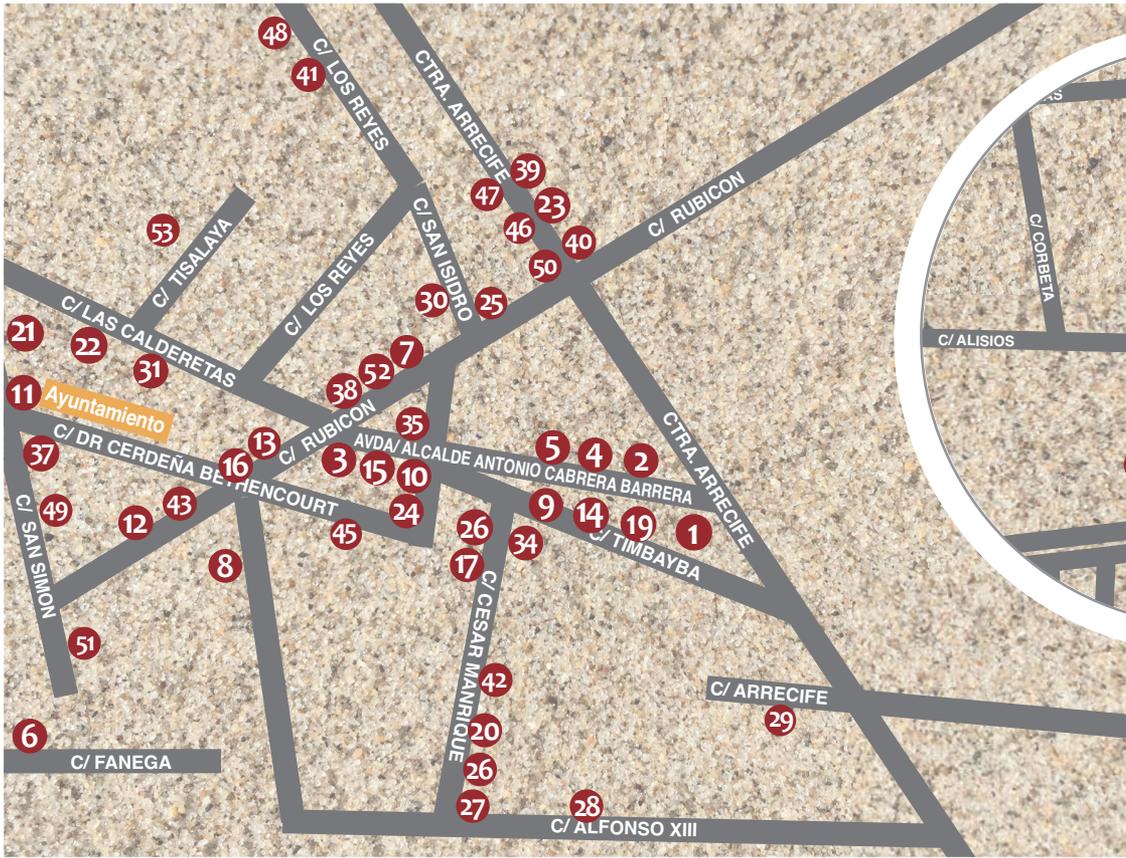
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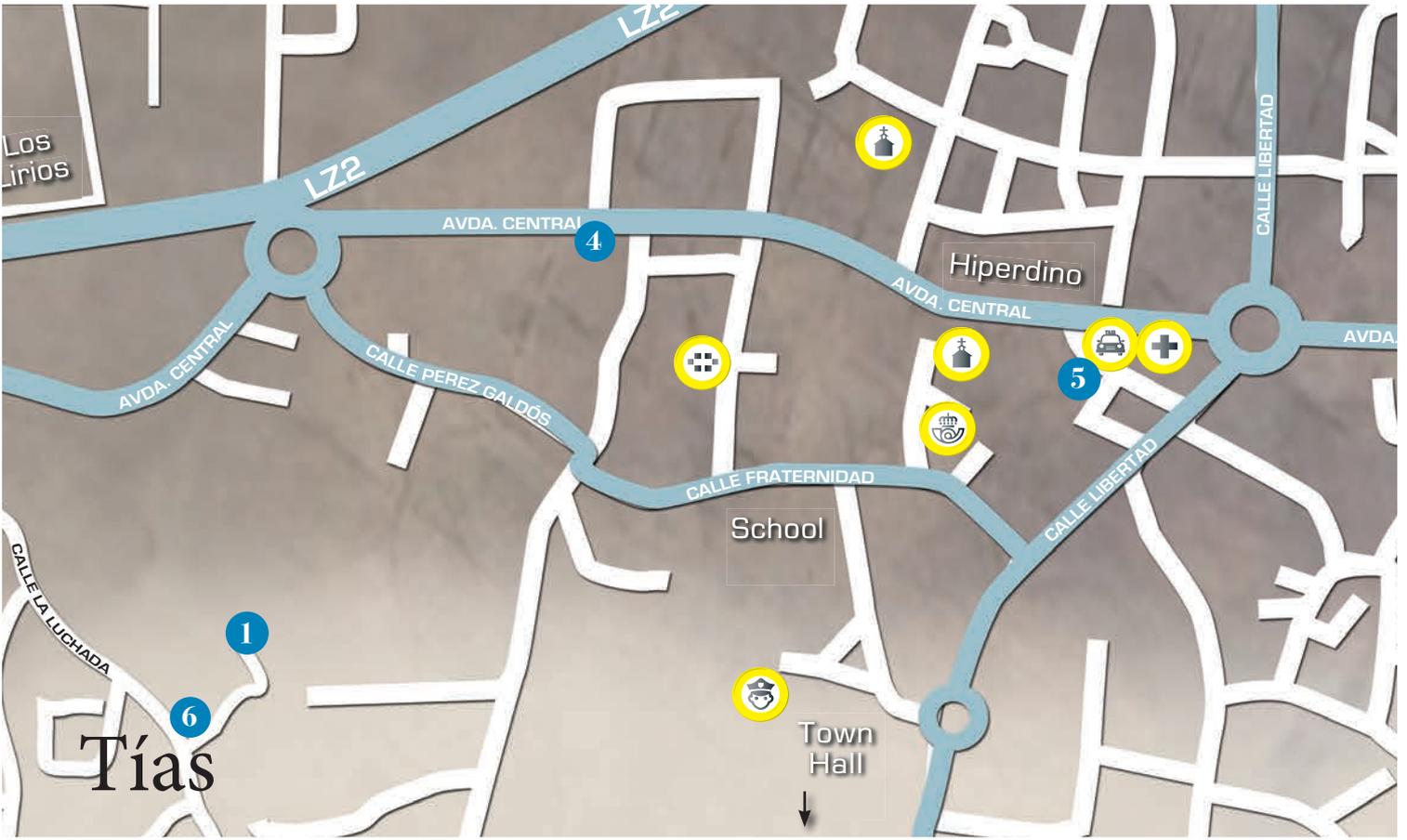
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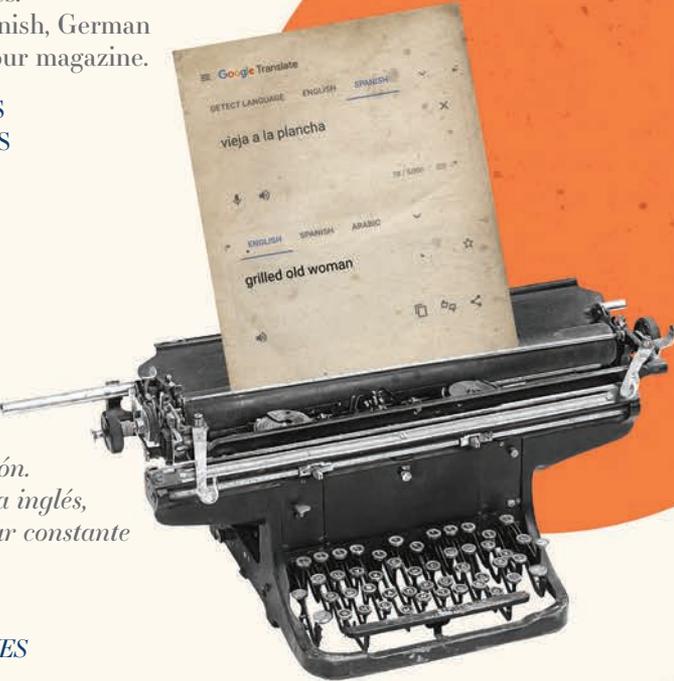
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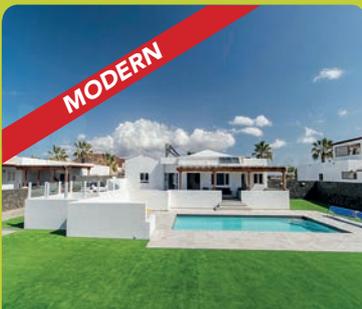
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Second property owners are often faced with the decision to rent their property to holiday-makers, or to offer it to a long-term residential tenant. There are advantages and disadvantages to both models.

One of the main disadvantages of the holiday rental model could hardly have been demonstrated more clearly three years ago, when the Covid lockdowns and travel restrictions paralysed tourism on the Canaries.

This left thousands of holiday rental owners with no guests and, of course, no rental income. At that time, many holiday rental owners switched to the long-term model on the grounds that some income was better than none.

Long-term rentals are more stable. You have tenants who, hopefully, pay regularly for a fixed period of time that may extend for several years – a guaranteed and reliable source of income. However, that weekly rent is generally much lower than the weekly amount you can charge a holiday-maker. For many, the increased income is the main attraction of the holiday rental model.

However, according to Doris Borrego, of the Canarian Holiday Rentals Association (ASCAV),

“THE COSTS OF RUNNING A HOLIDAY LET ARE ENORMOUS.”

holiday rentals are not the money-spinner many claim they are. In March, she told Ekonomus that “It’s not the case, because the costs of running a holiday rental are enormous. You have to pay management companies, publicity costs, VAT, maintenance, cleaning and laundry costs.”

Holiday-makers will expect facilities, such as wi-fi, TV, kitchen appliances and furnishings that residential tenants generally do not require. And although wear and tear is to be expected in both models, you’re maintenance costs in a holiday rental are likely to be higher as you keep it looking perfect for new arrivals.

Instead, Borrego sees the main reason for the popularity of holiday rentals as control: “To put it simply, you remain in possession of the property. You can cancel your contract with the management company at any time and withdraw the property from platforms.”

For many property owners who choose to live in their second properties for certain periods of the year, this is undoubtedly a huge advantage. Meanwhile, Canarian estate agents have already highlighted that the housing crisis on the island has resulted in many families refusing to move out of long-term rental properties once their contracts have expired, as there is simply nowhere else for them to live. The result is usually a long and often bitter legal process.

Finally, there is the matter of government policy. There is currently a lot of discussion of matters such as rent caps on long-term lets, as well as campaigns to limit or prohibit holiday rentals in certain areas. Currently, there are no plans that will affect Lanzarote, but that could change, and it’s worth staying up to date on the situation.



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The rise in property prices has stalled on Lanzarote, according to figures released for April by the island's statistics centre.

Only Haría and Tinajo registered house price increases from March to April, while the other five municipalities all saw small decreases in the average price per square metre of sold properties. However, the figures involved are not large enough to warrant talk of a fall in house prices. There has simply been no significant change.

The main factor for the slow-down is believed to be the increase in interest rates, which is making mortgages more expensive for many buyers.

Nevertheless, house prices remain significantly higher now than they were a year ago. In Yaiza they are 23% higher than in 2022, while Tías

and Tegüise have seen rises of 7% and 8%. San Bartolomé is the only municipality where prices decreased on a year-to-year basis, by 4%.

Yaiza has the highest prices on the island, at €3,303 per square metre. Tías and Tegüise are €2,805 and €2,259 respectively, while Arrecife prices have risen by 7% to €1,436 per square metre.

Lanzarote's housing crisis remains an acute problem that incoming politicians will be strongly pressured to address in coming months. While the island's recovery after the Covid pandemic has been impressive, many businesses are still finding it difficult to

attract staff because of the lack of affordable properties for them to buy or rent.

The problem is not only affecting workers in the tourist sector. Staff shortages due to lack of accommodation are also affecting professional sectors such as education and the health service.

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Earlier this year Cabildo President María Dolores Corujo announced that the long-abandoned Archeological Museum would open in early 2025. With an investment of 2.7 million euros, the site will undergo a total transformation with a total of 1,700 square metres of space along with a parking area.

The Cabildo will take an environmentally conscious approach to the renovation project. The striking original building will be renovated, as opposed to demolishing the site and rebuilding over it. Additionally, the visitor centre and parking area will be powered by solar panels.

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THE ZONZAMAS MYSTERY

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The name quesera means cheese dairy, but although roughly similar structures are used by cheese makers and are the reason the ancient stones received their name, no one currently believes the channels at Zonzamas were used for this.

Explanations range from the most routine – that the channels were used to channel water; or grind grain (although they are in a rather exposed situation for this); to theories that they were used for ancient rituals or have some relation with the stars. Other queseras have been found in other parts of the island, but this is the most impressive and well-preserved.



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However, you won’t get a real idea of the precision and beauty of this monument from the ground. Only a birds-eye view

provides the perspective necessary to see the symmetry and balance of Manrique’s design.

From above, you can see the dynamic layout of the plan, and the slight differences in the semi-circular terraces that add interest. It looks almost like an arrow pointing down the hill to the resort, but it also bears a resemblance to some of the logos that Manrique later designed for the island.

Are the semi circles supposed to represent C for César? Or are they supposed to add to a clearly defined T-shape to announce Costa Teguisse? (This is unlikely, as the resort was not known by that name when the gateway was built).

Whatever the reasoning behind this stunning little monument, it seems a shame that tourists no longer approach their paradise holiday destination through this portal (although its also doubtful whether many of today’s coaches would fit).

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Dividing Space

Homes on Lanzarote are generally on the smaller side, with villas often compensating with a large garden area. To get the most out of your space, you should employ the use of sliding doors and curtains to cordon off or open up areas to suit your needs.

The addition of partitions work particularly well in open-plan homes. For example, a living room that opens to a dining room and conservatory, or a kitchen that opens to the living room.

If you've ever wanted to block off a room or section of the house, without installing a permanent fixture such as a hinged door, you should consider a sliding solution.



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SLIDING DOORS

On Lanzarote, sliding doors are a way of life. Patio doors and French windows are nearly always of the sliding variety.

Sliding doors offer a space-conscious option to closing off a room. With their low-profile dimensions, a sliding door doesn't require the space that a traditional door needs to swing open (at least half a square metre of clearance.) If it slides to one side, it will only need 0.024 square metres – one twentieth of the space a hinged door needs.

You won't need worry about a sliding door slamming either – an advantage of their weight.

However, a sliding door requires two rails as opposed to a curtain. Depending on the type of door, it may require a bar along the top of the opening and a rail along the bottom to keep

it straight whereas a curtain only needs one rail.

CURTAINS & BLINDS

Curtains and blinds are available in a variety of different patterns, colours and prints, offering themselves as a prime candidate for any partition. Whether you're looking to use blackout blinds or a thin and airy curtain, the choices are endless.

Both options only require a rail above an opening to hang from and can be removed from the rail when not in use.

It's the perfect choice if used to divide a space with natural light, a light and see-through curtain will allow for decent airflow and light to pass through, all while separating the spaces. Alternatively, a set of thick curtains or a blackout blind will allow you to shut out all light.

ROOM DIVIDERS

It's just as easy to divide spaces with partitions as it is rooms. If you have a large spacious living room that you're struggling to fill, you may want to consider installing furniture pieces that help divide the room into two sections.

1. BOOKSHELVES

One of the simplest ways to divide a room and create zones is with open furniture (think of bookshelves, cabinets, shelving units.)

2. BEAMS

Beams and structural walls are a stylish way to create division, however, keep your room theme in mind as this is best suited to a darker themed room (using dark metal beams or structural fixes.)

3. REARRANGE FURNITURE

Using your existing furniture to create zones will challenge your creativity. This is most commonly used to separate a combined kitchen/living room space. Turning your sofa to face its back to the kitchen can help to define the two areas.

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A new type of showroom

We recently attended the opening of the Cepal Shop in Arrecife, a delightful affair in a brilliant new space.

The Cepal Group is a Lanzarote success story. A company built from scratch by Arturo Rivadeneira that combines the care and attention of a family business with the highest professional standards. So it was a pleasure to be invited to the opening of their new shop and showroom last month to see exactly what has made the business such a success.

The Cepal Shop is located on the corner of Calle Palencia and the main Calle León y Castillo road in Arrecife. It's a cleverly chosen location, just a few minutes from the group's warehouses and offices in Altavista, and just a short walk from the new Open Mall shopping centre.

The minute you enter, you'll realise that this isn't a normal shop or

showroom. Instead of separate displays that you stand and look at; you're actually walking into the display. The shop itself is brilliantly designed to encompass many of the things that Cepal does best.

That means you'll find examples of the most popular sliding or folding doors, extensive glass fittings; a gorgeous staircase and much, much more. It's a place where brilliant, attractive ideas jump out at you from all sides.

Plenty of people arrived for the opening party, where the wine and delicious tapas flowed freely, but although the shop isn't huge, it never felt crowded, and the surroundings themselves lent a real touch of class to the occasion.

"The shop itself is a spectacular showroom where you are part of the display"



The Cepal shop on C/Palencia.

Of course, a shop is not large enough to present all that the Cepal Group can do. The group is composed of Cepal, who specialise in metal structures, garage doors, awnings; Managlass, experts in glass, from windows and doors to mirrors and shower screens; and AluStudio, who provide a huge range of made-to-measure aluminium fittings.

Together, the Cepal Group have worked on some of Lanzarote's

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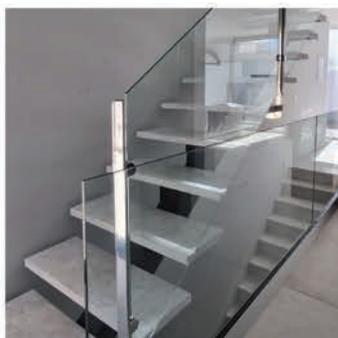
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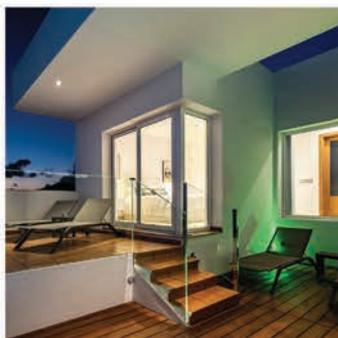
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Hawk Eyes

HAWK MOTHS ARE SOME OF THE MOST IMPRESSIVE INSECTS IN THE WORLD, AND EVEN ON LANZAROTE THERE IS A SURPRISING RANGE OF THESE CREATURES.

The correct name for this family of moths is sphinx moths, and the name arises from the way the large caterpillars raise their heads when alarmed, looking like the Egyptian Sphinx.

The adult moths are expert flyers and, in the case of the Hummingbird Hawk Moth, have evolved the ability to hover in front of flowers to drink their nectar.

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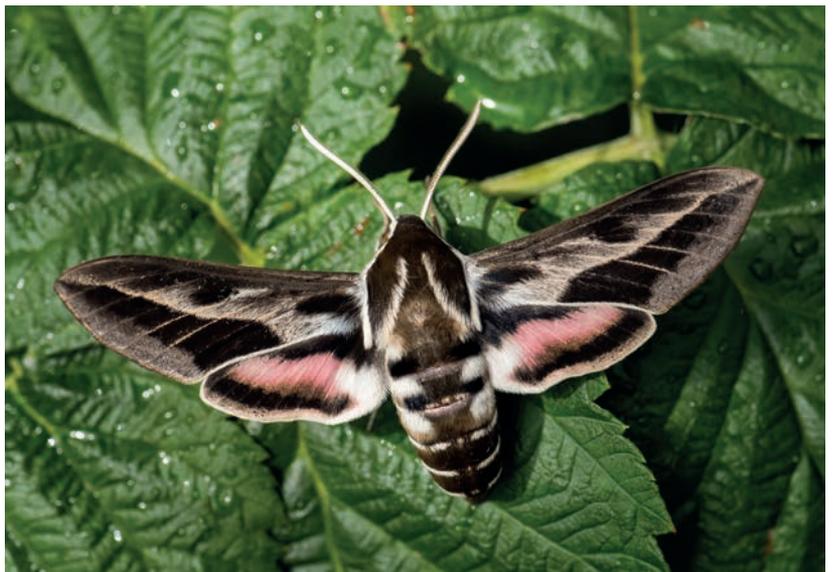
On Lanzarote, the most notorious form of hawk moth is the Death’s Head Hawk Moth, so-called because of the pattern on its body that resembles a skull. Although it is entirely harmless, this moth has become a symbol of death and is famous for its appearances in the films like *The Silence of the Lambs*. Its most startling ability is probably the squeaking noise it makes when alarmed.

The Death’s Head Hawk grows on tomato and aubergine plants, while the Vine Hawk Moth attacks grapevines. However. One of the most common sphinx moths on Lanzarote is the Spurge Hawk Moth, whose caterpillars thrive on the tabaiba plants that grow wild here and are thus not sprayed with pesticides.

Hawk moths are not usually seen in the wild – they fly at night, and you’re most likely to see them when they have strayed into a home. The caterpillars are easier to spot, but are unpopular with local farmers for obvious reasons. Nevertheless, these powerful moths are impressive and often beautiful creatures.



A Deaths Head Hawk moth caterpillar.



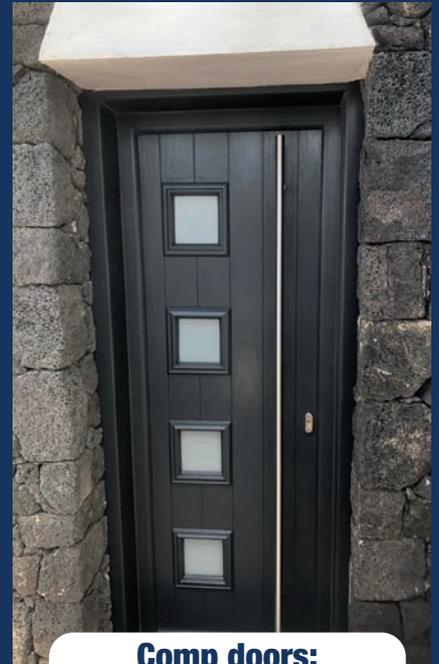
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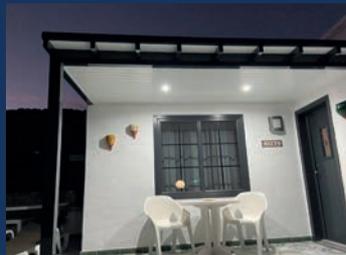
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A pallet is usually made of softwood and consists of beams called stringers – usually three or four - with various deck boards nailed onto them. The design fulfils two purposes: keeping loads off the floor where they may get wet or otherwise contaminated; and allowing fork-lifts to move the loads easily by manoeuvring their prongs between the stringers.

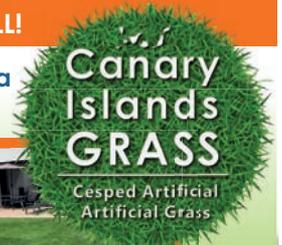
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Obviously, these chemicals aren't going to cause as much concern in your garden as they would in your bedroom, but it's still best to steer clear. There are plenty of usable pallets around.

An HT stamp is much more common and means that the pallet has just been heat treated to kill any fungi or other pests.

You can ask for pallets at supermarkets or around the various industrial zones where goods are unloaded. It's also worth asking at your local punto limpio recycling point, or just keeping an eye open – on Lanzarote, pallets can be found on wasteland or washed up on northern-facing beaches. Be sure to ask, but you'll usually get a good response – most pallets are not re-used.

Once you've got your pallet, it probably worth doing a little further work on it. You may want to sand off splinters, add a few nails to reinforce it, or even replace a deck board or two.



Once your pallet is ready, you can put it to use. Here are just a few ideas:

Raised planters

Get height by stacking two, three or more pallets on top of each other. Nail or staple some tarpaulin or landscaping fabric to the underside of the top one and then fill with soil.

Wall planters

Vertical gardening is great for smaller plots, and a pallet offers a perfect shelving system. You may need to do a little more carpentry, and buy some containers of the right size, but the options are endless.

Garden furniture

Benches, tables and other garden furnishing are a job for a more experienced DIY-er, but if you've got some good quality pallets and a bit of time, it's a project well worth taking on.

Compost bin

This is an idea you'll actually see on several Lanzarote fincas, where three or four pallets often form an absolutely basic compost bin where agricultural waste can be thrown and covered with a few old palm leaves.

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Cannabis: the law



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PLENTY OF RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS SMOKE DOPE OR CONSUME CANNABIS IN OTHER WAYS ON LANZAROTE. THE ISLAND HAS THE REPUTATION OF HAVING A FAIRLY LAID-BACK ATTITUDE TO THIS TYPE OF DRUG USE, BUT STRICT LAWS DO STILL APPLY, AND IT'S WORTH BEING AWARE OF THEM.

At local fiestas or concerts you may get a whiff of a familiar pungent smell. Authorities generally turn a blind eye to this, but smoking or possessing cannabis in public is illegal in Spain, and technically you could be fined and have your stash confiscated. You'd also be very foolish to try it on private premises such as a bar terrace without the owner's explicit permission.

Of course, it's not hard to find cannabis on offer illegally. Hierba (weed) or hachis/chocolate (resin) are widely sold, along with other, more potent, drugs. But in all these cases, dealers are committing a crime, and purchasing is a misdemeanour. The quality and strength of the product is also a gamble.

There are two ways to consume cannabis legally in Spain:

AT HOME

You cannot be arrested for using cannabis on private premises, and it is also legal to grow marijuana for personal use at home (a limit of two plants is specified, and they must not be in view of the public). Tourists should be aware that holiday accommodation does not fall under this exception unless the owner gives permission (cannabis-friendly hotels

and pensions exist in some parts of Spain).

CANNABIS CLUBS

These establishments permit the consumption of cannabis on the premises to members only.

Members pay a membership fee and do not buy the product, but usually pay "subs" which are based on an estimate of how much they are likely to consume in a month.

Once cannabis is taken off the premises, the law is being broken. Some clubs enforce this rule strictly, while others have been much more lax (and a number of clubs have been closed and fined for doing so).

One advantage of cannabis clubs is that owners usually know what they're supplying – product is locally grown by aficionados.

MEDICAL CANNABIS

Medical cannabis users are currently in the same boat as recreational users, although the Spanish government has pledged to regulate the law so that cannabis can be prescribed by medical specialists, and has promised that progress on this issue is "very advanced."

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THE POOL COVER

Lanzarote's near all-year-round sunshine can cause serious damage to a lot of materials over time, including your pool cover. If your cover is looking tired, the colour has faded and dry flakes are peeling off, it's time to order a brand-new custom-fitted cover.

A bespoke high-quality cover will last a lot longer than a cheaper one. A cheap cover will also cost you more money on heating as the pool will lose heat much quicker.

THE HEATER

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Now is the perfect time to get rid of that

old troublesome heater, replacing it with a quiet and sleek one.

LEAKS

Although it isn't advised, you may have been biding your time with a small leak that you spotted a while ago. However, the longer you leave it, the higher the cost to fix it will be.

It may not look like much of a leak now, but a small leak can soon turn into a massive repair job before you know it, and an empty pool is the last thing you or your holiday guests would want as the temperatures start hitting 30 degrees.

CHEMICAL IMBALANCE

This is probably the most important factor to get right especially if you have a rental villa and are expecting to be booked out for the summer months. Your pool can quickly change from a blue lagoon to a green swamp in a day if you don't keep on top of your chlorine and pH levels.

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UD Lanzarote's final 11 games of the season saw them win seven and draw the other four. From nowhere, they clinched second spot and entered into the playoffs for promotion to RFEF 2 (Fourth Tier). The only side to be automatically promoted were league champions CD Mensajero.

Striker Gonzalo Di Renzo won the Pichichi (league's top scorer) award with 18 goals and was voted by the fans as Player of the Season, and Lanzarote went into the playoffs brimming with confidence.

On the 30th April the Rojillos (The Reds) travelled to Gran Canaria to face 5th-placed side UD Villa Santa Brígida in the first leg. Lanzarote enjoyed the majority of possession and created good opportunities, but just before the hour mark they were punished for a defensive error and lost the match 1-0.

Lanzarote's biggest crowd for many years

turned up in Arrecife for the return leg a week later believing that their side could overturn the deficit.

It was one-way traffic with Lanzarote peppering the visitors goal, but on the half hour a brilliant strike from Josemi flew into the top right-hand corner to give the Gran Canarian side a shock 0-1 lead (0-2 on aggregate).

With 20 minutes remaining Di Renzo levelled with a header and Lanzarote needed just one goal to win the tie. There would be no away goal rule; no extra time nor penalties - the team that finished in a higher league position would go through.

Despite a 2,500 crowd roaring the Rojillos on, it was not to be and Lanzarote's 2022/23 campaign came to a disappointing end.

A massive crowd got right behind the Reds.

The atmosphere with the fans and within the club has been the best for years and if this can continue season 2023/24 will be a joy to watch.

There will be two more teams in the league next season with a total of 18 clubs. Season tickets should be available from mid July but as ever the fixtures won't be released until late July.

The Merchandise shop in Costa Teguiise will remain open all summer and, as always, all UD Lanzarote official products are for sale at the club stall at Teguiise market every Sunday (details below).

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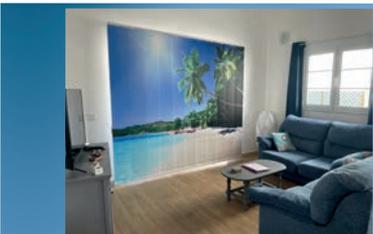
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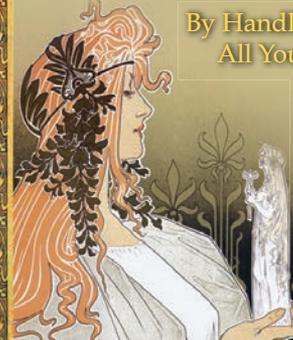
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1	L: 06:02	0.6	17	H: 01:18	2.4
	H: 12:11	2.4		L: 07:24	0.5
	L: 18:22	0.6		H: 13:36	2.5
2	H: 00:28	2.4	18	L: 19:54	0.5
	L: 06:41	0.4		H: 01:58	2.4
	H: 12:51	2.5		L: 08:01	0.5
3	L: 19:04	0.4	19	H: 14:13	2.6
	H: 01:10	2.5		L: 20:32	0.5
	L: 07:20	0.4		H: 02:36	2.3
4	H: 13:31	2.6	20	L: 08:38	0.6
	L: 19:46	0.3		H: 14:49	2.6
	H: 01:52	2.6		L: 21:10	0.5
5	L: 08:01	0.3	21	H: 03:13	2.3
	H: 14:11	2.7		L: 09:14	0.6
	L: 20:29	0.3		H: 15:26	2.5
6	H: 02:36	2.6	22	L: 21:48	0.6
	L: 08:43	0.3		H: 03:51	2.2
	H: 14:54	2.7		L: 09:51	0.7
7	L: 21:15	0.2	23	H: 16:03	2.4
	H: 03:22	2.5		L: 22:27	0.6
	L: 09:28	0.4		H: 04:30	2.1
8	H: 15:40	2.7	24	L: 10:29	0.8
	L: 22:04	0.3		H: 16:43	2.4
	H: 04:12	2.4		L: 23:08	0.7
9	L: 10:16	0.5	25	H: 05:11	2.0
	H: 16:30	2.6		L: 11:10	0.9
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10	H: 05:07	2.3	26	L: 23:52	0.8
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H=High Tide L=Low Tide



June 2023

Weather Watch

Joyous June

June is the month when Lanzarote really turns up the temperature. The island will be looking at long, hot summer days and warm nights.

In the summer, many islanders ship out of the main towns to holiday properties or camper vans by the seaside, and, of course, the island sees a steady stream of tourists start to flood in.

It also brings a whole host of sporting events such as *travesías* (swimming contests), and the beaches are always full.

There'll also be wind, as Lanzarote's summer breezes can be persistent and strong, but there's absolutely no chance of rain and cloud cover is likely to burn off in the early morning.

Be careful in the sunshine, making sure to slap on the sun cream and hydrate regularly.

What to Expect in June



Day Time Temps
22°C - 25°C.



Night Time Temps
18°C - 21°C.



Sunshine Hours
13 hours daylight, 9 hours full sun.



Sea Temp
19-21°C.



Rain
0mm.



Wind
N/NE, average 15-20 kph, but gusts.

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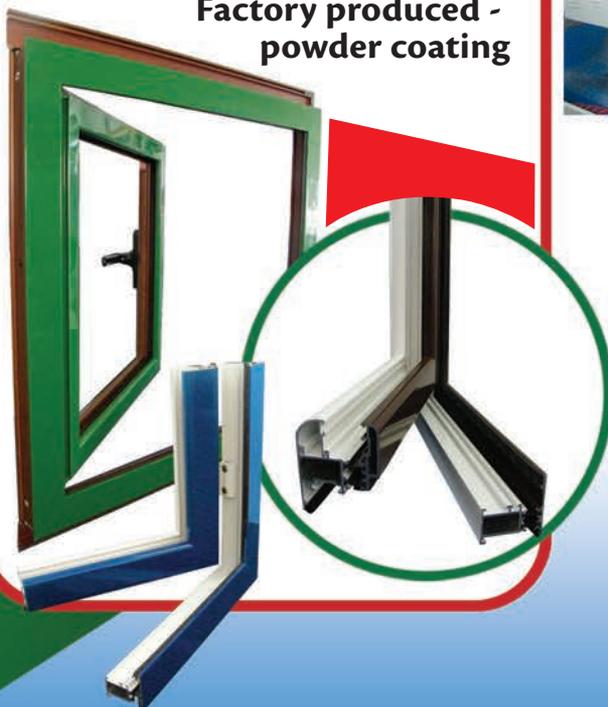


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Horoscopes

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Aries

(21 MAR - 19 APR)

Plants and greenery are set to inspire you and bring you good luck this month, Aries. Find a garden or a green space, or just buy a pot plant and let natural beauty calm you, feed your imagination and clean the air that you breathe.



Gemini

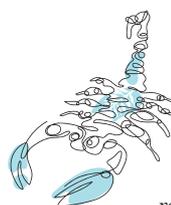
(21 MAY TO 20 JUNE)

Pace yourself this month, Gemini. Your energy is a little low, so conserve it but make sure not to backslide on exercise, study or work commitments. Getting up a little earlier could work wonders. Friends will rescue you with fun and laughter later in the month.

Taurus

(20 APRIL - 20 MAY)

A month of good fortune and effective communication for you, Taurus, with emails, messages and social media posts all well-starred. This is a time when you can really forge and reinforce those contacts that will help your professional life and your love life.



Scorpio

(23 OCT TO 21 NOV)

Take time to pamper yourself this month, Scorpio. You have some big decisions to make about leaving bad habits behind and adopting new, beneficial routines, but first you need to get in touch with your body and remember how precious it is.

Cancer

(21 JUNE TO 22 JULY)

It's time to explore friendships and relationships more deeply, Cancer. Sit down and really get to know those people who are closest to you. There'll be a lot to do in the latter part of the month, so make sure you're well rested and your mind is in a good place.



Sagittarius

(22 NOV TO 21 DEC)

You've never been the tidiest of signs, Sagittarius, but this month you'll realise that a major clean-up of your life is required. Focus on organising rather than discarding, and take your time, re-evaluating all aspects of your life. It'll be a real eye-opener.



Leo

(23 JULY TO 22 AUG)

Boundaries will be important this month, Leo. You may have to have a word with someone who's pushing at boundaries you're uncomfortable with. Meanwhile, you'll find yourself invited to a much more open, intimate situation with someone close to you. Enjoy this new freedom.



Capricorn

(22 DEC TO 19 JAN)

Creative juices are flowing this month, Capricorn, and that will also apply to your relationships – you're on sparkling, scintillating form this month, weaving a spell that few can resist. This is a time to make things happen!

Virgo

(23 AUG TO 22 SEPT)

You'll appreciate a little beauty in your life this month, Virgo. Seek out sights and sounds that fill your heart with joy and drink deeply to nourish your soul. It's also a great time to update your look and head to the shops for some retail therapy.



Aquarius

(20 JAN - 18 FEB)

You'll need to cocoon for a little while, Aquarius. Just lose yourself in a hobby or a TV series, then emerge mid-month with batteries fully charged, because you're going to need all the energy you've got. Things are about to get exciting!



Libra

(23 SEPT TO 22 OCT)

If you're single you'll be in a position to pick and choose this month, Libra, while if you're in a partnership the connection will be red hot. Your charm and charisma is at its peak, so make the most of it and enjoy basking in all that attention.



Pisces

(19 FEB - 20 MAR)

Make an effort to be thoughtful this month, Pisces. Gifts or sincere compliments will be well-received and make friendships so much stronger, but if you take a moment to really put yourself in someone else's shoes, you can learn a lot about yourself, too.

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of the month



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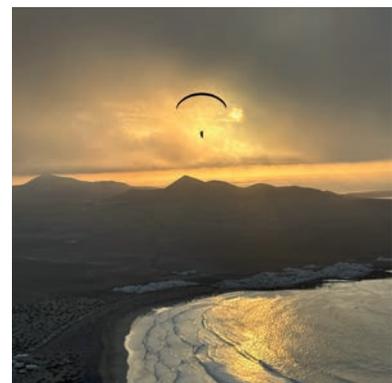
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Hiking Trails in the municipality of Tías 2023

ENERO/JANUARY

- Domingo 22, 10 h.**
- Baja, 6 km.**
- Camino Bilbao** (CSC La Asomada)
- Sunday 22, 10 A.M.
- Difficulty: Low. 6 km.

ABRIL/APRIL

- Domingo 23, 10 h.**
- Media, 6 km.**
- Barranco Tegoyo** (Albergue Tegoyo)
- Sunday 23, 10 A.M.
- Difficulty: Medium. 6 km.

JULIO/JULY

- Domingo 23, 9 h.**
- Baja, 8 km.**
- El Cabezo** (Plaza del Varadero)
- Sunday 23, 9 A.M.
- Difficulty: Low. 8 km.

OCTUBRE/OCTOBER

- Domingo 22, 9 h.**
- Baja, 6 km.**
- Mácher · Historia** (CSC Mácher)
- Sunday 22, 9 A.M.
- Difficulty: Low. 6 km.

FEBRERO/FEBRUARY

- Domingo 19, 10 h.**
- Baja, 6 km.**
- La Tegala** (Campo fútbol Tías)
- Sunday 19, 10 A.M.
- Difficulty: Low. 6 km.

MAYO/MAY

- Domingo 21, 10 h.**
- Baja, 6 km.**
- Maretas M Blanca** (Iglesia Candelaria)
- Sunday 21, 10:00 A.M.
- Difficulty: Low. 6 km.

AGOSTO/AUGUST

- Domingo 20, 9 h.**
- Baja, 6 km.**
- Lomo Tesa** (Iglesia Candelaria)
- Sunday 20, 9 A.M.
- Difficulty: Low. 6 km.

NOVIEMBRE/NOVEMBER

- Domingo 19, 9 h.**
- Baja, 8 km.**
- El Cabezo** (CSC Masdache)
- Sunday 19, 9 A.M.
- Difficulty: Baja. 8 km.

MARZO/MARCH

- Domingo 19, 10 h.**
- Baja, 6 km.**
- Peñas del Asiento** (CSC Conil)
- Sunday 19, 10 A.M.
- Difficulty: Low. 6 km.

JUNIO/JUNE

- Domingo 18, 9 h.**
- Baja, 7 km.**
- El Caletón**
- Sunday 18, 9:00 A.M.
- Difficulty: Low. 7 km.

SEPTIEMBRE/SEPTEMBER

- Domingo 17, 9 h.**
- Media, 8 km.**
- Montaña Gaida** (CSC La Asomada)
- Sunday 17, 9:00 A.M.
- Difficulty: Medium. 8 km.

DICIEMBRE/DECEMBER

- Domingo 18, 9 h.**
- Media, 9 km.**
- Guágaro** (CSC Conil)
- Sunday 18, 9 A.M.
- Difficulty: Medium. 9 km.