



TIRAJANA, EL VALLE DE LAS MIL PALMERAS

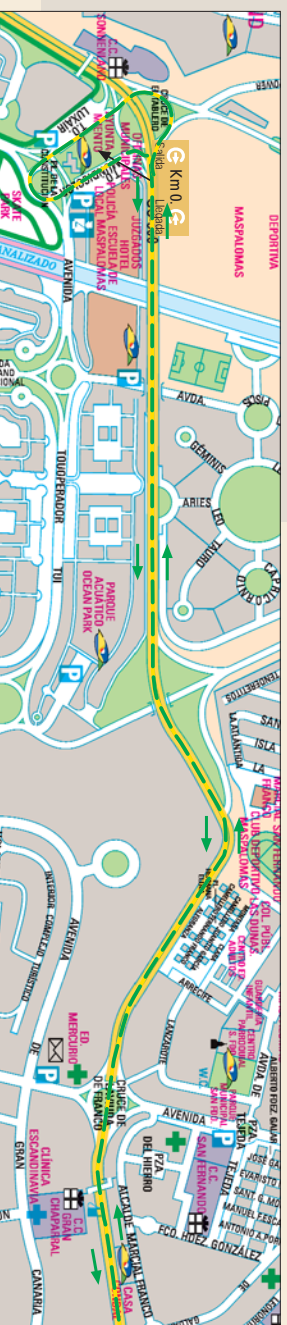
pk	Partial	Total	Height
1	0.00	0.00	25 Plaza de la Constitución
We start off towards the GC-500 road, passing the Oficinas Municipales (Town Hall) on our left.			
2	0.10	0.10	25 Turnoff
We turn to the right, to continue in the direction of Las Palmas, taking the GC-500 road, along which we ride for 17 Km.			
3	5.40	5.50	10 San Agustín
On our right is the Beach or Playa de Las Burras and we go towards San Agustín.			
4	1.00	6.50	65 Mount or Morro Besudo
After a short climb, we descend to the Beach or Playa del Águila and we continue towards Bahía Feliz.			
5	3.40	9.90	25 Aero-club
The road becomes a one-lane road. We must be careful not to make a mistake and take the GC-1 motorway. A few metres further on we pass on our left a go-kart circuit.			
6	4.05	13.95	40 Juan Grande
Roundabout with a petrol station on the left. We go straight ahead.			
7	3.10	17.05	80 Roundabout
The GC-500 road ends here. We have to take the GC-105 road, following the sign indicating to Aldea Blanca.			
8	2.90	19.95	180 Aldea Blanca
We cross the village to go in the direction of the Street or Calle Bentagache, situated at the end of the same.			
9	0.80	20.75	200 Turnoff

In front of no. 13 of the above street, a dirt track begins, with a sign indicating San Bartolomé de Tirajana, and which we take. Soon we see various turnoffs on both sides, but we go straight ahead, passing the football field on the right, in the direction of a long climb which we can see, called the Hill or Cuesta de las Cenizas. While we climb, we can see on our right the bed of the Ravine or Barranco de Tirajana, at its narrowest part, and parallel to its bed, a track along which we will ride later on.

After crowning the hill and descending, we arrive at this place formed by abrupt walls, on whose sides, on the left ascending and on the right descending, there is a palm grove. In the middle there are small cultivated areas and a few dispersed houses.

A track turns off to the right that goes down to the village of Los Sitios de Abajo, but our itinerary continues straight ahead.

From this point, we have a panoramic view that reaches up to the Peak or Pico de las Nieves (1,949 metres), the maximum altitude of Gran Canaria. Below, on the side of the ravine is Los Sitios de Abajo and in the ravine, the Reservoir or Presa de Tirajana.



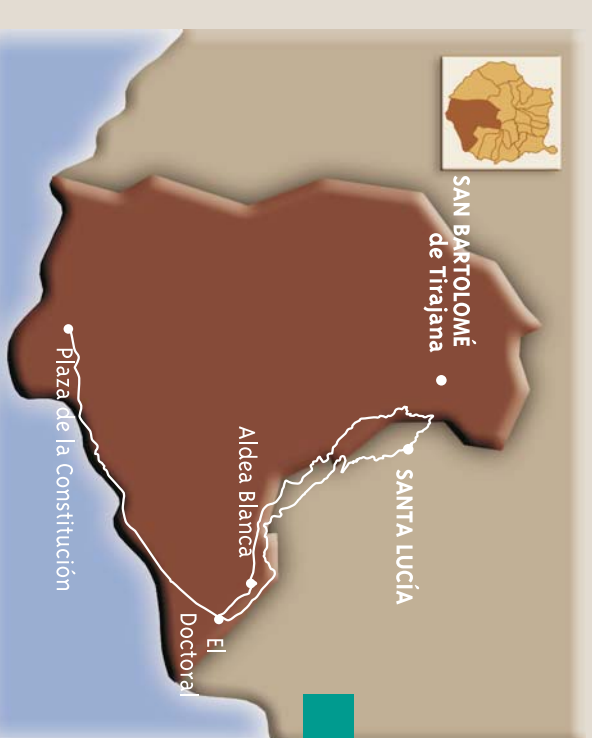
pk	Partial	Total	Height
12	2.35	33.25	575 Los Sitios de Arriba
A place formed of typical cottages with their orchards, next to the leafiest palm grove that we are going to see.			
13	0.95	34.20	565 Crossroads
As soon as we leave Los Sitios de Arriba a new track turns off to the right, which we should take. Soon after we face a stiff climb.			
14	1.80	36.00	675 Crossroads
We go straight ahead and we do the same when we see the next turnoffs on either side of the main track along which we are riding, as they are only entrances to private estates. Soon afterwards, we have to climb a steep slope to reach the maximum height above sea level of our route, to later go down.			
As we advance, we can see on our right the widest and most populated area of the Barranco de Tirajana, where there are various hamlets between palm and olive groves.			
15	1.30	37.30	610 Turnoff
The track ends at an asphalted country road, perpendicular to the same. We turn off to the left.			
16	0.15	37.45	630 Turnoff

We take the GC-65 road on the right of it, next to the Casas Blancas bus stop. We descend towards Rosiana to cross the bridge over the ravine, on the same road, and commence to climb up the north side.



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Juan Grande, Aldea Blanca, Santa Lucía y Barranco de Tirajana

The Valley or Valle de Tirajana is an enormous, spectacular ravine that begins below the peaks of the central summit of the island to then slowly descend to its mouth on the south-east coast. In some areas, it takes the form of a true canyon, allowing us to admire some beautiful landscape, as we ride both along the sides and through the interior. We see the most important and looked after palm groves of Gran Canaria, and at the same time we have the opportunity of visiting La Fortaleza, a place of maximum historical importance in the definitive incorporation of the Island to the crown of Castilla.

Length: **78.4 km.**

Duration: **6 hrs, 30 mins.**

Difficulty: **4.**

Maximum height above sea level: **710 metres**

Accumulated climb: **1,130 metres**





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17	3.80	41.25	660 Santa Lucia
We cross the built-up area of this municipality.			
18	1.10	42.35	630 Crossroads
We carry on to the right on the GC-65 road. Soon after, we see a road that turns off to the right, but we go straight ahead.			
While we ride, we see on our right the Heights or Cumbre de Amurga, on the south side of the ravine, and at the bottom of its sides, the track down which we have come.			
19	1.15	43.50	590 Turnoff
We leave the GC-65 road, turning off on the right to take the GC-561 road.			
Immediately afterwards, we pass in front of a cemetery and we pass the next three turnoffs that go down on our right.			
20	2.25	45.75	475 Crossroads
We continue straight ahead, as indicated by a sign, towards La Fortaleza (The Fortress).			
21	0.70	46.45	505 La Fortaleza
The asphalted road ends at an earth esplanade that is a car park and the entrance to La Fortaleza.			
This is a large rock with a cavern that crosses it from side to side and that was a natural defensive fort of the natives. It was here that the conquest of the island of Gran Canaria by the Kingdom of Castilla (Castile) ended in the year 1483.			
To continue with our itinerary, we have to return to the previous crossroads.			

22 0.70 47.15 475 Turnoff

We are at the same point as pk no. 20. We now set off descending and towards the left, passing by a vantage point looking over the Presa de Tirajana and the Palm Grove or Palmeral de La Sornueda. The road descends steeply around bends and with a very uneven surface.

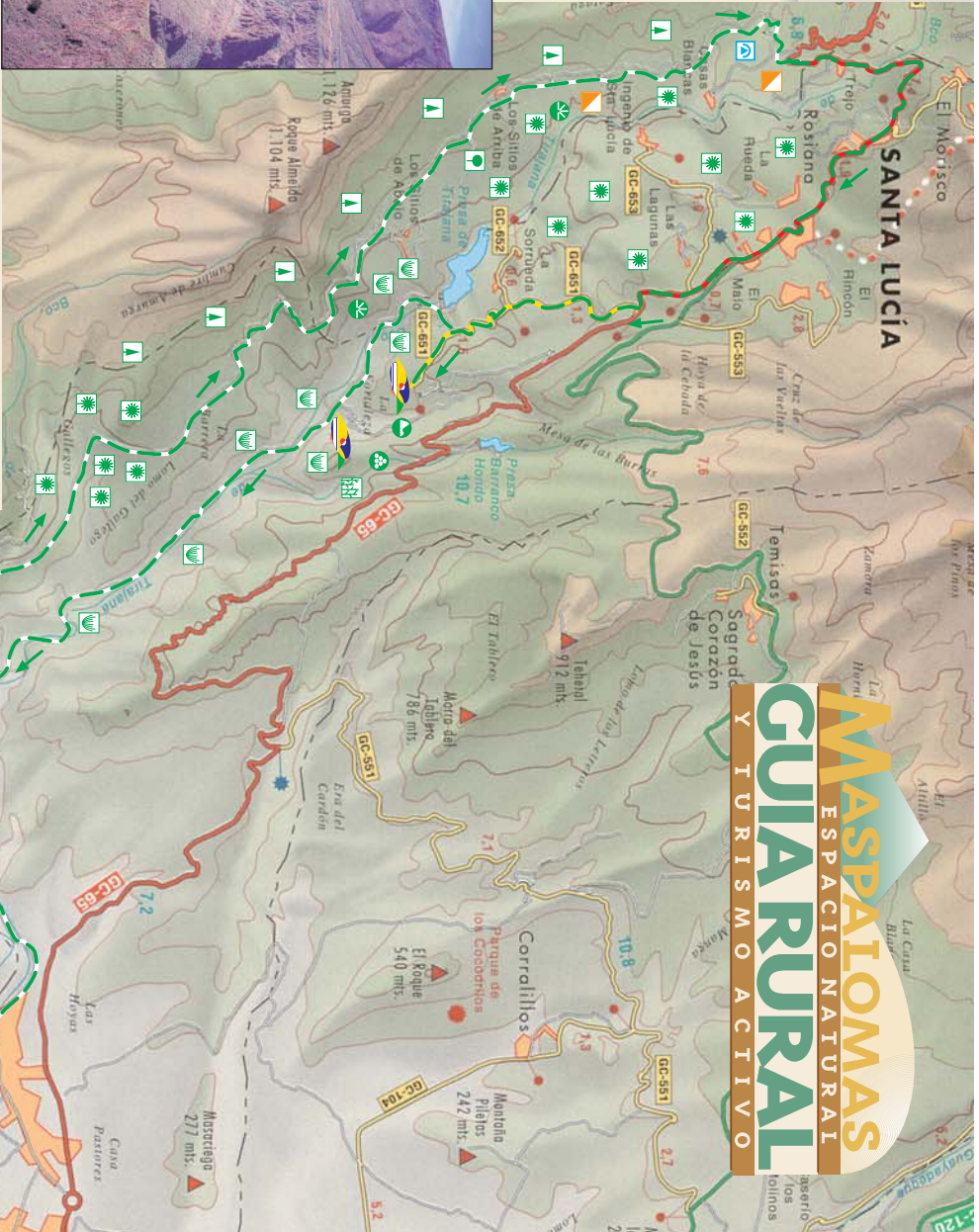
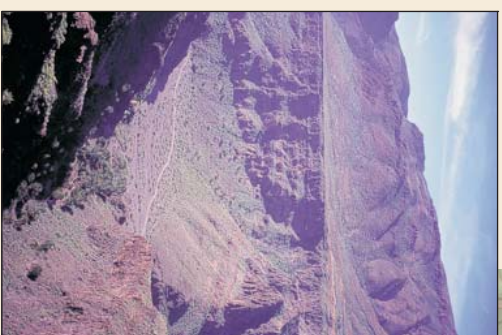
23 1.00 48.15 320 Bed of the Barranco de Tirajana
The deteriorated asphalted road passes next to the dam wall of the reservoir and becomes a dirt track when it reaches the bottom of the ravine, and over which we are going to ride for a little more than 7 km. The surface has large stretches of pebbles that will put our technical abilities on our bicycles to the test. There are various turnoffs on either sides that only lead to caves or isolated houses.

24 7.20 55.35 175 Housing Estate
The track ends at the car park of a housing estate, and continues straight ahead leaving the same and we take an asphalted track that soon afterwards has a turnoff on the left, that we should ignore, to continue straight ahead on a slight descent.

25 1.90 57.25 160 Sardinia
After a short climb, a stop sign gives onto the entrance to the Street or calle Orilla Alta, on the outskirts of the village. We turn off to the right, crossing the village and take the direction of El Doctoral.

26 3.30 60.55 95 El Doctoral
We look for the exit towards the "Sur" (South) that leads us onto the GC-198 road, crossing the Barranco de Tirajana.

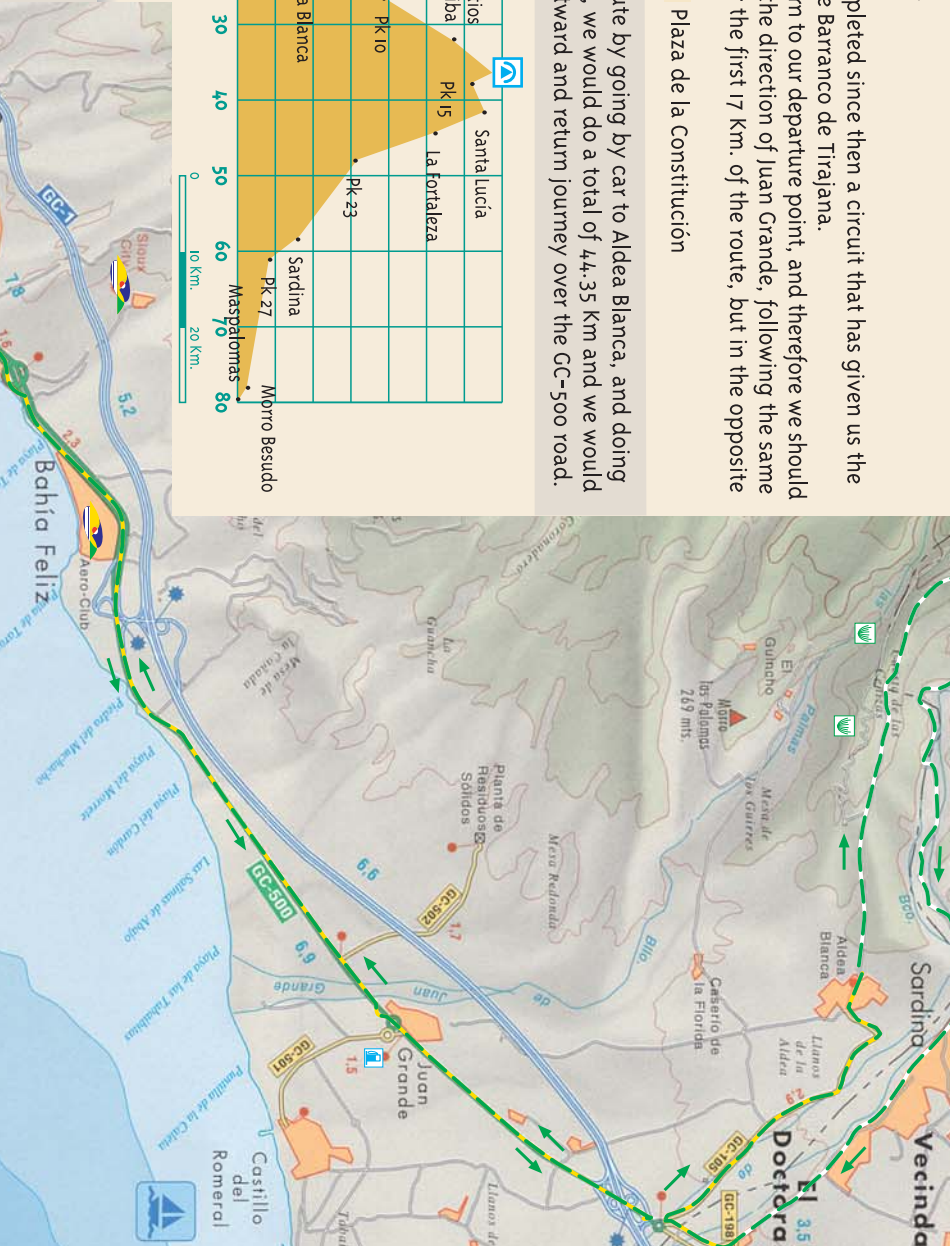
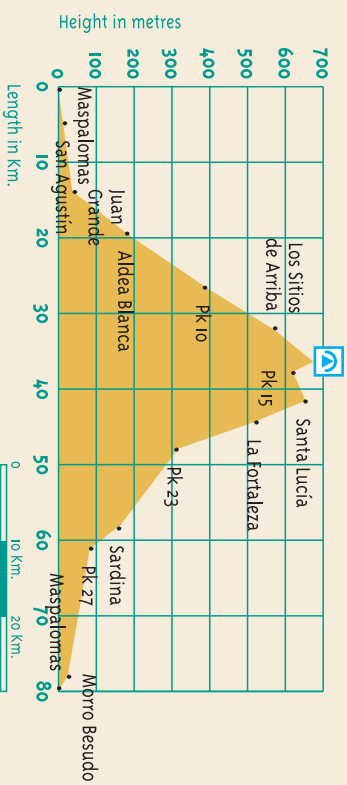
27 0.85 61.40 80 Roundabout
We are once again at the same point that corresponds to the PK no. 7



of the route, having completed since then a circuit that has given us the opportunity of seeing the Barranco de Tirajana. We are now about to return to our departure point, and therefore we should take the GC-500 road in the direction of Juan Grande, following the same itinerary that we took for the first 17 km. of the route, but in the opposite direction.

28 17.05 78.45 25 Plaza de la Constitución

We could shorten this route by going by car to Aldea Blanca, and doing it in a circle. In this case, we would do a total of 44.35 Km and we would not have to do all the outward and return journey over the GC-500 road.



GUÍA RURAL MASPALOMAS ESPACIO NATURAL Y TURISMO ACTIVO

MAP KEY	Symbol
Cardonal / Tabibal	
Palm Grove	
Fruit Trees	
Canes	
Pine Grove	
Bar	
Restaurant	
Crafts	
Provisions	
Recreational Area	
Camping Area	
Medical Care Services	
Water	

PLACES OF INTEREST	Symbol
LANDSCAPE	
BOTANICAL	
GEOLOGICAL	
ARCHAEOLOGICAL	
FAUNA	
TOURIST	

ITINERARY	Symbol
Iti. Main Road	
Iti. Secondary Road	
Iti. Track	
Direction of itinerary	
Kilometric point	
Slopes	
Maximum Height above sea level	
Caution	
Tunnel	
Petrol Station	