Off the Beaten Track

TO THE END OF TENERIFE, TENERIFE
Meander past craggy mountains and curving hairpin bends through the untouristed northwestern reaches of the Canaries’ most beloved island, to finally reach wild Punta de Teno and its knockout sunsets.

EXPLORING THE EAST COAST, TENERIFE
Quiet fishing villages, bare volcanic landscapes and black-sand beaches are the stars on a journey through Tenerife’s little-explored east coast.

PLAYA DEL RISCO, LANZAROTE
You’ll have to hike an hour down steep hillsides to find this all-natural throwback curled into northern Lanzarote’s wild coastline.

ISLA GRACIOSA
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LA PALMA
Gloriously green and deliciously unspoiled, La Isla Bonita sidesteps the crowds of neighbouring Tenerife. Its charming capital is filled with handsome historical mansions, while the hiking, especially around the Parque Nacional Caldera de Taburiente, is outstanding.

POZO NEGRO, FUERTEVENTURA
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POZO NEGRO, FUERTEVENTURA
Despite being the island’s most loved beach, honey-hued Cofete on the far southern coast remains blissfully wild and undeveloped. It is watched over by a mansion wrapped in mystery.

POZO IZQUIERDO, GRAN CANARIA
Take to the waves in the off-beat, windsurf-mad town of Pozo Izquierdo, where your only companions will be other surfy types.

ERMITA DE GUARÁ, LA GOMERA
Lace up your hiking boots and stride out to find this lonely little chapel, perched above a spine-tinglingly deep gorge on southern La Gomera, then visit the age-old pottery workshops in the hamlet of El Cercado.

EL HIERRO
The westernmost Canary Island takes extra effort to get to, which means you’ll often have many of its soul-stirring viewpoints, pastoral walking trails, glittering natural pools, intriguing churches and homes, and down-to-earth restaurants all to yourself.

PLAYA DE COFETE, FUERTEVENTURA
Palm trees, green fields and jagged peaks pave the way to a tiny east-coast fishing hamlet, home to just a smattering of boats, cottages and excellent seafood restaurants.