

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.

Quiet fishing villages, bare volcanic landscapes and black-sand beaches are the stars on a journey through Tenerife's little-explored east coast.

You'll have to hike an hour down steep hillsides to find this all-natural throwback curled into northern Lanzarote's wild coastline.

Now officially the Canaries' eighth island, far-flung Graciosa is a protected dream of sand-dusted streets, blonde beaches and long-slung volcanic cones gazing out on the Famara cliffs; it's reachable only by boat from Órzola on Lanzarote.

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.

