

## Festivals

### SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA

13<sup>th</sup> June

Highlights of this festival are the livestock fair, the procession and the flower, plant and bird show in the Municipal Park.

### SANTA BRÍGIDA

Held the first weekend in August.

This is the oldest fiesta in the municipality. In the second third of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the founder of the town, Isabel Guerra, left in her will the celebration of a fiesta in honour of the Saint, having built the first hermitage. The pilgrimage goes back to 1957, and is celebrated on the first weekend in August with a pilgrimage of offering, in which all the districts come together with floats regaled with typical motifs and with pilgrims, magicians and musical groups.



Viñedos en Bandama.



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MUNICIPALITIES OF GRAN CANARIA



## Cuisine



### TYPICAL PRODUCTS FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

Wine  
Sponges from La Fonda  
Gofio maize meal

### Typical Recipe

#### Puchero



#### INGREDIENTS

1 kg. of beef or pork  
½ kg. of hen meat  
½ kg. of chick peas  
½ kg. of potatoes  
½ kg. of green beans  
¼ kg. of pumpkin  
½ kg. of courgettes  
¼ kg. of carrots  
½ kg. of sweet potatoes  
1 pineapple  
1 piece of white cabbage  
1 whole garlic  
1 leek, onion, tomato  
Saffron, parsley, mint leaves  
Oil, salt and water

#### PREPARATION

The chick peas are left to soak overnight to go soft. The onion is fried with tomato and a little parsley; then the chick peas and meats are added, covered with plenty of water and are all left to cook for an hour with the lid on. Then, without turning off the heat, the beans, courgettes, cabbage, leeks, pineapple and carrots are all chopped up into large chunks and added in. When the vegetables are nearly done, we add the potatoes, sweet potatoes and pumpkin, again chopped up into large chunks, and these are all left to cook through. When it is all fully cooked, it is removed from the heat and the water drained. With the broth we can make a soup, and the vegetables can be seasoned with fried garlic for maximum taste.



With a surface area of 23.8 km<sup>2</sup>, the municipality is situated in a central-easterly position on the island of Gran Canary.



Historical Town Centre of Santa Brígida.

## Did you know?

one of the most important episodes in the peaceful history of the municipality took place here in 1959: the defeat of the troops of Dutch pirate Van Der Does, who had come over to Gran Canaria in an attempt to repeat the pillaging of La Gomera and Santa Cruz de la Palma, it was here the locals fought off the advances of the militia in the Vega. The Dutch had forced the island's institutions to move up to the municipality which became the capital and general barracks on the island for one week. The present town shield, approved on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 1955 (Official State Bulletin dated 6<sup>th</sup> July 1955), contains a golden strip with the motif "For Spain and by Faith we defeated the Dutch" as a memorial of this event.

We kick off our route with the aim of scaling the heights of Gran Canaria, beginning our journey in the Villa de Santa Brígida, just 14 kms from Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. The Central Road is a wonderful road to drive up and take in superb views of the landscape, with lots of beautiful countryside to behold. Santa Brígida is one of the island's municipalities with the widest range of terrains, coupled with a huge variety of flora.

We firstly pass through the residential area of Tafira, and on to **Monte Lentiscal**. This area is packed full of different tree species; *lentiscos* mastics, evergreen *almácigos*, *madroños*, dragon trees, wild olive trees, junipers... , which have led to different toponyms for the area. Currently these woods have been seriously depleted, due to massive construction, along with wine cultivation.

In this sense, Santa Brígida offers another great attraction to visitors: **the Wine Route**, located between the areas of Bandama and Monte Lentiscal. In

this area, we can go and visit a number of vineyards in which we can try out the famous Vinos del Monte, more than ten of which have a qualified designation of origin.

From this point we can go along to the **Natural Monument of Bandama, the extinct volcanic crater**, which plunges down some 200 metres and has a diameter of 1 kilometre. Visitors can take in stunning views of the middle and east of the island from here. On the route up to the crater, there are many wine producing estates, sitting on the lava hillsides, covered with volcanic *picón* stones.

From the Crater we make our way down to **La Atalaya**, where we can find a number of sites that continue to work on traditional pottery crafts, with the manufacture of clay pots and pans. We can visit caves where the old stone ovens were used to heat up the pots. Also in the old part of the district of La Atalaya visitors can visit the **Casa Alfar de Panchito**, which keeps the tradition alive, offering visitors a cultural delight, as well as at the **Centro Locero**.



Satautejo Reservoir.

From La Atalaya, we move on to the main town centre of the municipality, where we firstly come to the Parish Church on our walk around. In its surrounding areas, Santa Brígida offers countryside of extraordinary beauty which are well worth a visit, as well as other places dotted around, such as

the Agricultural Park of El Guiniguada, the Casa-Museo del Vino museum, as well as visiting other buildings such as the Water Heritage of Satautejo and La Higuera, the Royal Casino, and the Fonda de Melián.



Caldera de Bandama.

## How to Get There

BY BUS  
FROM LAS PALMAS  
DE GRAN CANARIA

The services available to get to the municipality are:

Service 24, 301, 302, 303, 311, 318, 331.



Royal Golf Club of Las Palmas.



Alonso Ravine.



Parish Church of Santa Brígida.

