

Self-Guided Cycling on Lanzarote

Trip Code: SGLB

Version:



CYCLE



SELF-GUIDED



MODERATE



HIGHLIGHTS

- Choose from a choice of rides to create your perfect balance of pedalling and sightseeing
- Cycle through The Valley of a Thousand Palms to the picture-perfect village of Haria
- Discover the legacy of Cesar Manrique where art and nature are one: El Jardin de Cactus, Los Jameos del Agua, and El Mirador del Rio
- Ride through the lunar landscapes of Parque Nacional de Timanfaya

- Drift through the unusual wine country of La Geria then sample a glass of the local wine with delicious fresh local food in the evening

AT A GLANCE

- Self-Guided
- 6 days cycling & sightseeing
- Luggage transfer
- Bike hire included
- E-bike upgrade available
- Choice of routes
- Join at / End in Costa Teguisse

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

[VIEW DATES, PRICES & BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY HERE](#)

Introduction

Feel captivated as you cycle Lanzarote's smooth tarmac, fully immersed in landscapes full of colourful and textural contrasts with one breath-taking vista after another. Nature and art merge into something very special on this volcanic island that emanates from beneath the Atlantic Ocean, and at the end of each day's adventures you'll be tantalised by deliciously fresh cuisine. During your week on the island you will discover its unique fusion of culture, fire, and extraordinary geology - including how these were brought together together by the world-renowned local environmental visionary and artist, Cesar Manrique.

Staying in a selection of welcoming 3-star and 4-star hotels on the coast with inviting swimming pools, and an intimate casa in Haria, you can unwind after a day in the saddle with a dip in the pool, or by relaxing in the bar - maybe you'll find time to do both! Your routes will take you off the beaten track and away from the coast to discover the impressive ancient capital of Teguisse, through the alluring Valley of a Thousand Palms to experience the authentic town of Haria, and transport you to another world as you cycle through the Parc Nacional de Timanfaya. We have designed this trip with plenty of flexibility in mind so you can choose to cycle hard, or enjoy a shorter route and soak up all Lanzarote has to offer - including its uniquely grown wine! Remember we also offer E-bike upgrades on all our cycling trips and this might be just what you need to explore the routes on this trip at your own effort and pace - please contact our Sales Team for more information.

Is this holiday for you?

This trip is ideal for anyone who loves to cycle on quiet roads with beautifully smooth tarmac, to have plenty of flexibility in their itinerary, and to enjoy fantastic facilities for unwinding after a day in the saddle. With a choice of rides on most days, you can tailor your holiday to suit you - whether you want to relax, soak up the dramatic scenery, and enjoy the fantastic produce Lanzarote has to offer, or focus on cycling further and harder each day. Ride options vary between around 30 and 70km in length and with between 500m and 900m of ascent, so you have plenty to choose from. Plus, spending 2 nights in both Teguisse and Playa Blanca allows you the option to enjoy a rest day by the pool or doing a spot of

sightseeing on foot if you'd prefer. And remember, if you'd like to do all the longest rides and those with the biggest climbs yet would like to ease the effort, then we'd recommend upgrading to an E-bike - just ask our Sales Team for more information.

Itinerary

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Holiday Information

What's Included

- All accommodation as described
- Meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Self-guided information pack containing your route notes
- Lanzarote guide book
- Luggage transfers
- 30 gear bike hire including helmet
- Bike accessories hire (rear luggage rack, pannier, milometer, bike lock, pump, repair kit, inner tube)
- Navigation App and GPX tracks available

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Travel to Costa Teguisse
- Travel from Costa Teguisse
- Public buses and taxis
- Visas (if applicable)
- Some meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Personal equipment
- Any additional activities/excursions indicated as optional

Your Self-Guided Pack & Route Notes

Each self-guided holiday comes with comprehensive route notes and a map or pocket guidebook of the area you are exploring. The route notes contain information about the places you will visit and the local transport you might need, along with the detailed route notes for your daily walks or cycle rides. We even include some tips for the best places to stop for lunch.

You can expect to receive your Self-Guided Pack containing your route notes, a map or guidebook, and all your relevant documents, no later than 3 weeks before your holiday start-date. We will send your documents using a signed-for courier so that you can track your package and know that it is safely on its way to you. For bookings of more than 4 people we will send an additional Self-Guided Pack. If you do not need this additional pack please inform our Sales Team. Your pack will be sent to the lead booker, so please remind them to pack it before setting off.

Should your self-guided trip be part of a longer adventure requiring you to leave home more than three weeks before your holiday start-date, please inform our Sales Team so that we can make alternative delivery arrangements.

Self-Guided Families

Our Self-Guided Holidays are perfect for your next family holiday and are suitable for children of all ages.

Our partner hotels and accommodations are able to provide cots for young children, and some offer family rooms. We can also arrange hire of children's bikes and tag along bikes for most of our self-guided cycling trips and with trips such as Lake Constance and the Danube offering routes on designated cycle paths you can rest assured in keeping your family safe.

As a parent we trust that you know your own child's capabilities, so please read the itinerary details to ensure the distances covered each day are suitable for your family. If this is a first time walking holiday for your family, a centre based trip is a fantastic option as it allows you to easily opt out of a days walking if a day of building sand castles, swimming in the pool or visiting museums is calling instead.

Please discuss this further with our sales team who will be happy to assist in picking the best trip for your family.

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

This trip starts and ends at your hotel in Costa Teguse. All of our self-guided holidays are sold on a Land Only basis allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method which best suits you. The nearest airport is Lanzarote Arrecife Airport, served by many departures from UK regional airports.

If you are arriving into Lanzarote Arrecife Airport, you can take a short hop on the public bus (Intercity) into Arrecife and then take another bus to Costa Teguse, with the whole journey taking around 45 minutes. Please see www.rome2rio.com for the latest timetables.

Alternatively, you may wish to take a taxi from the airport direct to your hotel - this takes around 15 minutes.

It is also possible to arrive into Arrecife on the ferry from Cadiz, mainland Spain. From here, the public bus to Costa Teguse takes round 10 minutes.

Meal Plan

This trip is on a bed and breakfast basis to allow you the most flexibility during your holiday.

Food & Water

Water from the taps may not be drinkable in all locations on this trip - please check with your guide. We recommend taking water purification tablets and a reusable bottle with a filter such as [Water-to-Go](#), which can both be used to help make safe other water sources. Please note that we do not encourage the purchase of single use plastic bottles.

Cuisine in the Canaries is filled with tradition and fresh local produce, with recipes being handed down through generations. It is these traditions which have formed the delicious mix of cuisine which blends its Spanish roots with African and South American influences. Meat and fish are served with the staple on any menu - tasty *Papas Arrugadas*, small locally-grown potatoes boiled in extremely salty water giving the skins a somewhat wrinkly appearance - and a traditional *Mojo* sauce. Meat is served with *Mojo Rojo* - red - made with chillies, oil, garlic, vinegar, and salt; fish is served with *Mojo Verde* - green - where coriander replaces the chilli. Every restaurant claims to have its own secret *Mojo* recipe! As you would expect from an island, seafood features heavily in the Canarian diet, from *Puntillas de Calamar* (fried baby squid) to *Pescado a la Plancha* (fish of the day that is grilled simply and is incredibly tasty), to exquisite fresh *Lapas* (limpets, often served in the pan they have been cooked in, with butter and garlic sauce and freshly chopped coriander). Surprisingly however, the island has some fantastic mild slightly salty goat cheeses, some of which have won international awards, plus a selection of lovely local wines to enjoy with your meal.

Accommodation

We have designed this trip with comfort in mind so you can enjoy feeling pampered whilst you relax after a day in the saddle. You will be staying in a selection great of 4-star hotels and resorts, and a welcoming traditional Canarian *casa* in Haria where you can take pleasure in the warm hospitality of Lola and Juan. All accommodations offer comfortable en-suite bedrooms, lovely communal areas, and great breakfast buffets to fuel your adventures each day. Some of your accommodations also have swimming pools - perfect for cooling off and soothing your limbs after a busy day exploring.

It is possible to arrange additional nights' accommodation in Costa Teguisse before or after your trip if you would like to explore this fabulous island a little more. Please contact our Sales Team for more information.

Bike Hire

Standard touring bikes come with 30 gears, and come equipped with a rear luggage rack and pannier for your daily essentials, plus a milometer, bike lock, pump, repair kit, and spare inner tube.

Please note that it is a legal requirement to wear a helmet in Spain. We include a helmet with your bike on this trip however we strongly recommend you bring your own helmet for the best comfort.

We also recommend packing a gel seat for extra comfort or a pair of padded cycling shorts as, whilst there are plenty of opportunities to stop and explore, it is always nice to have some padding for a more comfortable ride.

For those wishing for a sportier positioning on the bike it is possible to upgrade to a carbon road bike with 22 gears on this trip for a supplement of £40 (please note that road bikes do not come with a rear luggage rack or pannier).

E-bikes are also available at a supplement of £180. Please ask our Sales Team for details.

Upgrade to an E-bike

If you are looking for a bit of extra support whilst in the saddle, you can upgrade to an e-bike to make your ride even more leisurely.

Equipped with a battery and motor, these electric bikes give you a helping hand whilst you are pedalling, making it easier to climb hills, and travel further with less effort and more comfort.

E-bikes are available on this holiday at an additional supplement of £180. Just request this upgrade option from our Sales Team at the time of booking.

Baggage Allowance

Your main luggage will be transferred between each of your hotels while you are out on your ride. We ask that you please ensure that each piece of your luggage is under 20kg and that your luggage is ready for collection in the morning on the day of each hotel change. You will also need a daypack to carry your daily essentials with you whilst you are riding.

General Information

Passport & Visas

Europe

Your passport must meet 2 requirements. It must be:

- less than 10 years old on the day you enter (check the 'date of issue')
- valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date')

For the latest details on visiting countries within the EU or the European Economic Area (EEA), please check the UK Government website

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders. A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required, and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents and visas for your holiday. Please ensure that you check for the latest advice before travel. For the most up to date information on entry requirements, please visit the [UK Government website](#).

Health & Vaccinations

Vaccinations

You should contact your doctor or travel clinic to check whether you require any specific vaccinations.

GHIC / Medical cover

UK residents should carry a free Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). This entitles you to state provided medical treatment when you're visiting an EU country or Switzerland. This is not a substitute for medical travel insurance which is vital when travelling overseas.

Severe Allergies

Please inform our KE Sales and support team of any severe allergies you may have before travel. We will always do our best to help but we are unable to guarantee an allergy free environment on our KE trips. We advise that you always carry your own treatment for the allergy with you such as 'adrenaline auto-injectors' if required. We also recommend that you discuss this with your accommodation on arrival so that they can better assist you.

Preparing for your Holiday

The advantage of a self-guided cycling holiday is that you decide the pace. Having said this it is always sensible to get some additional exercise before going on an active holiday. After all, the fitter you are the more enjoyable your cycling will be. We have designed this trip with flexibility in mind with a choice of shorter or longer rides on most day. However, you should at least be comfortable cycling 35 to 50km and up to 600m of ascent a day on quiet roads. We advise you to dust off your bike and head out on a few rides before your holiday to help make your holiday more enjoyable. We also offer e-bike upgrades for those seeking to make the journey more leisurely.

Climate

The Canary Islands are perfect for holidays all year round, thanks to what are often described as 'eternal spring conditions' where temperatures range between 16 degrees centigrade in the winter to 25 degrees centigrade in the summer. It tends never to be too hot or too cold, which makes it perfect to explore on foot or by bike.

Lanzarote has its own micro-climate with the north being slightly windier and cloudier, the south being drier and warmer with approximately 2,500 hours of annual sunshine, and the centre having a moderate and stable climate. It is this wonderful balanced, gentle climate that has helped make Lanzarote such a popular holiday destination, as much for those seeking sun, sea, and sand, as for those wanting to walk, cycle, and sightsee. On top of this, thanks to the vast amount of sunshine, the island is home to over 600 plant species, many of which are endemic species and have significant botanical value.

Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's '[Travel Aware](#)' campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that before travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. North Americans can also check out the U.S. Department of State website: www.travel.state.gov for essential travel advice and tips.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates directly from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

Books

Lanzarote Marco Polo Pocket Guide

The Wind off the Small Isles - Mary Stewart

Sandwiches in the Sun: The Extraordinary Truth about Life on a Spanish Island - Chris Herman

Lanzarote & Fuerteventura Pocket Guide - Berlitz Pocket Guides

Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our [Travel Insurance](#) page for further information and to get a quote.

Equipment Information

SelfGuided Cycling Equipment List

- Cycling shorts
- Cycle helmet
- Functional base layer
- T-shirts
- Scarf
- Hat
- Windproof jacket
- Fleece / extra layer
- Rain protection

- Rucksack (approx. 20 l)
- Small first aid kit for your rucksack
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle or hydration pack
- Camera (batteries/memory card)
- Mobile Phone (ensure your data package covers your destination)
- Handlebar mount that is compatible with your smartphone
- Power bank
- Waterproof phone cover
- Sun glasses
- Personal wash kit
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping to avoid the use of plastic bags
- Tupperware for picnics

Cotswold Outdoor

Many of the equipment items listed above are available from [Cotswold Outdoor](#) - our '**Official Recommended Outdoor Retailer**'. When you book a holiday with KE you will receive a 12.5% discount with Cotswold Outdoor, Snow+Rock and Runners Need. The discount code can be downloaded from your MyKE account and you can use this code at the checkout, either in store or online.

Land Only Information

Please note our 'from price' listed is based on 4 persons in twin or double rooms, however we can quote for any number of travellers, including solo travellers, contact our sales team for a quote.

All of our self-guided holidays are sold on a Land Only basis allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method which best suits you. You may even wish to make this holiday part of a bigger adventure or pair it with one of our other holidays. We can arrange additional nights accommodation before or after your self-guided trip, ask our sales team to find out more about this.

Our sales team will be happy to provide you a quote for scheduled flights or alternatively you may wish to book your own flights with a low cost carrier from your nearest regional airport.

Please DO NOT book your flights before you have received your booking confirmation and your deposit has been taken.

We offer some transfers to your hotel from the nearest airports, please refer to the 'joining arrangements and transfers' for further details for this trip.

Why Choose KE

Why KE?

With a choice of rides on most days this is the perfect cycling fix in the sun for spring, autumn, and winter - and with some of our favourite accommodations along the way you can really relax at the end of each day. We have included bike hire in the cost of your trip so you can relax knowing it is all taken care of for you. E-bike upgrades are available - please contact our Sales Team for more information.

Please Note This document was downloaded on 21/11/2024 and the trip is subject to change