




CRUZ GRANDE-MORRO HIERBA HUERTO

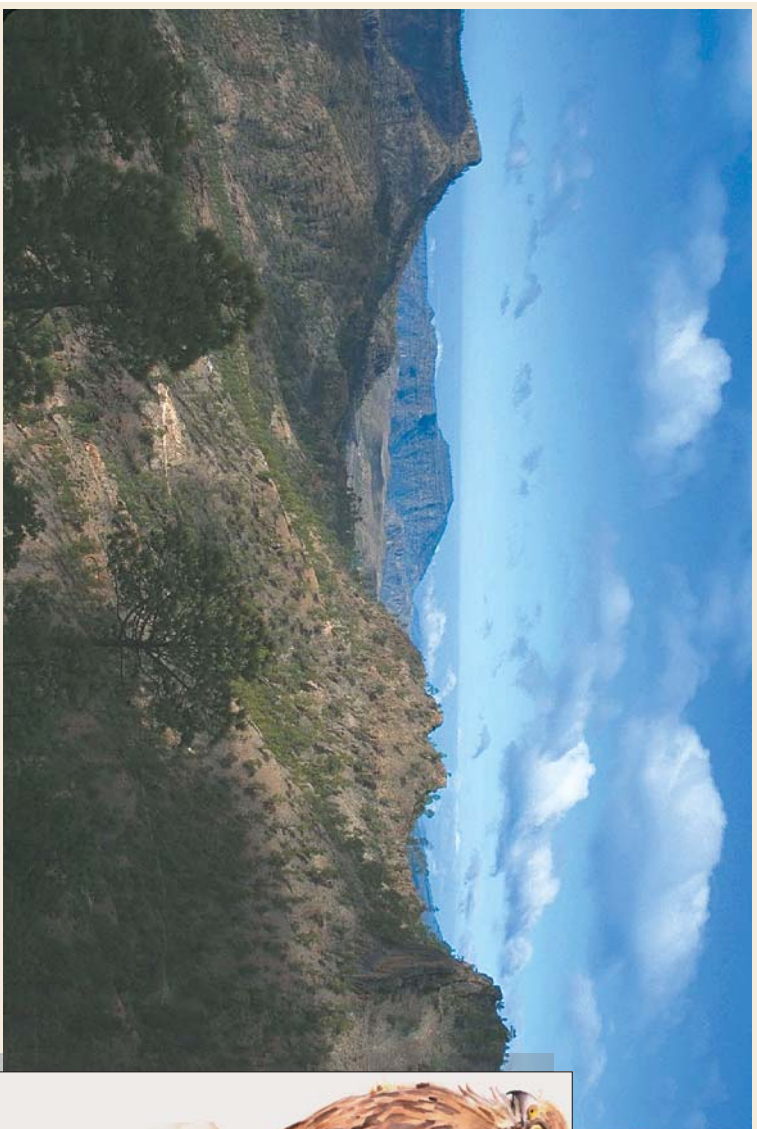
 Hikers who decide to do this route will notice that the first part of this route coincides with the itinerary of some of the other routes. But what makes this particular one special, is the second part, when you will have the chance to climb up to the Degollada del Humo and then up to the Morro de Hierba Huerto.

From here you can enjoy views over landscapes that are unique in Gran Canaria. Its height (1,315 m) means that you can appreciate the full extent of the majestic setting of the Natural Park of Pilancones and you will even be able to see as far as the Island of Tenerife and Mount Teide. There is also a small watch station for any possible fires that break out.

You will be able to use your mobile telephone throughout nearly the whole route, even though there are areas where communication is not possible.

The route is not difficult, as its first part is along a very easy track and it then gradually climbs over the various cols until you reach the Degollada del Humo. The climb up this col is rather steeper, but even so, it does not require a great effort. From there onwards, you will take the dirt track up to the Morro de Hierba Huerto. Once you have reached the top, you should come back down along the same track and then continue down to the Presa de Chira, to avoid using the same path all the way down. It will also give you the chance to look at some rock engravings just before you reach the dam.

The vegetation in this area is practically the same as what you will find throughout the Natural Park: reforested pine trees, rock roses, spurge, etc.



View from Morro Hierba Huerto

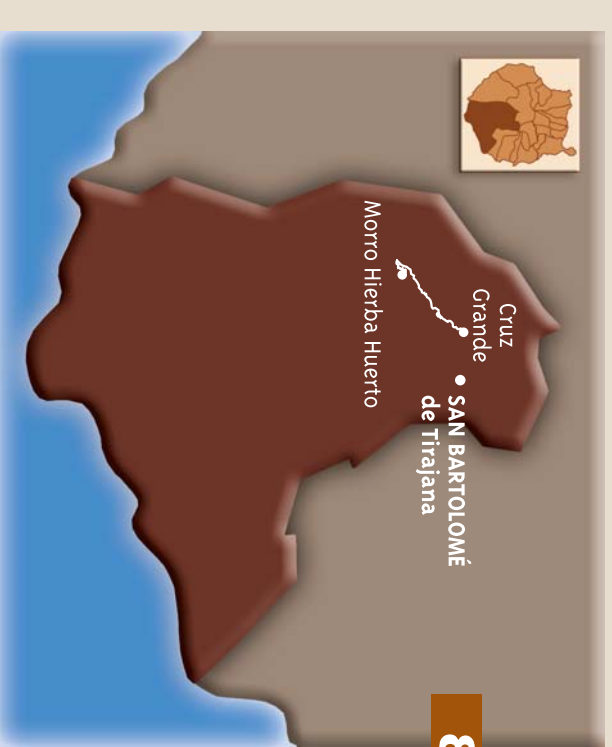


COMMON KESTREL (*Falco tinnunculus*)

The sub-species of the central and western islands, *F. T. canariensis*, is smaller and darker than the continental one. The kestrel is a bird that is common from the coastal belt to the highest area and mainly feeds on insects, small lizards and mice. It breeds in springtime and nests in the cracks and caves of the crags, where it lays from three to six eggs.

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From Cruz Grande over the Degollada del Sordid, Degollada del Hume and Moro Herbal Hereto to the Presa de Chirac.

This route is worth doing as you will be able to enjoy the best views in the whole of the municipal district of San Bartolomé de Tirajana. The privileged position from the top of the Moro Herbal Hereto allows the hikers to see a large part of the island and landscapes that are difficult to forget.

Length: **13,2 km.**

Estimated time: **4 h. 30 min.**

Difficulty: **2. (easy)**

How to get there: On Global bus no. 18 from Playa del Inglés to Cruz Grande. You should make sure that you arrange transport for the return journey, as there is no public transport from Cercados de Arena.

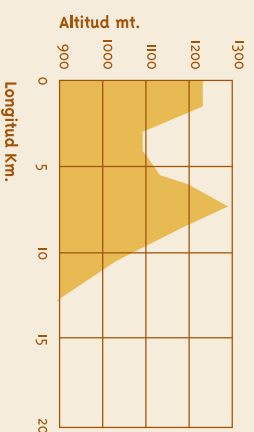




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Set off from Cruz Grande along the dirt track that will take you to Pilancones and continue until you reach Degollada del Dinero, 1,500 m, where you should take the path that is straight ahead of you. As it winds through the Parque de Pilancones and over the peaks, this path will take you over the Degolladas de Cho Benito, Pedro Abad, Los Chicharros and the Degollada del Sordo. Once you have come to this last col, continue walking for a further 1 km until you reach a junction: one of the paths goes down towards the Presa de Chira (Chira Reservoir) and the other one to the left climbs up to the Degollada del Humo, 520 m. When you reach this col, turn left up the dirt track and carry on for a further 1,200 m to the highest point of the Morro de Hierba Huerto. This is an ideal place to rest and relax and absorb all the magic that Mother Nature has to offer us. The peace, tranquillity and calmness to be found here make this one of the most beautiful and, at the same time, least well-known spots on the island. Once you have recovered, start down the dirt track that will take you to the Presa de Chira (Chira Reservoir). You will come to a junction after 1,850 m. Turn right and carry on until you pass a pond on your right, 1,400 m. Carry on and you will come to another junction 1 km further on. Turn right again and continue for a further 850 m until you reach the dam wall. As you walk down this last stretch, you will notice rocks with engravings to your left and it is worth stopping for a while to enjoy them.



MAPKEY

- (Canarian Vegetation)
- Cardonal/ Tabaibal
- Palm Grove
- Fruit Trees
- Canes
- Pine Grove
- Bar
- Restaurant
- Crafts
- Provisions
- Recreational Area
- Camping Area
- Medical Care Services

PLACES OF INTEREST

- LANDSCAPE
- BOTANICAL
- GEOLOGICAL
- ARCHAEOLOGICAL
- FAUNA
- TOURIST

ITINERARY

- Main Road
- Secondary Road
- Track
- Itinerary
- Alternative itinerary
- Direction of itinerary
- Partial Distance
- Total Distance
- Caution
- Danger