

Garachico

Tenerife · Spain

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Garachico is a small town on the north-west coast of Tenerife, in the Canary Islands. It was the island's main port until a volcanic eruption in 1706 buried the harbour, and it was rebuilt around its rocky coast. Today it is a quiet, picturesque place with stone houses, balconies, plazas and natural seawater pools made from solidified lava.

It is a good stop on a drive around the island, or a quiet base away from the southern resorts.

When to visit

The Canaries have a mild climate all year. The north coast is greener and a little cooler than the south. Summer is the best season for the sea pools. Winters are mild, with some rain. The Fiestas de San Roque in August and the Carnival in February are the main events.

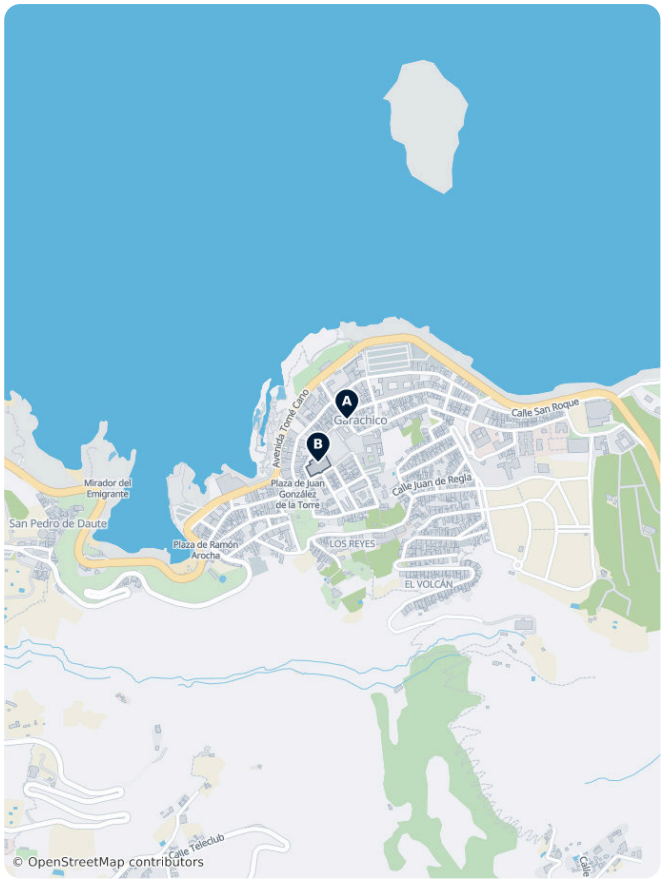
MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	● Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 24°	18° / 15°	
February	● Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 25°	18° / 15°	
March	● Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 27°	18° / 16°	
April	● Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 27°	19° / 17°	UV 8 (Very high)
May	● Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 29°	20° / 18°	Humid air · UV 9 (Very high)
June	● Great Great for the beach	27° / 31°	22° / 20°	Muggy, humid air · UV 10 (Very high)
July	● Great Great for the beach	29° / 34°	24° / 22°	Muggy, humid air · UV 9 (Very high)
August	● Great Great for the beach	30° / 34°	25° / 23°	Muggy, humid air · UV 9 (Very high)
September	● Great Great for the beach	29° / 31°	24° / 22°	Muggy, humid air
October	● Great Great for the beach	27° / 31°	23° / 20°	Muggy, humid air
November	● Great Great for sightseeing	24° / 28°	21° / 18°	Humid air
December	● Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 25°	19° / 17°	

Best months: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Garachico is the town center, with the Plaza de la Libertad and its old houses and palaces.
- The Castillo de San Miguel is a 16th-century fort on the shore, built to defend the port.
- El Caletón is a group of natural seawater pools formed by lava, the most popular place to swim.
- The Puerta de Tierra was the main gate of the old port, and the Parque de la Puerta de Tierra is next to it.
- B Iglesia de Santa Ana is the main parish church, with a notable interior.
- The Convento de San Francisco is a former convent now used as a cultural center.
- The Monumento al Emigrante Canario and the Mirador del Emigrante look over the sea.
- Charco Las Damas and La Caleta de Interián are small coves to the west.
- The Montaña Negra is the volcano that erupted in 1706, with trails.



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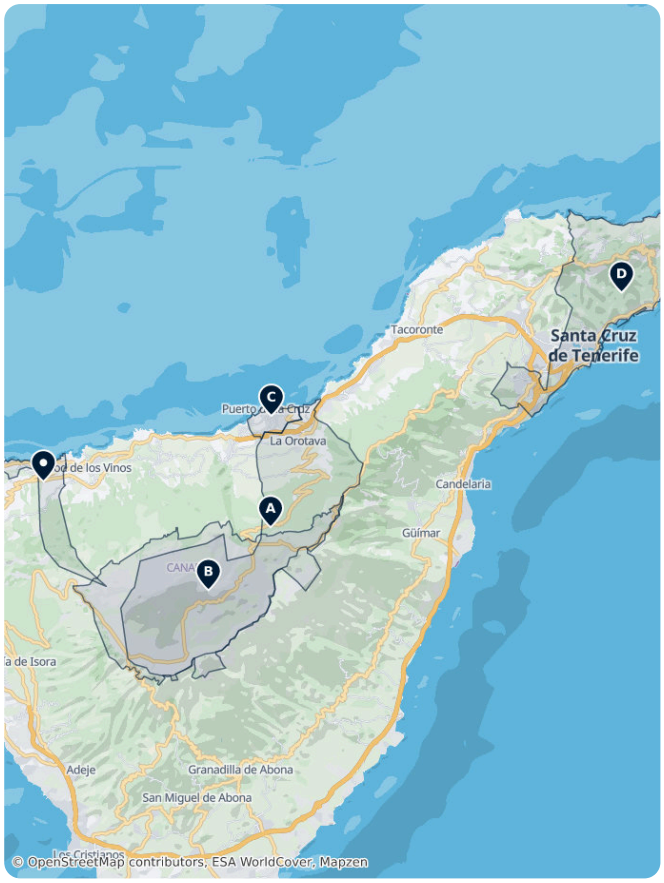
What to experience

- Swim at El Caletón.
- Walk through the old town and the Plaza de la Libertad.
- Drive up to Masca or Teide.
- Eat fresh fish at a harbour restaurant.

Day trips

- A La Orotava (about 30 km): a historic town with wooden balconies.
- B Teide National Park (about 40 km): Mount Teide and its volcanic landscapes.
- **Masca** (about 25 km): a mountain village in a deep ravine, with a famous walking trail.
- C Puerto de la Cruz (about 30 km): a resort town on the north coast.
- D Santa Cruz de Tenerife (about 65 km): the capital of the island.



Where to explore

Other places nearby:

- **Tenerife**: Tenerife, La Orotava, Puerto de la Cruz and Santa Cruz de Tenerife.
- **Other islands**: La Palma and La Gomera.

Getting there

- **By air**: Tenerife North airport is about 35 km away, and Tenerife South about 55 km.
- **By bus**: Buses (guaguas) run from Puerto de la Cruz, Icod de los Vinos and Santa Cruz.
- **By car**: The TF-82 and the TF-5 motorway. A rental car is the easiest option.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The town is small and walkable, with a gentle slope.
- **Bus and taxi**: Limited, so a car helps.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town is small and walkable.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Low

The roads are hilly and winding.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Yes, for most of the north-west of the island.
- **Parking**: Paid and free parking near the center.
- **Roads**: Mountain roads are winding, and weather changes quickly at altitude.

Food & drink

Canarian cuisine uses fresh fish, potatoes and mojo sauces. Try *papas arrugadas* with *mojo*, *gofio*, grilled *vieja* (parrotfish) and *queso asado* (grilled cheese). The local wines come from the north of the island.

What to eat & drink

BREAKFAST

Churros · Churros con Chocolate
Fried dough sticks served with a thick, dark hot chocolate for dipping — a classic Spanish breakfast or late-night snack.

LUNCH

Paella Valenciana
A saffron-scented rice dish cooked in a wide, shallow pan. The traditional Valencian version uses chicken, rabbit, and green beans — best eaten at midday.

Gazpacho
A cold, blended soup of raw tomatoes, cucumber, pepper, garlic, olive oil, and vinegar, originally from Andalusia. Served as a drink or a starter, especially in summer.

DINNER

Pulpo a la Gallega
Boiled octopus sliced onto a wooden board and dressed with olive oil, coarse salt, and smoked paprika — a signature dish of Galicia.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Jamón Ibérico
Dry-cured ham from acorn-fed Iberian pigs, sliced paper-thin and eaten on its own or with bread. The finest grade, jamón ibérico de bellota, is one of Spain's most prized products.

Tortilla Española
A thick potato and egg omelette, served warm or at room temperature, found in virtually every bar in Spain. Often eaten as a tapa or a quick meal.

Patatas Bravas
Fried potato chunks served with a spicy tomato sauce or aioli — one of the most common tapas across the country.

Pintxos
Small snacks anchored to slices of bread with a toothpick, the Basque Country's answer to tapas. Found in bar counters across San Sebastián and Bilbao, often with elaborate toppings.

Croquetas
Crispy breaded cylinders with a creamy béchamel filling, typically made with jamón, bacalà (salt cod), or mushrooms.

DRINKS

Rioja Wine · Vino de Rioja

Spain's best-known wine region produces full-bodied reds from Tempranillo grapes, aged in oak. The crianza, reserva, and gran reserva labels indicate increasing age and complexity.

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Safety & health

Garachico is a safe town. The Atlantic can be rough, so use the lifeguarded sea pools, and check conditions. Use sun protection and take care on mountain roads.

History

Garachico was founded in the 16th century and became the main port of Tenerife for trade with Europe and the Americas. In 1706 the Trevejo volcano erupted and lava filled the harbour and destroyed much of the town. The port was not rebuilt, and trade moved to other ports.

The lava formed the natural pools of El Caletón, and the town was restored in the 20th century as a heritage site.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Spain at a glance:

CURRENCY

EUR €

EMERGENCY

112

ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES

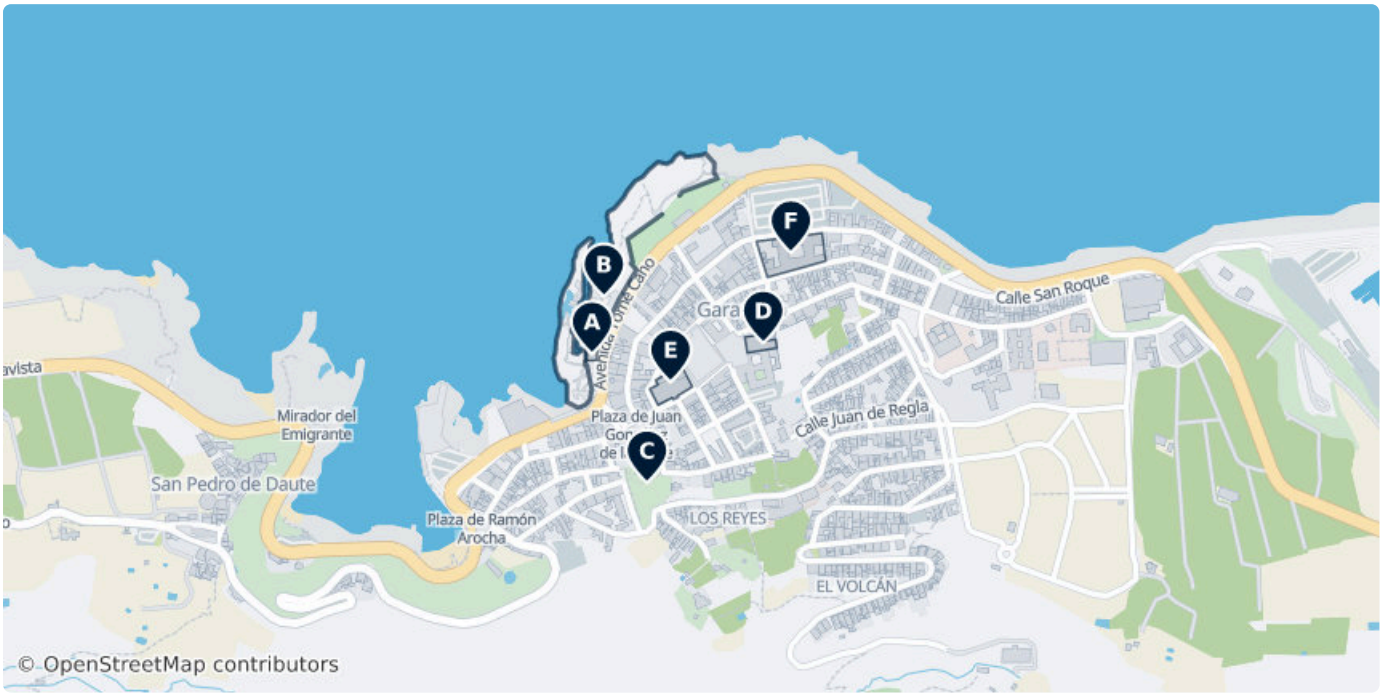
Spanish

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Garachico's Essential Wonders

Garachico's landscape was permanently altered by the 1706 Trevejo volcanic eruption, which filled its deep-water harbor with lava. This selection explores the town's resilient heritage, featuring the 16th-century Castillo de San Miguel and the natural pools of El Caletón formed by cooling basalt. The list includes architectural landmarks like the Church of Santa Ana and the Puerta de Tierra, a stone archway that once marked the entrance to one of Tenerife's most important commercial ports.





A Castillo de San Miguel

A 16th-century square stone fortress built to defend the port against pirate attacks. It is one of the few structures that survived the 1706 volcanic eruption and now houses a heritage information center.

7 Calle de Esteban de Ponte, Garachico 38450, Spain
(28.37318, -16.76606)

Mo–Sa 10:00–16:00



B El Caletón

A series of natural swimming pools and channels created by the 1706 lava flow meeting the Atlantic Ocean. These basalt formations provide protected bathing areas directly adjacent to the historic castle.

10 Avenida Tome Cano, Garachico 38450, Spain
(28.37385, -16.76590)



C Parque de la Puerta de Tierra

Features the original 16th-century stone archway that served as the entrance to the old port. The park also contains a traditional wooden wine press and gardens showcasing endemic plant species.

9 Plaza Juan Gonzalez de la Torre, Garachico 38450, Spain
(28.37166, -16.76532)



D Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles

Originally built in 1524 as part of a Franciscan convent, this church was reconstructed after the 1706 eruption. It features a whitewashed facade and traditional Mudejar-style coffered ceilings.

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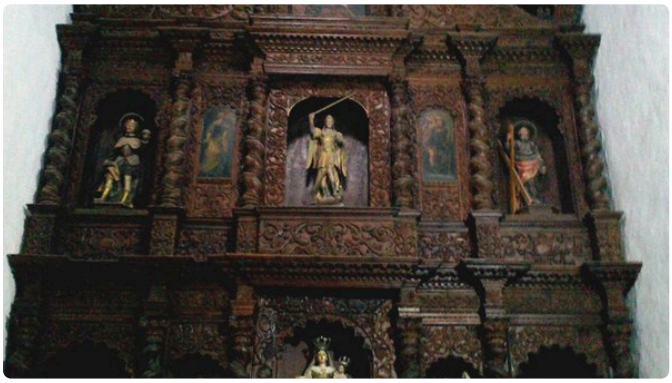

E Church of Santa Ana

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1 Calle Conde del Palmar, Garachico 38450, Spain
(28.37285, -16.76500)

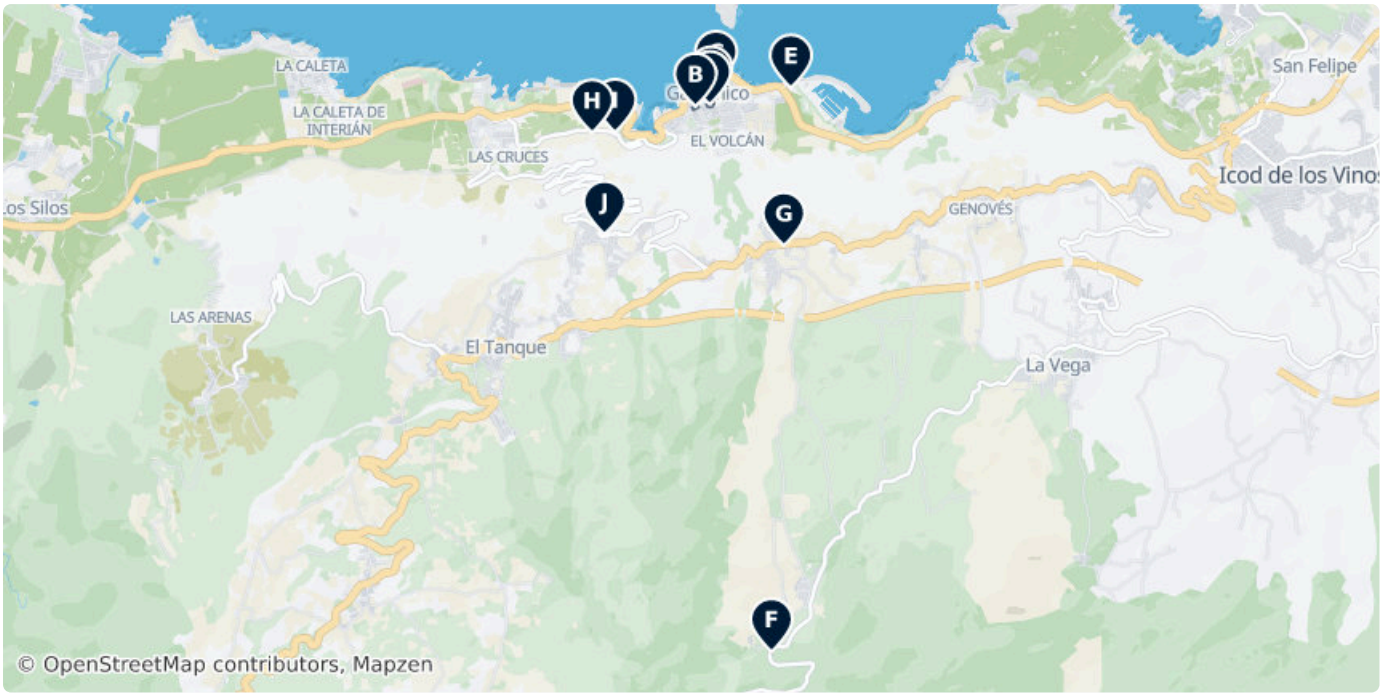
F Convento de la Inmaculada Concepción

A cloistered convent founded in 1643. After being destroyed by the volcanic eruption and a subsequent fire, it was rebuilt in 1749, retaining its distinctive red-tiled roof and historic belfry.

40 Calle de Esteban de Ponte, Garachico 38450, Spain
(28.37437, -16.76339)

Historic Religious Sites

Garachico's religious architecture reflects its history as Tenerife's primary port before the 1706 volcanic eruption. The collection includes the 16th-century Convento de San Francisco and the rebuilt Church of Santa Ana, showcasing Mudéjar-style ceilings and baroque altarpieces. From the coastal Ermita de San Roque to the upland chapels of San Juan del Reparo, these sites preserve the town's spiritual heritage and artistic evolution across five centuries.





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Originally part of a Franciscan convent, this church features a prominent bell tower and a single nave with traditional Mudéjar coffered ceilings.

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A 17th-century cloistered convent for Franciscan Conceptionist nuns. The building survived the 1706 volcanic eruption and contains a notable collection of religious art and a traditional Canarian courtyard.

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D Convento de San Francisco

Established in 1524, this former monastery is one of the town's oldest buildings. It now houses the municipal library and cultural spaces, featuring two well-preserved cloisters and ornate wooden balconies.

1 Glorieta San Francisco, Garachico 38450, Spain (28.37299, -16.76389)



E Ermita San Roque

A chapel dedicated to the town's patron saint. It is the focal point for the annual Romería de San Roque, a festival held every August to commemorate the end of a 17th-century plague.

1 Camino Real Garachico, 38450, Spain (28.37412, -16.75755)

F Ermita de San Francisco de Asís

A traditional mountain chapel located in the upper reaches of the municipality, serving the rural community of San Juan del Reparo.

Diseminado la Montañeta 10, 38459 (28.33544, -16.75907)

G Iglesia de San Juan Bautista

Situated in the village of San Juan del Reparo, this church features classic Canarian architecture and serves as a central landmark for the upland settlement.

18 Carretera General Icod-Guía de Isora, San José de La Vega Reparo 38459, Spain (28.36330, -16.75811)

H El Buen Pastor

A place of worship serving the local parish in the western outskirts of the town.

3 Carretera Cruces, 38450, Spain (28.37104, -16.77307)

I Iglesia San Pedro

Located in the historic Daute neighborhood, this church is one of the earliest religious foundations in the area, pre-dating the 1706 volcanic eruption.

8 Calle Mencey Rosmen, Garachico 38450, Spain (28.37108, -16.77127)

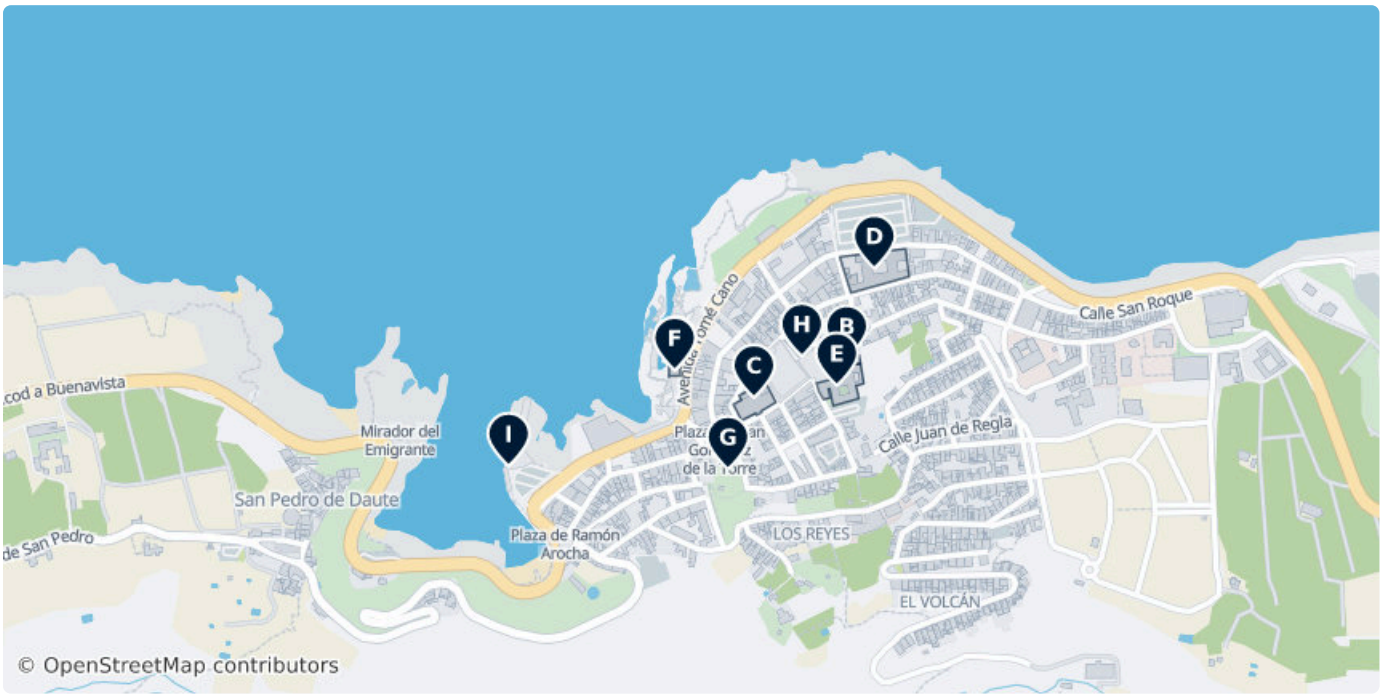
J Iglesia de San Antonio de Padua

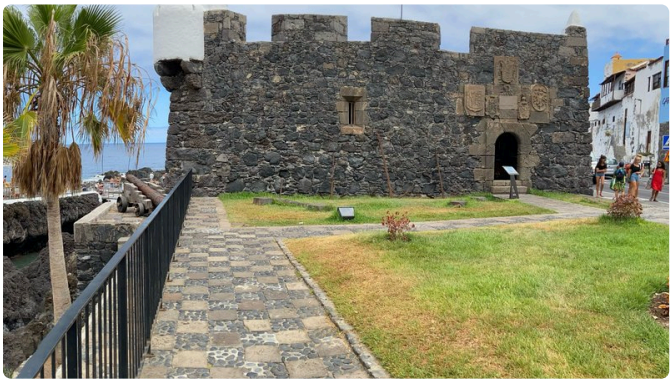
A parish church located in the El Guincho district, characterized by its simple Canarian facade and regional religious significance.

2 Calle del Párroco Pedro Rodríguez Baute, Tanque 38435, Spain (28.36407, -16.77209)

Regional Heritage Sites

Garachico's heritage reflects its history as a major port prior to the 1706 volcanic eruption. This collection features 16th-century defensive structures like the Castillo de San Miguel and religious complexes including the Convento de San Francisco. Visitors can explore the Puerta de Tierra, a surviving gateway to the old harbor, and various manor houses that showcase traditional Canarian architecture and the town's aristocratic past.





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B Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles

A 16th-century church adjacent to the former Franciscan convent. It features traditional Canarian religious architecture and served as a spiritual hub for the local community.

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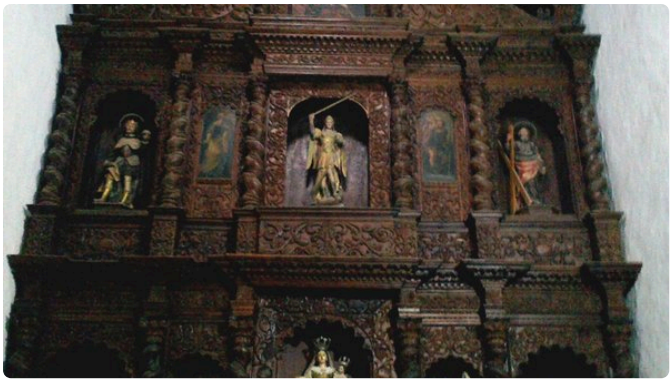

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A former Franciscan monastery dating back to 1524. It is noted for its two well-preserved cloisters and Mudejar-style coffered ceilings, now serving as a municipal cultural center.

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F Castillo de San Miguel

A 16th-century defensive tower located on the coast. Constructed from volcanic stone, it survived the 1706 eruption and provides insight into the town's military history.

7 Calle de Esteban de Ponte, Garachico 38450, Spain
(28.37317, -16.76607)

G Puerta de Tierra

A stone archway located in a small park that once marked the entrance to the town's prosperous harbor before it was buried by lava in 1706.

(28.37200, -16.76535)

H Palacio del Marqués de la Quinta Roja

A 17th-century aristocratic residence featuring a traditional Canarian courtyard and ornate wooden balconies. It reflects the wealth of the town's former merchant class.

(28.37333, -16.76436)

I ConcienciaT El Corazón

A modern sculpture and monument located near the coastline, representing contemporary artistic additions to the town's historical landscape.

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