

## MASPALOMAS-AYAGAURES

It is not recommended to set off along this route when it is hot and you should always make sure that you take enough water with you, as there are no opportunities to get supplies along the route. There is barely any telephone coverage during the stretch along the bottom of the ravine, although the emergency services number 112 can be contacted at some points. The coverage improves when you get to the Degollada Ancha.

This route is part of the trilogy of the southern ravines, together with nos. 18 and 23, which complete the routes through the most important ravines to be found in the south of the municipal district, with its stunning landscape. Other routes, such as no. 20, have taken you to the tops of the ravines and this one takes you through them. The main difference between the Barranco de Los Vicentes and the other two large ravines in the south is that it is the most arid of the three, although this does not mean that it will not surprise you with areas where fruit is grown (thead of the ravine). The flora is made up of magnificent examples of Canary Island spurge, other types of spurge and Canarian candle plant over the first stretch. As you go further into the ravine, you will find, bugloss, sage, reedbeds and some palm trees. The track is not one of the best. There are alternate stretches of dirt track and loose stones that are difficult to walk over. This is particularly true where the path coincides with the bed of the ravine.



**Bala (autocithonous plant - plocama pendula)**

This is a strong smelling shrub, which is common along the dry slopes of the southern and western areas of Gran Canaria and far less common on the other islands. The plocama family is native to the Canary Islands and has only one species. It is sometimes used as an ornamental plant along the sides of the dual carriageways. When used as fodder, it has the drawback of the unpleasant smell that makes the milk taste bad. No medicinal properties are known.

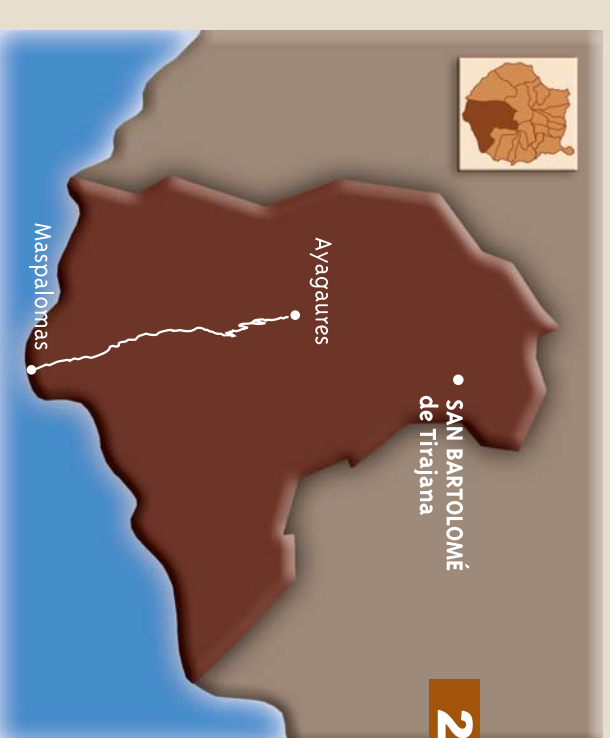


**Sweet spurge (euphorbia balsamifera)**

Even if it grows to up to two metres high, its trunk is always blown to one side and with many branches, some of which are very strong. The leaves are always in small groups at the tip of the branches, but in this case, their maximum length is 2.5 centimetres. Apart from on the Canary Islands, it can be found in North Africa and Somalia. This spurge also produces latex, which is also the case of the other species belonging to this family.

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## MASPALOMAS AYAGAURES

### From San Fernando de Maspalomas along the Barranco de Los Vicentes to Ayagaures

This route goes through one of the most important ravines or barrancos in the south of the municipal district. It is located between the ravines of Fataga and Ayagaures and unique views can be enjoyed from here.

Length: 12,1 km

Estimated time: 4 h

Difficulty: 2 (easy)

The only thing that needs to be taken into account is the type of ground you will be walking on, along some stretches of the ravine.

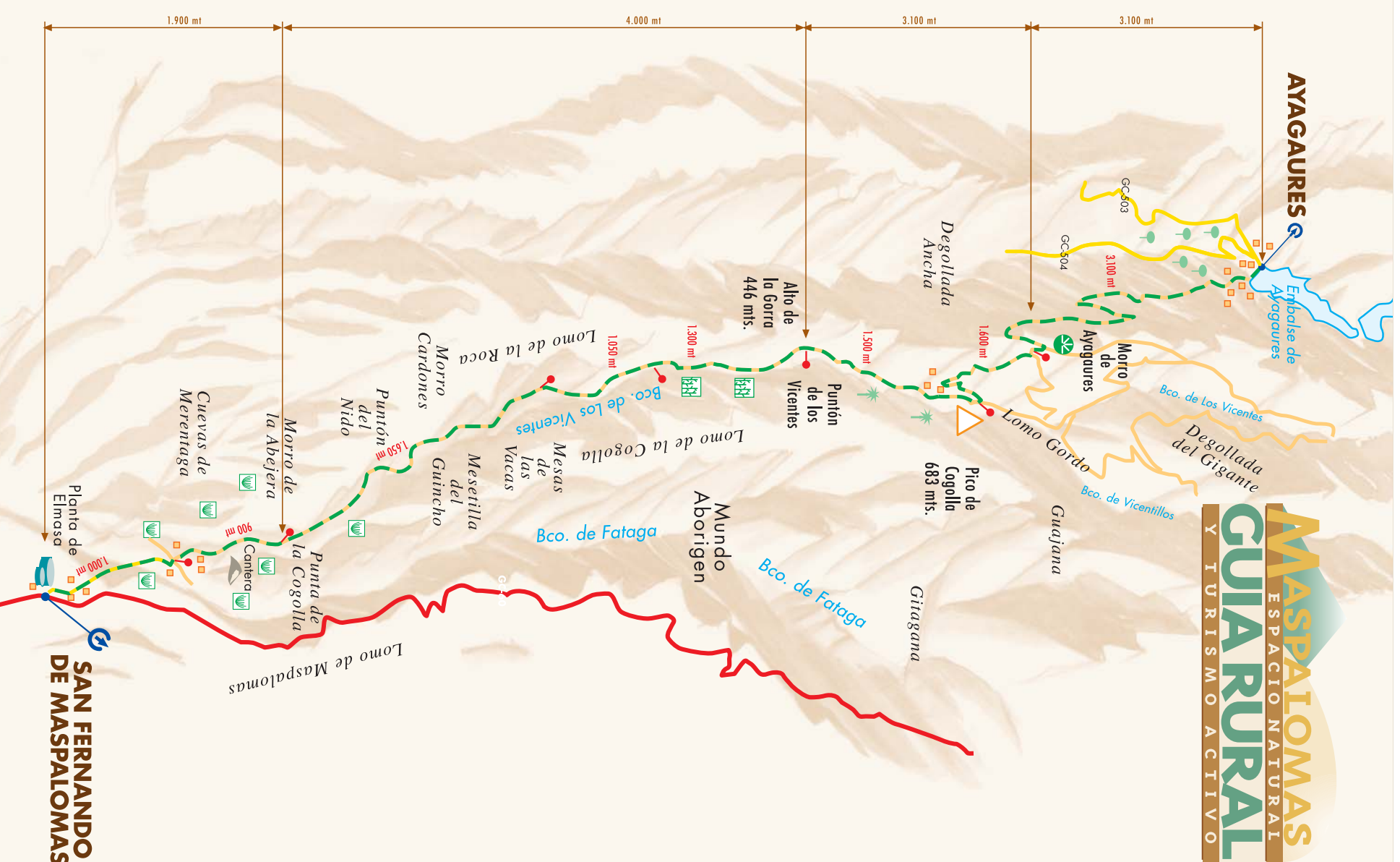
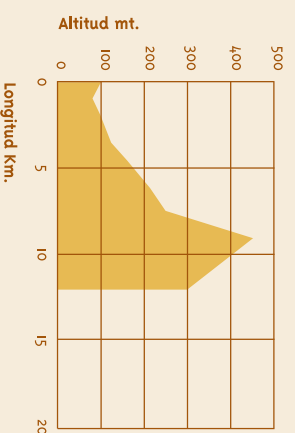
How to get there: The route starts from the road that goes from Maspalomas towards Fataga, at the height of the ELMASA water purifying station. You should organise how you will get back from Ayagaures, as there is no public transport to Playa del Inglés.





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Set off along the GC-815 road to Fataga to the crossroads next to the ELMASA water purifying plant. Turn left down the tarmac track and walk for a further 1 km until you reach the bottom of the ravine. This is the point where the Barranco de Los Vicentes and the Barranco de Fataga meet. Turn left along the dirt track and 30 metres on, take the track that leads off to the right and which will take you to the Barranco de Los Vicentes. The area around the start of the road is rather ugly due to the rubbish that has been dumped there. Approximately 500 metres further on, you will see some natural caves to your right. Carry on for another 400 metres and you pass a path on the right that goes to the mill and which would take you to the top of La Cogolla. From here onwards, you will see magnificent examples of Canary Island cactus-spurge and other types of spurge. Continue along the bottom of the ravine over alternate stretches of dirt track and loose stone. Go past a small lake on your left. The path winds backward and forward across the ravine and the bed will sometimes be on your left and others on your right. The various mountain peaks on both sides (Punton del Nido, Mesa de Las Vacas, Montaña de la Corra, Punton de Los Vicentes) make up a unique landscape. The first reedbeds along the ravine can now be seen in this narrower part, together with the odd palm tree. There are three palm trees in the middle of the ravine and it is a good idea to stop and rest under their shady leaves, as you have now been walking for 6.5 km. From here onwards, the vegetation gradually changes and there is not so much spurge, which is replaced by bugloss and sage. There is a path leading off to the left 900 metres further on. Even though it is marked by piles of stone, you will have to pay attention to make sure you go along the right route. This track climbs steeply upwards for 1,600 m to the upper path that goes toward Ayagaures. As you climb up this slope, you will be able to enjoy magnificent views over the ravines of Los Vicentes and Los Vicentillos. Once you are on the upper path, just turn left. Three hundred metres further on, you reach a col known as Degollada Ancha: a good place to rest and contemplate the views over the Ayagaures Ravine. Continue along the path for 2,800 metres. Cross the reservoir dam and you will have reached Ayagaures.



### 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