

LA PALMA - HOME OF THE VOLCANOES



La Palma is one of the frequented Canary Islands where thousands of holidaymakers come each year to recharge their batteries. Not many people realize, the island is a hiking paradise and thanks to its volcanic origin, offers astonishing scenery and lots of mountaineering challenges.

The Canary Islands belong to the most attractive and popular destinations for European holidaymakers. Local resorts lure thousands of visitors and for many the islands represent the ideal of a peaceful, 'lazy' holiday.

Not many travelers realize that thanks to the volcanic origin of the archipelago, local terrain is a dream-come-true for hiking and walking enthusiasts. La Palma, a Spanish Island often called "La Isla Bonita" (the beautiful island) features a challenging terrain and local Ruta Del Volcanos offers a fantastic walk around the island volcanoes.

The wonderful natural setting offers unrivalled vistas and makes every walk a unique experience. La Palma features spectacular landscapes; **the highest peak on the island, El Roque de los Muchachos (2426 m) often attracts many hikers.** Local astronomical observatory lures many international visitors as well. Those who would find a climb to its peak too challenging may reach it by car most of the year.

The network of walking trails is well described in Walk! La Palma. One of the local highlights is the Los Tilos walk. It is rather challenging and leads through 13 tunnels, and many point out number 12, wet inside, resembles a power-shower. An absolute must for any hiking fan visiting La Palma is the famous Ruta del los Volcanos. It is a long distance path with fabulous views all round.

There are regular charter flights from many European countries as well as a reliable ferry connection to Tenerife.

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