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LA GRACIOSA





Las Conchas (La Graciosa)

## CHINIJO ARCHIPELAGO

Chinijo Archipelago includes the islands of La Graciosa, Alegranza, Montaña Clara, Roque del Este and Roque del Oeste or del Infierno, it is located to the north of the island of Lanzarote, and belongs to the town of Teguise. Chinijo is synonym for small, and in the Canary Islands it is a loving word for children. La Graciosa is the largest (27 km<sup>2</sup>) of all these islands and the only islet that is inhabited, but by no more than 600 people. Although it may sound impossible, you can walk barefoot along its sandy streets. There is no asphalt here, no strain and no stress. It is all peacefulness, kindness and true beaches in paradise.





## LA GRACIOSA

All the inhabitants of La Graciosa live in Caleta del Sebo and fishing has always been their livelihood. Thus, it is commonplace to see small boats loaded with a large variety of fresh fish, which is cleaned and prepared right there on the shore, under the watchful eyes of the seagulls. Further east, there is a hamlet called Pedro Barba, which has become a vacation area for a number of families, as it has a lovely beach. La Graciosa is accessible by sea only and from the Órzola port to the north of Lanzarote. There are two regular sea lines (see schedules on back flap); as you travel, you can enjoy the impressive view of Risco de Famara.

## BEACHES

This tiny islet has six really impressive beaches, with golden sand and crystal-clear water, all in idyllic surroundings.

### Playa de La Lambra (Beach)

This beach is located to the northeast of the island, and it is not busy at all. It is a place where you can feel nature in its purest state, with sparkling sand dunes mingling with black rocks along the edge of the beach. A natural phenomenon known as Los Arcos is only a few meters to the north. Lava has formed whimsical arches where the sea crashes with force to continue carving away this beautiful work of art. Caution is recommended, to avoid falling into the sea.  
Length: 600 m  
Services: No

### Playa de Las Conchas (Beach)

Perhaps, this beach is the most spectacular. It is to the north of the island; its white sand blends into the turquoise, crystal-clear water to the beat of the powerful waves, while Mount Bermeja offers a contrasting, vibrant red backdrop. From here, you can clearly see the rest of Chinijo

Archipelago and escape from the crowd. Currents and waves are strong; therefore, no bathing unless you are a good swimmer.

Length: 610 m

Services: No

### Playa de La Cocina (Beach)

To the west is Mount Amarilla. Its name (meaning yellow) comes from the yellow calcareous material. At the foot of the mountain there is a small, peaceful cove. This idyllic site offers the best views of the cliffs known as Risco de Famara. Beware of the small rock slides.

Length: 360 m

Services: No

### Playa de La Francesa (Beach)

Near Mt. Amarilla is La Francesa, with its extensive white sandy beach and crystal-clear water. When the tide comes in, it creates a shallow lagoon that is ideal for children to safely enjoy the beach.

Length: 435 m

Services: No

### Playa de El Salado (Beach)

This beach is near Caleta del Sebo. From the shore, you can see the omnipresent Risco de Famara, while crystal-clear waters bathe the clean beach sand. There are a number of services. It is the only site where you can camp in an authorized area, after requesting the corresponding permit at: [www.reservasparquesnacionales.es](http://www.reservasparquesnacionales.es).

Length: 1.800 m

Services: Specific area for camping, showers, bathrooms & trash cans

### Playa de La Laja (Beach)

This is the local beach, right next to the port. It is a common place for families to enjoy the good weather while fishermen repair their boats or return to the sea for another catch.

Length: 100 m

Services: Regular sightseeing sea lines, trash cans, bars & restaurants, supermarket, diving center, kayaks, bikes

### OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

In addition to enjoying the landscape and a pleasant day at the beach, La Graciosa offers a network of pathways. Thrilling diving courses are offered at all levels, where divers can enjoy the delights of the sea bottom. Likewise, you can discover the island in a 4X4 and count on the expert knowledge of local drivers who know every corner. If you prefer, you can take a tour at sea with the specialized companies in the village. Looking for excitement? Go bodyboarding, surfing, windsurfing and kitesurfing; it is all possible with the top class waves and wind. To catch a bite, any place is good as there is always fresh fish and seafood.

### MARINE RESERVE

The La Graciosa Marine Reserve and the northern islets of Lanzarote cover more than 70,000 hectares. As one of the largest reserves in Europe, it encompasses islands and islets which include the cliff known as Risco de Famara. Created in 1995 to guarantee the sustainable use of fisheries, the park allows professionals registered with the marine reserve to fish and collect shellfish; recreational fishing is also authorized if the permit is obtained from the fishing authorities. The reserve offers a wonderful variety of fauna, where there are a number of fish species such as Mediterranean parrotfish, common dentex, bream, grouper, mottled grouper and more than 300 seaweed species, housing the largest variety of marine biodiversity of all the Canary Islands. These resources explain the abundance

of marine birds, and that is another reason why the area has been declared a Special Protected Bird Species Area. The largest European population of Cory's shearwater is found here, in addition to a number of extremely rare and threatened species, such as white-faced storm-petrel as well as common kestrels, owls, Eleonora's falcons and sea eagles. Undoubtedly, it is an ideal breeding ground, under the watchful eye of man.



Los Arcos (La Graciosa)



La Laja, Caleta de Sebo (La Graciosa)



Jameo in Alegranza

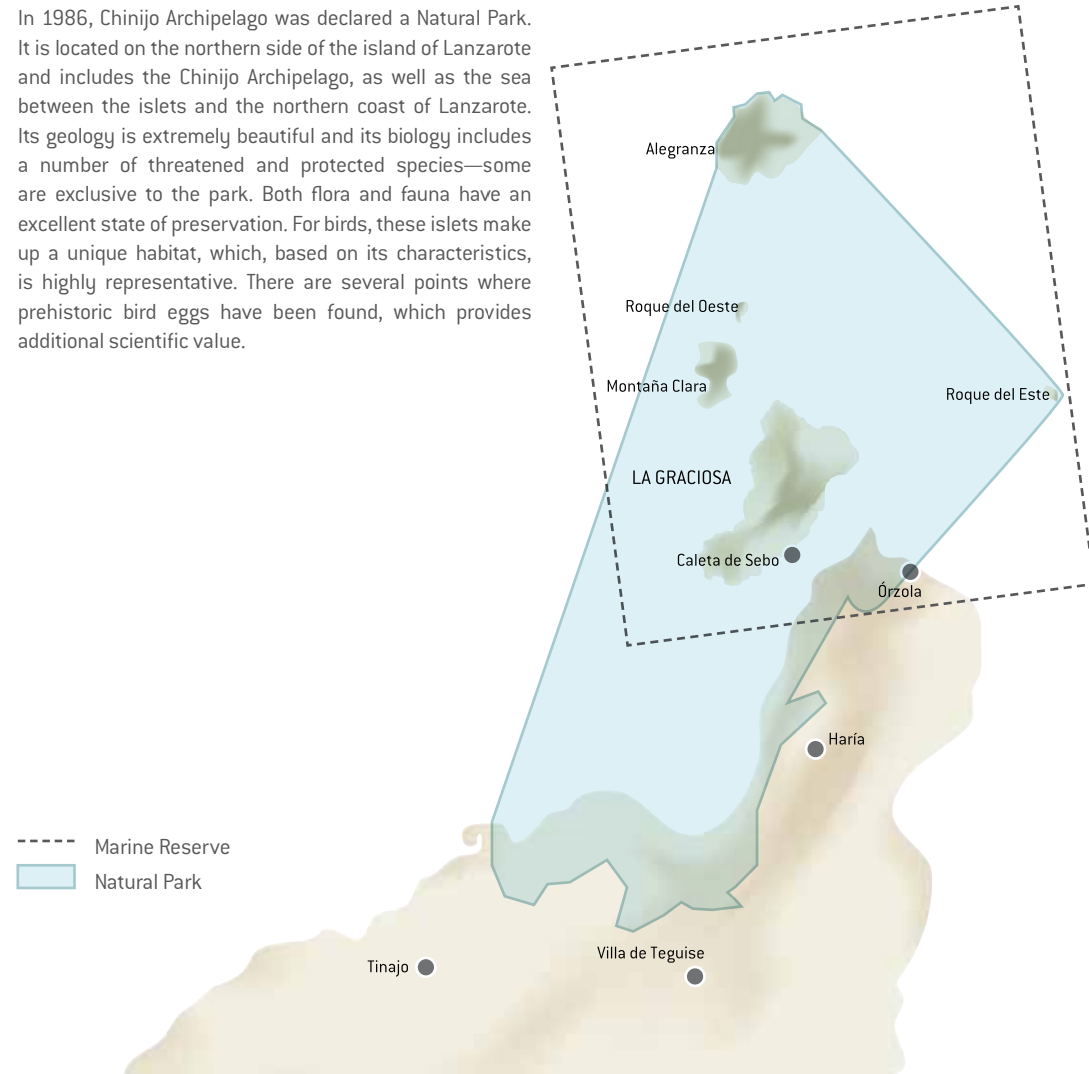




La Lambra (La Graciosa)

### CHINIJO ARCHIPELAGO NATURAL PARK

In 1986, Chinijo Archipelago was declared a Natural Park. It is located on the northern side of the island of Lanzarote and includes the Chinijo Archipelago, as well as the sea between the islets and the northern coast of Lanzarote. Its geology is extremely beautiful and its biology includes a number of threatened and protected species—some are exclusive to the park. Both flora and fauna have an excellent state of preservation. For birds, these islets make up a unique habitat, which, based on its characteristics, is highly representative. There are several points where prehistoric bird eggs have been found, which provides additional scientific value.





Alegranza



Cory's shearwater between Montaña Clara and Roque del Oeste

**ROMERO SEA LINE SCHEDULE:**

**Órzola - La Graciosa**

From November 1 to June 30:

10.00h./ 11.00h. / 12.00h. / 13.30h. / 16.00h. / 17.00h. / 18.00h.

From July 1 to October 31:

10.00h./ 11.00h. / 12.00h. / 13.30h. / 16.00h. / 17.00h. / 18.00h. / 19.00h.

**La Graciosa - Órzola**

From November 1 to June 30:

8.00h./ 10.00h. / 11.00h. / 12.30h. / 15.00h. / 16.00h. / 17.00h.

From July 1 to October 31:

8.00h./ 10.00h. / 11.00h. / 12.30h. / 15.00h. / 16.00h. / 17.00h. / 18.00h.

**BIOESFERA EXPRESS LINE SCHEDULE:**

**Órzola - La Graciosa**

8.00h./ 10.30h. / 13.00h. / 16.30h. / 18.30h.

**La Graciosa - Órzola**

7.00h./ 9.30h. / 11.30h. / 15.30h. / 17.30h.



More information:

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Teguisse Municipal Council Office in La Graciosa, tel:928842000

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