

Return to the main path and after a few minutes you come to a small wall on your left with two stone cairns, **turn left to cross over the wall, bear right and head South**, 5 minutes later you will arrive at a major crossroads of footpaths. Bear left here for some tremendous views from a rocky outcrop down into the Tirajana valley, the town of Santa Lucia and much more. It will have taken you about 30 minutes to reach the junction from Molino de Agua.

Approx walking time 1 hr 30 mins : Altitude approx 760 metres
GPS 4 N 27.53.580 W 15.33.620

4:- When refreshed return to the main path from the top of the hill, pass a finger post with yellow marks, head S.W. on a wide footpath clearly marked by stone cairns. This path is the **S 47 to Fataga** from Santa Lucia, it winds its way downhill for about 15 minutes, roughly running parallel to some wooden telegraph poles at first. You will see some open water tanks ahead of you. As you reach these water tanks you pass a small rubbish tip, then turn left at a junction by a cream house (No.7) signposted **S 47 to Fataga** (GPS 4a N 27.53.450 W 15.33.765). Head south downhill for a minute then bear right away from a small water channel, **and within 10 metres turn left downhill on a footpath with a yellow finger post to the main road (GC 60)**. Turn left on the road, walk downhill for under 5 minutes then turn right onto a narrow footpath (with another finger post) with concrete steps after the 3rd white house on your right, you then walk on Calle San Juan Bautista to the village church, about 30 minutes from the top of the hill.

Altitude approx 600 m GPS 1 North 27.53.250 West 15.33.840
Walking time approx 2 hours 00 mins Length Approx 5 Km
Ascent and Descent 200m

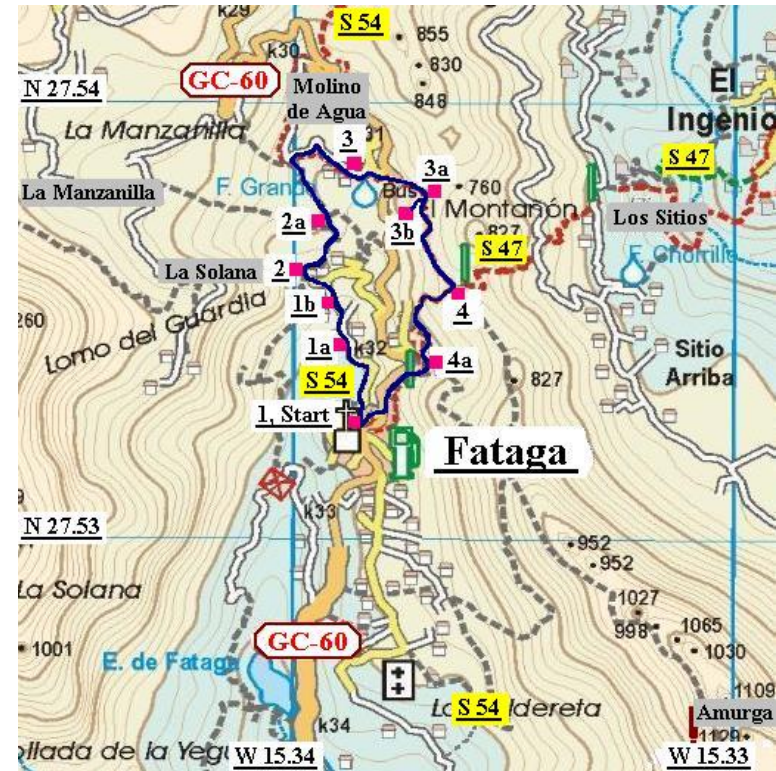


When back in the village you could turn right down Calle Maria del Pilar to explore the other streets in this small hilltop village. **The Discovery Hikers Map of Gran Canaria is available from Henrietta's Jewellery shop, near the village bakery. It is also available from the Petrol Station**
 There are several good places to stop for refreshments in the village.

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The Fataga North Circle

Your route on the map is in blue, even though this is basically an easy family type walk, care must be taken as the path quality in this area is not as good as in other parts of Gran Canaria. **Fataga is on the GC 60 approx. a 30 minute drive North from Maspalomas.**



This is a very interesting 2 hour (Grade 3) walk around one of the most attractive villages in the south of Gran Canaria. You will walk through the Fataga barranco, and see a variety of crops and fruit orchards. You will pass through the grounds of the Molino de Agua Rural hotel and restaurant. You then ascend to an excellent viewing point to see across the Barranco de Tirajana and Santa Lucia and much more. **An option is to combine the North and South Circles to produce a good figure of 8 route**

All walks are undertaken at your own risk.

Fataga is approx 600 metres above sea level
GPS 1 North 27.53.250 West 15.33.840

1:- This walk starts in front of Fataga Church; head North on Calle San Jose past a gift shop on your left, and the Church on your right. You are walking on the signposted **S 54 to Tunte**. At a junction carry straight onto Calle Los Rios to walk past an attractive Casa Rural “**Casa Rural Falcon**” on your right, continue along this concrete road heading North for a few minutes. Your concrete road bears left as you walk past some houses on your right, and some water tanks on your left. In under 10 minutes from the Church you pass house No.16 on your right, then in less than 50 metres bear left down a gravelly path (**GPS 1a N 27.53.470 W 15.33.880**) signposted **S 54 to Tunte**, to soon cross a small stream. **Continue heading North**, this area is often very overgrown with canes etc. as it is one of the few places in the South of Gran Canaria with permanent running water. A couple of minutes later you pass by the side of a broken aqueduct, you soon bear left to pass a small spring also on your left. You then ascend up the left of the barranco ignoring some steps on your right, later you go up a few concrete steps to come out at a concrete road. (**GPS 1b N 27.53.565 W 15.33.590**) You are still following the **S 54 to Tunte**, bear left uphill on concrete past a white water tank, turn left in front of some gates then bear right uphill, as signposted to continue on another path, again to the left of a barranco, which is on your right. You come out at a T junction of paths, where there are many water tubes.

Approx walking time 30 minutes : Altitude approx 660 metres
GPS 2 N 27.53.610 W 15.34.000

2:- This corner is known as La Solana. Bear right to ascend on a path heading North East with a chain link fence on your right, this path can get rather overgrown. You are following the line of a plastic water tube, about 10 minutes from La Solana bear right on a path going up away from the tube. Follow this path for 2 minutes, then turn left on a clear path and continue uphill for another minute or so and you will come to an area of open space, with an old water mill across the valley to your right. (**GPS 2a N 27.53.705 W 15.33.940**) **Head North** still signposted **S 54 to Tunte** on the wide path, and soon ignore a downhill track on your right. After 5 minutes your bear right, heading East, onto a dirt track between some Palm Trees, **this is where you leave the S 54**, and 5 minutes later you enter the grounds of the Molino de Agua. As you approach the hotel you will see animal enclosures on your left. If you wish to take refreshments here follow the signs for the restaurant and bar. It will have taken you about 30 minutes to reach the hotel from La Solana.

Water Mill near Molino de Agua



Approx walking time 1 hr 00 mins : Altitude approx 700 metres
GPS 3 N 27.53.830 W 15.33.870

If you wish to visit the water mill you can access it from the main car park at Molino de Agua, the path is slippery in places.

3:- Leave the grounds of the hotel by the main driveway, then cross the main road (GC 60) with care. Almost opposite the entrance there is a small footpath going uphill West, marked by a stone cairn, through a canopy of canes heading in an Easterly direction. Follow this overgrown and eroded path up on the left hand side of the dry stream, the path is in poor condition because of unusually heavy rainfall in a couple of recent winters. 10 minutes after crossing the **GC 60** your path bears right out of the stream bed (**GPS 3a N 27.53.800 W 15.33.690**) and improves underfoot as you continue more **gently uphill in a S.E direction**, the path here is clearly marked by stone cairns. **At the top of the hill the main path bears left, but if you bear right there are some excellent views from the top of a rocky outcrop (GPS 3b N 27.53.760 W 15.33.730).**

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