

Remember that La Graciosa is a unique corner,  
protected as a Nature Reserve.  
Enjoy your visit and help us to protect this place.

## Useful telephone numbers

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Delegation of the Town Hall of Teguiise in La Graciosa: 928 84 20 48

Local Police of La Graciosa: 928 84 20 43 / 636 47 40 19

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Sea Transport Romero: 928 84 20 55 / 70

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Water Taxi: 676 90 18 45

Sea Taxi: 609 11 42 19



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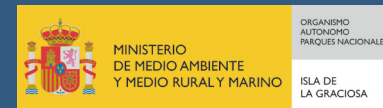
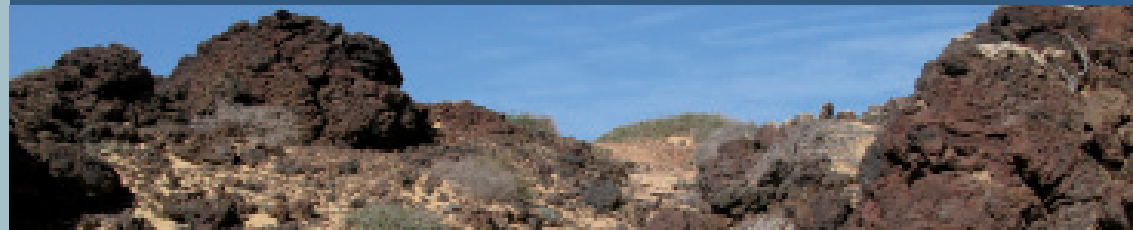
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# The island of La Graciosa

Nature Reserve Chinijo Archipelago



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## A natural jewel



The island La Graciosa, with almost 27 km<sup>2</sup>, is the biggest and only inhabited island in the Chinijo Archipelago. An island with its volcanic landscape, sprinkling of sand dunes which colour the land in ochre and red. Here we have an enormous biological wealth with exclusive species of the island, for example the Jopo of La Graciosa, unique to this area. Furthermore other threatened and protected species like the Canary Houbara Bustard or the Lizard of Haría ensure that La Graciosa is a special enclave of great variety, worthy of conservation.

Various factors, such as the water temperature, the underwater relief, rocky and rough areas, along with the great amount of nutrients help to create a large number of differing atmospheres. The varying habitats permit the growth of countless species of marine wildlife, many of which are rare in the rest of the Canary Islands. (These include marine rosemary, the black meagre, etc.).



## The Chinijo Archipelago and the Island La Graciosa

The island La Graciosa is part of the Nature Reserve Chinijo Archipelago (declared in 1986), a unique treasure of the Canarian islands due to its natural and cultural wealth. In 1995 the Marine Reserve of the fishing area of La Graciosa and its islets of the north of Lanzarote was established. Furthermore La Graciosa is part of the Biosphere Reserves of Lanzarote.

With this form of protection and rules we endeavour to conserve the nature and culture of this island within the socioeconomic development, not only for its inhabitants but also for the enjoyment of many tourists who visit every year.

The Independent Organisation of Nature Reserves, owner of the island La Graciosa with the exception of its urban centres, watches over the conservation and the integrity of the island, joining forces with all the other administrative units. This requires the collaboration of all parts.



## La Graciosa and its people

La Graciosa was uninhabited until the end of the 19th century, although Greeks, Phoenicians, Romans, Arabs, Genoese and pirates reached the coasts. The first colonist settled down when a salted fish factory was built. From this moment the inhabitants of La Graciosa have survived the hard living conditions of an island without drinking water, strong winds, difficult land to cultivate and isolation from trade centres. During many years artisan fishing was the principal activity of its people, they had to cross “El Rio” (narrow strait between La Graciosa and Lanzarote) to sell their fish and get drinking water and other food.

The remaining constructions such as the wells, mills and cisterns to collect water or the special places for fish drying are a testament of these hard living conditions.

After improvement of living conditions, La Graciosa has now turned into a unique tourist destination and source of wealth, however this could also be its principal threat. Respecting its natural environment, the traditional activities and its popular culture allows the island to remain the paradise we know.



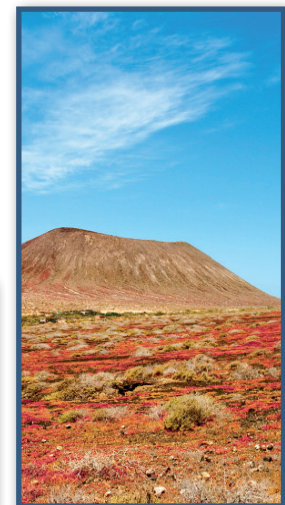
## Discovering an Island



La Graciosa is an island where you can admire the spectacular landscapes, enjoy its nature with its beautiful beaches, get to know its people and enjoy their hospitality.

In Caleta del Sebo, the bars and restaurants will offer you magnificent fish dishes as the fundamental piece of their gastronomy. Guesthouses and camping site are available for overnight accommodation, which will enable you to enjoy a characteristic nightlife here on the island. Alongside these are supermarkets, pharmacy, health centre and a place where you can buy the fresh fish, caught in the traditional way by the inhabitants of La Graciosa.

If you really want to discover the island you should tour all over it. You can walk alone or with a guide on the numerous paths, which lead you to the most beautiful and solitary places. Some of the roads can be used by bicycle or any vehicle, you can rent a bike or use the taxi service. Remember that there is no rescue team on the beaches. Be careful and ask in our guide and information office for more information about the most charming beaches.





## Outstanding places

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| 1 Information Bureau and Area Office | 8 Sociocultural Centre   |
| 2 Ticket Office                      | 9 Church                 |
| 3 Cash point                         | 10 Post office           |
| 4 Public Toilets                     | 11 Local Police          |
| 5 Selling point for fish             | 12 Marine Reserve Office |
| 6 Pharmacy                           | 13 Harbour Authority     |
| 7 Health Centre                      | 14 National Parks Office |



## Caleta del Sebo

Caleta del Sebo is the principal and oldest urban centre of the island which was founded starting with a few houses and storage spaces. It is a traditional fishing village which still conserves its original structure. White, single-storey houses lined up in front of the sea, forming wide non tarmaced streets.



Artisan fishing is the principal activity of its people, although due to the increase in tourism over the past years this activity started to change. Here, since the forties, they made the necessary effort and investment to improve the living conditions in La Graciosa by joining all services of the island together, including the information service for the visitors.



## Pedro Barba

Close to a warm cove is the settlement of Pedro Barba. A village that was founded in the thirties as a fishing centre but abandoned at the end of the sixties. After this time it was transformed into a secondary residence, which has no services for visitors.



## You should know that in La Graciosa:



Camping is only allowed on the camping site Bahía del Salado and with a necessary previous permission. Ask!



Only authorized motor-operated vehicles and bicycles can drive on the permitted roads. The maximum allowed speed is 30 km/h.



To prevent footprints and surface erosion, do not walk off the roads: stamping on the plants hinders their growth.



Do not disturb the wildlife, do not pick up or damage the marine or terrestrial plants. Many species are unique to this area.



It is forbidden to start a fire and to burn objects, rubbish or waste. Do not throw cigarette butts on the floor and do not leave them on the beaches.



Do not leave waste or rubbish, put them in the containers provided. Do not use soap on the beaches, they cause significant pollution.



Free diving is only allowed with permission in the indicated areas. Remember that underwater fishing is not allowed.



Fishing from the land is only allowed with 3rd class licence. Gathering of shellfish is prohibited (extraction of limpets, winkles, octopuses, etc.)



Avoid loud noises and noisy activities as these disturb the calmness of the animals, other visitors and the inhabitants of La Graciosa.



## The Camping site of Bahía del Salado



The Camping site of Bahía del Salado is the only place in La Graciosa where camping is allowed. To ensure user satisfaction it is necessary to regulate this activity. Therefore, it is essential to get first the correct permission, which is valid for a maximum 7 days, to ensure the maximum occupancy of 200 people is not exceeded.

This area has public toilets and showers and containers. Use them respectfully and keep them clean.

In this area you can enjoy the beach del Salado in a natural surrounding with easy access. To guarantee the existence of this unique space of exceptional beauty, help us to conserve it.

