

# Our peoples and traditions



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The Royal Villa of Tegüise is the heart of the town and because of its historical legacy has been declared a historical and artistic architectural ensemble. Tegüise was the capital of the island of Lanzarote from the first half of the fifteenth century until 1852, when the witness to Arrecife. Tegüise, called the Great Village or Acatife, named in honor of the wife of Maciot de Bethencourt, nephew of the Norman conqueror Jean de Bethencourt. Tegüise was the daughter of the last indigenous king Guadarfía. Tegüise takes great importance as watchtower, from where you can glimpse the possible piratical raids, the use of water resources, their soils were suitable for agriculture, its strategic position in the center of the island and concentration of greater number of population of the same. Tegüise was considered the first civil and urban center of Lanzarote.