

The "Cilla"



About The "Cilla"

After the conquest and up until the first half of the 19th century, Lanzarote was a feudal island. In addition to the feudal taxes, the inhabitants also had to pay the clergy a tithe, that is, ten percent of what they made each year from farming and harvests.

The yielded cereals were stored in these granaries, named **cillas**, and Teguiise benefitted greatly from the fact that it held the most important granary on the island, especially on a cereal-rich island such as Lanzarote. The building's construction dates back to 1680, and is the work of the master builder Marcial Sánchez. In 1986, a banking group paid for its restoration, led by César Manrique, and it was turned into a branch of a bank, whilst conserving its original structure.