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# LANZAROTE

**VINES, PRETTY VILLAGES AND BEAUTIFUL BEACHES**

Puerto del Carmen: for the best of both worlds


**A VISIT TO LITTLE SISTER**

A journey back in time to La Graciosa

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### ● *Sunbathe in powder sand »*

They are well away from all the tourist commotion, get few visitors and are not at all commercialised. Near *Órzola* in the far north is a series of several bays, where the snow-white sand contrasts beautifully with the tar-black rock. A lovely spot for a picnic

### ● *For the sure-footed »*

There is normally an admission charge to see César Manrique's landscape artworks, such as the Mirador del Río ([Photo](#)), the viewing platform over the straits between

Lanzarote and the neighbouring island of La Graciosa. Just as spectacular, but free, is the view from the *Mirador de Guinate*, and, what's more, it's quite likely that you will have the place to yourself

### ● ***A lesson in vulcanology »***

Viewed from outside the *Visitor Centre* at Timanfaya National Park juxtaposes the traditional and the modern. What is impressive about the inside is the fascinating multi-media introduction to the geology of volcanoes

### ● ***Sunbathe in comfort »***

The beaches in *Puerto del Carmen* are very pretty and very popular. If you'd like to bask in the sun in greater comfort, then you have to pay for a lounger. But after 5pm all the

beach furniture is free – and there will still be another two hours of sun to enjoy

● ***A walk with a view »***

You can save yourself the car-parking charge for the nature conservation area if you walk from the seaside promenade at Playa Blanca to the *Papagayo beaches*. And there's an added bonus: magnificent views over to Fuerteventura.

● ***To the heart of darkness »***

Employees of *Timanfaya National Park* take visitors where others can't go. The tour on foot explores craters, tunnels and an almost level, solid sea of lava in the middle of the Fire Mountains

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## ONLY IN LANZAROTE

Unique experiences

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### ● *Wine from a volcano »*

The malvasia grape produces wines in a number of varieties ranging from very dry to very sweet. Vines grow in lava pits, where moisture from the night-time dew collects. The accumulated water is then released to the vine roots during the course of the day. Miraculously, Lanzarote's stony wasteland becomes a fertile vineyard, and the wines from *El Chupadero* prove it ([Photo](#))

### ● *Journey back in time »*

Nowhere else is Lanzarote's past more evident than in *Teguise*. In the *real villa*, the royal town, fine mansions and elegant town houses, narrow alleys, broad plazas and dignified churches gloriously reveal the island's history

### ● ***Salt from sun and sea »***

Nothing imparts a more intensive taste to our food than *sal del mar* or sea salt. This white gold is harvested in the *Salinas de Janubio* and you can purchase it at low prices in the Mirador Salinas restaurant

### ● ***Old sounds, new timples »***

The timple arrived on the island with the African slaves, its bright sound an essential part of the Lanzarotean folk song. This small stringed instrument is crafted by hand in