



LAS DOS PRESAS

! Even though this route is not excessively long, it has been classified as rather difficult, due to the continuous descent and the fact that it is quite difficult to follow the path over the first stretch. If you start from Soria, it is slightly more difficult due to the uphill stretch from Soria to Lomo La Palma.

Although the length does not cause any difficulties, you will still need to take care as even though the path is not excessively complicated, there are a couple of areas where the surface is not particularly good. They are also tricky as you will have to pay attention and make a great physical effort, even though you are going downhill. However, the hike is well worth the effort.

Coverage for mobile telephones is quite good, above all, in the upper part near Lomo La Palma, but then gradually disappears in some areas and is recovered as you get nearer the Soria dam.

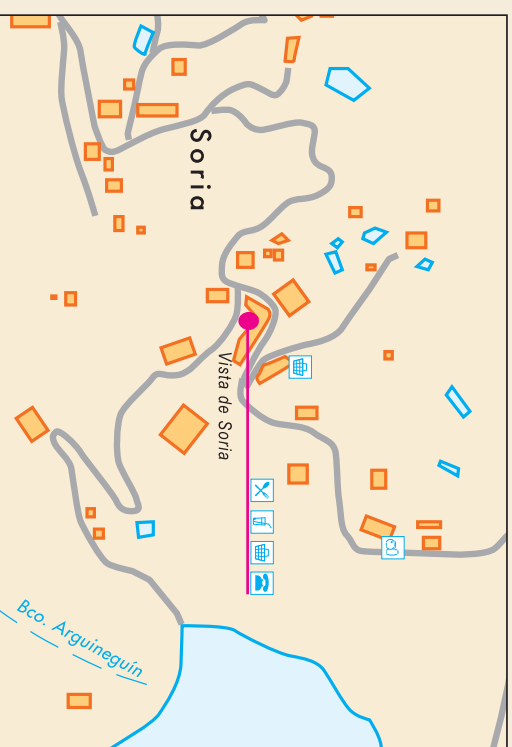


A wide range of flora is to be found in this area and it is at its most attractive from January to May, above all, in the last stretch, when you cross the last ravine and start walking towards the dam. Once you reach Soria, you will discover a village that has managed to use tourism to preserve various skills that have practically disappeared today, such as making brooms or producing charcoal. The only bar, Casa Fernando, is the ideal place to replace the energy that you have used up with the bar's speciality, papaya juice. We are sure that you will really enjoy it.



GRAN CANARIAN LA VENDER (Lavandula)

It is the most widespread of the species of lavender to be found on the Canary Islands. It grows on low areas over 700 m. In spite of not having the strong aroma of the species of lavender from the Mediterranean, this species has many medical properties. It is used locally in order to get rid of intestinal worms and to cure stomach upsets.



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From the Presa de Chira to the Presa de Soria

This route takes you through the western part of the municipal districts and lets you discover the two largest reservoirs to be found on the island and which play an important role in its water resources. The views over the landscape are magnificent, above all from the Morro del Convento onwards, but you will also have the opportunity to see some of the area's typical buildings (Lomo La Palma) during the first stretch.

Length: **5 km**

Estimated time: **2 h**

Difficulty: **3 (rather difficult)**

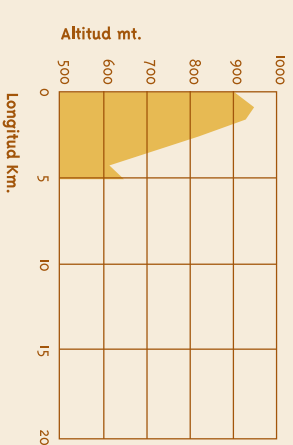
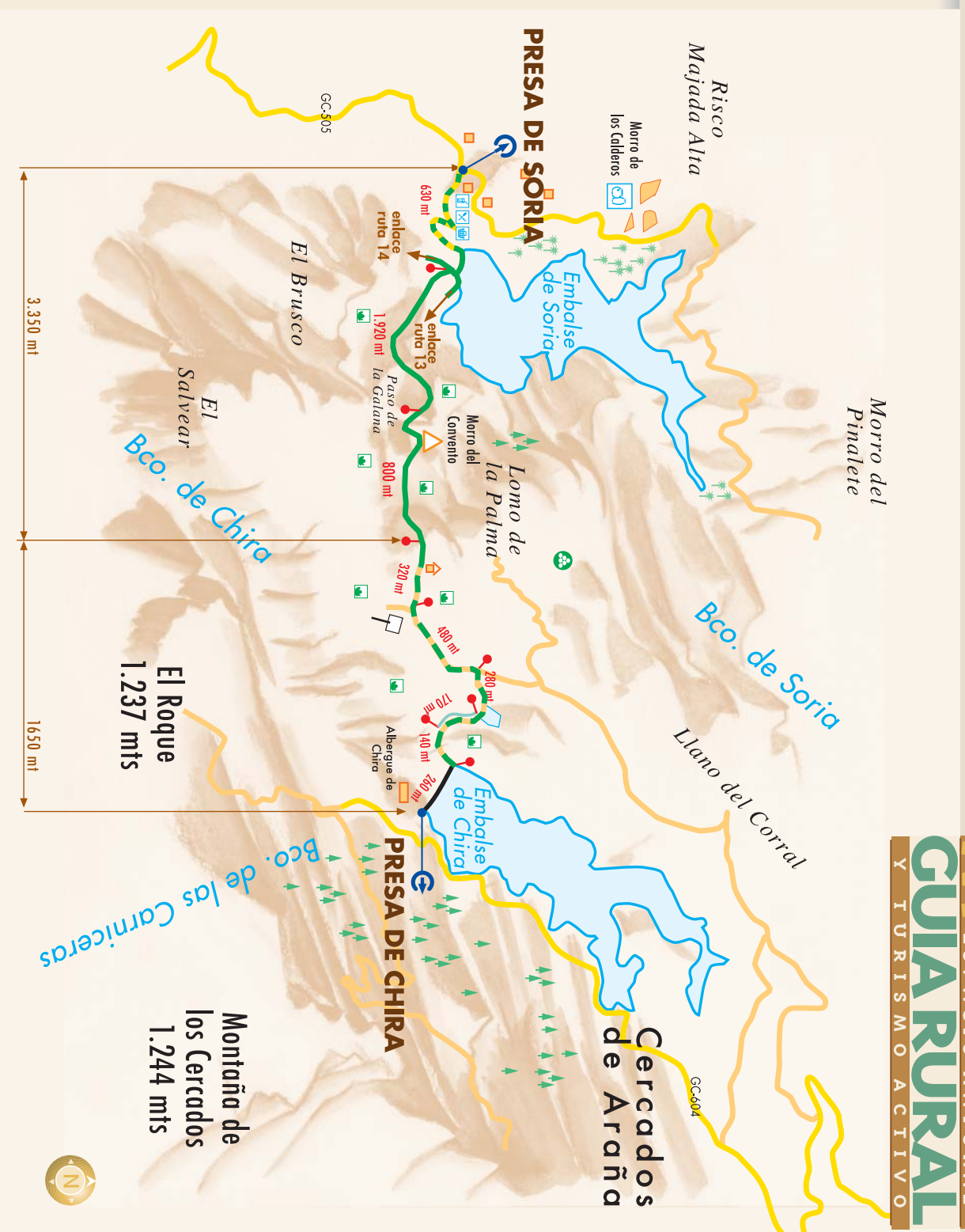


How to get there: How to get there: By car, go along the road from Playa del Inglés to Ayacata (GC-60), and take the road that goes to Cercados de Araña (GC-60A) until you reach the wall of the Chira dam. You should arrange for someone to pick you up at Soria, as there is no transport available. If you decide to start the route at Soria, go by car along the road that goes from Playa del Inglés to Arguineguín (GC-500) and when you reach the Santa Agueda crossroads, take the road to Cercados de Espino and Soria (GC-505). You will also need someone to pick you up from the Chira dam.



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The route starts from the wall of the Presa de Chira (Chira Reservoir), next to the sign for the Albergue de Chira. Cross the dam, 260 m, and turn left and continue alongside the canal. After 140 m, the path stops and you will need to go along the canal bed, the second part of which is covered, until you reach a small dam, 170 m. Cross the narrow dam wall. From here onwards, you will need to pay attention, as the path is not easy to follow. Use the piles of stones as reference points to carry on uphill until you reach a dirt track. Once you have reached the track, after 280 m, turn left and continue for 480 m until you reach a junction. You will there see a sign indicating the way to Soria. A reference point is a house that forms part of the place known as Lomo La Palma. This is a small village made up by a few houses, which are only now inhabited at weekends. Make your way towards this house. After you have gone past it on your right, you rejoin the track 70 m later. You will see the start of a path on your left that gradually goes downhill, at the beginning towards a small plateau. Cross the plateau and carry straight on. It is now easy to make out the path. Continue downhill and shortly afterwards, you will come to a stretch of the path that might be difficult to go along for anyone suffering from vertigo. It is only a small stretch along 15 m and offers no other difficulties for the walker. Continue until you reach the Morro del Convento (a magnificent view over the Presa de Soria and the surrounding areas), which you should go round to your left. The path continues down towards the Paso de La Galana. Carry on until you reach the bottom of the ravine and cross it and continue on walking through the bugloss, spurge, almond trees etc. This stretch of the route is very beautiful and you should slow your pace, so you can really enjoy it in all its beauty. It is now easy going until you reach the wall of the dam. About 15 m after you have reached the wall, you will come to the



- MAPKEY**
 - (Canarian Vegetation)
 - Cardonal/ Tababai
 - 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