



**5 Routes
along the trails
of the municipality
of Santa Lucía**



**Ayuntamiento
SANTA LUCIA**

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Recommendations

The following suggestions are made in order to guarantee the best possible use of the walks:

- The best time of year to do the walks is from October to May, or else in September and June, in terms of weather conditions, except for windy days (S or SW winds) in winter when the rain may be torrential, and also in terms of the specific climatic conditions of the area itself and also of the island in general (high daytime temperatures and excessive sunshine).

- Wear appropriate clothing for walking (comfortable and suitable for the time of year). Use walking boots and take a stick, a hat, sunscreen and a first aid kit. Other optional items to make the walk more enjoyable include binoculars, maps, a compass and a camera.

- You should not carry a heavy load, although it is essential to take a good supply of water and energy-providing food.

- We recommend following the indications on the walkways (piles of stones that indicate the way), so as not to leave the paths, both for your own safety and to avoid damaging the environment.

- Respect the environment. You should not remove anything (plants, stones, animals). and of course not leave anything behind either (rubbish).

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Salt Trade Route

from Santa Lucía to Sardina

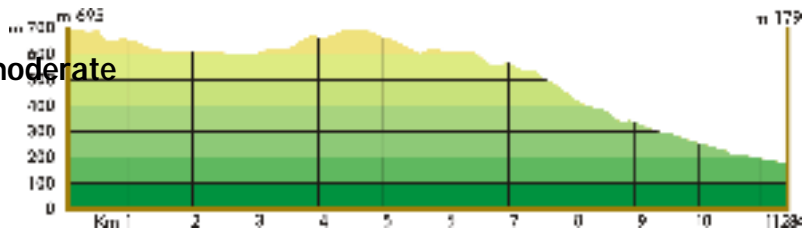
Length:

11.35 km

Duration:

4'30 h.

Difficulty: moderate



This route was used in olden times to travel from the urban center of Santa Lucía and the higher part of the municipality, right to the coast.

It is known as the Salt Trade Route because after crossing through the urban areas

and tomato crops of the coastal area, it continues until the Tenefé salt marshes are reached. Salt was precisely one of the most interesting products that the coast

The trail leaving road CC285.



could offer the inhabitants of the mid-level lands and summits that used this path to descend.

This route starts at the **Santa Lucía Park**, taking the road to the left in the direction of **Vecindario**, reaching the **Hao Museum** and encountering **calle Juan Del Río Ayala** right in front of the same, where we continue to the left when this street finishes, finding a cement path with stones that we follow until we reach a crossing, where we turn left until we reach a cement road that we walk along for about 100 meters. Once we reach this point we can observe two iron covers to the left, which are the water distribution corner units. Two paths part from this point, and we take the one to the left, which branches off about 100 meters along the path where we turn right

through the center of a small mountain. To the left we can observe the picturesque neighborhood of **Las Lagunas** and we descend towards the paved road to cross it, with the path continuing behind a large road sign. The path along this new span runs right through stone walls, and once we reach a crossing we take the path to the left in the direction of the road, passing right in front of the cemetery, continuing along the paved road until we reach a path that runs about 50 meters in parallel fashion to the general road. Prior to reaching a solitary house on a turn there is a crossing, where we take the one to the left, crossing the general road and then taking a path that has a slight ascent, leaving the house

The trail surrounds the Majadal Peak.



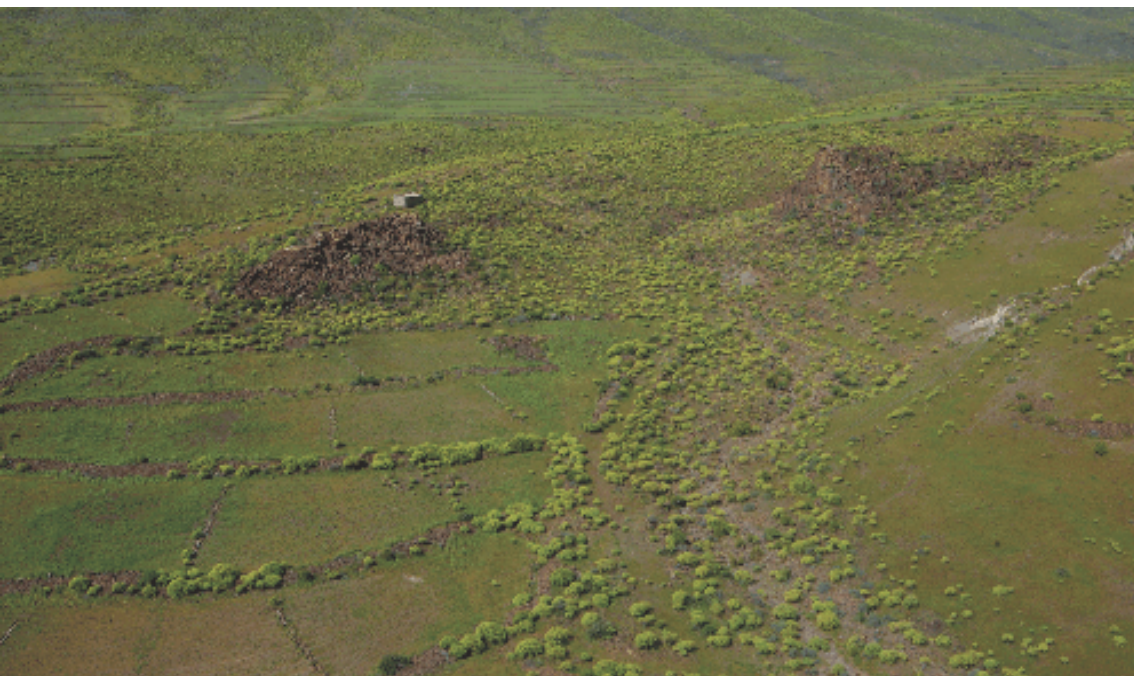
known as **Mariquita Antonia** to the right and with a view of the **Ansite Fortress** in the background. We then follow this path until we encounter a ravine that we climb in part until we reach an iron pipe. From here we take the path that is found to the right, which is a cobble-stoned path. Just after starting it there is a slight descent that passes through several constructions and we follow the path along a dirt road. When we reach a crossing we take the path to the right, continuing along this wider path for about 1 kilometer until a series of farmyards are reached, which we pass from behind in the direction of a mountain that is found to the left, along the edge of a ravine. A small path is found at this point that surrounds the **Majadal Peak**. Once we walk around it we can observe the plains of **Vecindario**, and almost right at the end of the descent we follow a piping span covered in stone. We cross the general road twice, and once the same flattens out we continue along the paving until we reach a turn that has

the entrance to an estate to the left and a wonderful majestic tree to the right. This is where a path that is accompanied by a stone wall starts, path that then turns into a road reaching its end at the **Sardina Cemetery**, rectangular construction that can be seen from quite a distance.



Top: Wild Tabaibas blossom along the entire route.

Bottom: last span of the trail in the El Cardón area.



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Route of the Fortress

from Santa Lucía to Ansite
along La Sorrueda

Length:

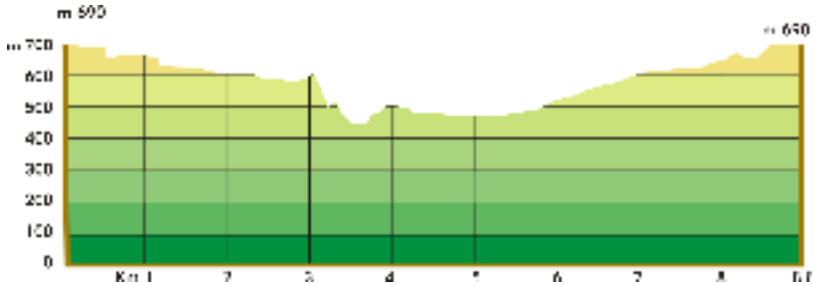
8,93 km.

Duration:

3 hours

Difficulty:

minimum



This route starts at the **Santa Lucía Park**, taking the road on the left in the direction of **Vecindario**, reaching the **Hao Museum** where we find the street **Juan del Río Ayala** right in front, continuing along said

street until it finishes, then taking an existing cement-cobbled path that we have to follow until we reach a crossing, where we

La Sorrueda neighborhood and reservoir.



turn left until we reach a cement road, following it along a span of 100 meters. Once we reach this point two iron covers can be observed to the left, which are two water distribution corner units. Two paths part from this point, and we take the one to the left, which branches off about 100 meters along the path where we turn right through the center of a small mountain. To the left we can observe the picturesque neighborhood of **Las Lagunas** and we descend towards the paved road to cross it, with the path continuing behind a large road sign. The path along this new span runs right through stone walls, and once we reach a crossing we take the path to the left in the direction of the road, passing right in front of the cemetery, continuing along a path to the extreme left that is not very visible and that runs under the electricity and telephony mains. To the right we again take the paved road in the direction

of **La Sorrueda**. About 250 meters further along we can observe a small white roofless construction on the margin of the road,



Top: Bejeques are present in the higher part of the municipality, top the Aeonium percarneum variety. Bottom, the Ansite Fortress with the trail visible on the right.



which is the point where a path starts that we are to take, leading to a small mountain and electrical tower on the right. When the turn in the road finishes, we find a fenced estate that we follow in parallel fashion, turning left at the end of the fence in the direction of a concrete electrical tower. At this point the path that comes from **Ingenio** leading to **La Sorrueda** joins the road we are walking on. Continuing along the path to the left of the mentioned construction, in the direction of another series of constructions, which are crossed by a path, about 50 meters further along we find a crossing where we turn left, and another ten meters further along we take another left, passing through the middle of two constructions, then going towards a small abandoned house and taking the path found behind the same we continue in the direction of a paved road that can be seen. We follow this road in the direction of a huge solitary crag

that is the **Ansite Fortress**. When we reach the grand esplanade of land we can see a path on the right margin that leads to a cave, which we cross, exiting through the back of the mountain where a deep ravine can be observed along with the **Titaña** Crag to the right. To the left there is a path that borders this crag and which once again directs us to the esplanade, where at the end of the path we find a small reddish colored crag right in front where the path we have to take to the cemetery that we passed beforehand once again starts. There is a cross towards the middle of this span, which links with the **Salt Trade Route** if we take it to the right.

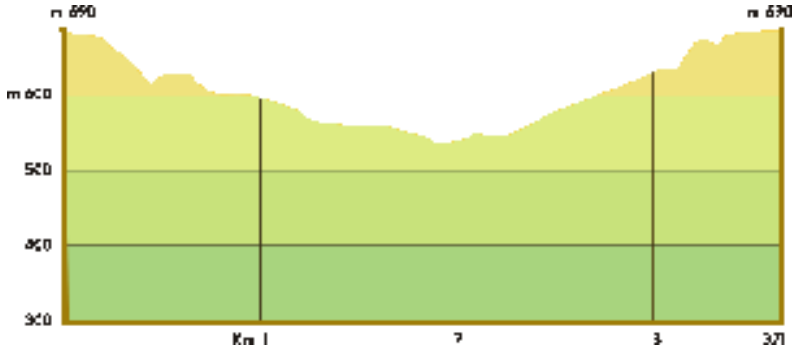
The return path borders along the so-called Fortaleza Chica (Small Fortress).





Route of El Ingenio

Length:
3,66 km.
Duration:
1'30
Difficulty:
minimum



Starting from the **Santa Lucía Park** we take the road to the right and at about 50 meters, alongside a restaurant, we take a cement road that we find to the left and continue along a dirt road in the direction of the

bottom of the ravine. Along this span the **Casa del Roquete** can be observed at the top of the mountain. To the right, almost

Pond close to the path exit and a view of the area of La Rueda.



at the end of this span, we can observe a beautiful palm grove and an ancient well almost behind these trees. We then reach



**Top: Rush Broom (*Chamaecytisus proliferus*) dots the island's dividing walls.
Bottom: the trail with a panoramic view of El Ingenio.**

a cement road and turning left the cement span finishes about 100 meters further along, then turning into a dirt track again, and once this path finishes a traditional house can be observed to the right, in front of the road, with another dirt path to the left of the construction, which has an important difference in level descending until another dirt road is reached, which we continue along towards the left until we find another cement path. This path leads us to an artificial water lagoon, which is the water treatment plant. At the extreme end of this facility a dirt path leads downwards, encountering a small access about 25 meters along the way and to the left with an iron pipe that accompanies us in parallel fashion until a small pond is reached, where we turn left at its extreme end. We then walk alongside an irrigation ditch until we reach a larger pond. We then



encounter a new road that we take to the left until we reach the paved road that we have to follow downwards until we reach a sharp turn to the right, which is where a new cement path starts with houses on both sides. 25 meters before finding a solitary house known as the House with a View (the path that joins routes 2-3 starts just after the façade of this house is passed, that is to say, the Route of El Ingenio with the Route of the Fortress), we have to take the trail to the right that leads us to the bottom of the **Tirajana Ravine** where we can observe several water mills along the length of its bank. To return to the village along this route we simply take the path back until we reach the water treatment plant, where we ascend following the cement road along the right of the ravine for about 350 meters, where just before reach-

ing the turn an iron cover can be observed on the ground just to the left, which is the point where a small cement wall is found right in front with another path that leads upwards starting right on the other side, and following this path on its first branching we take the path to the right that leads to the neighborhood of **La Montañeta**, where we can observe the houses along a lovely cobble-stoned street that leads to the **Calle Juan del Río Ayala**, accessing the general street from here if we walk upwards to the right, where we finally turn left to once again reach the Park.

Watermills in the Tirajana ravine.



2 3

Route 2 and 3 Unified Routes that connect El Ingenio and La Sorrueda.

Total length of routes 2 and 3:

9,23 Km.

Total duration of rutas 2 and 3:

3'30 h.

Difficulty:

minimum



With this path our idea is to join the *Route of El Ingenio* with the *Route of the Fortress*. If we start the route from *Ingenio* we have to pass right in front of the mentioned House with a View, where we immediately find a branching that we have to take to the left where we can start to see the ending point of the *Sorrueda Reservoir*.

We walk along a trail with an iron pipe to the side, which in principle starts to get flatter until we reach a descent from where a span of the cobble-stoned path can be observed. When this span finishes we find that the path is fenced on both sides, and we continue along the same until we reach a dirt road that we have to ascend in a leftward direction. This road leads to *La Huertecilla*, which is a neighborhood of *La Sorrueda*, where a paved road starts, encountering an electricity tower to the right about 200 meters further along. This is where the path links with the *Route of the Fortress*.

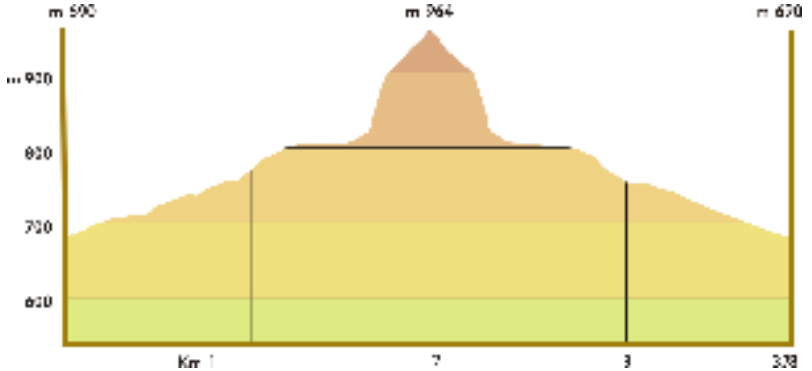
The track between Ingenio and La Sorrueda in the area of El Cabrito, seen from the area neighboring La Sorrueda.



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Route of the Cross of the Century.

Length:
3.87 km
Duration:
2'45 h.
Difficulty:
moderate



The path starts at the *Santa Lucía Park*, which we cross to then go behind the stage from where a paved road parts that we take, continuing along this road until we see branching where we turn to the

right in the direction of the neighborhood of *El Valle*. Once in this neighborhood the second construction we observe to the left

Aerial view of the neighborhood of El Valle.



are the mills, one used to produce *gofio* (flour made of sweet corn and other grains) (in ruins) and the other for the production of oil, which has been recently rehabilitated, and we then continue along the cobble-stoned streets of this picturesque neighborhood, at the end of which we find a wide dirt path that we take until it starts to narrow alongside a two-story house. Once we reach this point we take the path behind this house, which is an up-winding cement path. When we reach its highest point we can observe a construction to the right consisting in a two-story building covered in stone and another twelve cabins that are also covered in stone, which is the Nature Classroom. We then take a dirt road in the direction of a mountain, observing a cross on its summit, which is called the *Cruz del Siglo* (Cross of the Century). Continuing we leave a small construction right behind us to the left and then another to the right, which

are water distribution corner units. We then follow this road until we reach a sharp turn



Top: the Tower of Jewels, which can be observed along our trails, is one of the Island's emblematic plants. A White Tower of Jewels in the photograph, (*Echium decasnei*).

Bottom: view of the climb up to the Cruz del Siglo (Cross of the Century) seen from the Nature Classroom.



where a path starts to the left that reaches the summit of this mountain. About 110 meters after starting the path there is an exit to the right, along which we can access the *Cueva de la Luna* (Moon Cave), although keeping in mind that access is rather difficult, and if we continue along the left we reach the cross. Once on the summit of the mountain to the right we can observe the cross and the access path to the hill that is found right behind the same. Marvelous panoramic views can be enjoyed from this point where the cross is found, given that almost all of the neighborhoods of *Santa Lucía de Tirajana* can be seen from this point.

We can take the same path to return, however, when we reach the first corner unit, which is now to our left, we take a small path that leads down to a cement trail that we have to take in a downward direction, passing through

the *Tederas Viewpoint*. We then encounter a crossing, taking the right-hand path in the direction of a small neighborhood in which all the constructions are identical. When we reach this urban area, after a sharp drop we reach a crossing, with a stop sign, where we turn right and continue along a road that leads us to the higher part of the village. The cobble-stoned area starts right at the point where we find the first houses, area that then leads us to *Calle Leopoldo Matos* where we turn right until we reach the Municipal Park, which is the point where we have started our route.

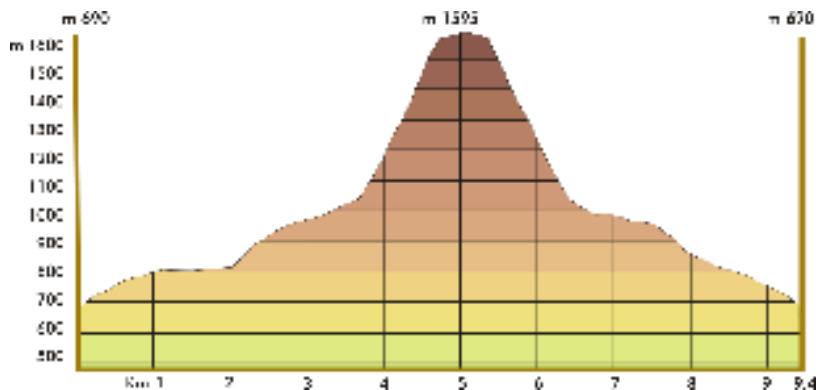
The Cruz del Siglo with a view of the urban center of Santa Lucía.



5

Route of the Giant's Tomb

Length:
9,73 km
Duration:
4'30 h.
Difficulty:
high



aving the Santa Lucía Park, we cross through the same until we reach the back of the stage, where we turn left along the road until we find a yellow two-story house with a wooden balcony; the begin-

ning of the Madrid path along which we have to climb is found alongside this house.

Urban center of Santa Lucía with the first span of the route in the upper part to the



As we climb and before reaching the cross we encounter a first signpost that indicates a turn to the left in the direction of La Calderilla.

Always following the signposts we continue the path in the direction of La Calderilla, finding a dirt path along one of the spans that climbs up from El Roquete. We again continue along the path about 100 meters until we reach an area known as El Fiallo, which is a pleasant plateau dotted with fruit trees, after which we see two constructions, to the left a yellow-colored house and to the right another construction of blocks.

We again take the path right behind the yellow construction, then continuing along a span of dirt path and once again taking the path we follow the signposts in the direction of La Calderilla.

The path runs between stone walls and a metallic fence that belongs to an estate. We then reach a cement road that climbs up from Taidía, and continuing along the same we reach the last dwelling, a two-story construction, where the road ends and La Calderilla path starts, likewise indicated by a signpost. Along this path and always going upwards we will enjoy spectacular panoramic views of Taidía and San Bartolomé de Tirajana, finally reaching the Alto de Pajonales. This is where we start a winding climb through what is known as the Vueltas de Taidía to then reach a bare rock area in which an important colony of mountain grass (*Senecio kleinia*) is to be highlighted,

The impressive rock formation known as La Sepultura del Gigante (The Giant's Tomb).



known as the Cuevas de Rompecerones, after which we reach the Sepultura del Gigante on the Western slope.

The descent takes place along the same path until a new promontory is reached, Alto de Pajonales, where we cross two ravines to the left until we find a dirt road and a path along the ravine from where we can appreciate a black-colored pipe that leads to the Zarcilla Ravine.

We cross this ravine, where we find part of the galleries corresponding to the Zarcillas Estate and we continue walking along its left bank, always following the path, along which we find five ancient Gofio mills until we reach the Neighborhood of El Mundillo.

Once there we go down the road until we again reach the back part of the stage and

the park from there.



Top: Yellow Rush Broom (*Teline microphylla*), dotting the slopes of the hills with yellow as we climb up to the summits.

Bottom: the return path borders the banks of the Zarcilla Ravine amongst date palms and ancient water mills.



Enjoy our products



In the municipality of Santa Lucía you will enjoy the possibility of tasting the gastronomy of our land, given that this area counts with many typical products that the visitor can try in the important number of establishments that make up our restaurant offer.

The Caldera de las Tirajanas is one of the areas with the most important concentration of olive trees on the island, from which very high quality olives are obtained. Since last year the municipality counts with an olive-oil mill for the production of extra virgin olive oil from Santa Lucía, the same located at El Ingenio. The Artisan Honey Industry is also found right in the same location.

Another typical product from the higher area of the Municipality is the Pan de Puño (Fist Bread) that is baked at the only Artisan Bakery (Panadería Artesanal Hermanos López López) that remains in the urban center. This industry, which still counts with its ancient wood-burning oven for baking bread, carries out the complete manufacturing process by hand, thus resulting in the bread's denomination of Pan de Puño. A delicious maize sponge cake is also elaborated.

Mantecados (lard-based typical Christmas sweet) are also a symbol of distinction in this municipality's confectionary

tradition, representing a sweet of grand tradition in the higher part of the municipality, with its recipe having been transmitted from generation to generation, the same currently prepared in four bakeries found in the municipality's urban center (Panadería Artesanal Hmnos. López López, Panificadora López Rubio, Panadería Santa Lucía, Panadería Ángel López Ramírez). As indicated by its name, pork lard is found amongst its ingredients, with the remaining ingredients being a zealously guarded secret. This sweet is produced in the wintertime and it is one of the most demanded products for the Christmas festivities, the same served as a typical desert.

The Mejunje de Ventura holds an outstanding place amongst the beverage offer to be found, representing a traditional beverage that is elaborated in Santa Lucía. Its production takes place in a winery that is property of Mr. Ventura González, in the neighborhood of Las Lagunas, winery that can be visited and where we can taste the famed Mejunje. As is the case with the Mantecados, the ingredients of the Mejunje are a well-guarded secret, although some of the ingredients that are known are rum, honey and aromatic herbs.

The municipality also counts with a diverse offer of wines produced in the area's vineyards. There are three wineries in the municipality: Bodegas Ansite, located in Sardina del Sur, which bottles its own wines under the Gran Canaria Denomination of Origin. Bodegas El Cardón and Bodega Las Carboneras, both located in the same places as their names indicate.

There is also an excellent production of typical cheeses in the municipality, given that currently four dairies exist where the diverse varieties are obtained: Quesería- Ganadería Melián, located in Sardina del Sur. Quesería Tamara del Pino, located in the Tirajana Ravine. Quesería El Buen Pastor, located in Casa Pastores. Quesería El Zurrón, located on the Verdugo Estate.





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