

Tenerife 2026



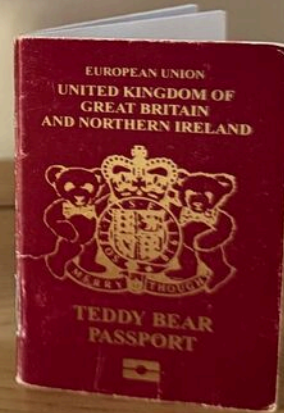
A Travel Book by



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January 30 – February 7, 2026

Tenerife 2026



A much needed week of winter sun after two months of non-stop rain



27

footprints



2

countries



9

days



3,632

miles





Day 2



Departure

 January 31, 2026 in England, Crawley

Early start this morning. Taxi arrives at 5am. By 6:30 we are through security and chilling in the lounge. A bit early for champagne 🍾

 Molly Duff Is it ever too early for Champagne ! Have the best time ! ❤️
 Fiona Smith 😊

Time

6:26 am

Cloudy

 5 °C

Altitude

249 ft





James Haskell

 January 31, 2026 in Spain, Granadilla de Abona

Fellow passenger in Business Class and then queuing in front of us for passport control in Tenerife is James Haskell (ex Wasps and England rugby player as well as miscreant husband of Chloe Madeley) who is on his way to do some filming of Celebs go Dating . . . apparently 😏

Very pleasant, chatty and happy to pose for photos.

Fee doesn't even get up to his shoulder 😏

Time

2:10 pm

Clear day

 22 °C

Altitude

236 ft





Passport Control

 January 31, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

More like 'out of control'. The new EES system has been poorly implemented in Tenerife. In theory, it's a good idea, but here the machines do not work and the staff are poorly trained meaning long queues and hours of delays.

In spite of that, we are here! Time for a beer and a glass of wine at El Gran Sol  

Time

4:25 pm

Clear day

 21 °C

Altitude

30 ft





First Day

 January 31, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

A lovely meal down by the sea followed by a visit to the hotel bar for a nightcap. It's a very nice hotel, the room is fabulous and we look forward to exploring all the other amenities tomorrow.

Time

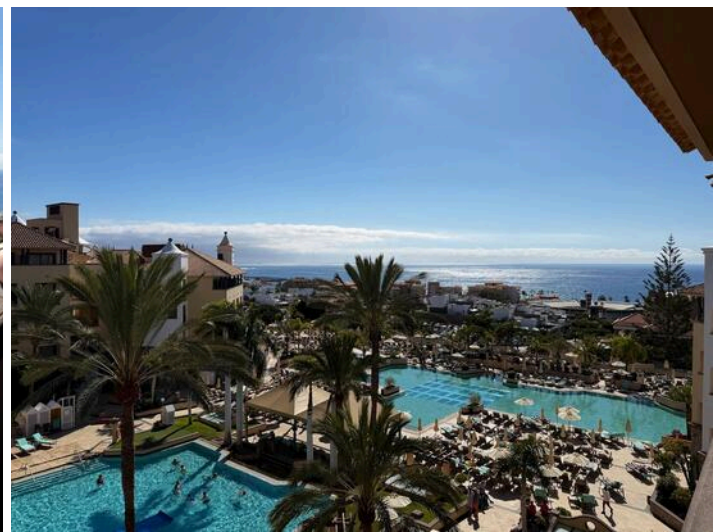
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Clear night

 17 °C

Altitude

210 ft



Day 3



Lazy Daze

 February 1, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

Today is a lazy day by the pool enjoying clear blue skies and warm sunshine ☀️

Time

1:33 pm

Clear day

☀️ 21 °C

Altitude

151 ft



Day 3



Dinner Sunset

 February 1, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

Dinner at La Masia del Mar in La Caleta which is where we stayed back in 2019. It's pretty much the same as it was then, except a few bars have closed down since.

Delicious food and a lovely sunset

Time

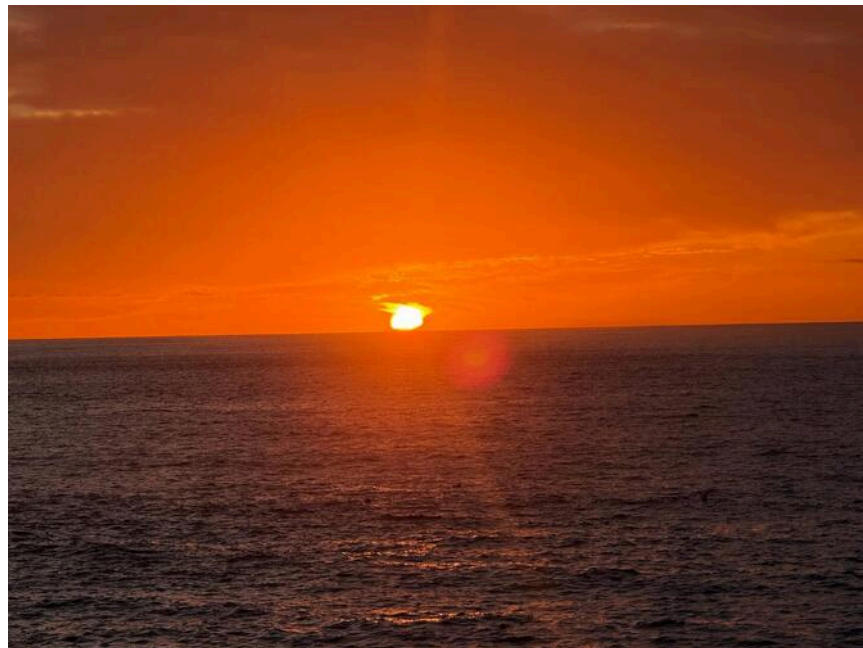
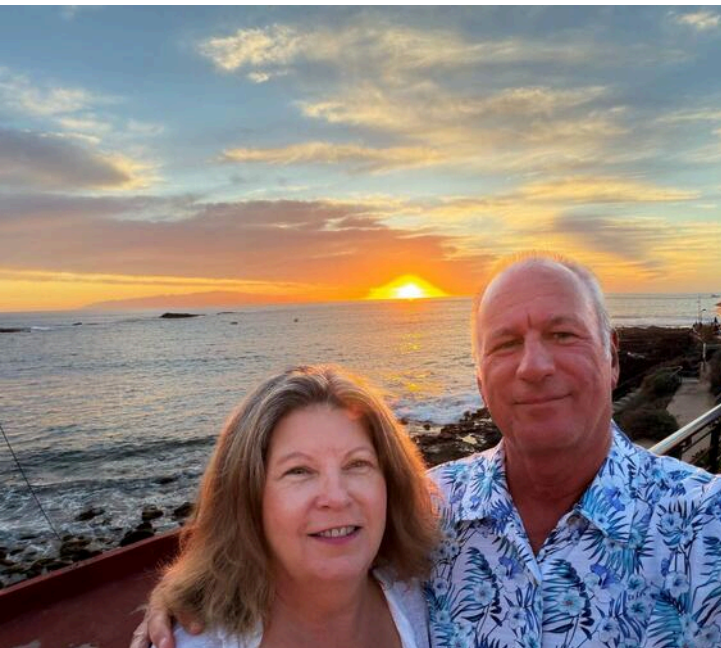
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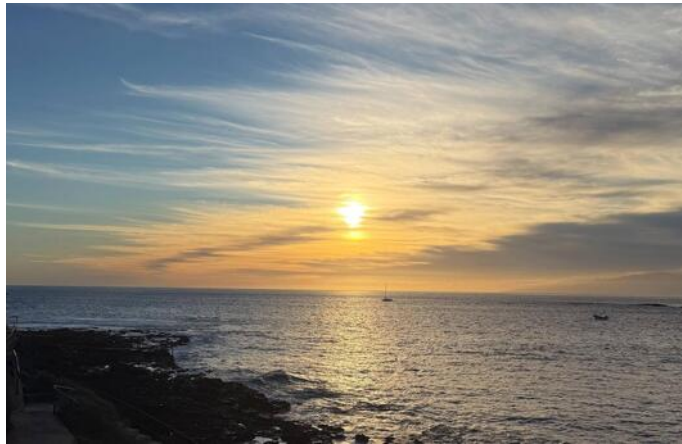
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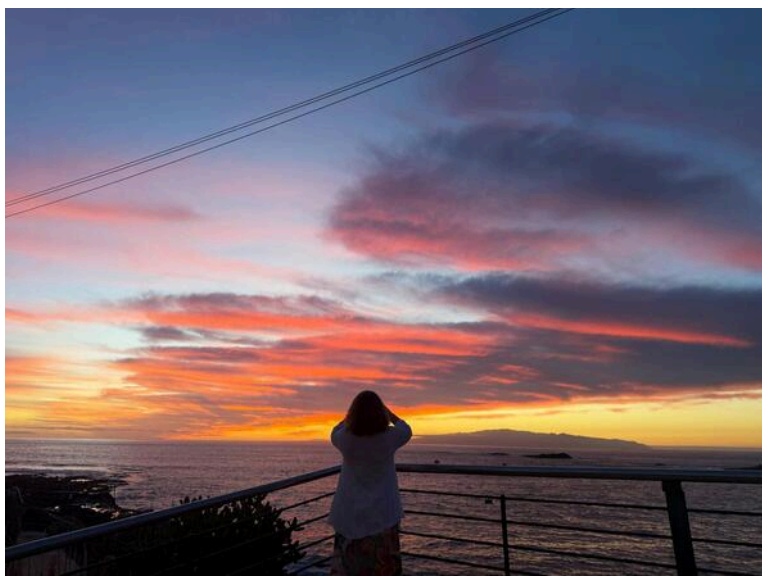
 19 °C

Altitude

30 ft







Day 3



Acker Bilk

 February 1, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

We are accompanied with Acker Bilk's greatest hits 👍



Molly Duff Love a bit of Aker Bilk !



Fiona Smith Me too, especially with the sun going down xxx

Time

6:35 pm

Partly cloudy

 18 °C

Altitude

30 ft



Day 3



Pit stop on the way back

 February 1, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

On the way back to the hotel we have to have a pit stop at Maranello.

Alexa 'play Olivia Dean'

Qué?

Maybe Olivia Dean hasn't made it this far South yet 🤖

 Molly Duff 🤖

Time

7:47 pm

Cloudy

 18 °C

Altitude

30 ft





Dulce Carolina

 February 1, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

As we pass through the hotel lobby we catch the dying embers of the in-house entertainment. A few old ladies in their glitter dresses are dancing with their zimmer frames to Neil Diamond, sung by a man who could be their father. This must be what it's like on a cruise, we think. Except on a ship there is no escape or a long swim home. Not for us just yet.



Fiona Smith As Micky Flanagan said about Saga holidays, we are definitely the 'stunners' here! 😂😂😂



Molly Duff That's hilarious 😂



Fiona Smith 😂😂😂

Time

10:00 pm

Clear night

 17 °C

Altitude

207 ft

Day 4



Salad Lunch

 February 2, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

A few clouds in the sky this morning so we go for a walk along the boardwalk and then stop off for a salad lunch.

Time

2:43 pm

Clear day

 20 °C

Altitude

56 ft



Day 4



Mexican

 February 2, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

Next door to the hotel there is a small modern mall with shops and restaurants. We opt for Miranda MX which is a very nice Tex/Mex restaurant for dinner.

Time

6:34 pm

Partly cloudy



18 °C

Altitude

112 ft





Los Christianos

 February 3, 2026 in Spain, Los Cristianos

This morning we decide to walk down to Los Christianos which is a two hour walk down the coastal walk.

Along the way there are all sorts of people. There is a sort of Mean Distribution curve from where we are to Los Christianos, which peaks in Playa de las Américas for a certain type of clientele.

By Los Christianos things have improved a bit although, the fact that a beer in a beachfront café only costs 2 Euros tells you something.

Some of the old narrow streets still exist but the shops along them mostly sell souvenirs and leather goods, most likely brought in from Africa.

Time

11:24 am

Partly cloudy

 19 °C

Altitude

23 ft




Day 5



El Burgado

 February 3, 2026 in Spain, Los Cristianos

For lunch we revisit a restaurant we went to back in 2019.

On that occasion it was a Saturday night (23rd March to be precise) so the Flamenco  was in full swing. We will not be here this Saturday night which is probably just as well if the same lady is still performing.

The lunch is delicious and we enjoy an afterlunch layered coffee.

Time

12:46 pm

Cloudy

 19 °C

Altitude

75 ft



Day 5






Ristorante Maranello

 February 3, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

We take an Uber back from Los Christianos to our hotel and then take in a couple of hours in the sunshine poolside before going down to the Maranello restaurant above the bar we popped into the other night.

Once again we have a lovely meal and enjoy the sunset.

 Molly Duff  Fiona Smith 

Time

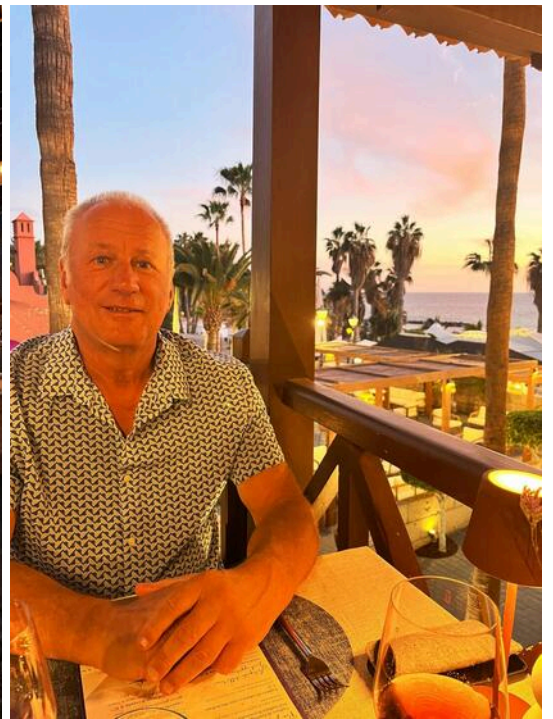
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Partly cloudy

 17 °C

Altitude

23 ft







Another lazy day

 February 4, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

Another hot sunny day, so another day by the pool and a chance to catch up on our book reading and music listening.

Time

2:13 pm

Cloudy

 20 °C

Altitude

151 ft

Day 6



Sundowner and Nepalese

 February 4, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

We go for a sundowner at The Colonial bar. In every Spanish resort there is always a bar where the ex-pat villains hang out. In Puerto Banus it is Sinatra's and, here, it just might be The Colonial. It is pleasant enough although there are definitely two sides to the area.

If we go down from the hotel towards the sea and turn left, there are quite a few bars and restaurants serving similar fare.

If you turn right then there are more individual bars and restaurants; more expensive but a greater variety of food and excellent service.

Tonight we have turned left, but in order to avoid the steak and pizza places we opt for a Nepalese which is delicious.

Time

5:59 pm

Clear day

 19 °C

Altitude

46 ft



Day 7



Special Dinner

 February 5, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

Having spent another day in the sun, we treat ourselves to a sunset dinner in one of the best restaurants along the coastal path. La Torre del Mirador is also one of the more expensive but we have a fabulous table (which we pre-booked earlier in the week), the food is delicious and the service impeccable.



Fiona Smith Delicious meal and very romantic 💕

Time

6:52 pm

Clear night

 20 °C

Altitude

Sea level







Catching the rays

 February 6, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

Our last full day here and we go up to the roof pool and sunbathing area.

Up here is peaceful and we enjoy the tranquility. Downstairs there are three more pools, sunbeds and parasols galore as well as a restaurant and outdoor bar area.

We prefer it up on the roof which is adults only and we are not put in the shade by unwanted parasols. Also there are a few steps leading up to the area which means we are not surrounded by an abundance of mobility apparatus.



Fiona Smith You can guess the age of the clientele around here 🤔🤔🤔

Time

10:55 am

Clear day

 18 °C

Altitude

200 ft



Day 8



Lunch at Luuma

 February 6, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

A sunny lunch at Luuna looking across the beach to the ocean. We share a pizza and a beer 🍷



Fiona Smith Luckily there was a breeze or we may have ended melting onto the pizza! 🍕 🍷

Time

2:45 pm

Clear day

 20 °C

Altitude

26 ft





Clarinet . . . again

 February 6, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

After we leave Luuna we walk past a clarinet player. Not sure if it's the same guy as the other night but we stop by for a while to listen to him over yes, you've guessed it, another beer.

There is a tree with artificial lemons 🍋 hanging from it which is quite unusual.

Once again we are people watching, all shapes and sizes walking along the seafront all in varying degrees of dress.

Fee begins to feel a bit hot and does her impression of Casper the friendly ghost 👻

Time

4:06 pm

Clear day

 20 °C

Altitude

39 ft





Colonial

 February 6, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

Next stop is The Colonial bar where we become surrounded by a Scouse family.

We look outside and some of the mobility scooters are up on bricks. We don't believe there is a connection.

Time

4:44 pm

Clear day

 20 °C

Altitude

39 ft





Piñas Colada or Piña Coladas

 February 6, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

Tricky one this, when we both want the same cocktail.

Do you ask for two Piñas Colada (as in two Grands Prix) or two Piña Coladas which sounds less rude.

Fee asks for a Piña Colada and Graham says “I’ll have the same”

Dilemma avoided 👍😊



Fiona Smith 😊

Time

5:20 pm

Clear day

 20 °C

Altitude

46 ft





400 degrees

 February 6, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

No, that's not the temperature, in fact it gets quite cool in the evenings. It is the name of a very nice steakhouse which does great burgers. It's a much needed food stop after our final night bar crawl.

Time

8:03 pm

Clear night

 17 °C

Altitude

112 ft





You can checkout but you can never leave

 February 6, 2026 in Spain, Granadilla de Abona

On our way through the hotel lobby we catch the familiar sound of Hotel California being Spanishized by a local tribute band.

Actually it's not too bad so we tarry a while at the bar with a nightcap or two.

Yes, there was some dancing involved, but no incriminating evidence here 😊

Time

9:30 pm

Clear night

 17 °C

Altitude

151 ft





Adios

 February 7, 2026 in Spain, Adeje

After breakfast we return to our room ready to pack and leave for the airport,

Our taxi arrives pretty much on time and after a short queue to check in our bags, we are through security and into the lounge.

At the scheduled time we leave the lounge and pass through the final passport check just before the boarding gate. Once again there are problems with the automatic aspects of the passport checks but we are redirected to a manual check and manage to board on time.

Time

10:57 am

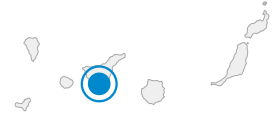
Clear day

 18 °C

Altitude

131 ft





Technical Fault

 February 7, 2026 in Spain, Granadilla de Abona

Still on the plane in Tenerife.

We should have taken off nearly an hour ago but the plane has a technical fault under investigation.

Still, it does leave an opportunity to watch Italy vs Scotland on BBC iPlayer using 5G and a VPN 🏈

Having said that, Italy 15 Scotland 7 at half time

Time

3:03 pm

Clear day

 20 °C

Altitude

190 ft





Home again

 February 7, 2026 in England, East Hampshire

We eventually arrive back an hour and a half late, so not too bad, considering.

It's been a most welcome week long break from the persistent rain in the UK.

There's bound to be more rain tomorrow so Graham has arranged indoor Bowling with the family

Time

9:30 pm

Partly cloudy

 9 °C

Altitude

230 ft





Your FindPenguins travels in a book.

