

Festivals

FESTIVAL OF THE ALMOND TREES IN BLOOM

The Almond Trees in Bloom is celebrated in February and is of non-religious origin. It is born out of the exaltation of popular culture and the customs in the area, as well as the celebration of the arrival of Spring, represented in a natural bright and beautiful floral display of the almond trees themselves.

FIESTAS OF OUR LADY OF SOCORRO

The Fiestas of Our Lady of Socorro are celebrated in September, with the first Sunday following the Festival of the Virgen del Pino being the big day, as locals pay homage to the Patron Saint of Tejeda with their procession and pilgrimage offering.

Almond trees in bloom.



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MUNICIPALITIES OF GRAN CANARIA



Cuisine



TYPICAL PRODUCTS FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

Almond bakery products (bienmesabe, marzipans, etc)
Cheeses
Wines

Typical Recipe

Bienmesabe

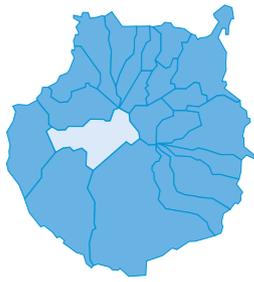


INGREDIENTS

1 kg. of almonds
1 kg. of sugar
500 ml of water
1 lemon
12 egg yolks

PREPARATION

The almonds are peeled, baked and chopped up finely, and are then mixed with the water, sugar and the grated lemon. This is all put on a low heat for one hour. Next, the egg yolks are added to the mixture and this is again put on a low heat, this time for about half an hour, and is then taken out to cool off. It is served cold, on its own or as a complement to other types of sweets and puddings.



Set in the middle of Gran Canaria, Tejedá stands tall over the hills of the island. Due to its privileged position, it can be reached from other places all over the island.



Vista al pueblo.

Did you know?

.... the farming allotments that many families have right next to their houses, or nearby, in which they plant their vegetables and fruits for their own consumption have a special name here, they are called "bocaos" (mouthfuls).

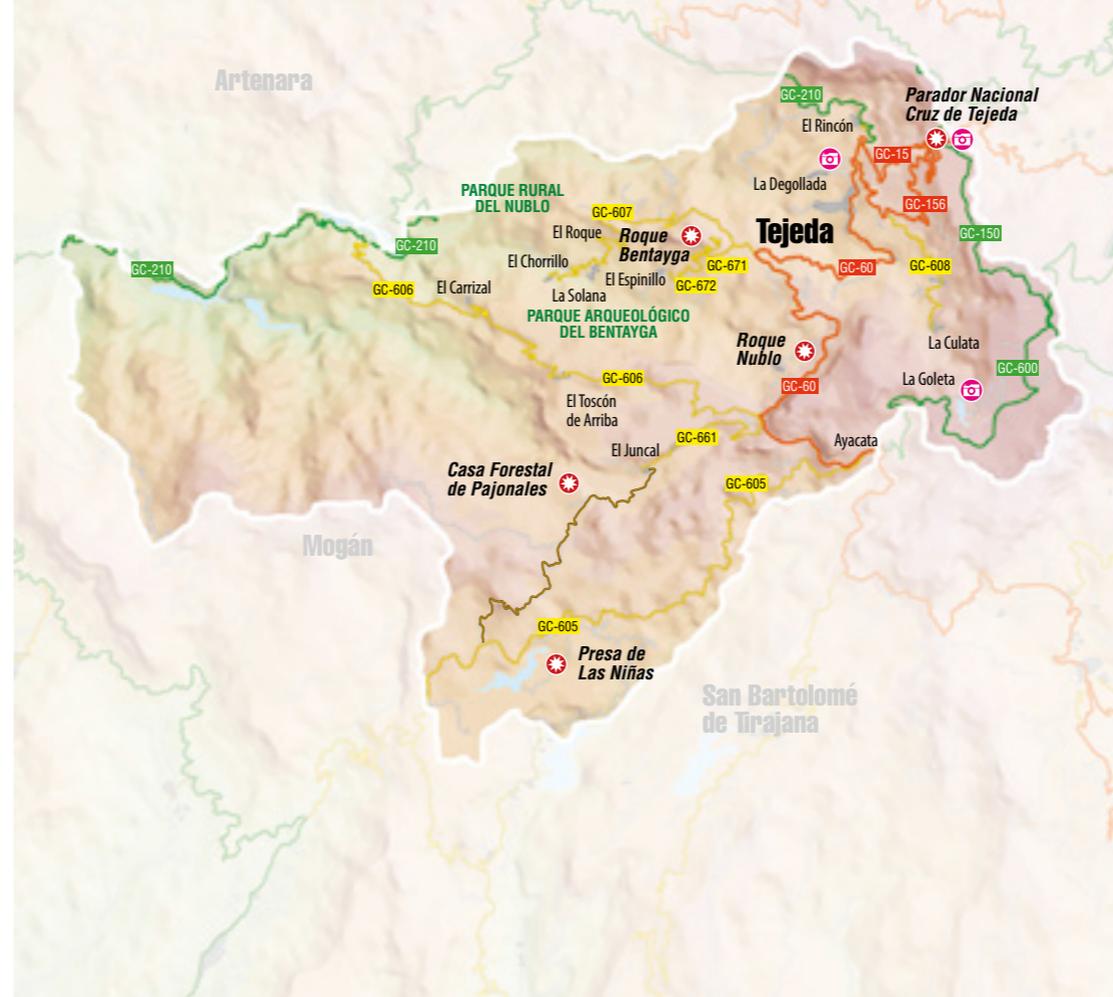
Tejedá is large municipality, not only in terms of its size, but also its content, in terms of the things visitors can see and do, and the sensations and experiences it offers. We can kick off our day in Tejedá by arriving from Las Palmas (along the GC-15 main road, turning off at Cruce de Cueva Grande along GC-600) at Goleta del Nublo, and taking a half-hour stroll along the final stretch of path to Roque Nublo.

Once the visit to the great monolith is over, we can drive back down to the **Roque Bentayga Visitor Centre**, with its superb representation of the union between nature and culture, and then go up to the almogarán, a spiritual site on our island for the aboriginal world, in the heart of the Biosphere Reserve.

We carry on to **Tejedá**, where we can take in a museum or two before we settle down for lunch. A visit to the **Tejedá Medicinal Plant Centre** transports us to a world in which plants are the protagonists and where nature sets the pace; this centre is a tribute to all those who, generation after generation, have conserved and

have transmitted this knowledge which continues to be of vital importance today, and by visiting it it allows us to enter stealthily into this fascinating world of herbalists, cures and traditional remedies. At the Centre, thanks to the collaboration on the part of specialists from a wide range of fields, we have the opportunity to delve into a world that after many centuries of history, continues to a highly relevant. The visit is rounded off with a look at its display garden, where visitors can get to see, touch and smell some of the region's most common and highly acclaimed plant species.

We then walk along to town centre to get our strength back at one of the restaurants to savour some truly traditional, home made food, the highlights being stews and soups. To finish the meal there is no better choice other than to try the local almond desserts, the key ingredient that goes into the pastry-making tradition of Tejedá, famous all around the island. The quality and flavour of these products, especially **Marzipan** and **Bienmesabe**, means that Tejedá is on the tips of the tongue of people around the seven islands and beyond.



Parador Cruz de Tejedá.

How to Get There

BY BUS
FROM LAS PALMAS DE GRANCANARIA
 Service 303 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria - San Mateo. **Service 305** San Mateo - Tejedá.

FROM MASPALOMAS
Service 18 Faro - San Bartolomé de Tirajana - Tejedá.

At the centre of the village we come to the **Abraham Cárdenes Sculpture Museum**, which is an example of how Tejedá is a source of inspiration and a character marker for its local inhabitants, who demonstrate a special sensitivity and propensity for art.

snack made from local products at its Cafetería while watching the sun sink down, lighting up the sky in a blaze of colour, from orange to metallic violet tints, making nightfall at Tejedá a unique and exciting experience that moves all the senses.

The ideal climax to the day would be to go along to the **Parador Nacional de la Cruz de Tejedá Hotel** to enjoy a delicious



Waterfalls cascading down from the Summit.



Presas de las Niñas.



Roque Bentayga and Roque Nublo.