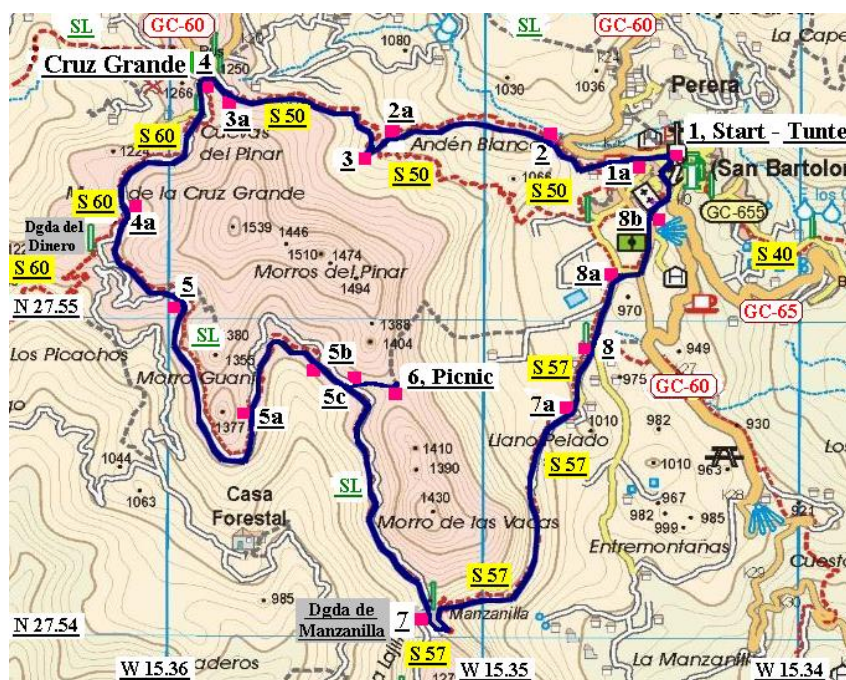


## Walk 7 - The San Bartolome (Tunte) Triangle - South East

This is a great 4 hour 30 walk (Grade 6) around the county town of San Bartolome. You leave the town by ascending parallel to an interesting valley, then join a well-constructed Camino Real. You then walk through a forest with great views South and West. You descend by a different route with some stunning views into the Fataga valley. You then pass a few farms before descending back to the town itself.

This walk can be done by the Global Bus Service No.18 or by car. The best buses to use are the 08.00 or 09.30 from Maspalomas, the only other departure is at 11.00. You will be in San Bartolome an hour later. The return buses are at 14.00 and 18.00. It is not a long drive to San Bartolome, you take the **GC 60** North from San Fernando pass through Fataga, and then **park in the centre of San Bartolome**, there is a free public car park just after the Church, a drive of about 40 minutes from San Fernando. The bus stop is opposite the car park, near the Church. **The buses in bold are Daily**, the others only run Monday to Friday.

**Your route on the map is marked in Blue.**



**San Bartolome (Tunte) is approx 880 metres above sea level : GPS 1 N 27° 55.530' W 15° 34.410'**

### The Church in San Bartolome



### Leaving San Bartolome



**1:-** This walk starts at the entrance to the car park, which is opposite the bus stop, in front of an abandoned rural hotel, on the **GC 60**. You turn left towards the Church, then bear right past the bank, Caja Canarias, then turn first right uphill in front of Bar de Romeria. A minute later turn right onto Calle Rosal, notice the interesting village laundrette on your left, with some local information, then the local butchers (Carnaceria) and just before a junction a counter service ironmongers. Turn left onto the road, the **GC 60**, and a minute later notice a **small picnic area ahead of you**, Merendero El Algarrobero. (GPS 1a N 27° 55.520' W 15° 34.530') Take the rocky steps up to the picnic area, zig-zag uphill to then walk South West above and parallel to the **GC 60** on an often overgrown, but very nice footpath. There maybe a small amount of scrambling needed here. After just over 5 minutes on this delightful path, at a corner bear right, and continue round a rocky bend uphill following various water tubes. Here you can still see a little damage from a serious wildfire fire in the of Summer 2007. Bear right to descend to a T junction near a barranco.

**Approx walking time 20 minutes : Altitude approx 910 m : GPS 2 N 27° 55.570' W 15° 34.780'**



**2:- Turn left here, head West to follow a wider path that runs parallel to the barranco which is on your right.** You will soon pass some abandoned caves, shortly afterwards take a left fork before a small green gate to zig zag uphill, several stone cairns help your navigation here. Bear right past an old concrete wall and continue up past a large pine tree (See the photo opposite). Your clear path, which is often covered with pine cones, then ascends quite steeply heading N.W. and parallel to the barranco. Take time to notice an isolated small farm on the other side of the valley. In about 15 minutes you pass a ruined house with some abandoned terraced fields. A couple of minutes later take a left fork and continue to ascend, and after about 20 minutes fork right near some more abandoned fields. Here you again zig zag uphill to an area of barren rock, bear right towards a chain link fence which surrounds an old water tank. **(GPS 2a N 27° 55.590' W 15° 35.290')** Continue uphill West, then a minute later bear left to follow a water channel, carved out of the rock, that heads S.W. and follow it for about 5 minutes until you reach a much wider path.

An alternative start to this walk is to follow the signposted **S 50** from San Bartolome town centre to **GPS point 3a**. This option is easier to navigate but not as interesting.

### Heading up the Barranco



**Approx walking time 1 hr 00 mins : Altitude approx 1110m : GPS 3 N 27° 55.520' W 15° 35.370'**

### Cruz Grande



**3:- Turn right West** here onto a well reconstructed Camino Real, you soon start to ascend and get great views on your right across the mountains under Pico de las Nieves. There are a few yellow arrows here to confirm your route which is actually the **S 50 to Cruz de Tejada**. After about 15 minutes on this Camino Real you come to a T junction. **(GPS 3a N 27° 55.710' W 15° 35.810')** Turn left here and head up the dirt track for about 5 minutes until you reach a main road, this is the **GC 60**, turn left (with care) and walk through the cutting to come out at a junction with great views over the centre of the island, this is Cruz Grande, about 30 minutes from **GPS point 3**

**Approx walking time 1 hr 30 mins : Altitude approx 1230m : GPS 4 N 27° 55.770' W 15° 35.890'**

**4:- Turn left to ascend on concrete, this route is signposted S 60 to Chira and Degollada del Dinero.** Head South West and you soon pass an information board on your right, then just after a water tank bear left at another signpost for the **S 60 to Chira**. Your route is now a forestry road, a couple of minutes later you step over a chain by a wooden sign for 'Cruz Grande Rutas Rurales'. Follow this forestry road for another 10 minutes or so, then notice a white sign telling you that you are now entering a protected area 'Los Pilacones'. **One minute later, under 20 minutes from leaving Cruz Grande, there is a stone entrance to a footpath, on your left, also an S 60 signpost, this is where you leave the S 60 to Chira.** **(GPS 4a N 27° 55.340' W 15° 36.130')** Take this footpath, with a yellow finger post, that heads South and rises above the forestry road for much better views down to the South coast etc. Continue on this footpath until it re-joins the forestry road again, take care on the descent it is quite slippery in places. You are back on the forestry road about 35 minutes from Cruz Grande **GPS point 4**.

There is a map of the main signposted walks in this area at Cruz Grande, as well as an information board.

### Leaving the S 60 - GPS point 4a



**Approx walking time 2 hr 05 mins : Altitude approx 1260m : GPS 5 N 27° 55.050' W 15° 35.960'**



## Walk 7 - San Bartolome (Tunte) Triangle (Cont.)

### Path to the Picnic Spot **GPS point 5c**



**5:- Turn left on the forestry road and head South.** In just under 20 minutes you come to a stone cairn on your right.

**(GPS 5a N 27° 54.660' W 15° 35.730')**

**Take the descending path, with a yellow finger post, this footpath heads North,** the path does not look very appealing at first but soon improves. **In wet weather it is safer to continue on the forestry road, taking about 5 minutes longer.** There are a couple of rock falls to walk over with care, but this footpath cuts out a couple of long bends on the forestry road. After the rock falls your path improves and winds its way around the hills to re-join the forestry road just over a quarter of an hour later.

**(GPS 5b N 27° 54.850' W 15° 35.520')**

**Turn right, head South East,** but a minute or so later notice a stone cairn on your left.

**(GPS 5c N 27° 54.800' W 15° 35.450')**

**Take this uphill footpath to the top of the hill, which is just over 5 minutes.** You have to step over a couple of fallen trees, at the top of the hill there are some magnificent views across the Tirajana valley. **This is the best picnic spot on this walk,** about 45 minutes from **GPS point 5.**

**Approx walking time 2 hr 50 mins : Altitude approx 1270m : GPS 6 N 27° 54.780' W 15° 35.280'**

**This picnic spot is known as the Degollada de Rosiana.**

**6:- When refreshed go back down the footpath, heading West, with care, especially when passing the couple of fallen trees. Turn sharp left at the forestry road and head South East,** continue on for about 20 minutes when you come to a signposted junction with more great views. **This is the Degollada de la Manzanilla,** there are some wooden signposts for the **S 57 to Tunte and Ayagaures** here. You will follow the **S 57** all the way back to Tunte.

**The name Tunte on the signposts is the local name for San Bartolome de Tirajana.**

### View from the Degollada de la Manzanilla



**Approx walking time 3 hr 15 mins : Altitude approx 1200m : GPS 7 N 27° 54.070' W 15° 35.180'**

### Rock Formation on Descent



**7:- Turn left off the forestry road to head South East as signposted to S 57 to Tunte.** This path soon starts to wind its way downhill, take care it is rather eroded in places. The path levels out after about 15 minutes, notice an unusual water feature just before a left hand bend. Notice some great rock formations above you after this corner, your wide path now descends again. You reach a few fields, in January there can be a lot of Almond blossom in this area. **After about 40 minutes you reach another signposted junction, bear left here (GPS 7a N 27° 54.715' W 15° 34.720')** soon to pass an old farm on your right. Your surface is now concrete as you descend again, passing an attractive animal farm on your left before reaching a tarmac road, about 50 minutes from the **GPS point 7.**

**Approx walking time 4 hr 05 mins : Altitude approx 960m : GPS 8 N 27° 54.900' W 15° 34.660'**

**8:- Turn left as signposted on the S 57 to Tunte and head North** on this road for about 5 minutes, ignoring all minor turn offs. **At a Y junction signposted S 57 to Tunte bear right, (GPS 8a N 27° 55.150' W 15° 34.585')** and a couple of minutes later turn left at a T junction. **This is the GC 603,** walk on the left hand side of the road, with views over an orchard and the town sports pitch. Cross over to a footpath on the right and pass the entrance to Hotel Las Tirajanas, just after the driveway there are great views down to San Bartolome and across the Las Tirajanas valley. As signposted **continue straight onto Calle El Roque (GPS 8b N 27° 55.405' W 15° 34.470').** The road descends slightly and passes house No. 3, this house always has a nice display of plants. Turn right at a T junction to walk steeply downhill onto Calle San Juan, you are now walking on the **S 50 to Tunte.** At a Y junction bear left onto Calle Corazon de Jesus, turn right at the next junction to descend on Calle Padre Claret. A minute or so later you reach the main street between two bars, where you turn left to return to Tunte Church, car park and Bus Stop about 10 minutes from **GPS 8b.**

### Turn right down Calle San Juan



There several things of interest to visit in Tunte (San Bartolome), including a Museum behind the Church, the 4\* Hotel Las Tirajanas and a Bodega near this hotel. There are also several bars and restaurants for refreshments after your walk.

**Approx walking time 4 hr 30 mins : Altitude approx 880m : GPS 1 N 27° 55.530' W 15° 34.410'**

**Approx length 14 Km : Ascent and Descent 550 metres**

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