

## Walk 14 - The Santa Lucia Circle via Rosiana and Ansite



This is a super 5 hour walk (Grade 6) around the most attractive town in the south of Gran Canaria. The walk has a maximum 600 metres of fairly easy ascent and descent, and takes you through some super rural countryside. Santa Lucia is a county town, and has many old houses and farms, and is still an active agricultural town. The circular route takes you out of the town past many small farms, with fantastic views down the Tirajana valley, then towards an interesting man made lake, La Sorreuda, and to a pre Hispanic natural monument, Ansite, and then back to Santa Lucia by a different route. Sections 9 and 12 of the walk are often rather overgrown, long trousers are recommended there.

The start of the walk is the church plaza in Santa Lucia, this can be reached by car, following the GC 60 from San Fernando to San Bartolome and then turning right on the GC 65 to Santa Lucia, the drive takes just over an hour. The start can also be reached by the Global bus services 18 and 34. No. 18 leaves at 08.00 and runs from Maspalomas to San Bartolome arriving at 09.00, then the No.34 from San Bartolome to Santa Lucia, the 09.30 bus arrives in Santa Lucia at about 09.50.

**Santa Lucia is approx 690 metres above sea level. 27.54.750 North 15.32.500 West**

1:- There are shops in Santa Lucia if you need supplies, also if you arrived by bus the main bus stop is outside bar Guatiboa, so you would need to walk back the way the bus travelled for about 200 metres. **From the plaza beneath the church head N.E. away from the main road**, through a nice park, which does have public toilets, **then turn right onto Calle Leopoldo Matos walking uphill for about 100 metres. You must then turn left onto Calle Baldomero Argente**, this is a super street with many old houses some of which are tastefully restored, 3 minutes later bear right at a Y junction, and in under 10 minutes you find you are on Calle Taginaste. **At the junction opposite the road sign bear left up a few steps onto a small plaza, continue uphill on a small road, follow a wooden sign for El Palmeral del Valle**, and a few metres later **turn right uphill N.E. at the wooden sign for La Aula de Naturalesa**. 3 minutes later **turn left uphill North onto a concrete road which will take you up to the Aula, 5 minutes later ignore a footpath on your right signposted to Cruz de Siglo**. The building you then come to is La Aula de Naturalesa, also known as Las Tederas, this is like an outward bound / education centre for local children, it has taken you about 20 minutes from the car park.

**Santa Lucia Church**



**Near the Aula de Naturalesa**



**Approx walking time 20 minutes, Altitude approx 800m. 27.54.830 North 15.32.020 West**

### The Oasis at Mundillo



2:- **Keep straight on past the Aula, heading north**, until you come to a large junction. There is a sign here for Camino Rural La Adeje, there is a chain across the track ahead of you, **there are footpaths on both sides of the chain, your footpath heads downhill to the left of the chain. Follow this narrow footpath downhill through some fields to a dirt road, where you must turn right uphill**. 10 minutes after the large junction, **turn left in front of a nice house, head West on a footpath**, following the line of a small metal water tube. 3 minutes later you descend to El Mundillo on a super paved steep downhill path (GPS N 27.55.020 W 15.32.200), **at a yellow house with green garage doors, No.7, bear right, follow this track over a small barranco, bearing right N.W.** up towards some pink walls, as you walk under a natural canopy into a super Oasis of palm trees, this is a great shady place for a picnic stop, about 15 minutes from the Aula.

**Approx walking time 35 minutes, Altitude approx 770m. 27.55.050 North 15.32.220 West**

3:- **Continue Northwards through the Oasis, then head uphill N.E. for 5 minutes when you must turn sharp left at a Y junction (GPS N 27.55.150 W 15.32.290) Head West, follow this path until you came to a small barranco, the path is a little unclear in places here but continue on the right hand side of the dry stream heading N.W. until you come to a clear crossing at a large stone cairn (GPS N 27.55.14 W 15.32.390), and then follow the line of an old chain link fence. There are some wooden signposts for the PR GC 30 which would take you from Santa Lucia to Pico de las Nieves.** Shortly you come to a dirt track, turn right for a few metres then **follow a clear signposted footpath on your left, which will contour across the hillside in a N.W. direction.** In many places the track and footpath are parallel, continue until you reach a junction on top of a hill, about 35 minutes from the Oasis. The footpath on your right is signposted to La Calderilla, PR GC 30 and would take you to the highest point on the island.

### View south from above Santa Lucia



**Approx walking time 1 hr 10 mins, Altitude approx 860m. 27.55.470 North 15.32.900 West**

### End of walk totals

**Approx walking time 5 hr 00 mins, Altitude approx 690m. 27.54.750 North 15.32.500 West**

**Approx length 18 Km, Ascent and Descent 600 metres**

**GPS Co-ordinates use WGS 84 as the Datum Rambling Roger Grade 6**