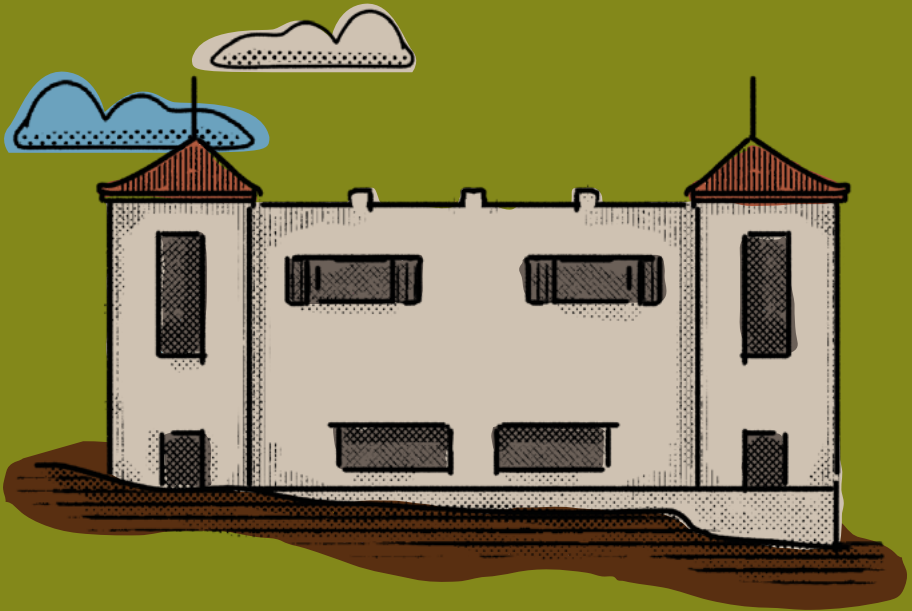


La Orotava *SlowTours*

HACIENDA PERDIDA BARROSO



INTRODUCTION

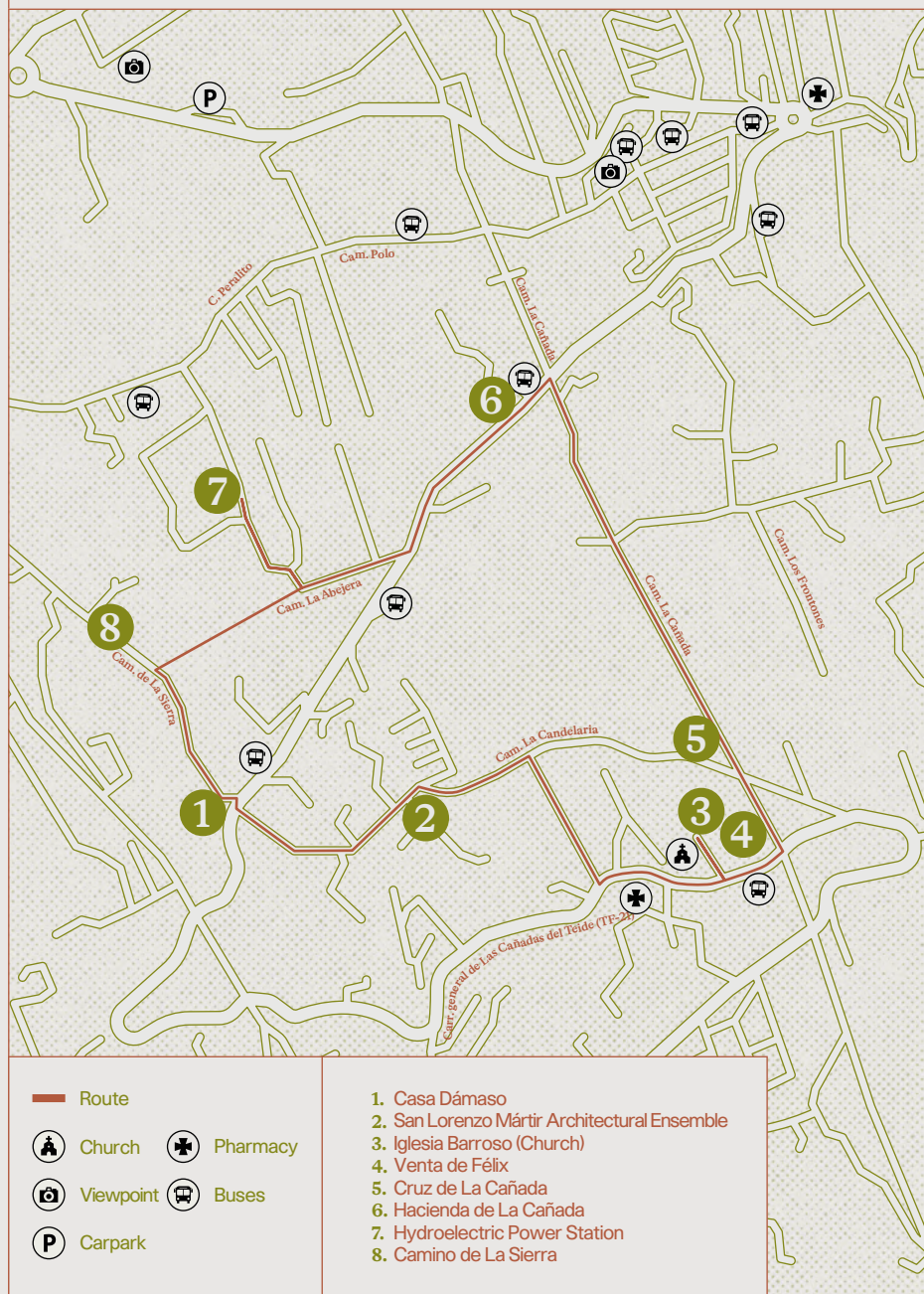
La Orotava is committed to the community development of rural areas in a more sustainable and respectful way. This city strategy involves the carrying out of several initiatives in the most isolated and unknown spots, such as the many groups of farmhouses located in the high- and mid-mountain areas (also known as medianías).

This series of self-guided itineraries —*La Orotava SlowTours*— is among the initiatives framed within the aforementioned strategy of economic, social and cultural development of rural areas. Their purpose is to serve as a useful tool to disseminate the rich natural and cultural heritage that we have in our land, in an educational and practical manner.

Each itinerary created invites us to explore seldom-visited spots in La Orotava, each with its own unique character. In these areas there are still many cultural expressions and elements of heritage value which stem, precisely, from the historic isolation they have endured. We hope that the dissemination of this information contributes to raising awareness as to the importance of rural areas in the progress of society in general.



HACIENDA PERDIDA - BARROSO



TECHNICAL DETAILS: HACIENDA PERDIDA-BARROSO TRAIL

START:

Casa Dámaso

FINISH:

Casa Dámaso

TYPE OF ROUTE:

Circular

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:

Intermediate



DISTANCE:

3.21 km

DURATION (ON FOOT):

2 hours

HIGHEST ALTITUDE:

665 m

LOWEST ALTITUDE:

507 m

POSITIVE SLOPE:

193 m

NEGATIVE SLOPE:

193 m

POSITIVE AVERAGE SLOPE:

12.7 %

NEGATIVE AVERAGE SLOPE:

-14.2 %

MODALITY:

On foot. By car in all sections of the trail except for the section between the road known as Camino La Candelaria and the main road, Carretera General TF-21.

HOW TO GET THERE:

From Casa Dámaso, no. 108 on the main road, Carretera General TF-21.

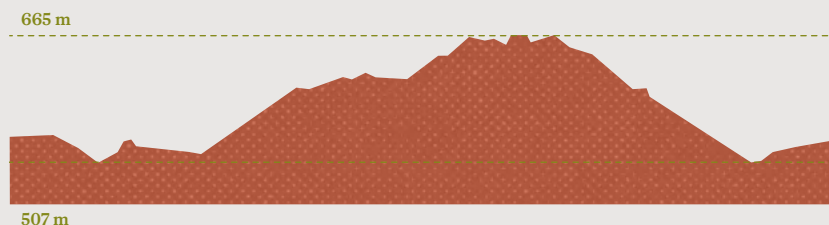
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NEARBY PUBLIC CAR PARK:

On Camino La Candelaria.

TRAIL PROFILE:



CITY OF LA OROTAVA





WELCOME TO

HACIENDA PERDIDA AND BARROSO

One of the most distinctive rural landscapes in the city is preserved in the medianías (mid-mountain areas) of La Orotava: the neighbourhood of Hacienda Perdida-Barroso. This area, characterised by the existence of several population centres and one of the main roads leading to Las Cañadas del Teide, has a traditional agrosystem adapted to the trade winds that moderate the temperature and humidify the environment.

This circular route runs through a unique setting where several elements of heritage interest are still preserved, such as traditional houses, straw houses, threshing floors, wine presses and crosses. These treasures are the legacy of the rural community that inhabited and cultivated these rainfed lands with a variety of potatoes, cereals, fruit trees and vegetables.

Along this route, you will discover iconic buildings, walk along ancient cobblestone streets and admire a

large number of fields covered with vineyards and other crops. Stone walls and chestnut trees embellish the route in an area defined by the efficient use of water and the arrival of electricity to the city.

Discover La Orotava at its most rural, its people and its culture, through this trail that features the most representative heritage landmarks. Immerse yourself in this land, in a respectful and conscious way, to get to know the history and reality of a place influenced by its climate and terrain.



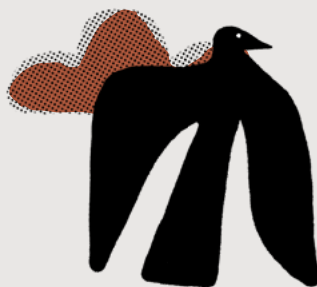
TIPS

During your self-guided visit to this rural setting, you will walk along very steep asphalted roads. If you enjoy this trail, we would like you to show a responsible attitude with a commitment to our environment. You will find some tips here:

1. Wear appropriate footwear and clothing for the type of activity that we are offering you.

2. Do not alter the environment that you are visiting, do not disturb the species or their habitats—leave no trace.

3. Do not damage the heritage elements that you are visiting. Help preserve the cultural legacy of this place.



4. Do not leave rubbish along the route, take your waste with you and place it at the designated points.



5. Support rural development by consuming in local businesses and buying local crafts.

6. Respect the animals and crops you find along the way. For your own safety, do not enter into restricted areas.

For an outstanding experience, do some research and learn about the place and its people beforehand. Immerse yourself in the history, culture and tradition of one of the most unknown areas of La Orotava.



CASA DÁMASO

This route begins at the house popularly known as Casa Dámaso, next to the main road, known as Carretera General TF-21, that leads to Las Cañadas del Teide. This building was constructed in a strategic location with the purpose of providing supplies to the population of the higher areas. Built on a rectangular floor plan, it stands out for the orderly composition of the openings in its façade, a common feature in this type of architecture that is typical of the second third of the 20th century.

Here, Dámaso and his family sold all kinds of items necessary for domestic and agricultural life, becoming an essential establishment for the economic and social development of the area. Today, it is a geographical landmark and the starting point of one of the oldest pilgrimage routes: the Camino de Candelaria.



The Camino de Candelaria was one of the most used routes by people and livestock to access the southeastern towns, such as Arafo, Güímar and Candelaria.



On the right-hand side of the road, you can still see the old water spring tap that supplied the neighbourhood until the last third of the last century, when the water supply network began to bring water to all the homes.

SAN LORENZO MÁRTIR ARCHITECTURAL ENSEMBLE

The ascent of the Camino de Candelaria, which is paved until the start of the pine forest, leads us to one of the best-preserved rural architectural ensembles in La Orotava. This site is made up of three traditional houses with stone walls and hip roofs covered with Arabic tiles. A threshing floor, with a cobblestone ground and bordered by a low wall, is located in the lower part of the property as an unmistakable trace of the area's cereal-growing past.

A rectangular straw house is preserved, less visible and hidden by the vineyard terraces that surround the ensemble. Its two-sided dry stone walls support a thatched hip roof made of cereal straw and topped with a prominent ridge.



IGLESIA DE BARROSO (CHURCH)

This religious monument has its origins in an old chapel located near the main road, Carretera General TF-21, on the grounds of a private house: the well-known small shop known as la Venta de Félix. Later, in response to a long-standing request from local residents, the current temple was inaugurated in 2005, funded by the City Council of La Orotava.

The temple, which houses the images of San Lorenzo Mártir and the Virgen de Candelaria, was built on land previously acquired by the City Council of La Orotava, as part of a civic-religious centre that also includes a large square, a multipurpose hall and a social club.



The square, named Plaza Doña Evelia Dorta Hernández, is located next to the main road, Carretera General TF-21, and owes its name to an active and dynamic local resident who contributed to the improvement of the neighbourhood.



LA VENTA DE FÉLIX

This building housed one of the most iconic businesses in the upper part of La Orotava. On the ground floor of these premises there was a bakery and, occasionally, one of the rooms was used as a temporary vaccination ward for local children. Félix and his wife Delfina ran the grocery shop and bar for several decades during the last century.

La Venta de Félix was mainly frequented by women and children from the neighbourhood in search of basic bulk goods. The bar was reserved for men, who drank wine and ate traditional dishes such as mackerel with the typical Canarian *majo* sauce. This building also housed the first premises of the neighbourhood association and the old neighbourhood chapel.

One of the first televisions in the area arrived at Félix's, turning this place into the only cinema that many people at the time could have access to.



CRUZ DE LA CAÑADA

Going down the road known as Camino de La Cañada, at the intersection with the historic Camino La Candelaria, there's an old crossroads or guiding cross. Every May, it is decorated to celebrate the *Exaltación de la Santa Cruz*. The old wooden cross, which rests low to the ground on a masonry altar, is a landmark in the area and is maintained by the neighbourhood.

Due to the colonisation process, the practice of placing crosses at road intersections and on the façades of houses spread throughout the Canary Islands with the aim of Christianising or invoking protection. Over time, these landmarks became geographical references, especially at a time when other means of orientation were scarce.



The Camino de La Cañada owes its name to the use of the road in the past, where livestock was moved from the coast to the mountains and vice versa.



HACIENDA DE LA CAÑADA

At this stop, you can see a group of buildings in various styles, constructed at different times in our recent history. Among them, a traditional wine press is worthy of note—a valuable wooden device used to press grapes and extract the juice.

The types of wine presses are very varied and have undergone changes over time. Some can be very rudimentary, consisting of simple tanks carved out of the rock. Others, like this one, have a more complex structure under a gable roof, with a large beam used to crush the bunches of grapes to extract the precious liquid that will become wine.

Old wine presses could be protected by a tiled or thatched roof. Metal sheets have gradually replaced these more traditional materials.



THE HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT OF LA ABEJERA

This is the site of the hydroelectric power station of La Abejera, known as the Planta Hidroeléctrica, one of the most important landmarks in the city's history. In 1894, a first plant was installed in the nearby area of Hacienda Perdida, promoted by the private company Sociedad Eléctrica de La Orotava (SEO), which allowed the streets of the Villa de La Orotava to be lit with electric light for the first time.

In 1935, the City Council of La Orotava, which had municipalised the electricity service years earlier, put this new hydroelectric power plant in La Abejera into operation to meet local demand. In 1974, the City Council sold it to the company UNELCO, which from that moment on took over the municipal electricity supply. A few months later, this building ceased its activity definitively.



La Orotava was a pioneer in electricity generation on the island thanks to the abundant water flow from the Aguamansa basin.



CAMINO DE LA SIERRA

Through the old road known as Camino de La Abejera or Camino de la Muerte—Road of Death, named after the historic passage of funeral processions to the Church of San Juan—it is possible to access one of the oldest communication routes in La Orotava: Camino de La Sierra. This path is a valuable testimony to our agricultural past, along with other heritage treasures such as the Calle Altavista and the Camino El Ciprés.

The name of the Camino de La Sierra originates from the former sawmill located on the edge of the road, which was the first of the municipal water mills.

La Sierra was one of the main routes connecting the higher areas, the city centre and its mills, which were crucial to the historical development of the city. Flanked by dry stone walls and surrounded by some vineyards, the road still has the same cobblestone surface that allowed for the transhumance of livestock, trade and the exchange of local produce.

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