


## SAN BARTOLOMÉ DE TIRAJANA AYAGAURES (Camino de los muertos).

 The route is not complicated and the only problem could be the distance, but the beauty of the route easily makes up for this.

If you do this route in summer, you have to take the extreme temperatures into account and take enough water with you, as it is not possible to get any during the journey. You should therefore also not go alone.

Each time somebody died in Ayagaures, the body was taken to the cemetery in San Bartolomé de Tirajana, which was the only one in the area for many years. The coffin was kept in a cave in Ayagaures until it was needed again. Once the El Pedrazo cemetery was built, the dead did not need to be taken to Tunte. But the last coffin ready to be used can still be seen in the cave. It is located on the road that links this village with Maspalomas along the bottom of the Ravine or Barranco de Ayagaures. It is a route that is at its best in spring.

Resting place of the dead



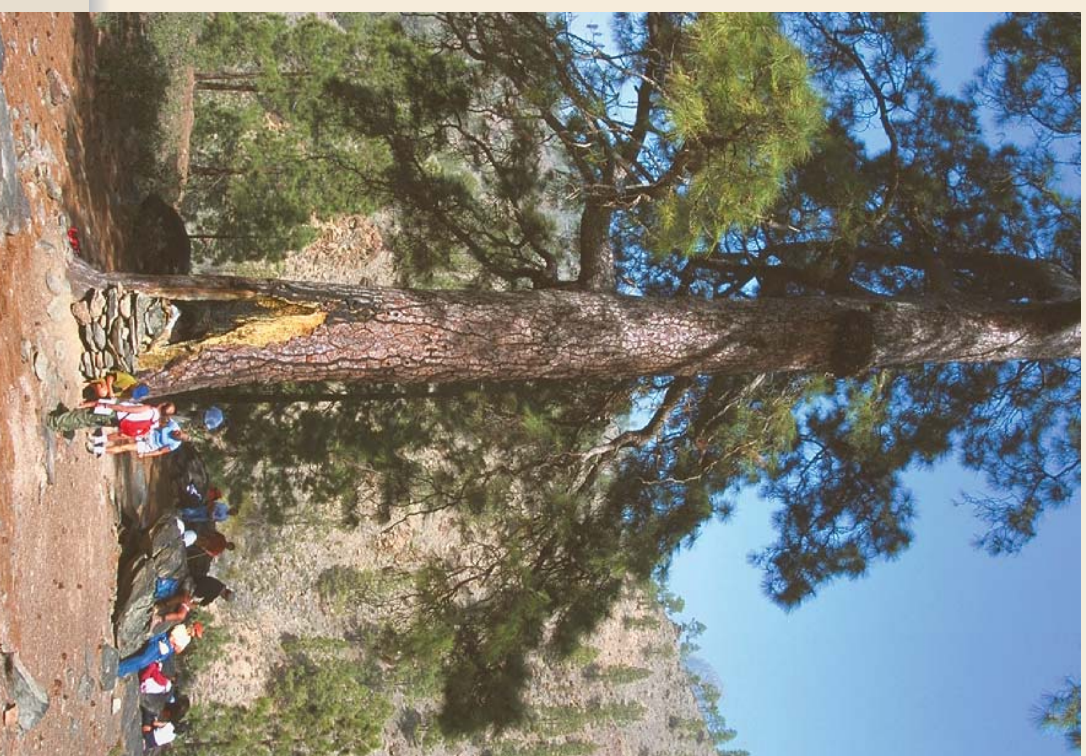
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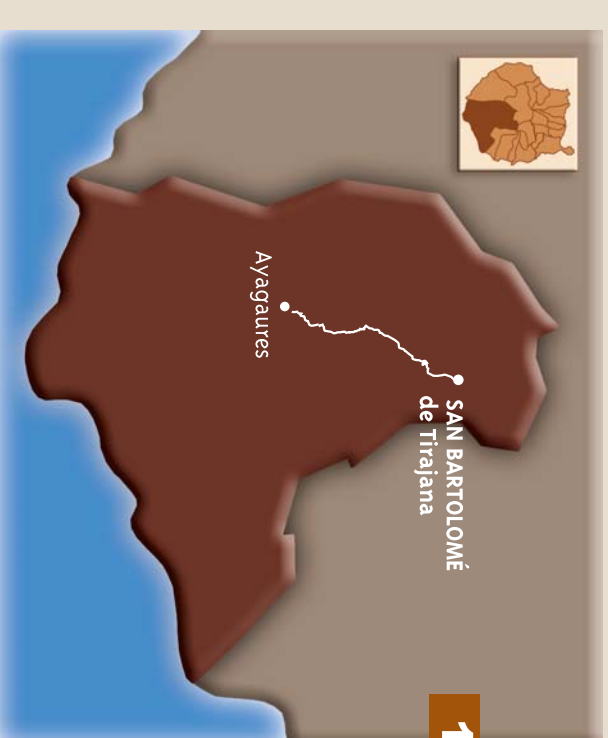
**RED GERMANDER** (*teucrium heterophyllum*)

It is a very attractive bush with red flowers that grows on arid crags and is often abundant in the areas where spurge grows. It is considered to be a good plant for the garden and its white-silvery foliage can be pruned in such a way to form flowerbeds and decorative items in the garden. Its aromatic flowers are locally used to produce perfume. It is propagated from seed and the young plants have large and very variable leaves.

Pilancones pine trees



## MASPALOMAS ESPACIO NATURAL GUIA RURAL Y TURISMO ACTIVO



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## SAN BARTOLOMÉ DE TIRAJANA AYAGAURES

(Camino de Los Muertos or Way of the Dead)

From San Bartolomé de Tirajana to Ayagaures by means of the Degollada de la Manzanilla, Pino Pilancones and Las Tederas

Interesting route through a variety of landscapes with an important wealth of flora, against the magnificent view of the pilancones pine trees and the memories of the former residents of Ayagaures carrying coffins uphill in order to bury their dead in San Bartolomé de Tirajana

Length: **15.5 km**

Estimated time: **5 hours**

Difficulty: **3 (rather difficult)**  
Only due to its length it has to be called rather difficult.



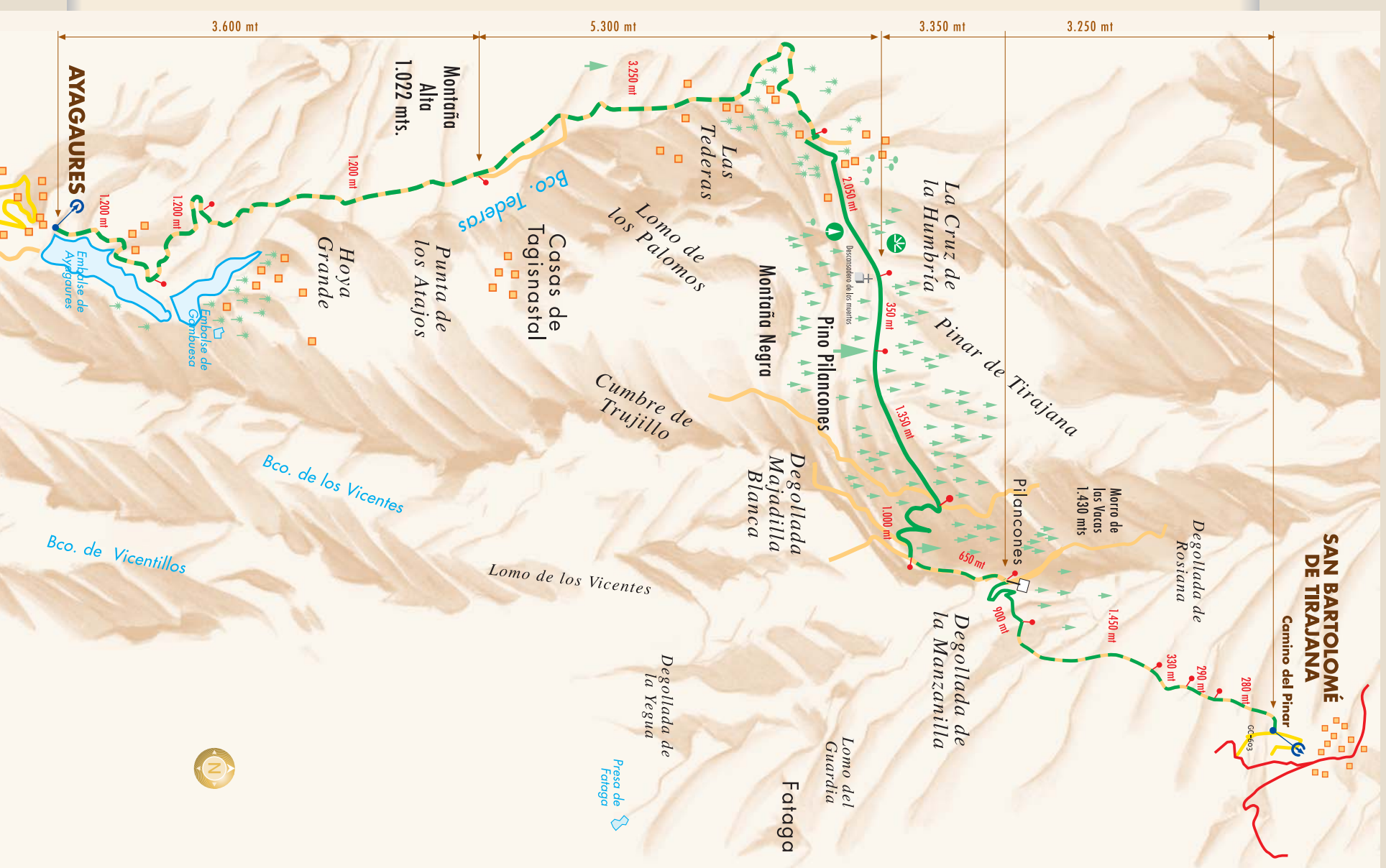
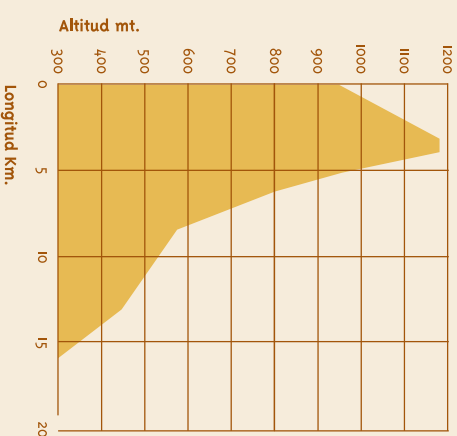
How to get there: Global Bus no. 18 leaves Playa del Inglés (near the Viuda de Franco) at 08.00 hours, to San Bartolomé de Tirajana, or by car along the GC60 to the start of the Camino del Pinar.



## SAN BARTOLOMÉ DE TIRAJANA AYAGAURES (Camino de los muertos).

From San Bartolomé de Tirajana and along the Camino del Pinar to Degollada de Manzanilla, 3.250 m. (see route no. 22, San Bartolomé - Arteara). Once you reach Degollada de Manzanilla, take the path to your left. Continue walking for 650 m until you reach a path going off to your right and which will take you to the lower track. Go down this path for 140 m and past a magnificent pine tree known as Pino Manzanilla. go metres further on, you will reach the junction with the Camino de Soparrabos (route no. 19) on your left. This path zigzags downwards until it crosses over a track and you should carry on straight ahead along the path towards Pilancones. Go on down along the edge of the Barranco de Pilancones, towards the pine tree of the same name. This is a fantastic example of a Canary Island date palm and it would take five people to circle around the tree trunk. There is usually a notebook or book in the pine tree and the visitors write their comments in it. Sometimes, however, it is unfortunately taken by someone. It is usually in a hole in a pine tree which was caused by a tire and which damaged a large part of its structure. You are in the perfect spot for a brief rest between Montaña Negra and the Cruz de Umbría, on your right. Carry on along for a further 350 m until you reach a sign that reads "This is where the neighbours of Ayagaures rested when they took their dead to the Tunte Cemetery". The coffin was placed on the stone table. The previous cross (19.03.52) was replaced by the current one on 19th March 1994. The views towards Las Tederas are magnificent as you descend towards Las Tederas. You can see typical rural buildings standing between the palm trees in the valley. Crops are still grown in this area and looked after by the owners. As you go down towards Las Tederas, you will come across a large variety of native species. Some of them are difficult to see, even if it is only due to their short flowering period, for example, Armaryllidaceae (pancratium canariensis), which flowers halfway through November and lasts just a few days. Others are more common, such as a sl-Culcut known as Verol (a variety of oleander)

(senecio kleimia), Canarian Shrubby Stock (parolinia omata), etc. Continue along past the houses on your right and across the ravine, between a palm grove that has seen better moments, to the dirt track. You will have walked approximately two kilometres from the point called Descansaderos de Los Muertos or Resting Place of the Dead. Once you reach the dirt track, continue past various houses that have an undeniable charm, even though they are in a state of repair, towards Ayagaures. You will also go past the tiny village of Casas del Taginastal, the Presa de la Gambuesa (Gambuesa Reservoir) and Ayagaures Alto. This stretch also includes interesting examples of Canary Island flora, such as locama (red gemandar - teucrium heterophyllum), which can be found in this zone, even if it is not very abundant. During the rainy season, pools fill up along the ravine bed, which make this stretch of the route even more attractive. After having walked 6,800 metres along the route, you reach Ayagaures, where there is a village shop with basic supplies, and the bar of the Neighbours' Association, open all day Sundays and in the afternoon during the week.



### 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