

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Las Vegas circuit	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Just before Las Vegas, about 3km north of Chimiche in the municipality of Granadilla de Abona.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	7km	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	300m	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2 hrs 30 mins walking, 2 hrs 45 mins completion.	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	M/B	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat 28.14819, Long -16.54685	
Directions to Start	From the Autopista Sur take the turn off to Chimiche and head up and through the village to the crossroads with the TF-28. Go straight on (signposted Las Vegas) and continue for about 2.7km until just before a left hand bend you see on the right an area to park beside some low cliffs, a signpost and some steps cut into the rock (see photo).	
Short walk description	Lovely varied circuit with many points of interest.	
Full Walk Description	<p>This walk passes through a variety of areas of vegetation, has impressive views down to the coast and has several information boards at points of interest. The route is on well defined paths and tracks (if a little stony at times), and is clearly signposted (SL-TF-282, with parts shared with the PR-TF-83.1/83.3/83.4).</p> <p>Navigation is easy – in general just keep following the signs, and where there's a choice take the left hand option to end up going round in a circle anticlockwise.</p> <p>In the timings below some allowance is made for reading the various information boards encountered on the route.</p>	
From the road go up the steps in the rock to an information board, and then continue to another just above. Continue on the path as it leads upwards and curves round the hillside, with views to the southern coast opening up, until you arrive at a crossroads with a track (point A). (15 mins).	15 min, 600m	
Cross the track following the Y/W signpost for the TF-83.3 Risco del Muerto. The path bends gradually round to the left and you see some farm buildings on the opposite side of the barranco on your right. After passing a water tank on the RHS and some terraces the path continues along the LHS of a larger barranco to the point where it crosses it (point B). (16 mins).	31 min, 1.5km	

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Continue on the path as it zigzags up the other side of the barranco until it meets a track going across it (point C) (11 mins).	42 min, 2km
Turn left along the track and follow it uphill until you reach an intersection of signposted paths (point D). (13 mins).	55 min, 2.7km
Follow the signpost to Las Vegas, turning left onto a path alongside a water channel, whose low wall makes for a good spot to sit and have something to eat. The well-marked path descends a little, then skirts the hillside for a short stretch. It zigzags down to cross the valley and zigzags up again on the other side to reach an information board (point E). (16 mins).	1h 11 min, 3.4km
Continue along the path and shortly after, where it meets a track, follow the signpost for Las Vegas, turning right uphill on the track. Pass by a circular water tank on the left as the path bends round to the right, to reach another information board, just above a ruined mill (point F). (5 mins).	1h 16 min, 3.6km
Continue up the path for a few metres, and then turn L onto the path marked with Y/W. The path wends its way over the hillside with impressive views down to the coast, before descending into an almond grove in a valley. Reach a 3-way junction (point G). (28 mins).	1h 44 min, 4.8km
Turn L, following the sign for Las Vegas 2.2km. Descend a leafy lane bordered by tall bushes then a stony track down to another intersection (point H). (6 mins).	1h 50 min, 5.1km
Again turn L, following another sign for Las Vegas, now 2.0km away. The path first descends down into a small valley, then up the other side, crosses a water channel and leads to another information board by some cave houses (point I). (8 mins).	1h 58 min, 5.4km
Continue along the path which descends gradually along the shoulder of the hill between 2 barrancos, before folding back to cross the barranco on the right hand side. Follow the path on the other side of the barranco to reach an intersection by a large water tank (point J). (21 mins).	2h 19min, 6.4km
Turn L once more, following the signpost for Las Vegas 0.4km. As you near the first houses of the village the fastest way back to the start point is to take the signposted stony track down L, then left again a few metres later onto the Y/W marked path back to your car (11 mins). However, a visit to the village of Las Vegas is well worth the diversion.	2h 30min, 7km
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	Navigation is straightforward and there are no difficult sections.

Route followed is outlined in Red

