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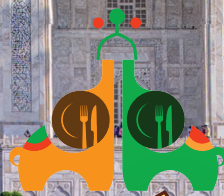
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A BIT SPECIAL

Ed's letter

This month we celebrate Tías, the town we like so much we made it our home.

People come up to our office in Tías every week, for all sorts of reasons, and over the years we've noticed one thing – they like it up here. We'll often see them in a bar or restaurant afterwards, or maybe just taking a wander. There are few tourist attractions, but what there is, is lovely.

Tourist publicity often focuses on volcano tours, excursions, art, history, and exciting activities, but what it rarely mentions is that agreeable atmosphere in Lanzarote's smaller towns and villages. There are so many places here where it's a sheer pleasure to just be, with no hurry, and nothing urgent to do except soak up that sunny, relaxed atmosphere.

But when you talk to people who've moved here, that style of living is often one of the main reasons they made the decision. And it's why everyday you'll see Brits, Irish, Germans, Italians and more in those cafés, shopping, waiting at the school gates

and living their lives in a great little town.

Tías is no secret, but everyone who's discovered it thinks they've found something a bit special, and we hope more and more people get up that hill in the future.

Next month we'll focus on the resort of Costa Teguise. If you'd like to be a part of this special feature, get in touch.

September is one of the most glorious months to be on Lanzarote. It's also among the busiest, as everything starts to get back into gear after the summer holidays. Kids head back to school, the summer fiestas wind down, plans start to take shape, and everything gets a little bit more business-like.

We're getting down to business, too. From this month we'll be offering fast, accurate translation, design and copywriting services – something we've been doing in the magazine for years. Every week we see ads, web pages and communications that are spoilt by faulty translation or lazy design – some may need a full make over, others just an expert once-over, but we can help. It's what we do.

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SPAIN IS INTRODUCING WIDESPREAD ENERGY-SAVING MEASURES TO TACKLE SHORTAGES AND HIGH PRICES THAT ARE EXPECTED IN THE COMING MONTHS.

September marks the end of summer and, while the Canaries is one of the few places in Europe that is not waiting for the colder months with a sense of foreboding and gloom, increasing energy costs are not making life any easier here.

The war in the Ukraine and galloping inflation mean that energy costs are likely to increase in coming months, and heating is one of the main concerns throughout Europe. Of course, on Lanzarote, heating is one of those things we don't have to worry nearly so much about. But we still use energy, and restrictions will soon come into force that will affect life on Lanzarote, too.

Spain is not as reliant on Russian gas as other EU countries, but still aims to cut usage by 7 to 8%. Lanzarote, meanwhile, relies on imported oil and gas for 91% of its energy production, with only a

pitiful 9% being produced by renewables.

The main measures announced so far prohibit unoccupied public buildings and shops from keeping their lights on after 10pm at night. There is also a ban on heating premises over 19C in winter or chilling them to below 27C with air conditioning in summer.

Many public buildings and business premises will have to have door-closing mechanisms in place by the end of this month to conserve heat or cool air. There are several exceptions to this rule, however, including schools, hotel rooms (the rules only apply to shared areas), gyms, health centres, laundries, hairdressers and public transport.

Transport is another area that is strongly affected by rising fuel costs and Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez will be under huge pressure to

continue or even increase the 20 cent per litre discount on petrol prices when it expires at the end of this month.

One measure that has caused controversy is Spain's decision to grant a 50% discount on all bus passes and multi-journey tickets in the Canaries from September 1st. The argument has arisen because, on mainland Spain, a 100% discount has been announced for regular train travel, with a 33% discount on bus travel.

The government maintain that, as trains are more fuel efficient, the 100% discount is justified, but Canarian critics claim that, as there are no trains on the Canaries, buses are the only public transport option and should be entitled to the same 100% discount.

Sánchez has also called for a return to working from home, in professions where that is practicable. Widely adopted during the Covid lockdowns to comply with travel and social restrictions, remote working is now being promoted to save transport and office energy usage.



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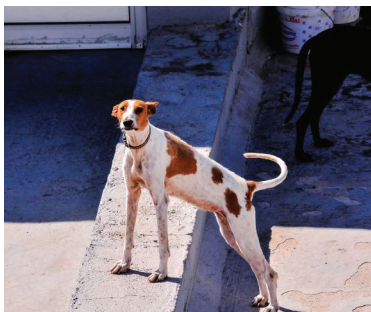
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LOCAL NEWS

HUNTING SEASON

The 2022 hunting season opened last month on Lanzarote and La Graciosa. The hunting period for rabbits, with dogs, falcons and ferrets will be open until October 30th, on Thursdays and Sundays – hunting on festivals and holidays is not permitted.

On the 18th of September hunters will also be permitted to hunt Partridge and Rock Pigeon with dogs and falcons until October 30th on Sundays only.



DRIVING LICENCE UPDATE

The British Embassy has assured British nationals that "work continues on the annexes" of the agreement that will permit the holders of UK-issued driving licences to circulate on Spanish roads without having to take a Spanish driving test.

From what we hear, the arrangement is likely to involve another fixed period during which Brits can exchange their licences for Spanish ones, and the use of UK licences

will be permitted in that period.

There have been several complaints about the delays to the agreement, and it is likely that the August holidays in Madrid have contributed to this. Let's hope for better news in September.

Meanwhile, Age In Spain have produced an excellent information sheet for British citizens on all aspects of driving in Spain. You can access it at www.ageinspain.org/post/driving-in-spain-a-guide

BEACH ARREST

A 52-year-old man was arrested on the 25th of July after being accused of illegally photographing minors on the beach and exposing himself in public.

In collaboration with eyewitnesses who gave accounts, the Guardia Civil carried out an investigation and searched the 52-year-old's home, seizing devices with storage (computers, tablets, phones etc).

The detainee is yet to be sentenced.

NEW VUELING ROUTE TO GATWICK



Budget airline Vueling has put tickets on sale for new flight routes that will connect, Lanzarote, Gran Canaria and Tenerife to London Gatwick.

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SÁNCHEZ'S HOLIDAYS

Spain's President Pedro Sánchez and his family returned to the La Mareta residence in Costa Tegui last month for their third holiday on the island.

On a visit to the Cabildo, Sánchez celebrated the recovery of the tourist sector, which “is once again the driving force of employment both in our country and in the Canary Islands”, and which “has to do with the response we have given together, among all the administrations, and also with the private sector, to the Covid pandemic”.

“It is of great pride to have the presence of the Prime Minister once again in our institution after choosing the island for his holidays”, Cabildo President María Dolores Corujo stated.

NEW PICNIC AREA FOR SAN BARTOLOMÉ

A new picnic area has been opened next to the historic Casa Mayor Guerra on the entrance to San Bartolomé from Tías, and has been prepared with tables, benches, shade, barbecue areas, flowers, trees, and a bowling pitch. It will be available to anyone from 10 am to 11 pm on any day of the year but will be restricted to private family events rather than those open to the public.



SPATE OF PATERAS

Several pateras (boats carrying migrants) arrived on Lanzarote in August, dashing hopes that Moroccan authorities had succeeded in cutting down this extremely dangerous form of migration.

On Friday 12th alone, ten boats either put ashore on the island or were intercepted at sea, and a further two arrived over the following weekend.

NEW SHOPPING CENTRE ON THE STRIP

The fourth Mercadona supermarket on Lanzarote opened its doors in early August, in the new SOCO Shopping Centre on the Avenida de las Playas in Puerto del Carmen



The new mall offers 346 parking spaces, and was officially visited by Tías Mayor Juan José Cruz and other council officials later in the month.

Cruz said “We are aware of the need for parking spaces in Lanzarote’s most visited tourist area. These parking lots and this shopping centre are located on the front line of Puerto del Carmen and are therefore of great value for residents and visitors. Little by little we are improving the infrastructure, both public and private, to offer a better service to citizens”.

QUIDS IN!

The British Embassy has warned those who may have paper banknotes stashed away that British paper £20 and £50 banknotes cease to be UK legal tender on 30th September, giving you one month left to change them. These banknotes will be exclusively polymer-based from October onwards.

You can exchange them in person, at a UK post office or your bank; but if you’re not going back to the UK, you’ll need to post them to the Bank of England, who’ll then make an electronic transfer to your account.

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DESPERATELY SEEKING MARY

This month, we received a letter from Kerry, who is desperately seeking an old friend in Lanzarote called Mary Morrison. When Kerry left Lanzarote in 2007, Mary was living in Nazaret.

If you know anything about Mary Morrison please get in touch with us via email, info@gazettelife.com.

REOPENING OF THE LCF IN TÍAS

Rev. Adrian Hallett of the Lanzarote Christian Fellowship writes "We opened as a church on Palm Sunday, 2016, but like so many churches we had to stop meeting together because of Covid. We then started meeting on Zoom and have been doing so for the last eighteen months.

"So, we never 'closed', but we are reopening – if that makes sense! We are really looking forward to meeting together again. I can assure you

GIRL GUIDES IN PUERTO DEL CARMEN

Sally Sheriston has contacted us to announce that, after 10 years of Girl Guiding in Playa Blanca, there are plans to start a unit in Puerto del Carmen - if there is enough interest.

Ideally, all units would be available, just as they are in Playa Blanca, where there are groups of Rainbows (4–7 years), Brownies (7–10), Guides (10–14) and Rangers (14–18).

"We build girls' confidence and raise their aspirations, giving them the chance to discover their full potential and encourage them to be a powerful force for good," says Sally. "We also give them a space to have fun."

Sally is also appealing for new leaders. "It is a voluntary role but a very fulfilling one," she says. "We will fully train and offer ongoing support, alongside running our

own units in Playa Blanca."

Anyone who is interested in the existing Playa Blanca units, as either girls or leaders, is also invited to get in touch.

"Guiding is for all girls. It gives them their own space, their own voice and it changes as they change," says Sally.

To find out more, WhatsApp Sally on (+34) 670 690 085 or email s.sheriston@hotmail.com



of a very warm welcome if you are able to join us on September 11th. I look forward to seeing you!

"For more information about Lanzarote Christian Fellowship and our beginnings, do please look at our website www.lanzarotechristianfellowship.com. We meet in Tías at Camino La Vega 13, in our own dedicated little 'chapel'. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me, Rev. Adrian Hallett on 609 542 206" or see page 33 in the Tías special.

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

A special combined service will be held at 12.30 pm on Sunday, September 4th in Puerto del Carmen. As well as Holy Communion, there will be service to bid farewell to Father Stan and Rosemary.

DOG AND CAT OF THE MONTH

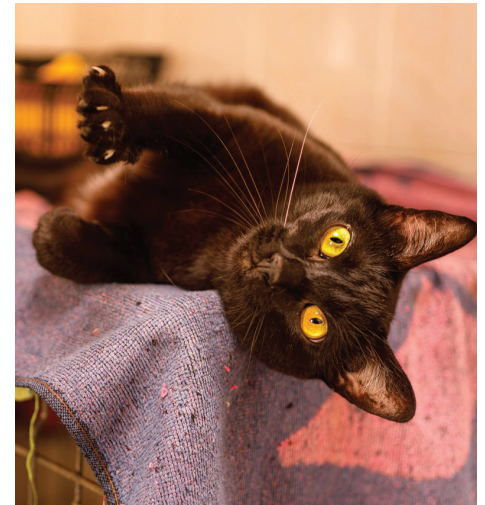
Gala is the sweetest dog. This lovely female bardino-mix is a relatively recent arrival at SARA. Although eight-and-a-half-years-old, she is really young at heart. A little shy at first, Gala blossoms into a pure diamond of joy with a little affection. Find out more about her at <http://saraprotectora.org> or book an appointment on 928 173 417 (English spoken). Dog walkers welcome from 10.30 13.00 Monday-Saturday (Saturday by appointment only). If it is your first visit, please bring ID.

Dina is a very characterful female cat. This friendly mini-panther is two and a half years old. Black cats are often overlooked in shelters, but this very special lady would make a wonderful addition to the right home. Dina is available now from SARA. Find out how to meet her and about adoptions



at <http://saraprotectora.org>. There are also limited places for people to help with socialising cats. Email info@sara-lanzarote.eu.

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TIMANFAYA SHUTTLE



As Timanfaya celebrates its 48th birthday, the sight of long queues of cars in this stunning landscape will hopefully soon be a thing of the past.

Timanfaya National Park celebrated its 48th birthday last month with a video, created by park wardens, pleading for visitors to treat the area with respect.

The video features one of the wardens operating a large puppet of the “Devil of Timanfaya”, whose deep voice begs viewers to respect nature, be tidy and respectful. It concludes “We wish you a happy stay, and hope you enjoy the light, the silence and everything else in this unique corner of the world. Happy birthday Timanfaya!”

Timanfaya remains the most popular tourist attraction on Lanzarote, something that has been evident this summer with the return of long queues of cars on the LZ-67 road waiting to enter the Montañas del Fuego.

The queues have been caused by the lack of parking spaces in the park itself, where

there are only 200 spaces, but this year has also brought a greater concentration of tourists arriving in cars, rather than coach trips, which has only made matters worse.

A previous plan to build a second carpark on one of the volcanoes was rejected on environmental grounds, but this month, it finally appears as though something will be done about the problem, with the opening of two car parks in Yaiza and Mancha Blanca. Tourists will be taken from the parking areas to the Fire Mountains in shuttle buses.

The new system is likely to come into operation after the fiestas de Los Dolores in Mancha Blanca, which take place from the 9th to 15th September this year. The main pilgrimage, during which many roads are closed, will be on Saturday 10th.



National Park in New Mexico, USA

AN IDEA BORN IN NEW MEXICO

The idea for the National Park of Timanfaya came in 1973, when Cabildo President José Ramírez Cerdá received a postcard from a friend who had visited a National Park in New Mexico, USA, which was also in an arid zone with hardly any vegetation.

The Fire Mountains were already a tourist attraction, with designs by César Manrique and the “Volcano Route” designed by Jesús Soto already in operation, but the area was vulnerable and unprotected.

Permission for National Park status was requested in March 1974 by the director of Spain's institute for the Conservation of Nature. The initiative was widely supported, and the National Park declaration was finally granted on 9th August, 1974, coming into law on 17th September of that year.

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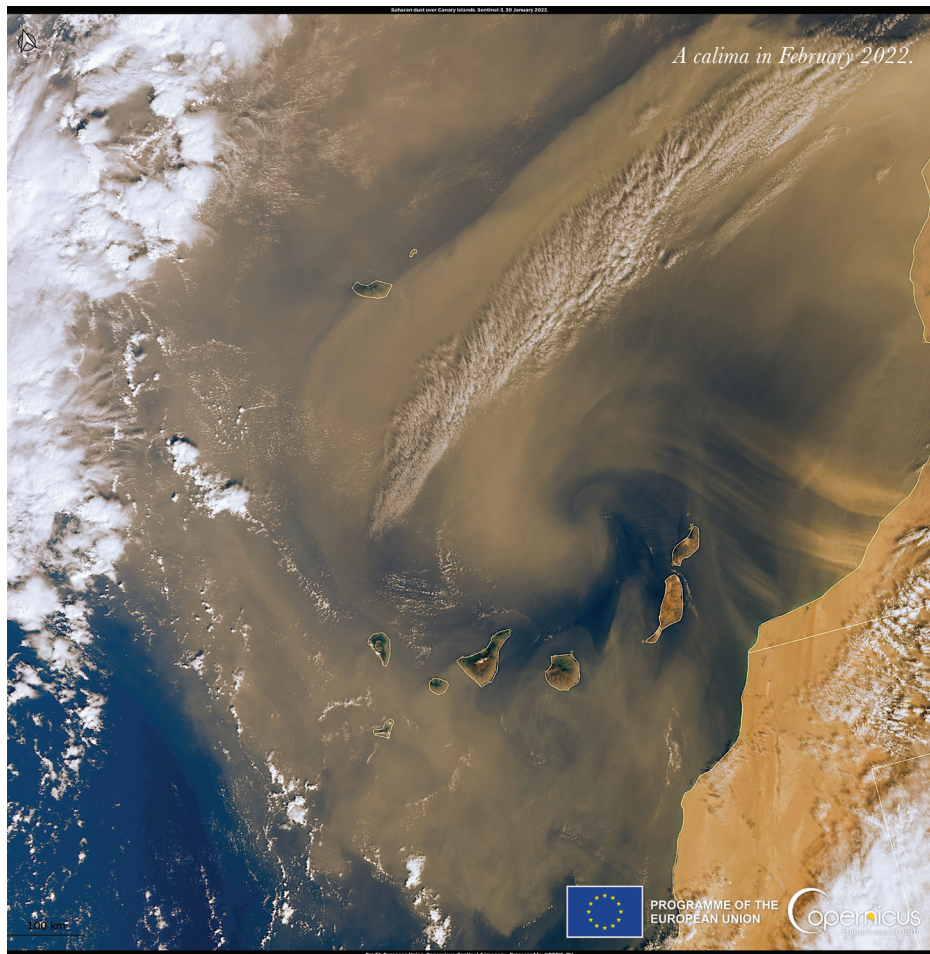
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HEAT AND DUST

September is one of Lanzarote's calmest, sunniest months – a time of clear skies, warm seas, light breezes and mellow warmth. But this autumn will arrive after a summer that has been marked by heat, dust and drought on Lanzarote.



July was Spain's hottest year since records began in 1961, according to the national meteorological agency AEMET. "What we've seen so far cannot be described as a normal summer," AEMET's President, Miguel Ángel López González, stated earlier this year.

Spain suffered two heatwaves this summer. The first, in mid-June, was described as the "most intense June heat wave for 20 years", and has been held responsible for 829 excess deaths. The July heatwave contributed to huge forest fires and caused an estimated 1,700 excess deaths.

July also saw unprecedented high temperatures all over northern Europe, including the UK's first ever red heat alert and a record 40.3 Celsius registered in Lincolnshire. Headlines such as "Stevenage/Manchester/Dublin is hotter than Lanzarote" could be seen, and for several days, these claims were true.

But just because the British Isles were hotter than Lanzarote doesn't mean it wasn't hot here, too. Lanzarote had one of its hottest Julys of the century, with an average of 26.1°C over the month; a figure which was only exceeded by the 27°C average in 2009

and matched by the 26.1°C average of 2004. Drought also remains a concern on the island, with 2022 being an extremely dry year so far.

However, for many on the island it wasn't the heat and aridity that was most annoying, but the almost constant presence of light calima conditions, which prevailed throughout July and much of August.

WHAT IS A CALIMA?

A calima occurs when air from the African mainland moves over the Canary Islands, bringing microscopic particles of dust from the Saharan desert. Sometimes calimas are thick and heavy, covering everything on the islands in a light film of dust and reducing visibility drastically. At other times they are lighter. A glance at the sea will often give you an idea of conditions – the hazier and fuzzier the horizon, the more dust there is in the atmosphere.

There have certainly been more calimas this year than usual, leading to worries that global warming may be permanently changing the nature of weather on the islands. An influential 2007 study claimed that climate change caused by global warming was behind a rise in temperatures, an increase in calima episodes and the weakening of the predominant north-eastern alisio winds, which usually keep the African winds at bay.

However, while warming and climate change is not disputed, other studies have suggested that it may not be linked to calimas. A 2015 project analysed traces of Saharan dust on Tenerife and discovered that there were more calimas in the 1940s and 50s than today. Records of visibility at the airport also suggest that the 1980s also saw more calimas than usual.

Predicting the weather in the Atlantic is an incredibly complicated matter. At this time of year, added factors such as the Atlantic hurricane season, which usually reaches its peak in September, can have knock-on effects on the islands. Phenomena such as the La Niña weather system, now in its third year, also make long-term predictions more difficult.



Sand could be stripped from popular beaches.

THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Scientists are in no doubt that climate change exists. However, what effect it is having on Canarian weather conditions is much less clear.

It is already having an effect on certain aspects of Canarian life, though. Earlier this year, Bodegas El Grifo harvested the first ever winter grape crop near Playa Quemada. A hard prune in October instead of February spurred the grapes into producing of fruit in late March.

There's already evidence that one of the reasons that migrants from Morocco have chosen to risk their lives coming to the islands is because years of drought in their homeland has destroyed their agricultural way of life. If conditions in North Africa become more difficult, migration is likely to increase.

Rising sea levels are also predicted to have an effect on beaches, making the stripping away of sand a more frequent phenomenon.

Abel López, a researcher at the University of La Laguna in Tenerife believes that one of the main effects of climate change will be an increase in extreme weather conditions. For the Canaries, he predicts that there will be more heatwaves and, although rainfall is likely to decrease, downpours are likely to be more intense.

López has also expressed concern about how tropical storms are getting closer to the islands each year. The only storm that has hit the islands so far was Delta in 2005, causing 361 million Euros of damage and killing 19. This historic event for the Canaries prompted huge concern about climate change and its effects on the islands.



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PASSING THE TEST



When the news came in May that British residents would no longer be able to drive in Spain on a UK-issued licence, Gareth Hull went back to school.

Gareth Hull, a post-Brexit arrival on Lanzarote, knew that the law would have a bad effect on him and his wife. "There's only one shop and one bar in Güime," he says. "For ten weeks we relied on friends, but I needed to get back on the road."

Gareth was one of three British guys who signed up for a special course organised by Lydia Thain consultancies and the Zakarias Driving School, aimed at getting British drivers who'd been affected by the law back on the road.

The first stages involved passing the medical tests and then tackling the most difficult theory test in Europe. This involves getting at least 27 out of 30 random questions right.

Fortunately, the tests are available in English, and driving school membership provides unlimited opportunities for dry runs. Gareth also attended a two-day intensive driving course run by instructor Ángel - "Death by Powerpoint," he calls it.

Once he was regularly getting pass grades, Gareth attended the test centre in Arrecife, where he passed the test in English with a score of 29/30. Onto the next phase - the practical.

For Gareth, putting an 'L' plate on after 42 years of driving with a clean licence in the UK was a "bit of an affront", but the law is the law and, although an experienced driver, he ended up taking around six lessons with Ángel.

"I'm really glad I did," he says. "I learnt the 'Spanish' way of driving, and a lot of the phrases and words I'd be needing to follow exam instructions."

The practice stood Gareth in good stead. On the day of his exam, he climbed into the back of a car to watch another candidate take (and fail) her exam. Then it was his turn. He felt good about the test, but Ángel told him to wait in a bar before revealing the result.

"He walked in, pointed to me, told me to stand up and then came and gave me a big hug," laughs Brian. "I'd passed with no faults."

Now legally on the road, Gareth is helping his wife Carol, who is also currently preparing for the theory test.

LESSONS LEARNT

Gareth says he enjoys driving here in Spain. "The roads are great," he says. Despite being a retired police officer with 42 years of driving experience, he also says he's learned from the tests. Here are two of the useful tips he was taught.

Roundabouts

Gareth was taught to enter any multi-lane roundabout on the right, outside lane, and to stay there, signalling only before the exit you intend to take.

Cars may use the inside lanes, but any collisions caused by them cutting into the outside lane will be their fault.

Parallel reverse parking

Gareth was surprised by the technique for reverse parallel parking - "in the UK hitting the kerb is a fault," he says. "But it really does work." The technique is as follows:

Always remembering to check your mirrors and signal, pull up alongside the vehicle you'll be parking behind, leaving a two-foot gap between it and your car. Give your steering wheel one full turn and reverse until you can see the kerb in your left-hand rear-view mirror.

Straighten the steering wheel and continue to reverse until your rear wheel bumps the kerb. Now turn the steering wheel fully to the right and move as close to the car in front as you can.

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Planning your retirement in the Canary Islands

Key steps to take before and after your move *By Paul Montague, Partner, Blevins Franks*

Spain remains a popular destination for British retirees and there are so many benefits to living in the Canary Islands. If you take specialist advice and follow the procedures correctly, you can continue to live the dream in Lanzarote.

Residence visas

Applying for legal residence in Spain now involves stricter requirements and more advance planning and paperwork – but is generally still possible provided you can support yourself. Work visas are harder to obtain, but retirees can apply for a Spanish non-lucrative visa. If you have capital to invest locally, the ‘Golden Visa’ may be an option.

The tax implications

You are a tax resident of Spain if you spend more than 183 days here a year, or if your centre of economic or vital interests is in Spain. Tax residence makes you liable for Spanish income, capital gains and annual wealth taxes on worldwide income and assets and subject to the succession and gift tax rules.

Timing your move to save tax

The Spanish tax year runs from January to December,

whereas the UK is April to April. The two countries apply different capital gains tax rules and rates. Weigh up whether it is better to sell your UK assets as a UK or Spanish tax resident, then time your move accordingly.

Minimise tax in Spain

While Spanish taxation can look high, the tax regime presents attractive tax mitigation opportunities. The way you hold your assets can make a significant difference to how much tax you pay.

Pension options

For Spanish residents, most UK pensions are taxed in Spain, not the UK, but government service pensions are an exception. Purchased annuities can sometimes be taxed very favourably. Pension lump sums are fully taxable in Spain.

There are various options on how to take your UK pensions, so seek regulated advice to do what is right for you.

Summarised tax information is based upon our understanding of current laws and practices which may change. Individuals should seek personalised advice.

Your savings and investments

This is the time for a fresh review of your savings and investments. Ensure your portfolio is suitable for you today, has the right currency mix, is designed to meet your aims and risk appetite, and has adequate diversification to reduce risk.

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Spanish inheritance tax works very different from UK's. Spain also restricts who you can leave assets to, though you can plan ahead to get round this.

A helping hand

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With UK pension legislation frequently changing, and the importance of protecting your retirement savings, getting specialist advice is more essential than ever. But since Brexit, UK-based pension firms no longer have the automatic right to provide regulated services to EU residents.

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Spain's kids head back to school this month after the marathon ten-week summer holidays. It can be a difficult adjustment, especially for those facing new schools, but here are a few ways to make it go as smoothly as possible.

REGISTERING

Children should have been registered before the summer. If yours aren't, you'll need to contact a school. When contacting any school on Lanzarote, your first stop will be the secretary's office (*secretaría*).

You can choose to pay for one of the island's private schools or take advantage of the compulsory free education provided by a state school. In Spain, primary schools are *colegios* and secondary schools are *institutos*. Your child will usually be allocated to the closest school to your home, but requests can be considered for other schools if, for example, parents' work routines make this easier.

You'll also need to find out about school transport and meals, and places may be limited.

EQUIPMENT

Most Spanish schools insist on a uniform, as well as school sports gear, which are provided by the school's recommended suppliers. Ask the school what you need and they'll tell you.

General school equipment such as stationery should also be bought. Again, ask the school if other equipment, such as laptops, is required.

Bags are important. Most Spanish schools expect pupils to bring all their books with them every day – there are few lockers or dog-eared textbooks that have been shared by other pupils. Add a packed lunch to that and it's no surprise that even five-year-old kids carry heavy backpacks that look like they're about to climb Everest.



Textbooks are normally issued a week or two into the first term, and parents are expected to pay for them - a sum which can take parents by surprise. Some help is usually available for families with limited means.

HEALTH

Schoolchildren in Spain spent almost well over a year under the strictest Covid measures, with bubble groups, quarantine measures, handwashing and masks worn indoors and out. That's now over, but schools may still have rules in place - for example on school transport - and you should find out what they are.

Most schools demand vaccine certificates before admitting children and, again, this should be checked beforehand.

Although not compulsory, it's a great idea to take kids for an eye test before they start back at school.

LANGUAGE

One challenge that the children of foreign residents can face is the language barrier. While private schools often operate bilingual policies, state schools generally don't. The younger the child, the faster they adapt, as a rule, but parents should take extra care to support their children while they fit in.

Adolescents at important stages in their social development and education may have real problems being "thrown in at the deep end" language-wise, and we recommend private schools for these age groups.

PLANNING AHEAD

Once your child is at school, find out about extra-curricular activities as early as you can, which will help you plan your routine.

One surprise for British parents is the absence of half-term holidays. The endless Spanish summer holidays mean that there are only two main school holidays - a fortnight at Christmas and a week at Easter. There are several one-day holidays and *puentes* (long weekends), too.

Important dates for state schools this year (private schools may differ) are as follows:

Friday, September 9th: Start of primary school.

Monday, September 12th: Start of secondary school.

Thursday, September 15th: Our Lady of the Volcanoes Holiday, Lanzarote.

Wed October 12th: Spain's National Holiday.

Tuesday November 1st: All Saints Day Holiday

Tues, Wed, Thurs, December 6th, 7th, 8th: Three-day holiday.

Fri, Dec 23rd to Fri Jan 6th: Christmas Holiday.

Monday, April 3rd to Fri 7th: Easter Holiday.

Monday May 1st: Workers Holiday.

Tuesday 30th May: Canary Day.

Friday 23rd June: End of school year.

Be sure to ask the school for a full calendar, which will also include two municipal holidays.



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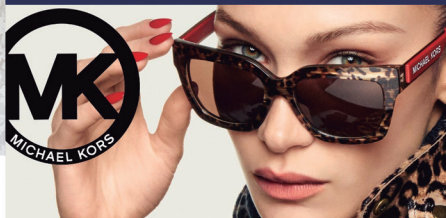
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abounding with A* and A grades. She is the youngest person in the world with these results.

Age discrimination will not allow one so young to study Medicine in the UK, so she will become a Doctor in a Spanish university.

Excellent students in the UK might pass ten or twelve subjects and one or two outstanding students in the world might obtain fourteen results, but no student outside Lanzarote will achieve excellent results in between 16 and 18 different subjects.

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

The strengthening of the digitally-based subjects continues to be the novelty

at the Hispano Británico, with four different courses on offer.

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DAVID'S DETOURS HAPPY LANDINGS!



Tour guide David Penney highlights a short but exciting walk for families, dog-owners and plane spotters.

Most of my walks over the past years, have been between two to four hours in duration. Occasionally, I receive a message asking for longer, more challenging routes. (the longest walk I have done while here on Lanzarote was 50 km, which took 10.5 hours of continuous walking).

But I also need to provide walks that are suitable for those who may have mobility restrictions, or families with buggies for the young ones. This one is really easy for most people and very short in duration.

There are two options to enjoy this experience. You can park at the big car park at Playa Honda, between the secondary school and Guacimeta Beach, then

follow the pedestrianised path past the boundary of the airport, keeping the ocean on your left. The coast is surprisingly wild and beautiful here.

This path is also popular with cyclists, electric scooters and mobility scooters, which have a special path which is marked out for them. It can be busy, so keep to your lane. This route will also take you past one of the island's two dog beaches, where pooches can play in the sand and sea. You'll still need to bag any mess, though, and be sure to keep Fido under control on the path.

Continue until you reach the structure reaching out to the sea, which is maybe 10 minutes walk from the car park. This structure carries the landing lights for the

airport, and on a normal day this is where the planes swoop down to land (when the wind comes from the south, planes often land over the mountains). It's always a thrilling, noisy experience.

A much shorter way is to take the coastal path from Matagorda just past the Beatriz Spa Hotel. This is only about 4 minutes to walk, so it's easier for anyone who has mobility restrictions. Just follow the path, keeping the ocean on your right hand side.

This attraction is popular with families with children as it will keep them occupied for an hour or so and it's free of charge.

There is plenty of parking at either end which you choose to start from, and loads of cafes and restaurants in Matagorda and further along the path into Playa Honda. If you are not able to drive there then take the bus to either Matagorda or Playa Honda – unfortunately, neither bus stops are close to the start points.

For further information about walks around Lanzarote please contact,
DAVID Penney via **email lanza888@yahoo.com**
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Advertorial **GANJAROTE: CLOSING THE CIRCLE**



Ganjarote makes the leap to the sale of sustainable fashion with the incorporation of garments and accessories to its range.

Ganjarote was the first shop selling natural cannabis-based cosmetics and supplements on Lanzarote. Now, this unique shop is going one step further by adding a fashion line to their range, offering sustainable products such as bags, tote bags, hats, beanies, bumbags and, shortly, T-shirts and sweatshirts.

“We want to close the circle, so that the origin of everything you use in your daily life comes from natural sources,” says Eileen at Ganjarote. “This includes the facial and body cosmetics that you can find in our shops in Playa Honda and Teguise, as well as our online store at www.ganjarote.com; which will now be joined by a wide range of textile items.” These are quality handmade garments and accessories, stitched in the Canary Islands and manufactured 100% of hemp.

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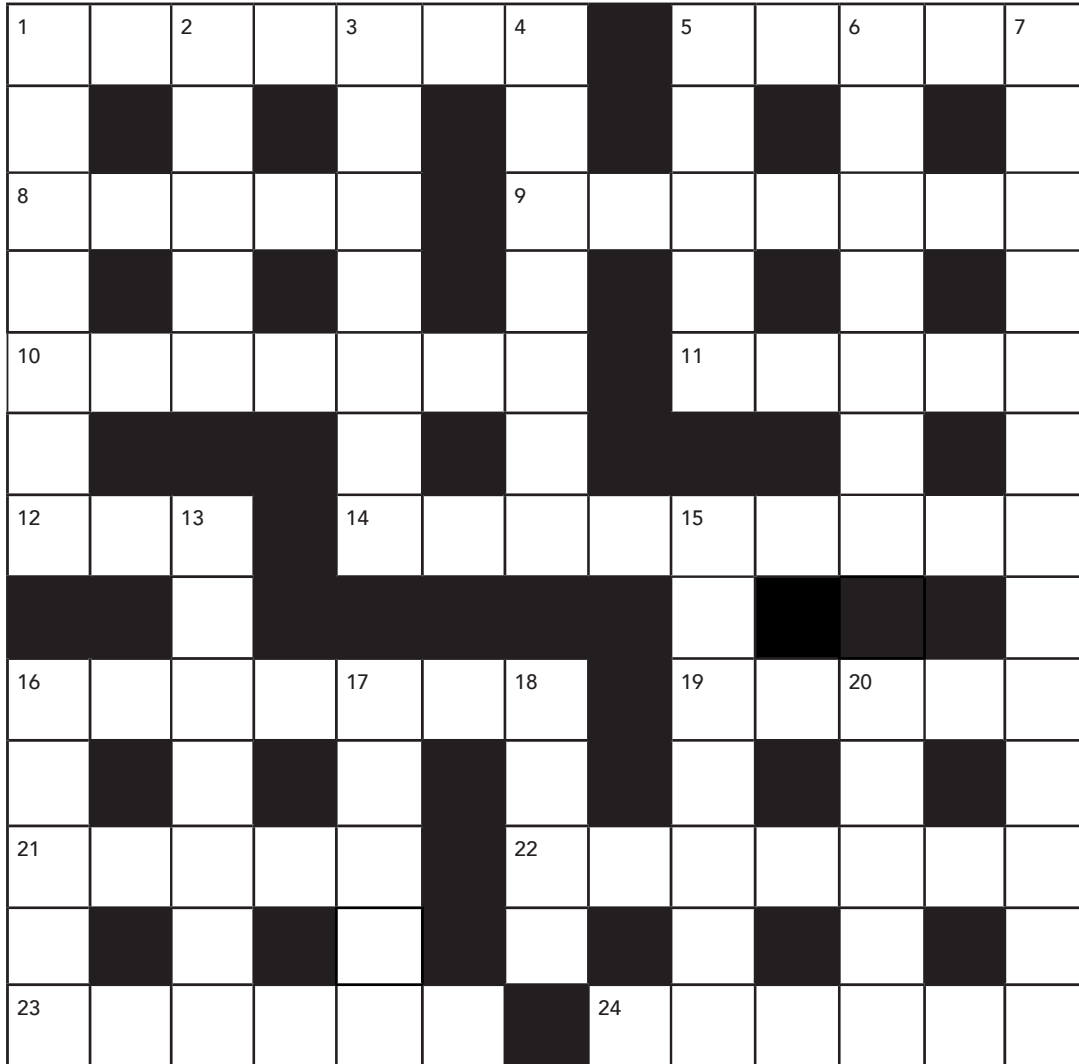
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Prize Crossword



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Angels are the theme for this month's crossword, so put down your harp and get solving. Once you've finished send a pic of the completed puzzle to us at editorial@gazettelife.com, WhatsApp 628628083 or just deliver it to our Tías office by the 15th of September.

One winner will be rewarded with a bottle of wine from the famous Bodegas La Geria, another will receive a €10 voucher for Hankey Panky's brilliant bar and cafe in CC Montaña Tropical in Puerto del Carmen.

The winners of last month's pirate-themed crossword were Shelagh Manns, who wins a bottle of rum... sorry, wine from La Geria; and Brendan Hogan in Tías, who wins a €10 voucher at Hankey Panky's. Well done, me hearties!

DOWN

1. Anthony ..., artist who created The Angel of the North (7)
2. Short, concise (5)
3. Different form of same element, with varying number of neutrons (7)
4. Fallen angel also known as the Devil (7)
5. Neck warming garment (5)
6. Flap on plane that controls rolling and turning (7)
7. A friendly practice football match that takes place in late summer (3-6,4)
13. Ernst Stavro Blofeld is in charge of this spy organisation (7)
15. Letter-guessing word game involving drawing a scaffold (7)
16. 001 in Stranger Things (5)
17. Jones, singer of Don't Know Why (5)
18. Smartly dressed youngsters who fought rockers in the 60s (4)
20. Home ground of Marylebone Cricket Club (5)

ACROSS

1. Archangel (7)
3. Opposite of flat in music (5)
8. Large, endangered African animal with a horn (5)
9. He had three angels, originally Kelly, Sabrina and Jill (7)
10. Launch of a rocket (4,3)
11. Absurd comedy (5)
12. Affirmative! (3)
14. Electrical devices used to listen to music (9)
16. SE Asian country, capital Ho Chi Minh City (7)
19. Plastic used for guitar strings or fishing line (5)
21. Prettier, more endearing (5)
22. Ángel, Argentine footballer who played for Real Madrid, PSG and now, Juventus (2,5)
23. Ms Franklin, who sang soul classic Angel in 1973 (6)
24. Pajama-style jumpsuit for adults, often with an animal theme (6)

Last month's answers Across: 1. Plank 4. Raleigh 8. Gem 9. Ellington 10. Airship 11. Jenga 12. Hirsute 13. Hairy 14. Spaniard 17. Myth 20. Icing 21. Gorilla 23. Treasure Chest
Down: 1. Pugwash 2. Admirer 3. Keelhauling 4. Relapse 5. Long John 6. Intensify 7. Hungary 14. Skint 15. Alive 16. Roger 18. Heart 19. Eric 22. Lee

GET BEHIND THE REDS!

UD LANZAROTE KICK OFF A NEW SEASON WITH HIGH HOPES, BUT THEY'LL NEED ALL THE SUPPORT THEY CAN GET, REPORTS IAN LANE.

UD Lanzarote's annual pre-season beach training session.



An adult (16-64yrs) season ticket is only 60 Euros, Pensioners (65yrs+), 35 Euros and children under 16 years continue to be admitted free of charge. To pay at the gate on match day it remains at 8 Euros adults (6 Euros Residents) Pensioners 6 Euros (4 Euros Residents). Under 16s free.

On August 8th the club held their 8th annual open beach training session. This year it took place on the Las Cucharas beach in Costa Teguise and just to prove the fact that things are changing, the turnout was twice as big as it has ever been. The youngsters had a great day training and playing a match on the beach with the Rojillos first team.

The past two seasons have been extremely difficult for the Rojillos (The Reds) after our local government imposed the toughest restrictions on the club compared to anywhere else in Spain during the pandemic.

Thankfully those days look to be behind us now and the club wants to welcome back its fans. As one can imagine, after barely having any supporters over the past year and a half, the loss of food and beverage sales and a collapse in sponsorship, the club's finances have taken a battering. Now is the time to head back to Arrecife and once again enjoy those Sunday mornings supporting the Rojillos.

The food van is back, and is better than ever; the players are raring to go and the management of the club is determined to take the Canary Islands' third-largest club back to challenging for promotion.

This season will begin with a mouth-watering derby match away versus Yaiza on Saturday the 10th September at 5.30pm (please check). The first home match is Sunday 18th September at noon versus Gran Canarian side UD San Fernando. For the full fixture list go to www.lanzarotefootball.com

Season tickets are available in our shop in Costa Teguise at CC Nautical, Local 25, (50m up from Decades bar and behind Café Bonjour). Normal opening hours are Mon-Fri 10am to 1pm but up until September 13th the shop will be open Mon-Fri 10am to 7pm and Saturday 10am to 1pm. In Puerto Del Carmen, WhatsApp David Timmons (The Irish Harbour Bar) on 678340983 or Brendan Byrne (Dicey Reilly's) on 609583650 where they can arrange collection in the Old Town (please pay in cash as money goes direct to club).



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BACK TO SCHOOL VUELTA AL COLE!



It seems hard to believe that the 'back to school' countdown has already begun and families on the island are busying themselves with preparations and planning for the return.

Unlike when my children were small and a trip to Asda for uniform basics was not too costly an affair – most schools in Spain have a strict uniform policy, which often varies with the seasons!

First, the uniform

Uniform	<i>Uniforme</i> (oo-knee-FORM-ay)
Trousers	<i>Pantalón</i> (pant-ah-LON)
Skirt	<i>Falda</i> (FAL-da)
Sweatshirt	<i>Sudadera</i> (soo-da-DARE-ah)
Shirt / blouse	<i>Camisa</i> (ca-ME-sa)
Tie	<i>Corbata</i> (cor-BA-ta)
Blazer	<i>Americana</i> (ah-mare-ri-CANA)
Shoes	<i>Zapatos</i> (za-PAT-oz)
Sportswear	<i>Ropa de deporte</i> (ROPE-ah day
day-PORT-ay)	

Uniforms generally carry the logo of the school (logotipo) and the school will recommend that all items are clearly marked with the child's name or with name tags (etiquetas).

(who remembers stitching in endless CASH'S LABELS in the past !! - I certainly can !).

Next to the backpack!

A trip to the stationers (*papelaria*) will be the next port of call, with the list of stationery requirements.

Students in Spain provide all their own stationery needs, let's see what that will include:

Backpack	<i>Mochila</i> (mo-CHILL-ah)
it will need to be a good robust model as it'll be transporting all the following items to lessons!	
Books	<i>Libros</i> (LEE-bros)
Notebooks	<i>Cuadernos</i> (qua-DARE-nos)
Folders	<i>Carpetas</i> (car-PET-ah)
Pencil case	<i>Estuche</i> (eh-STOOCH-ay)
Pencils	<i>Lápices</i> (la-PITH-ez)
Pen/Felt Tip	<i>Bolígrafo/rotulador</i> (bol-IG-raf-oh/rot-oo-lah-DOR)
Pencil sharpener	<i>Sacapuntas</i> (sack-ah-PUNT-as)
Eraser	<i>Borrador</i> (bore-RA-door)
Homework	<i>Deberes/tareas</i> (de-BER-ez / ta-RAY-az)

It's quite a list !

On the positive side, most stationers help out by offering a 'back to school discount' on all these essentials, so look out for the sign

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WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU FIND AN ANIMAL IN DISTRESS? IT'S A QUESTION THAT CAN ARISE AT ANY TIME ON LANZAROTE, BUT AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, WITH HUNTING SEASON UNDERWAY AND SHEARWATERS MAKING THEIR MAIDEN FLIGHTS, IT'S ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO KNOW.

The first consideration in the case of finding a lost dog or cat is to stay safe. Try and calm the animal and don't put yourself at risk. Then the first solution is to try and find the owner. If possible, look for a collar tag with contact details, or take the animal to a vet, who will check for a microchip free of charge. If this doesn't work, report to local police (tel numbers on pg 87), as that is where owners may first seek their pet.

In the case of abandoned animals, this won't work, but you'll need to call the

police in any case. SARA Protectora told us "If it is a stray or injured dog then the person must call the police in the municipality where the animal is, so they can activate a collection service. It is the same for cats, but only for injured cats. If a cat is lost or stray the police won't come. The police will inform the protectoras (animal shelters) if they think it is necessary or take the animal to the local official shelter.

If injured wild animals are found, the correct procedure is to call the Cabildo's

Animal Recovery Service, which can be contacted on +34 696 733 177, or a report can be made on the emergency number 112. There are several reports of this service helping with injured turtles and the service actively advertises itself during the maiden flight season of the shearwaters.

Another option is to contact the Medioambiente (Environment Department) in your specific municipality, which can usually be done in office hours via the Ayuntamiento phone numbers on pg 87.

A SARA volunteer told us "To be honest, I've heard varying degrees of success with this, but this is the correct protocol, and is relatively simple." We've discovered that common animals, such as pigeon chicks, are not regarded as much of a concern.

There are also Facebook pages that people can post concerns to about stray animals, etc. One of the most popular ones on Lanzarote is Mascotasperdidas en Lanzarote (Lost pets in Lanzarote).

Flight of the shearwaters

September and October is the time of year when young shearwaters (pardelas) make their maiden flights. They do this guided by the moon, and the bright lights of cars or street lamps have resulted in several birds being distracted and crashing on land, where they find it difficult to take flight again and are easy prey for cats and dogs.



Over 120 pardelas were rescued in 2020 on Fuerteventura, and, although numbers are lower on Lanzarote, dozens are still collected, treated and freed in northern Lanzarote each year.

Locals are advised to keep outdoor lighting to a minimum, look under their cars before getting in and wrap any stranded bird in a towel and put it in a covered box to be collected by the Cabildo recovery service.

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It's just one of several pilgrimages (romerías) in the Canaries and Spain, whose most famous pilgrim route is the Camino de Santiago – a collection of medieval routes that lead to the tomb of St James in Santiago de Compostela.

The Camino has become incredibly popular in recent years, promoted by films such as *The Way*, and is not just followed by Christians, but by hikers of all faiths who want to experience the scenery, the history, the fellowship and the challenge of the route.

Pilgrimages usually involve a physical challenge with a goal at the end. That goal may be the worship or remembrance of a religious figure or event, but we always walk with a goal, and on Lanzarote it could be whatever you want it to be, from a stunning view to the satisfaction of an active day out.

Walking is a great way to keep fit, but you need to do it the right way. Ambling or strolling along isn't going to do the business – you need to get your heart-rate going, and that means brisk striding that gets you where you want to go quickly.



This walking is known as moderate intensity physical activity, and you can measure it in a simple and effective way like this.

Subtract your age from 220, then multiply the result by 0.64 and 0.76. That is the range your heart rate per minute should be while exercising. For example, if you're 45, you'll need to be reaching from 112 and 133 beats per minute.

Level walks

Level walks are non-challenging and allow you to keep a regular pace. Fortunately, Lanzarote is an island with several coastal promenades where you can stride out without ever going more than a few metres from sea level. Added advantage? That brisk sea air filling your lungs and blowing away all the cobwebs.

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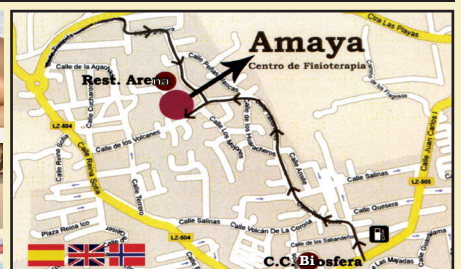
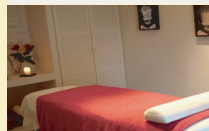
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Lanzarote beaches are also great for walking – most of them are more than clean enough to allow you to go barefoot if you like. Walking on sand is great exercise as it takes a bit more effort, and if you have joint problems such as arthritis, the yielding nature of sand reduces the jarring effect that steps on harder surfaces cause.

Uphill and down

Lanzarote is a low-lying island compared to the

rest of the Canaries. While Tenerife's Mount Teide is the largest peak in Spain at 3,700 metres, Lanzarote's highest point is just 671 metres above sea level.

That doesn't mean you can't find some challenging uphill hikes, though. Several volcanoes can be scaled, usually by fairly rough footpaths, and there are routes up the cliffs of Famara and several of the *barrancos* (ravines) on

the island, too.

A great uphill hike follows the route of the pilgrimage to the church of Nuestra Señora de las Nieves, from Teguise up a long ridge to the Famara clifftops.



Rough terrain

Lanzarote walking can be rough underfoot. Many of the volcano routes and wilder coastal walks will take you over rocky, volcanic terrain. This sort of walking does wonders for your core strength, but you'll need the right footwear – on rough

terrain, boots with ankle support are a real boon.

Group walks

Walking alone offers you freedom, but it's not a social activity and can be risky for older or less fit walkers. So it makes sense to get a group together before setting off.

You can hire a guide for a walk, take part in one of the several walks organised by the various Ayuntamientos or try and seek an amateur walking group (although these seem to have dried up recently).

Otherwise, just get a few friends together, plan your route – maybe even scout it out in advance – and off you go.

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TÍAS: THE TOWN ON THE HILL

Tías is a lovely place. It's not the oldest town on the island; it doesn't have many tourist attractions or places of natural beauty, and it has no beaches at all. Instead, it sits perched on a long slope, guarded by ancient volcanoes to the rear and sweeping views of the coast and the wide Atlantic in front of it.



The Ermita in Tías (above) is now an art gallery.

But for those who live there, both locals and foreign residents, and for the increasing number of tourists and holiday makers who discover it, it's a pleasure. That's because Tías is a typical small town, with its churches, its children trooping home from school each day, its residents shopping, taking a break, pausing for a coffee on a sun-kissed terrace or heading out to a bar or restaurant after a day's work down in the resorts.

That traditional character is the key to the charm of a place that you'll rarely see on picture postcards or holiday brochures, but it's also one of the reasons why the town has survived the recent pandemic so successfully, and remains a delight.

Over the next few pages, we take a closer look at the town on the hill, its landmarks, its facilities and some of the businesses that make it tick along so well.



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Interview: Kalinda Pérez, Tías Councillor for Commerce

“THE TERRACES ARE FULL”.

Although Lanzarote lives on tourism, the town of Tías doesn't see many holiday-makers. Nevertheless, it's a busy little town populated by a mix of locals and foreign residents, many of whom work in the resorts. It's a town where you'll find long-standing local family businesses next to recent arrivals, all offering a wide range of goods and services.

Kalinda Pérez is Tías's Councillor for Commerce, and her department has helped to guide the town through one of the most challenging periods in its history. We talked to her last month.

How has the town of Tías managed during the pandemic?

Far better than expected. We've lost two or three businesses, which is sad, but the vast majority of shops and restaurants and other businesses are back open.

Why do you think that is?

Tías has a wide range of businesses, from bars and restaurants to shops, services and language academies. We created a website for businesses

during the pandemic, and I think a lot of them have taken advantage of the opportunity to sell online. It showed a lot of businesses how to get in shape, and now that we're reaching a year of relative normality, they are prepared.

Are there plans to increase tourism to the town?

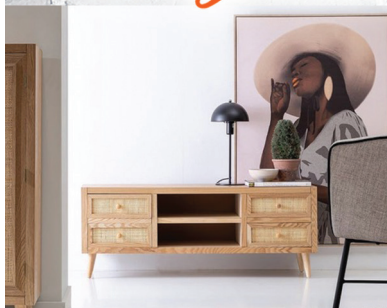
No, that's not really a priority because Tías isn't a tourist town. It's a lovely place, as we know, but it doesn't have a historical centre like Tegüise, or any real tourist attractions. It's a place where people live their lives, and for decades an increasing amount of those people have been foreign residents, such as British and Germans.

An exception to that is Christmas. The Belén



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(Nativity scene) at the Iglesia de San Antonio is one of the most popular on the island, bringing hundreds of visitors. It's a great opportunity for the town to dress up and make money.

But, as I said, the main focus in the town is local. That's why we contracted an agent from PRODAE, the Promotion for Development of Local Economic Activity), who has already visited many businesses in the town, highlighting the availability of grants and subsidies.

Why is there no market in Tías?

That's something we're working on now. We're planning to install a market in El Pavón (the square opposite the Sociedad). Initially it'll take place every two months, and I'm hoping it'll get started before the end of the year.

Will there be another Tapas Trail to promote restaurants?

Probably not, and you can see the reason on the streets today. The terraces are full, people are eating and drinking and enjoying what the town has to offer. Owners don't want to give up a table that might seat a group having a full meal for the sake of a €3 tapas dish.

We made a decision during the pandemic not to ask local businesses to contribute to any promotional activities. We know they already have enough to deal with. So anything we do is funded by grants from the Cabildo or other institutions.

Is there a problem with public transport in Tías?

There's a problem all over the island – buses arriving



"Local businesses have had a lot to deal with."

late, and arriving full. But we have a regular service from Arrecife and Playa Blanca and an hourly service to Puerto del Carmen.

How do you see the future?

Well obviously there are worries, with fuel prices and inflation, but right now things are OK. We'll get a better idea of what the future holds in September or October.

Only in Tías SPORTING CENTRE

Tías has invested the wealth from tourism into some of the best sporting facilities on the island. The town has a large stadium and an indoor pavilion that is home to one of the best basketball teams in the Canaries.

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The Church of San Antonio is Tías's main place of worship.

SMALL TOWN, BIG HEART

The town of Tías did not exist before the volcanic eruptions of 1730 to 1736. A place called Tías did exist, but hardly anyone appears to have lived there. It was only when islanders were relocated after the eruptions that a town sprung up on the broad slope leading down to the sea from the central ridge of mountains that form Lanzarote's backbone.

That town made its living from agriculture on the higher slopes, the burning of barrilla (soapwort) for lime ash and a small amount of fishing. The long beaches and shoreline that now form Puerto del Carmen were *malpaís* – badlands, useful only for grazing goats.

But Tías grew and, with the arrival of tourism in the 80s, became one of the wealthiest municipalities in Spain. The current town reflects that prosperity, but has very much kept its small town atmosphere – a pleasant place to live and do business.

The main town consists of two streets along

which most of the town's commercial activity is gathered. First, there's the Avenida Central, where most of the activity is based around the HiperDino supermarket. Then there's Calle Libertad, which leads down to the Ayuntamiento building and sports ground.

Both streets are dotted with shops, restaurants and other businesses. They range from classic family businesses such as Galerías Laura and Kuchen, on C/Libertad – classic furniture shops that offer the excellent service and aftercare that small-town family businesses are famed for. If you're setting up home or renovating on Lanzarote, it's a visit you need to make.

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But Tías has also welcomed several foreign-owned businesses. Lanzarote's favourite English language radio station, Monster Radio, is one of them, broadcasting seven days a week from the heart of the island. Just tune into 99.9 FM to hear the best music and chat coming at you live from Tías!

"Every small town needs flowers."

Nearby you'll also find C1 Broker, a recently-opened insurance broker where William Smith and his team can deal with all your insurance needs on the island. This is an important consideration for all residents on the island, many of whom value the expert, face-to-face attention that is one of the hallmarks of small town businesses.

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Only in Tías ASSASSINATION IN TÍAS

Behind the Ermita de San Antonio in Tías is a plaque in honour of Leandro Fajardo, who was shot dead in his bed on the morning of 6th September 1896, a few hours before elections for provincial deputies in which Fajardo was almost certain to be elected.

The killer turned out to be Francisco Díaz Monfort, known as "Frasco". In 1899 he was sentenced to death by garrote, but the sentence was transmuted to life exile in the African outpost of Ceuta, where he died in 1910.

The motive for the killing has caused controversy for decades, with some claiming it was political and others claiming it was carried out in revenge for unpaid debts. A number of books have been published on the incident.



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TÍAS – A FINE OUTLOOK FOR BUSINESS

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If your business doesn't depend on tourist footfall, the advantages of being located in a small town like Tías are tempting. Rents are generally lower; parking is generally easier than in the resorts, and it's central. But it's also the capital of the municipality of Tías, with most of the facilities that any business could require close at hand, including Tías Ayuntamiento, where much of that paperwork needs to be done

It's the ideal location for the sort of face-to-face personal attention that's fast disappearing from big city high streets, but which is still valued by Spanish locals and more recent arrivals.

Jennifer Cunningham Insurance is a good example of why Tías works. Jennifer already had five offices in the Costa Blanca when she took a holiday on Lanzarote. "I had the crazy idea to open an office here, and after getting to know the island better and finding Tías, I felt it was the perfect location for an office," says Jennifer. Located on the main street, C/Libertad, sales consultant Jackie gives her full attention to the clients.

Locals have been heading up the hill to Tías for centuries, and since the arrival of tourists in the 70s and 80s, it's one of the first places that many new arrivals to the island get to know well. Many come back to the town time and time again, and many settle for good.

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- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 small red pepper, chopped
- 20 mls wine vinegar
- 125 mls olive oil

For the potatoes

- 500 g papas bonitas
- Coarse sea salt

Cook's tips:

These tasty chunks of fish are equally good as a filling for tacos. If you want a little more colour in the final dish, garnish with chopped parsley, coriander or green onions.



TUNA IN MOJO WITH PAPAS ARRUGADAS

Mojo sauce is not just a great dip – it's also perfect for an adobo, or marinade. This recipe is a local classic, especially during summer when bonito or skipjack tuna is plentiful and often cheap. Papas bonitas are expensive, but the exquisite flavour is worth it. Buy papas para arrugar if you're on a budget.

Directions:

1. When you see whole bonito or listado/rayado tuna on sale, ask the assistant for “cuatro lomos, sin piel”. You'll end up with four Toblerone-shaped steaks that are easily sliced into chunks.
2. In a very hot pan, add oil and sear the tuna chunks quickly, for around 30 seconds. Put tuna chunks into a bowl.
3. Place the garlic, red pepper, salt, pimentón in a blender with the vinegar and the same amount of water. Blend until smooth. Add the oil and blend again. Taste and add salt if required.
4. Add mojo to tuna chunks, mix well and leave to marinate for at least 30 minutes.
5. Now prepare the potatoes. Clean them and place in a pan, almost cover them in water and add two fistfuls of sea salt.
6. Cook on a medium heat, uncovered, for 20 minutes.
7. When water is almost evaporated, start shaking the pan and moving the potatoes. Continue until water has evaporated.
8. Heat tuna and mojo until it comes to the boil. Serve immediately.

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A TASTE OF TÍAS

On a clear morning in Tías you can look out over the slopes of Mácher, covered in tumbledown stone walls and still an important zone for crops, and see the fishing boats chugging back into the harbour of Puerto del Carmen. Fresh produce is still found here, and although the town has made its fortune catering to others, there's still plenty for the locals.

Food and drink is important to Canarians, and a town like Tías reflects that enthusiasm perfectly, with a surprisingly wide selection of cafes, restaurants, food shops and take aways, all working to the gentle rhythms of small town life.

Take the Gazette's regular café, Tello Y Aya, on Avenida Central, for example. It's your classic Canarian bar, with the girls serving a stream of regulars - old guys perching at the bar chatting, families and friends sitting at the tables or outside on the street - and there's a real buzz most mornings. Meanwhile owner Antonio prepares tasty, fresh churros in the kitchen. You can team these with the traditional hot chocolate, or a

coffee -it's the ideal place to try Canarian classic coffee combinations such as a leche leche or a barraquito.

Directly opposite is Comer! Comer!, a great example of another classic Canarian establishment, the take-away hot food shop. Every morning, Elisa and her partners prepare several home-made dishes, which are displayed in glass cabinets. As well as the classic spit-roast chicken, there's an ever-changing range of hot dishes and salads.

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restaurants, and those fixtures that you find in every local town such as a Sociedad (roughly speaking, a village hall that serves food) and, of course, a Chinese restaurant.

It's a real pleasure to discover these places, and many residents and holiday makers make a deliberate detour up to Tías in order to return to a favourite, or try out somewhere new.

One of the favourite places for British residents and visitors is the Hatton Garden Diner on the Avenida Central No 73, opposite the big church. It's rare to find British restaurants outside the resorts, but Hatton Garden is the perfect addition to the town of Tías, serving brilliant breakfasts, a wide range of tempting main courses and the best fish and chips on the island.

While eating out is a way of life in Tías, home cooking is also a passion, and there are



supermarkets, grocers, health food shops and bakers that provide everything that's needed for a family meal at home.

Down at the other end of the town, opposite the sports ground, is Tías Fruit. This shop has quickly become a legend on the island, with one of the widest ranges of fresh fruit, vegetables, pulses, grains and deli goods on the island. Owner Yeray is well aware of how popular his business is with foreign residents, and makes an effort to stock items such as Brussels sprouts and parsnips that aren't so much in demand among the local shoppers. It's also a beautifully laid-out shop – a real pleasure to visit.

In Tías it pays to take your time, stroll around, work up an appetite and then choose how you're going to satisfy it. Doing so is pure pleasure.



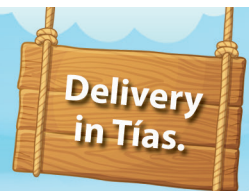
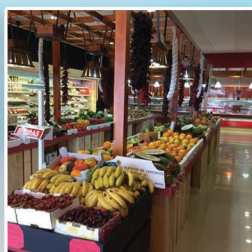
Only in Tías **JOSÉ SARAGAMO**

In 1991, the Portuguese government vetoed novelist José Saramago's nomination for the European Literary Prize on the grounds that his novel, *The Gospel According to Jesus Christ*, was "offensive to Catholics."

Saramago protested by leaving his country and settling in Tías, Lanzarote, with his wife Pilar Del Río. In 1998, he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in recognition of his body of work.

Saramago's library and home on the hilltop overlooking the steep descent to Puerto del Carmen, remain open to the public. Among the exhibits are several clocks stopped at the hour of 4 o'clock – the precise time he first met his wife.

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WATERMELON AND FETA SALAD

The blend of sweet watermelon and sharp, salty feta cheese may sound strange, but it turns out to be absolutely delicious, a perfect marriage between two summer tastes. A little mint and lime adds to this taste-bud pool party.

Ingredients:

- 400g cubed watermelons
- 100 g feta cheese
- 1 bunch mint
- 1 lime
- Black pepper



Crumble the feta cheese over the watermelon cubes. Slice the lime in two and reserve a couple of slices for garnish. Squeeze the rest of the lime over the salad. Chop a handful of mint and add. Garnish with lime slices and a mint sprig.

Chef's tip: Cubed, peeled cucumber, is another amazing addition to this salad.

GAZPACHO DE MELÓN

Gazpacho is the original chilled smoothie, and just like smoothies, Spaniards have been mixing up the ingredients for centuries (despite what the purists say). This refreshing starter is dead easy to make, healthy and suitable for vegans.



Ingredients:

- 400g *piel de sapo* melon
- 1 small clove of garlic
- 50 g white onion
- 30g green pepper
- 50g peeled cucumber
- Half a slice of white bread
- 30 mls olive oil.
- Salt

Chop all ingredients roughly and blend until smooth. Chill and serve.

Serve with finely chopped onion, cucumber and pepper, croutons or a shredded slice of jamón.

Chef's Tip: This is a great way to use a melon that's not as ripe as you hoped.



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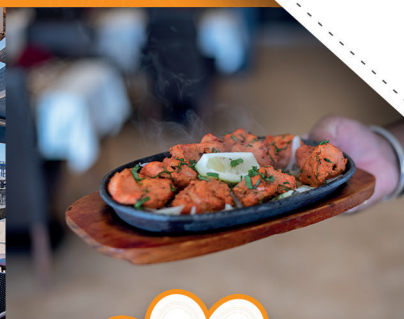
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What's On...

MUSIC

ALBANY TRIO

3rd September

Pippa Harrison, Verity Evanson and Judith Choi-Castro are the Albany Trio, a British all-woman classical trio dedicated to bringing the works of modern and historical female composers to a wider audience.

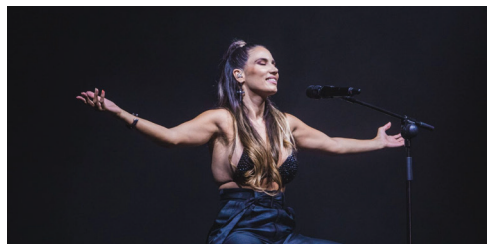
Teatro El Salinero, Arrecife. Tickets €15.



INDIA MARTÍNEZ

14th September

The popular Spanish singer is the headliner at the concert on the night before the pilgrimage to Mancha Blanca. *Mancha Blanca, entry free.*



ELVIRA PLATA AND ADRIÁN NIZ

9th September

The Lanzarote singer is accompanied by guitarist Niz for a dinner date at the Castillo. The concert is free for those who reserve a table. Gorgeous place, gorgeous food, gorgeous music...

Restaurant of Castillo de San José, Arrecife.

ARRECIFE EN VIVO - JUST FOLLOW ELVIS!

23rd September:

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30th September: Bala

& The Lizards + 2 tbc

The idea for Arrecife En Vivo is simple. Everyone follows a bloke dressed as Elvis and various street musicians until you reach a concert venue. A band plays, everybody gets down, and then Elvis leads you off again to the next gig. Four Fridays of four concerts on a four kilometres route.



The first two dates, with acts confirmed so far are above, and there's more to come in October...

More info: arrecifeenvivo.com

FIESTAS

ROMERÍA DE LOS DOLORES

10th September

The annual pilgrimage to Mancha Blanca is the biggest event in Lanzarote's religious calendar – a gathering of islanders at the site of the island's only miracle and the church built to commemorate it.

Pilgrims set out in the morning, climbing the hill from Arrecife, crossing the plain from Tegüise or rounding the mountains from Tías and San Bartolomé. They come on foot, on donkeys or in wagons, wearing traditional Canarian costumes, all to pay homage to Our Lady of the Volcanoes.

The gathering at Mancha Blanca is a hugely moving occasion, and the party afterwards is the island's most important folk celebration. There'll be food, crafts, song and dance and thousands of smiling faces.

ISLAND CRAFT FAIR

8th- 13th September

The craft fair at Mancha Blanca is held as part of the Dolores fiestas and is the largest craft event on the island, with a large marquee containing dozens of crafters from Lanzarote and the Canaries. It's well worth a special trip.

Mancha Blanca square. Free entry



OTHER FIESTAS

The beach parade at Caleta de Famara on September 4th will attract people from all over the island, and the water party afterwards is hugely popular with young people. Elsewhere, Punta Mujeres, Tegüise and Yaiza all celebrate fiestas on 8th September, Tiagua on the 9th, Guatiza on the 14th and Mala on the 24th.

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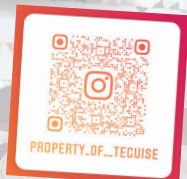
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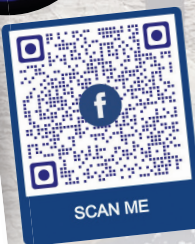
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What's On...

EXHIBITIONS

XI BIENAL DE ARTE

After a long absence, Lanzarote's 11th Art Biennial begins in September and will last until March 2023.

BIENES OCULTOS / HIDDEN ASSETS

From 1st September

The MIAC hosts one of the most important exhibitions of the year as part of this year's Biennial. Showcasing works by artists such as Lotty Rosenfeld, Santiago Sierra, Mouinir Fatmi and Britain's Tracey Emin, this shows Lanzarote roaring back into the spotlight.

MIAC, Castillo de San José, Arrecife

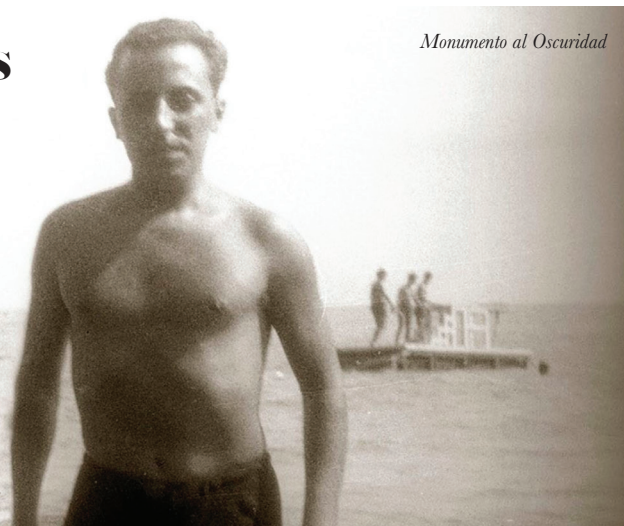
SPORT

TINAJO YOU TRAIL

3rd and 4th September

This trail race on the 4th offers distances of 8, 14 and 31 kilometres in the stunning volcanic landscape of Tíajo. The previous afternoon will see a guided walk and a kids race.

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Monumento al Oscuridad

MUSEO ARQUEOLOGICO DE LA REVUELTA

From 1st September

Avelino Sala presents an "archive of found stones".

MIAC, Castillo de San José, Arrecife.

MONUMENTO AL OSCURIDAD / MONUMENT TO DARKNESS

From 1st September

Eugenio Merino and Miguel G. Morales explore the disappearance of hundreds of Canarians during the Civil War and the Franco years, focusing on Tenerife poet Domingo López Torres.

Ermita de Tías



FILM

CANARIAS SURF FILM FESTIVAL

2nd and 3rd September, 9pm

The Surf Film Festival catches a wave to Arrecife to highlight film makers, surfers and all surf fans. It'll also come to Tegüise in November.

Casa de Cultura, Arrecife, €5.

MARKETS & FLEA MARKETS

10TH SEPTEMBER

SARA car boot sale

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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

Tegüise Market

(everything) 9am to 2pm.

Original PALS car boot sale

Lanzarote A Caballo. 9am to 12pm.

Mancha Blanca

(food) Mornings.

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAYS

Marina Rubicon Market

(Souvenirs and gifts)

Playa Blanca. 10am to 2pm.

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Julie's Live Music Guide

We have so much amazing musical talent on this island; you can check out a new artist every night! Or, you might have a favourite and want to know where they're performing.

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 include or confirm your event in the next edition (in print and online). This is important, as we can't afford to publish out-of-date info.

— 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
 Wayne Harrison, Abbey Road
10pm: Darren Morgan, The Lighthouse

PUERTO DEL CARMEN

6pm: Concrete Jungle, Cafe La Ola
7pm: Collie and Deanne, Lava Bar
8.30pm: Live music, The Dubliner
8.45pm: Dave Bandanna, Rocas Blancas
9pm: Andy King, Marco's Bar, Los Pocillos
 Graham Jacques, Stars Cafe
10pm: Collie Farrell, Mulligans Bar, Old Town
 Mick Bennett & Connor Sloane, Craic n Ceol

PLAYA BLANCA

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

Tuesday

COSTA TEGUISE

9.30pm: The Ska Duo, The Venue
 Gerie B, The Shamrock
 Lizzy Laine, Abbey Road
 John Alan Pick, Tekkers Bar & Restaurant
10pm: Scott McQ, Saxos

PUERTO DEL CARMEN

6pm: Concrete Jungle, Cafe La Ola
8.30pm: Live music, The Dubliner
9pm: Pete Worthy, Spoons
10pm: Raggle Taggle Gypsies, Bar 67
 Connor Sloane & Jordan Kenneally, Craic n Ceol

PLAYA BLANCA

9.30pm: Boulevard, Bikers Beach Club
10pm: Don Parker, The Flagship Bar

Wednesday

COSTA TEGUISE

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

PUERTO DEL CARMEN

6pm: Concrete Jungle, Cafe La Ola
8.30pm: Live music, The Dubliner
9pm: Graham Jacques, Stars Cafe
9.30pm: Gary Mac, The Pub
10pm: Collie Farrell, Mulligans Bar, Old Town
 Cabaret & Comedy Drag Show, Betty Boop's
 Mick Bennett & Jordan Kenneally, Craic n Ceol

PLAYA BLANCA

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

Thursday

COSTA TEGUISE

7pm: The Ska Duo, Decades Bar
9pm: John Alan Pick, The Boatyard
9.30pm: Gerie B, The Cavern
 John Alan Pick, Decades Bar
 Wayne Harrison, Abbey Road
10pm: Darren Morgan, The Lighthouse

PUERTO DEL CARMEN

6pm: Concrete Jungle, Cafe La Ola

8.30pm: Live music, The Dubliner
8.45pm: Dave Bandanna, Rocas Blancas
9.30pm: Gary Mac, Brian Boru
10pm: Collie Farrell, The Irish Viking
 Andy King & The Gas Tank Dogs, Tequila Bar
 Alan Murphy & Jordan Kenneally, Craic n Ceol

PLAYA BLANCA

9.30pm: JäGerBone, Bikers Beach Club

Friday

COSTA TEGUISE

9.30pm: The Ska Duo, The Venue
 John Alan Pick, Cactus Jacks

PUERTO DEL CARMEN

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

PLAYA BLANCA

8pm: Pete Worthy, Berrugo Tapas Bar
9.30pm: Andy King, The Old Mill
 Gary Mac, Portobello

Saturday

COSTA TEGUISE

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

HARIA

8pm: La Noche en Mala, Don Quijote

PLAYA BLANCA

9.30pm: JäGerBone, Bikers Beach Club

PUERTO DEL CARMEN

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

Sunday

COSTA TEGUISE

8.30pm: Darren Morgan, Four Seasons Rock Cafe
9.30pm: Anthony on Sax, Decades Bar
 Brian John, The Venue

PUERTO DEL CARMEN

1pm: Sax on the Roof with Anthony, Biosfera
4pm: Intrinsic, Cafe La Ola
8.30pm: Live music, The Dubliner
8.45pm: Dave Bandanna, Rocas Blancas
9pm: Graham Jacques, La Avenida Restaurante
9.30pm: Gary Mac, Scotch Corner
10pm: Collie Farrell, The Irish Viking
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PUERTO CALERO

4.30pm: Adrian Bambrough, The Pelicano Restaurant

PLAYA BLANCA

9.30pm: Andy King, The Old Mill
 The Jam Brothers, Portobello

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Blowing UP A STORM!

Our cover star this month will be well known to many people in the resorts. Jake Hanson arrived on Lanzarote with his saxophone and has hardly stopped playing since, a guaranteed party-starter whose celebratory sound has been the perfect soundtrack for the island's bumper tourist summer.

HOW DID YOU END UP HERE, JAKE?

I actually lived and went to school here until 2005, before my family moved back to Scotland. In 2020, I graduated with a First-Class Honours degree at Edinburgh College, and had been working at the Co-Op while I studied. Afterwards, I was working there part-time while building up my private tutoring for saxophone and gigging in Glasgow and Edinburgh. When lockdown hit, I decided to come to Lanzarote and I brought my saxophone with me.

I met my friend Gemma that summer. She's a fitness instructor, and one of her classes was a Spin Class. She had the idea of a spin class, with me playing the saxophone as well. In the space of a week, I was being approached by parties and I extended my holiday twice to stay on the island and play.

HOW MANY NIGHTS DO YOU PLAY NOW?

Six nights a week, often with two or three shows a day. It's easy enough to travel with just a sax, and I've just passed my Spanish driving test. All I need now is a decent car!

SIX NIGHTS SOUNDS LIKE HARD WORK.

It can be pretty exhausting – it's not easy to play for two hours non-stop. But the main risk for a pale Scot like me is playing in the sun!

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PLAYING?

I started when I was 12. It was a hobby and I ended up playing in the school band. When I left secondary school to pursue music, my mum bought me my first saxophone for my 18th birthday and that's the instrument that got me through my studies at Edinburgh College. I still have it to this day and I brought it over to Lanzarote with me, although I don't play it much now since it is an alto!

WHO ARE YOUR FAVOURITE SAX PLAYERS?

I've got a lot of respect for Michael Brecker, Grover Washington and other musicians like that.

WHAT SORT OF STUFF DO YOU PLAY NORMALLY?

Soul and jazzy stuff, anything from Motown to Bruno Mars, really. I'm always keeping my ears open for new stuff, too. I play alone, but I also love to play with others – I perform with the singer Aimee Louise every Sunday at Café La Ola, and I'm starting to do monthly gigs with The Skatoons.



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ARE THERE ANY SONGS YOU'RE SICK OF BEING ASKED FOR?

Baker Street. I refuse to play it.

ANY HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR TIME HERE?

New Year's Eve this year was great. I was playing at Coco Bongos, and for the previous months Covid had made it difficult to fill the bar at times. That night the bar was full, and there was a huge queue of people outside. I ended up playing in the street to about 50 or 60 people, all dancing and getting into it. That night meant so much, as it marked the start of tourists properly coming back to the island and gigs have been great since then.

WHERE CAN WE SEE YOU PLAYING, JAKE?

I'm resident at Café La Ola four times a week, Coco Bongos four times a week, Club La Santa twice a week and Bluebells once a week.

Tourist Guide



Centres of Art, Culture and Tourism

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

Built in a lava bubble, Manrique's first island home is utterly fascinating. Solid lava flows into a lounge, trees grow out of underground caves, magnificent gardens flourish at every turn and the whole creation is inspirational.



Casa-Museo César Manrique, Haría

Manrique's second home in Haría has been recreated as if the artist had never left us, and gives us a glimpse of the man behind the legend. See his living room, his wardrobe, his record collection and visit the studio where he created many of his works.

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, Teguise

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: Famara

Famara beach is a large beach famous for its surfers and impressive cliffs. It's regularly mentioned as people's favourite place on the island and is often regarded as Lanzarote's best beach.



As you would expect from a beach famous for its surfing and other water sports, it isn't recommended that you swim there due to very strong currents.

The six-kilometre-long beach along with its tall and impressive cliffs distinguishes it from the rest. Despite a large number of visitors, the beach remains uncrowded, and you will find plenty of space to set up your beach gear.

Due to the strong currents and frequent waves, Famara has become the centre of water sports and competitions and regularly hosts surfing competitions seeing surfers from around the world travel to Lanzarote. It is not recommended that visitors go for a swim and there is often a red flag present.

The beach is one of the most popular picture spots on the island, with millions of Instagram photos under the "famara" hashtag.

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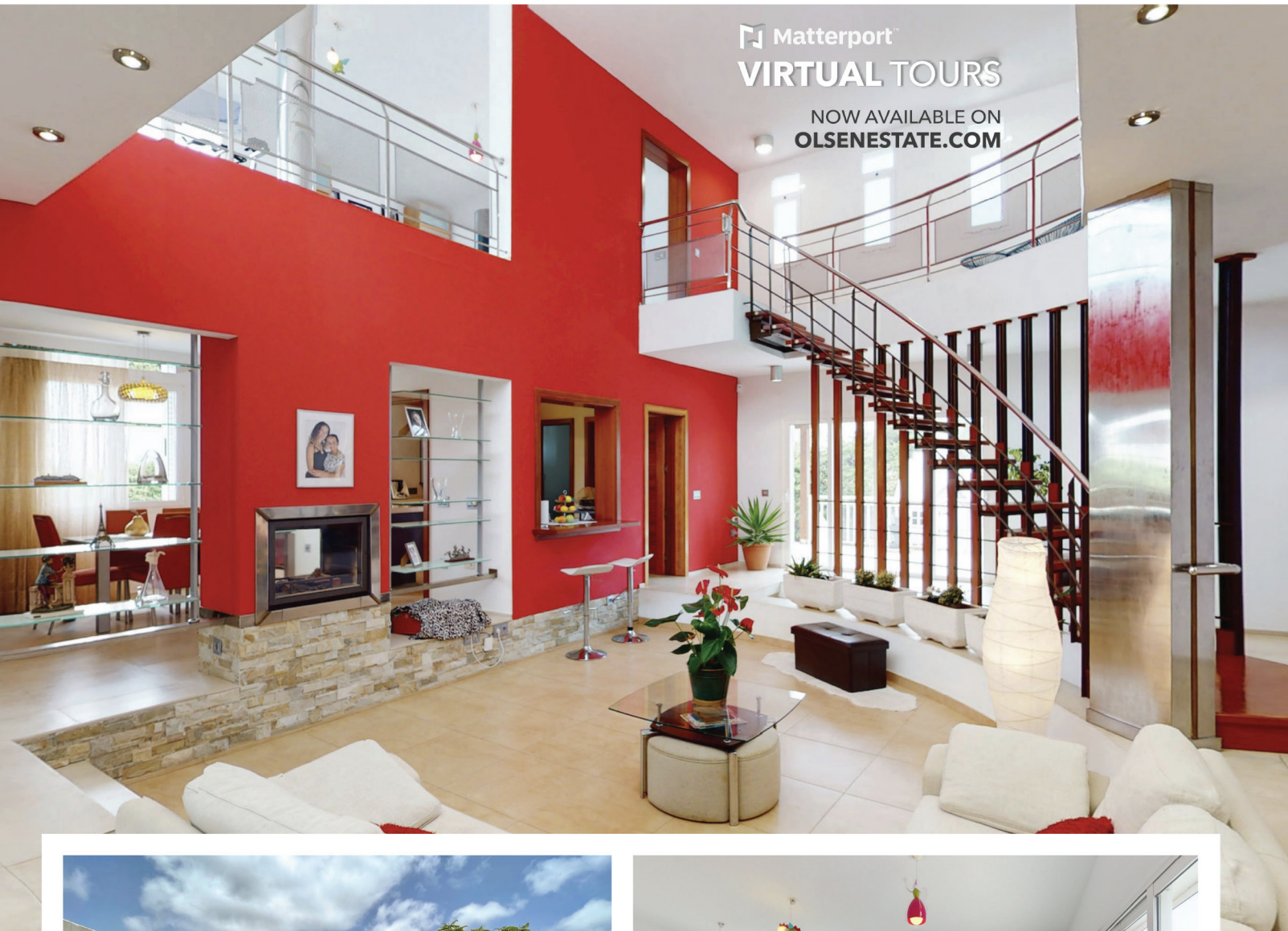
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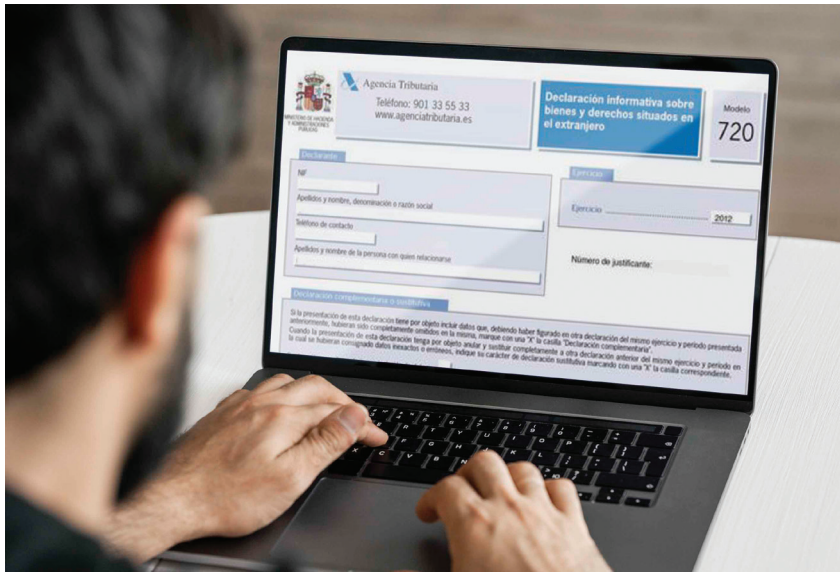
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The collapse of Modelo 720 declaration requirements in Spain was hastened last month when Spain's Supreme Court declared that fines issued for failing to report foreign-held assets were null and void. The ruling was retrospective, meaning any fines already issued may be reclaimed.

Such a ruling had been long expected, after the European Court of Justice declared that the penalties "violated obligations incumbent on the Kingdom of Spain" and "infringed free movement of capital" given that they were disproportionate to equivalent fines for non-declaration of domestic assets.

In fact, after the ECJ's finding in January, the Spanish Ministry of Finance immediately reduced fines

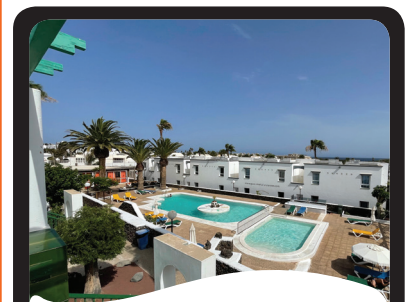


and established a four-year statute of limitations where there had previously been none.

The Modelo 720 requirement was introduced in 2013 by Mariano Rajoy's government, and required the declaration of foreign-held assets worth over €50,000. Over 7,000 residents were fined in the first few years, and the requirement was one of the main reasons for foreign buyers renouncing or deciding not to apply for residency.



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SECOND-HAND BUYERS WIN RIGHT TO CLAIM

A Spanish Supreme Court ruling in a case in Las Palmas has opened the way for purchasers of second-hand properties to claim compensation for faults against promoters.



Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.

The case involves around 50 people who purchased flats in an apartment block that were offered for sale built in 2004. They claim that when they later took up residence, the front doors and the doors of the fitted wardrobes of the property were of a far inferior quality to those they had been led to believe would be present.

The claimants included buyers who had purchased directly from the promoters, as well as around a dozen who had purchased their apartments second-hand from previous owners.

“The doors were as poor visually as they were in terms of durability, soundproofing and waterproofing. They were cheap,” claimed

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one of the buyers. As a group they claimed more than €360,000 in compensation from the promoters Realía y Acción.

A Canarian court initially ruled that only those who had bought directly from the promoters were entitled to compensation, but this decision was overturned after an appeal to the Spanish Supreme Court led to a ruling that second-hand buyers could also claim.

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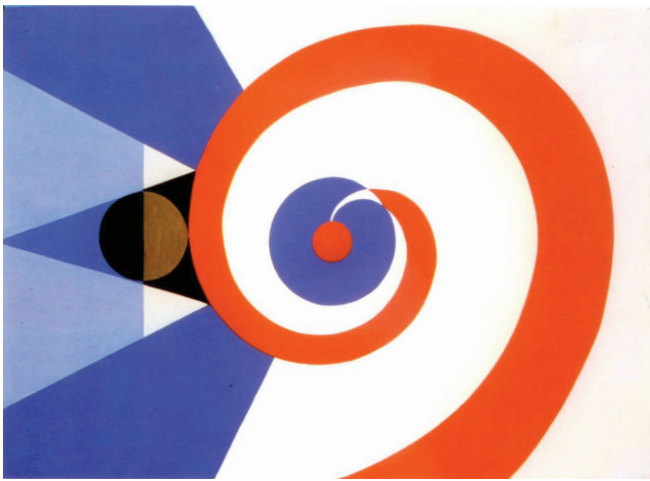
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FLAGS OF LOVE AND WISDOM



César Manrique's Flags of the Cosmos was a beautiful and idealistic project, and its legacy lives on almost 40 years later.



Ganymede.

The Observatory on the Roque de los Muchachos on La Palma is one of the most startling and unforgettable landscapes in the Canaries. To get there, you start out driving from sea level, past lush gardens of palms and tropical plants, eventually rising through pine forests and moorland to a rough, rocky area on the rim of the spectacular volcanic canyon of the Caldera de Taburiente.

Here, perched above a sea of cloud and vast distant views of the ocean, is a futuristic silver dome – the Great Canarian Telescope. It's surrounded by a dozen more telescopes and astronomical facilities, all attracted by the clear skies and that sea of cloud, which eliminates light pollution from below.

This observatory was where the first black hole in our own galaxy was discovered, as well as the first "brown dwarf". It's a source of huge pride for the Canaries, and its opening in 1985, by King Juan Carlos I of Spain, was an important event for the islands.

That's why the most famous artist in the Canaries, César Manrique was approached, at a hugely creative stage of his career, to create flags for the observatory. The project was also launched in a book, and a vinyl lp featuring cosmic synthesiser soundscapes by Carmen Hernández, which is now worth over €100.

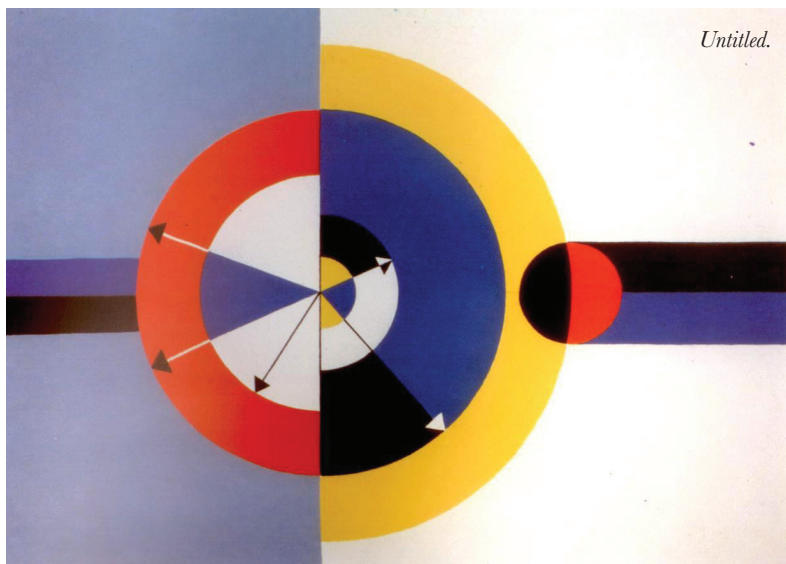
We're so used to seeing images of US astronauts planting the Stars and Stripes on the Moon that maybe it hasn't occurred to us that new types of flags might be needed for new moons and planets.

That's the idea that occurred to César Manrique, when the commission was offered to him. "At the beginning of the space

age," he wrote "Flags should stop being local, creating differences and warlike competitiveness. With the Flags of the Cosmos, we could start with a more beautiful and poetic sensibility, as a symbol of knowledge of other places, without trying to be differentiated by gratuitous and irrational wars, or by proud elemental racists."



The flags have been adopted by a La Palma sailing club.



Alongside the “Monument to the Infinite” - an 11-metre-high iron sculpture, Manrique created nine flags for the opening; strangely beautiful patterns that fluttered in the *alisio* breeze during the official opening of the observatory.

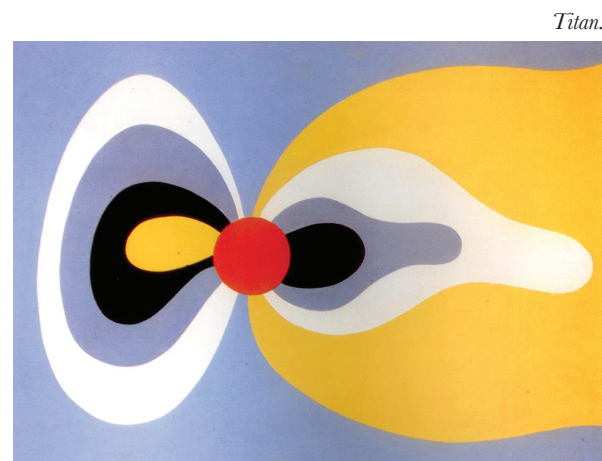
Originally envisaged as flags for

“unknown planets and satellites of our galaxy”, eight of the nine flags were finally named after existing satellites in our solar system – Titan, Ganymede, Charon, Callisto, Phobos, Deimos, Titania and Triton.

The designs for the flags reflect Manrique’s interest in geometrical

shapes and blocks of pure colour, which can also be seen in his wind toys and the car design that several hire cars currently sport on Lanzarote. Visit his studio in Haría and you’ll see an archer’s target whose concentric rings are echoed in several of the flags. And similar flags fly above both this house and his earlier residence in Tahiche.

The flags have been exhibited several times since, and are especially popular in La Palma, where they also decorate vela latina boats belonging to the Benahoare Sailing Club.





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Flatpack finesse



Assembling flatpack furniture is a modern curse - something our ancestors never had to do. Yet today, we're all supposed to be home assembly experts because certain stores want to save storage space.

Of course, you don't have to do it yourself - many shops offer free transport and assembly, and a professionally pre-assembled piece is always going to be more reliable than your attempt, but sooner or later you'll find yourself constructing a furniture puzzle, so here are some tips.

CHECK BOX, CHECK CONTENTS

On buying - check the box for any obvious damage on delivery or before you take it away. Try to open the box without damaging it, as you might have to put the stuff back if there's a problem.

Locate and check the instruction leaflet, which usually has a diagram showing you all the components and other bits that should have been included, such as screws, hinges, shelf runners and weird looking things that do God knows what. Tip all these bits into a bowl and keep it out of the way of children, cats, and dogs.

MAKE SURE YOU'VE GOT ALL THE SPACE AND TOOLS YOU NEED

Large items will require quite a bit of space, and a rug or carpet is useful to protect your purchase. A second person can also be useful when assembling larger items and will helpfully be drawn in the instructions.

You'll probably get an Allen key even though you've already got about 24 of them, but you may also need a hammer, pliers, a screwdriver, or other items. Don't worry, there's always a picture of what you need, because they think you are an idiot.

Other things you may need are music, cups of tea, emergency whisky and earmuffs to protect other family members from obscene language.

CHECK THE INSTRUCTIONS

Give the instructions a brief read-through before starting. That way you might at least have some vague idea of what the hell you're about to do.

Once you get going, be sure to study the instructions as closely as an Egyptologist working out ancient hieroglyphics. You need to be certain that every bit of wood is the right way round and every screw is going into the right hole. One mistake and you'll regret it.

DON'T FORCE IT

Go easy. Don't hammer or screw too hard - only enough to get the job done. If you have to use force, you're probably doing it wrong and may break something, which will make you curse and swear.

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The word “artisanal” is suddenly everywhere and has almost become a cliché even though many of us are unsure as to what it exactly means.


An artisan is a skilled worker who uses traditional methods to create things. The term is a little broader than “craftsman” as it can apply to food suppliers.

Lanzarote, of course, has plenty of artisans who can be seen selling their products in places such as the Tegüise Sunday market or Haría's Saturday market.

And this month will also see the annual Artisan Fair at Mancha Blanca, on and around Lanzarote's biggest festival – the Romería de Los Dolores in Mancha Blanca, which will take place on the 10th of September this year. It's a terrific display with something for everyone, and you're unlikely to go home empty-handed.

This artisan style can also be found in many of the island's furniture shops. We're talking about good, honest craftsmanship; quality items that are attractive and appealing because of their function, as well as appearance.

The time for artificially distressed decor and the coy play-acting of shabby chic style is now over. We're also seeing an end to cheap, disposable decor and a model in which furniture and accessories were replaced every couple of years. The new ideal is sustainable, quality products that do their job efficiently.

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Patterns of life



If you've shied away from trying a bold wallpaper in your Lanzarote home, why not think again? It may just act as the final piece of your interior puzzle.

Wallpaper was originally used to imitate expensive tapestries hung on walls by the wealthy as early as the 1500s. However, it didn't gain major popularity until cheap colour printing made wallpapers widely available in the 19th century.

Innovations in steam-powered printing processes allowed British manufacturers to mass-produce wallpapers, which reduced production costs and made it affordable for working-class households.

By the time that the early 20th century arrived, wallpapers were one of the most popular interior

design features worldwide. Since then, they have gone in and out of fashion but made a strong comeback in recent years with websites such as Pinterest inspiring new ideas for wallpaper use.

Minimalism has taken the limelight for some time, with homeowners opting for a paint bucket and brush, rather than a roll of patterned wallpaper and glue.

Wallpapers have changed a lot in that time, becoming stylish and modern, following the current design trends, and keeping up with changes in home furniture. Keep this in mind before you wince at the thought of your grandparents'

old wallpaper on the feature wall of your living room.

You will seldom see wallpapered walls on Lanzarote – even a genius of colour and form such as César Manrique seems to have lived his life without seeing much need for it. However, it can still make a real difference to your home. The secret is in how you use it.

The first rule of using wallpaper is to not overdo it. Papering the entire room with a pattern or strong colour will make the room feel smaller and give you a headache. Just as you would with a bold colour of paint, use a striking wallpaper as a feature wall that echoes accent colours or repeat the wallpaper elsewhere to tie it together.

One of the main drawbacks of wallpaper is the price so using it sparingly will allow you to use the highest quality option.

The second rule is to think of your surroundings. Using thick woodland and floral inspired patterns don't reflect the natural landscape of Lanzarote whatsoever. Look for something more subtle with simple shapes, or embrace your personality with vivid and bold colours.

Lastly, check the walls! Make sure that the soon to be papered walls are prepared for the job. The presence of damp is fatal for wallpaper.



SET THE DECADE

Wallpaper patterns are a product of the time that they were designed – if you want to achieve a 50s look then go for chintzy florals and if you want a 70s look then go for mind-bending optics in burnt orange.

In recent years, floral patterns have made a comeback on design inspiration websites such as Pinterest and TikTok. Art-deco has seen a resurgence also, as well as more minimalistic soft and abstract patterns.

Whichever wallpaper you choose, remember

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The Tanit Museum in San Bartolomé is a delightful place set in a beautiful building – a visit that anyone who loves Lanzarote will enjoy. Among the thousands of items on display here, you'll see an old lock that was once used for the nearby windmill of José María Gil – but the surprise is that it's made entirely of wood, almost certainly because imported metal locks were far too expensive at the time.

The windmill has recently been

reopened, and makes and sells the only gofio that is milled on Lanzarote. But while you can be sure that the lock on the door is a little stronger nowadays, it's probably not all that different in terms of mechanics.

You might think locks have come a long way, but whoever carried the key for the windmill isn't that much different from most of us who have our house keys jingling in our pocket.

Smart locks have now changed things utterly. No longer is a key required to open a door – you can simply enter with a code, the tap of a finger or a spoken command. In fact you don't even need a key holder to be present – locks can be activated remotely from a

mobile device.

If you've ever literally found yourself going round the houses to pick up a key for a rented property, or finding time in your day to pass a key on to guests, you'll understand how convenient this can be. Instead, you can just give them a keycode and let them enter in their own time. The code can then be changed easily.

Smart locks offer other advantages, too. You can check remotely when anybody has used the lock, putting your mind at rest about whether kids have arrived home or guests have managed to install themselves. Security cameras can also be operated remotely so you know exactly who's at the door.

It's not just renters who can benefit, either. Businesses that have several employees may soon find such a lock far more practical than issuing everyone with keys. You can adapt it to your requirements, giving trusted persons permanent access, while occasional staff and others can be given remote or temporary access.

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Metal masters



LANZAROTE METAL WORKERS HAVE CHANGED THE FACE OF THE ISLAND, AND CONTINUE TO DO SO.

“Anything made of iron went through my hands,” says Santiago Hernández, the master metalworker who worked on the designs of César Manrique. From the wind toys and sculptures of devils and crabs that can be seen on Lanzarote’s roads to the distinctive lamp-holders and waste bins in the tourist centres, Fernandez’s handiwork is visible everywhere on the island.

The Yaiza lad started work young as an unpaid apprentice in Arrecife. He began as a mechanic and quickly learned the art of soldering, working on boats from mainland Spain. After a brief move to Mauritania, he returned to Lanzarote and soon started work

as a master solderer at the Cabildo, where he soon found himself working alongside Manrique.

“Don César was recycling years before the idea existed,” he told *El Diario*, “We went to the dump, not the suppliers”. The results are the wind toy at Arrieta, which rotates on an axle salvaged from a truck; the amazing ceiling ornament in the Mirador del Río, made entirely of scrap metal, and other ornaments made of fishermen’s floats and automobile parts.

Hernandez’s work is just one of the several examples of fascinating metal work on Lanzarote. In Tegüise, or the LagoMar complex, you’ll also see the witty and brilliant sculptures of Mick Gonnell, another artist who has made the most of found objects.

Meanwhile, from the recently opened Mirador de Haría to resorted windmills at Las Salinas de Janubio or Tegüise, Lanzarote is still creating incredible structures with metal, glass and other materials.

600 YEARS OF METAL

Metal is a relative newcomer to the Canaries. There is no ore on any of the islands, and, despite the fact that the North Africans who first populated the islands



A Canarian naife.

possessed knowledge of metallurgy, the natives lived a stone-age lifestyle until the 15th century.

It arrived with the French and Spanish conquerors of the island, and shipping and commerce soon meant that metal working was widespread on the island.

One of the most treasured products of Canarian metalworkers is the knife that bears the English-derived name naife. This blade, with its decorative handle, is based on similar products from the Spanish town of Toledo and became a vital tool for the island’s banana trade.

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Window talk



In Spain, windows generally open inward. The reasons for this are a result of Spain's hot weather and its love of privacy.

You'll sometimes see bars or grilles on the windows of older properties, especially in towns and cities. These are there for security, and mean that windows can be opened to let cool air into the house in the mornings and evenings, without tempting intruders.

Although they were only ever needed on lower floors, Spanish households would often install bars on upper windows as a safety measure for children or even pets.

In most homes, bars have now been replaced by shutters, which always open outward. Shutters are often fitted with adjustable slats that can be adjusted to let in more or less light and air.

A good set of shutters is a magnificent tool for controlling the light, heat and air in your home, and it reduces the need for curtains, which are not particularly compatible with inward-opening

windows. When curtains are used, the rail is likely to be much wider than the window, allowing them to be drawn back so windows can be opened fully.

Inward-opening windows are also much easier to clean, although British and Irish residents sometimes miss the ability to put plants or ornaments on the windowsill.

Curtains are usually light in these circumstances, allowing softer light to enter but keeping insects at bay and maintaining privacy.

Heavier curtains are usually found on larger, patio style sliding glass doors. As it's difficult to have shutters on patio doors, it's the heavier curtains that do the work of keeping light and the heat of the day out. Often there'll be a second set of lighter curtains or even a venetian-style blind fitted, once again allowing you to adjust light levels.

Vertically sliding sash windows that were so popular in Britain are rarely seen in Spain. However, the tilt-and-turn or tilt-and-shift styles that permit you to open windows fully inward, or to be tilted for ventilation, are increasingly popular.

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We're arriving at one of Lanzarote's most wonderful times of year, when the strong summer winds die away leaving the island bathing in mellow warmth for at least three months. There's a huge temptation to lounge on the balcony with a cocktail, but it's also a fantastic time to get out there and get your home in tip-top shape.

September, October and early November are the calmest months on the island, with the least likelihood of high winds, rain or the calimas we've seen so much of this year.

And those calimas mean that plenty of houses could use a clean, even if its only a hose-down. With summer holidays over, it's the ideal time of year to get back down to the business of looking after your property.

In many cases that'll mean a fresh lick of paint – Lanzarote's white houses look fantastic when they're spanking new, but not so great when stains and smears accumulate. Paint dries fast



on Lanzarote, but autumn is still the time when your new coat of paint is least likely to be spoiled by airborne dust. It's also much more pleasant to work in the mellow heat than the scorching heat of summer.

While you're at it, you might as well consider waterproofing. "Fix the roof while the sun shines" is such a good piece of common sense that it's become a saying. And believe us, you do not want to find out that you're home is leaking when one of Lanzarote's rare but intense rainstorms happens.

Doors, windows and other fittings will all benefit from a revision, and now's the time to take a look at driveways, patios and other areas that see a lot of wear.

You can do all this yourself, of course, but it'll take time and skills that you may have to learn as you go along. The other solution is to hire the professionals to get it done for you – they'll get it done right, no worries, and you can get back to the important matter of that cocktail on the balcony.



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Growing on the rock

Lanzarote's farming techniques have extracted food and wine from hostile, dry conditions for centuries. Their use of natural elements demonstrates an ingenuity and adaptation that all gardeners can learn from. Here are three of the most important techniques.



CRACKS AND CHABOCOS

When César Manrique was exploring the lava flow at Tahiche, he discovered a fig tree growing from a volcanic crack in the ground. This example of life thriving in the most

hostile conditions inspired him to create his home there, a wondrous place that is now the home of the César Manrique Foundation. The tree can still be seen, although it has long died.



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The deep fissure that Manrique discovered is a chaboco – a Canarian word of Portuguese origin for a crack or hole in solid lava. These cracks give access to the rich soil beneath the lava, as well as gathering new vegetable matter and, of course, precious water.

Chabocos exist naturally, but they have also been excavated by islanders or even dynamited in the lava crust. A wall is sometimes added to protect the tree.

CROPS FROM THE DESERT

Enarenado is a word deriving from *arena*, the Spanish word for sand, and describes the main cultivation technique in the Jable region of the island – a central belt where sand from Famara beach is slowly blown south.

The technique initially requires hard-digging to reach the soil beneath. A layer

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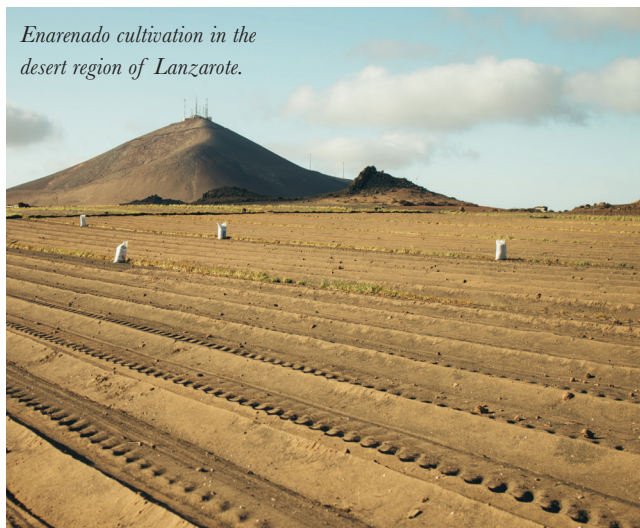
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of richer soil is then laid over this which can last for several years. A layer of manure or compost is then added and the picón and sand placed once again on top.

Ridges are often raked up or low walls built to protect the crops from the wind. This technique is responsible for Lanzarote's world-record beating sweet potatoes, as well as several other crops.

THOUSANDS OF TINY VOLCANOES

Lanzarote's system of wine growing, in which a vine is planted in a pit dug into the volcanic picón (gravel) and a horseshoe-shaped stone wall called a zoco is built to protect it from the wind, is world famous and has been praised as a marvel of ingenuity and design. But where did the idea come from?

After the volcanic eruptions of the 1730s, huge tracts of previously fertile land lay buried under volcanic ash and gravel. It's not surprising that some islanders attempted to dig down to get to this soil, but as they did so they discovered the properties of picón, which is not only full of minerals, but holds onto moisture for long periods.

The building of a wall to protect the vine from the island's strong breezes

seems to reflect the island's volcanoes themselves. Older volcanoes have long been used for cultivation as the walls of the caldera offer protection from the wind and the crater gathers moisture. Lanzarote islanders merely created thousands of small volcanoes, oriented in a way for optimum growth conditions.



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Getting busy

September is when Lanzarote's long hot summer starts to ease off. It might not seem that way – there'll still be plenty of glorious weather, but plants which usually go into shutdown over the scorching months can sense that the nights are getting shorter and the weather is getting mellow – and things start getting active again.

As a result, it's a good month to get some work done in your garden. Here are a few ideas to prepare for the next few months.



Greens

This is a great time of year to sow those winter greens that will provide sustenance in the winter months. Broccoli, cabbage, spinach, lettuce, chard, kale, cauliflowers – even Brussels sprouts are worth a try.

When you plant your seedlings out you'll need some well-prepared soil and regular watering – Lanzarote's autumn is unlikely to provide enough moisture.

Wild flowers

Later September is also a fine time to sow wild flowers.

Citrus trees still require plenty of water if you're looking for a good crop come January. Dig a trench around the tree, avoiding any roots on the surface, bank up the edges and then give it a good soaking twice a week. This will keep fruit hydrated and allow fertilisers to be absorbed.


Climbers and creepers

Climbing plants like bougainvillea will require maintenance and clipping. Cut



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out runners and fast shooters and restrict nitrogen fertilizer, as this will produce too many new shoots, and these can become a haven for aphids.

Bird watching

Many birds love this time of year, when plants and trees go to seed. You may be lucky enough (or unlucky, depending on your point of view) to have a tree full of chirping sparrows, which often gather noisily at dawn or before nightfall.



However, you should watch out for hoopoes. These beautiful birds are unmistakable with their pink colouring, their black and white barred tail, their crests and their distinctive dipping flight. They're also harmless to your garden, but if you do see them it could be a sign that you have a problem with moths and their larvae.

Touchy-feely

It's important not to let plants dry out completely in Lanzarote's early autumn, but it's also important not to overwater them. You'll soon see the results of both, but you'll only get a real idea of what's going on if you dig down and get your hands in there.

Don't just feel for moisture, though. Examine and smell the soil for signs of fungus, that may be caused by overwatering.

Washdown

Irrigation systems that supply a controlled amount of water to the roots of your plants and trees are a great idea on Lanzarote, but it's not always a great idea to rely on them. This year we've seen plenty of calimas, with airborne dust settling on any surface, and that includes leaves and flowers.

Dust prevents leaves from working to their full potential, so a good hose down every couple of weeks will help to rinse

them off and get them back to normal. Make sure you do this early in the morning or in the evening, as droplets on leaves can magnify sunlight and cause burning.

Clip, cut and harvest

Now's not a time for hard pruning. Drastic cutbacks of shrubs, grasses and trees are better kept for the later winter months, when new growth is likely to be most vigorous.

But it is a good time to ensure that plants don't get too leggy; to deadhead flowers and to harvest fruit. Help your plants along gently, but save the serious stuff for later.





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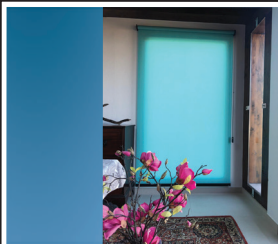
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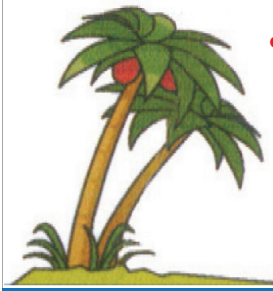
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TEGUISE MARKET

Dear Ed,

Having been coming to the island for over 40 years, the article regarding the Tegui market and the changes resonated with me.

We returned to the Island in February/March of this year, having been away for the last three-and-a-half years due to Covid restrictions and business commitments.

We decided to visit the market via bus from Puerto del Carmen - wrong move, as it's the last stop on the bus route, so we couldn't get on the bus. We opted to share a taxi, instead.

On arriving at the market we were surprised to find that there were no stalls in the town or what there was was very sparse, all concentrated in one place/square. No atmosphere as in previous years and, as last month's article stated, much the same as other markets around the island.

I'd love to see the stalls spread around the town again. That was the joy of going to Tegui market, and it's a shame it has lost that feeling. If they could get the balance right then business owners, market stall owners, and locals could benefit all round. I hope they make the change sooner rather than later.

Regards,

Janet Dooner

Ed: We loved the throng and bustle of the old street market, with its live music and interesting stalls, but it wasn't so popular with many of the people who lived there.

Tegui Ayuntamiento's Markets Councillor, Eugenio Robayna, suggests that the changes now mean that the old town of Tegui is easier to enjoy, a quiet place where visitors can still wander, popping into the shops, cafes and museums that are found there. However, it is clear that many businesses that were reliant on Sunday footfall are already suffering because of the changes.

PARKING PROBLEMS

Dear Gazette,

How are sick, elderly and disabled people expected to attend appointments at Arrecife's hospital when there is no parking? I've just dropped a disabled friend off at Consultas Externas and it took me almost 25 minutes to find a parking place on rough wasteland and walk back to help her with any language problems.

Yours,

D. Traynor

Ed: The director of the hospital recently described the parking situation as "untenable" and admitted that places have been reduced by 30% since the building of new wing in front of Emergencias. He has stated that a three-storey car park will be built on the site of the current staff parking area, almost doubling parking capacity from 447 to 817 places. Unfortunately, no date has been given for this project yet as the Health Ministry is still seeking funds.

WHERE DO THEY GO?

Hi Gazette,

After having read your news articles about the immigrant arrivals last month, I couldn't help but wonder where they go after they arrive on the island? I read on your website that hundreds have arrived on short notice.

Is there a centre where they are taken or possibly an unused hotel?

Thanks,

Richard L.

Ed: Currently, most are initially held in the camp behind the police station in Arrecife for 72 hours. Children, women and families are taken to another centre.

Later they will be moved to CIE's (Foreigner Internment Centres) on Gran Canaria, Tenerife, or the mainland. All these centres have been criticised for poor, sometimes inhumane, conditions. After claims are processed there, they may be sent back or permitted to remain. Many who stay head for the mainland if they can, where there are larger immigrant populations and more opportunities.

In future months we hope to talk to an expert regarding the issue.

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September 2022

Weather Watch

September Splendour

On 10th September, hundreds of islanders will make their way to Mancha Blanca on foot for the Romería de Los Dolores. It's a fair old hike, and pilgrims will be hoping for sunny weather with a cool breeze.

They're likely to get it, too. September sees one of the most drastic changes in Lanzarote's weather calendar, as the summer winds die down to be replaced by soft breezes and clear weather, which usually continues well into October and beyond.

It can be one of the most perfect times of year, with days of mellow warmth and absolutely gorgeous weather. After months of sunshine, the sea is at its warmest, and the end of the summer holidays means the beaches are much emptier.

So grab a big slice of watermelon, sit back and enjoy September.

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Need to Know

LOST PROPERTY

It's always stressful when important belongings go missing, and Lanzarote's no different. Here's what to do if you lose items.



REPORT THE LOSS

If you're absolutely sure that property of value is not where you left it, then you should report it to the police immediately. They'll fill out a denuncia (declaration of missing property) that will be valid for insurance claims. Reporting a loss does not involve cancellation of your passport, driving licence or ID card, which will have to be carried out later, usually when applying for a replacement.

If you've lost credit or debit cards, you'll need to cancel them as soon as possible, too. This can usually be done online.

All this is incredibly inconvenient, so you may want to make sure your search is finished first.

STAY CALM

Panicking will not help. Try and take some time to remember the last time you saw the items, and what you have done or where you have been since.

RETRACE YOUR STEPS

Ask at any places you have visited to see if items have been handed in. Airports, hotels and most businesses have protocols in place for lost property. Although police are likely to contact you if reported property is handed in, you may wish to return to the police station after a day or two to see if anything has been handed in.

Non-valuable items may not be handed in, but there's a chance they may still be around if you lost them on a beach or public place.

USE SOCIAL MEDIA

Posting an appeal on one of the island's local Facebook pages can bring results. If you're really lucky you may discover someone else has already found the item and posted it!

FOUND PROPERTY

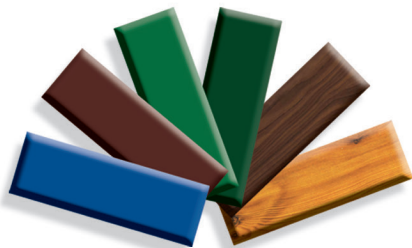
Spanish law says that it can be a crime to keep lost property of value. The law says that items should be "delivered into care of the Mayor", meaning that it should be handed in to local police. If it isn't claimed within two years, the finder is permitted to keep it.

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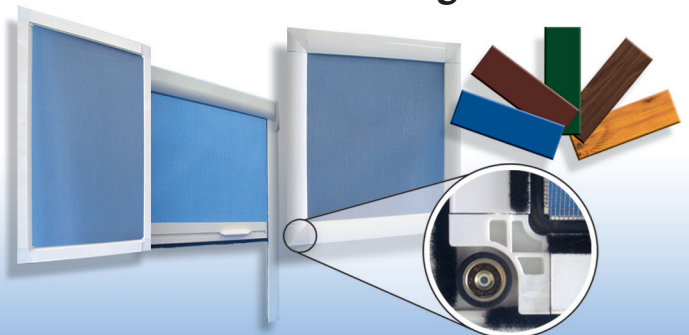


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Aries

(21 MAR - 19 APR)

Your hectic summer will end with an oasis of peace, relaxation and fun with friends or family. You'll be renewed, recharged and filled with resolve for the months ahead. Take care of health and fitness and step out into the future.

Taurus

(20 APRIL - 20 MAY)

Being alone appeals to you, Taurus, and you're also pretty good at it. But never forget that your life is a gorgeous, chaotic patchwork of people, voices, and faces. This month you need solitude and a rich social life in equal measure.



Gemini

(21 MAY TO 20 JUNE)

Stick to the rules you've laid down for yourself, Gemini, and you'll be OK for the next few months.

You may have to find cheaper ways to have fun, but you'll also realise how important friends are to you while you're laying firm foundations for the future.



Cancer

(21 JUNE TO 22 JULY)

Just because you know where you're going doesn't mean you can take your eye off the road, Cancer. Obstacles and delays will be easily avoided if you just keep your eyes open. Music is a big part of your life this month, so turn it up!



Leo

(23 JULY TO 22 AUG)

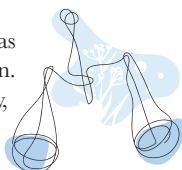
Preparation is important this month, Leo. There's no point running at top speed if you haven't fastened your shoelaces. Make sure everything's in place before your big moment – then go for it and leave your competitors standing.



Libra

(23 SEPT TO 22 OCT)

Experimentation is the key this month, Libra. Try new ideas and approaches in as many aspects of your life as you can. You'll learn from your mistakes but, more importantly, you'll discover some amazing new experiences and gain real pleasure and enjoyment.



Virgo

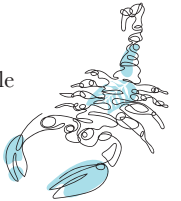
(23 AUG TO 22 SEPT)

Recognition will come your way this month, Virgo, and not just at work, where you've quietly been excelling. You'll hear praise from someone you didn't expect, and it's so exciting it may put you off your stride for a while. Stay calm and stay cool.

Scorpio

(23 OCT TO 21 NOV)

Time to try a little tenderness, Scorpio. You'll be in a gentle and affectionate mood this month, and your kindness and generosity is more than likely to be reciprocated by someone you'll be very happy indeed to get to know a little better.



Sagittarius

(22 NOV TO 21 DEC)

You should make sure you're in good enough shape for what's likely to be a demanding but unforgettablely eventful month, Sagittarius. Changes are coming, and you need to be in the right physical and mental state of mind to make them work.



Capricorn

(22 DEC TO 19 JAN)

You've got energy to burn this month, Capricorn, so take a moment to plan how you're going to put it to good use. That means getting stuff done around the home and/or garden as well as getting out there in the sunshine and having active fun.



Aquarius

(20 JAN - 18 FEB)

You have a few loose ends to tie up, Aquarius, people you need to chat with, issues that need to be settled - then you can relax a little and enjoy the gloriously mellow end of the summer with friends you love and trust.



Pisces

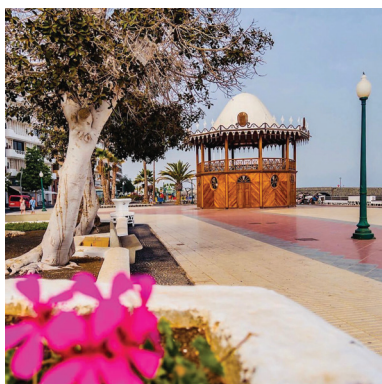
(19 FEB - 20 MAR)

Injustice makes you angry, Pisces, and this month you'll feel the need to fight against it. Go for it, but make sure you stay focused and don't get distracted towards other, less relevant matters. A few well-chosen words are better than a chaotic rant.



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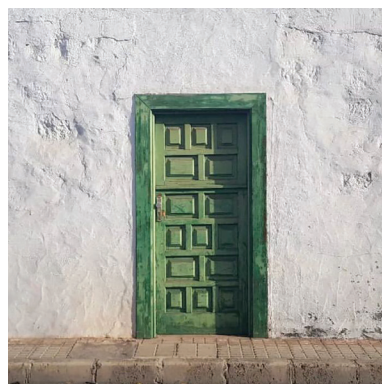
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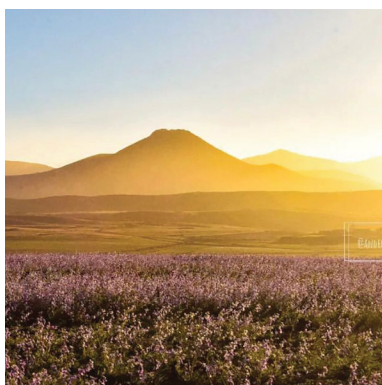
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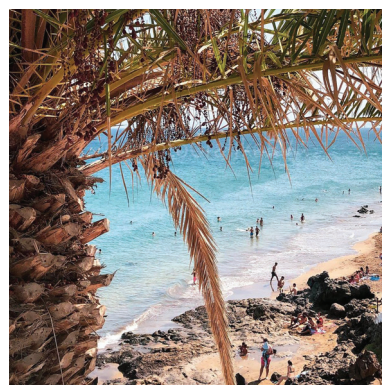
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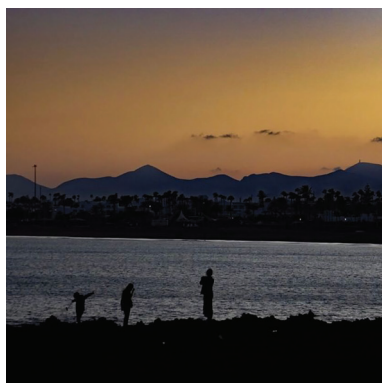
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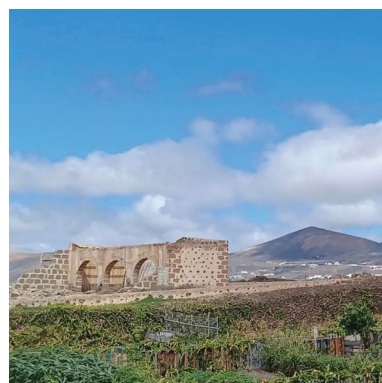
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