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Canary Islands Experience is a smart digital guide created to help you discover Fuerteventura in a more convenient, authentic, and organized way.

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July

The Sanctuary of Light and Wind

July already breathes the spirit of summer. Welcome to an edition that beats to the rhythm of the season in Fuerteventura. A month when the trade winds carry stories and the sun paints landscapes of striking contrasts: adventure and tranquillity, energy and tradition. The mist of Cofete, the flavours of Tuineje, and the adrenaline of Sotavento.

Explore

A new way to discover the Canary Islands at your own pace: travel with a guide designed for you, enjoying the freedom to improvise while having the confidence of not missing what truly matters

Gastronomy

The Fuerteventura tomato returns in July, bringing with it the full flavour of volcanic soil that has made this fruit one of the island’s proudest symbols
Restaurant Review: At Casabel, dining lingers long into the afternoon, where time seems to stand still between exquisite dishes, engaging conversation, and the pleasure of sharing the moment

Leisure & Events

July brings the pulse of the wind to Sotavento, music by the sea in El Cotillo, and Afro-Cuban jazz in one of the summer’s most celebrated cultural events

Local Commerce

Textile craftsmanship and independent design prove that, in Fuerteventura, tradition can also be dressed in contemporary style

History & Curiosities

In La Oliva, the Casa de los Coroneles preserves the memory of a time when the island’s power was exercised far from the coast and deeply rooted in stone.

We invite you to turn the page... and enjoy the privilege of a culture that beats to the rhythm of the wind and memory. *Enjoy the journey.*

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01 EXPLORE FUERTEVENTURA

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Your Local Planner, your personalized guide to discover Canarias

Your Local Planner, the Canary Islands your way.

Travelling independently doesn't have to mean making everything up as you go. Sometimes, the best way to discover an island is with an itinerary designed just for you, while still having the freedom to change your plans whenever you feel like it. That's exactly what Your Local Planner offers: a personalised digital travel guide designed to help you experience Fuerteventura and the rest of the Canary Islands from your phone, with local insight, practical recommendations, and an itinerary tailored to your travel style.

Each guide is created exclusively for every traveller or group, which is why we require at least 15 days' notice before your trip. We don't use templates or generic itineraries. Everything begins with a video call where we get to know you: how you like to travel, how much time you have, the kind of experiences you're looking for, the pace you prefer, and the places you'd love to explore during your stay.

Based on that conversation, Your Local Planner creates a flexible, realistic, and easy-to-follow itinerary. Your guide

is delivered directly to your phone, fully organised and ready to use, with carefully selected recommendations so you don't have to spend hours comparing hundreds of options. From authentic local restaurants and hidden gems to breathtaking landscapes, cultural heritage, and activities tailored to the way you want to experience the islands.

The real value lies in travelling with clear guidance while keeping complete freedom. If you have any questions during your trip, the weather changes, or you simply decide to adjust your plans, you can also receive personalised support to adapt your itinerary along the way.

The result is a more relaxed, personal, and authentic way to discover the Canary Islands. Less uncertainty, better choices, and the feeling of arriving with a guide created specifically for you—not for everyone else.

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The Fuerteventura Tomato

skin that preserves the essence of the Atlantic. This distinctive character sets it apart from tomatoes grown elsewhere in Spain or Europe, making it a true gourmet product that reaches its finest expression when enjoyed locally at its natural peak of ripeness.

The Majorero tomato is, without a doubt, the sweet taste of sun and sand—a fruit that captures both the resilience and generosity of Fuerteventura’s land. Although it is cultivated for much of the year, July is when it truly shines, becoming the undisputed star of summer salads and bringing a refreshing touch to the island’s warmest days. More than just a local ingredient, it is a symbol of Fuerteventura’s agricultural excellence, especially the tomatoes grown around Tuineje, where the unique microclimate and volcanic soils produce exceptional quality appreciated throughout the Canary Islands.

Historically, tomato cultivation was one of the driving forces behind Fuerteventura’s economy, connecting the island’s ports with major European markets through decades of exports. Generations of Majorero families worked the fields, creating landscapes of gaviás and traditional irrigation systems that remain an important part of the island’s cultural and agricultural heritage. Choosing locally grown tomatoes in July means more than enjoying a seasonal delicacy—it also supports the survival of Fuerteventura’s farming tradition. It is a tribute to the resilience of its farmers and to a land that, despite its scarce rainfall, continues to produce fruit full of life, colour, and flavour—a true reflection of the Majorero spirit.

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What makes the island’s tomatoes truly unique is their perfect balance of sweetness and acidity. This remarkable flavour comes from the natural salinity of the irrigation water and the rich mineral content of the volcanic soil. These growing conditions place the plants under gentle water stress, encouraging the fruit to concentrate its natural sugars. The result is a tomato with an intense flavour, firm, juicy flesh, and a resilient

02 GASTRONOMY

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Just a few kilometres from the everyday rhythm of Puerto del Rosario lies Casabel, a welcoming restaurant with both indoor seating and a spacious terrace. It is a place that seems to have understood something essential: creating a space where time slows down and every meal becomes an experience to savour.

I often come here with friends to enjoy what the Spanish now call **tardeo**—those long, leisurely late afternoons when the light begins to soften and conversations become more genuine. This time, however, my visit had a different purpose: lunch, the moment when a restaurant truly reveals what it is capable of.

Upon arriving, Abel, a member of the family who owns the restaurant, suggested their tasting menu, an offer we happily accepted. At first glance, it feels festive, relaxed, almost playful. Twelve courses. Twelve small expressions of the kitchen's personality. A culinary mosaic where traditional recipes meet contemporary touches, with a clear intention of appealing to a wide range of tastes.

The experience begins with a fresh salad that fulfils its role perfectly—light, crisp, and an elegant opening to the meal. The chicken croquette is beautifully prepared, offering the creamy comfort one expects from this classic favourite. The iconic **papas arrugadas** anchor the menu firmly in the Canary Islands, reminding

diners that they are tasting an essential part of the local identity.

The carpaccio introduces a more refined and delicate note, expertly seasoned with an excellent olive oil produced on the island. Fried local cheese follows, delivering that irresistible contrast between crispness and creamy texture that rarely fails to satisfy.

The menu then moves towards richer flavours. A prawn wrapped in bacon and courgette creates an interesting dialogue between land and sea, although, as often happens, the bacon takes centre stage. The **chistorra** sausage and the stuffed mushroom served with a bacon sauce continue along this hearty, rustic path, where bold flavours are favoured over subtlety.

The traditional **carne fiesta** arrives as a tribute to one of the Canary Islands' most beloved dishes: honest, familiar, and free from unnecessary embellishment. For local diners, it offers a comforting taste of home and a respectful nod to the island's culinary heritage.

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Restaurant review

Casabel, where lingering over the table is part of the pleasure of dining.



World Windsurfing and Kitesurfing Championship

Sotavento Becomes the Capital of the Wind Again

Every summer, Sotavento Beach becomes one of the world’s premier stages for wind sports. This year, the south of Fuerteventura will host the 38th Fuerteventura World Cup, a long-established event on the international sporting calendar and one of the highlights of the island’s summer season.

The competition will take place from **17 July to 1 August 2026 at Playa Barca, Sotavento, in the municipality of Pájara**. Over the course of two weeks, this spectacular stretch of Fuerteventura’s coastline will welcome many of the world’s top athletes in an edition featuring both the PWA Windsurf World Tour and the GWA Wingfoil World Cup.

From 17 to 26 July, the spotlight will be on windsurfing, with men’s and women’s Freestyle and Slalom-X competitions. Then, from 27 July to 1 August, the focus shifts to wingfoil, with Surf-Freestyle and FreeFly-Slalom events for both men and women.

But Sotavento is about much more than elite competition. Alongside the sporting action, the La Carpa area will once

again become a lively meeting place for residents, fans, and visitors, offering live music, entertainment, and the festive atmosphere that has become part of this world-famous wind sports event.

What makes the event so special is this unique combination: the chance to watch the world’s best riders perform at one of Europe’s most iconic wind sports locations while enjoying a vibrant beachfront atmosphere, with the lagoon, the trade winds, and the Atlantic Ocean providing an unforgettable backdrop.

Once again, Sotavento will showcase its very best: sails, wings, speed, and spectacular performances set against one of the Canary Islands’ most breathtaking landscapes. It is one of Fuerteventura’s must-see summer events and another reminder of why the island has earned its reputation as an international destination for wind, sport, and nature.

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FEM 2026 – Fuerteventura en Música

Fuerteventura en Música Celebrates Its 20th Edition with Two Nights of Global Rhythms in El

La Concha Beach will once again become one of the highlights of Fuerteventura's summer as it welcomes a new edition of Fuerteventura en Música (FEM), taking place on **3 and 4 July in El Cotillo**. This year marks the festival's 20th edition, firmly establishing it as one of the Canary Islands' most distinctive cultural events, where live music blends seamlessly with breathtaking scenery, cultural diversity, and a deep respect for the natural environment.

The 2026 line-up showcases a vibrant mix of global sounds and musical fusion. On Friday, 3 July, the stage will welcome Femi Kuti & The Positive Force, one of the world's leading Afrobeat acts, alongside the energetic Spanish fusion band Eskorzo, La Sra. Tomasa, Chanela Clicka, Marta Umpiérrez, and DJ Woodhands. On Saturday, 4 July, audiences will enjoy performances by Antonio Carmona, Pongo, Queralt Lahoz, Kumbia Boruka, Arife, with DJ Woodhands returning to close both nights.

As always, FEM remains a festival for everyone through its popular FEM by Day programme, which fills the streets of El Cotillo with workshops, parades, and cultural activities. On Friday, visitors can take part in a creative workshop using recycled materials before joining the Batucada Corumba street parade to La Concha Beach. Saturday's daytime programme moves to Muellito Chico, featuring live music sessions, Afro-Guinean percussion, and additional performances in a lively and welcoming atmosphere.

This year's edition also carries special symbolic significance, paying tribute to Dania Dévora, the visionary behind the festival and one of the key figures in shaping its identity. Twenty years after its creation, Fuerteventura en Música remains true to its original spirit: a free, multicultural, and environmentally conscious festival that brings together residents and visitors by the sea, creating one of the most iconic images of summer in Fuerteventura.

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35th International Canarias Jazz & Más Festival – Cu- ban Jazz Syndicate

**Brings the Talent of Cuban Jazz
Syndicate to Fuerteventura**

The International Canarias Jazz & Más Festival returns to Fuerteventura with one of the most exciting performances of its 35th edition. **On 11 July at 8:00 p.m., the Fuerteventura Conference and Training Centre** will host Cuban Jazz Syndicate, an outstanding ensemble of Caribbean musicians that has established itself as one of the leading names in contemporary Afro-Cuban jazz.

Led by acclaimed drummer Michael Olivera, the group brings together an exceptional lineup featuring Carlos Sarduy on trumpet, Humberto Ríos on piano, Panagiotis Andreu on bass and vocals, Inoidel González on tenor saxophone, and Yuvisney Aguilar on percussion. Together they deliver a powerful live performance driven by improvisation, rich rhythms, and the infectious energy of Caribbean music. The concert forms part of the 35th International Canarias Jazz & Más Festival, one of the Canary Islands' most established cultural events. Running from 3 to 25 July, the festival travels across all

eight islands with a programme featuring internationally renowned, Spanish, and Canarian artists. In Fuerteventura, Cuban Jazz Syndicate promises an evening of warm, virtuosic jazz infused with Afro-Cuban rhythms and the creative freedom that defines the genre.

Following the success of their acclaimed show **Y Llegó la Luz** at some of Europe's leading jazz festivals, the band arrives on the island with a new live performance that takes audiences on a musical journey to the heart of the Caribbean. It is a unique opportunity to experience one of today's most exciting Latin jazz projects, where outstanding musicianship, emotion, and captivating stage presence come together in an unforgettable concert.

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Lacework Fashion and Textile Crafts

Originating in Madeira and later spreading through regions of mainland Spain such as Andalusia and Extremadura, the art of traditional lacework found fertile ground in the Canary Islands, where it evolved into something uniquely its own. In the Canaries, lacework became more than a shared heritage—it developed into a distinctive artistic language and an enduring symbol of island identity.

This article focuses on textile craftsmanship and independent fashion design, a movement that is reshaping the concept of fashion in Fuerteventura. Moving away from mass production, it celebrates the revival of local workshops where a new generation of designers is breathing new life into ancestral techniques such as traditional lacework, blending them with contemporary, urban aesthetics. Using high-quality natural fibres including linen and organic cotton, these artisans create garments perfectly suited to Fuerteventura's summer climate while respecting both tradition and a slower, more conscious approach to craftsmanship.

This style of fashion appeals to visitors and residents seeking unique pieces with genuine Majorero character—far remo-

ved from fast-changing trends and deeply connected to the island's identity.

The creative heart of this movement beats strongest in villages such as Lajares, in the municipality of La Oliva, where workshops, boutiques, and shared creative spaces transform the streets into an open-air showcase of local design. In the historic village of Betancuria, the experience is even more intimate, with skilled artisans preserving techniques such as knitting and traditional lacework while adapting them into contemporary pieces that combine heritage with everyday functionality.

This creative spirit extends to other parts of the island as well. In the south, Costa Calma is home to concept stores specialising in sustainable fashion, while Puerto del Rosario's markets and artisan fairs provide a platform for emerging local designers to present their work.

Choosing locally made fashion in Fuerteventura is, ultimately, both an ethical and an aesthetic decision. Every garment carries a piece of the island's culture, landscape, and traditions, while supporting a model of craftsmanship that protects its heritage and ensures the value of hand-made creation continues into the future.

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La Oliva, the Military Power Centre of Fuerteventura

For much of Fuerteventura's modern history, the island's administrative and military power was exercised not from the coast, but from the inland plains of La Oliva. It was here that the Casa de los Coroneles was built—the most impressive example of civil architecture representing power in the Canary Islands and a lasting symbol of the authority held by the Cabrera-Bethencourt family.

Its location was carefully chosen. From this strategic position, the island's most fertile northern farmlands and the main inland routes could be controlled. The building, remarkable for its size and crowned by two battlemented towers, was conceived almost as a fortress: an elegant noble residence, but also a centre of command from which much of Fuerteventura's political and military affairs were directed.

The façade perfectly reflects this display of authority. Its symmetry, the regular arrangement of openings, and the abundance of balconies and windows crafted from Canary pine were not merely prac-

tical features. At a time when importing fine timber and glass was extremely expensive, such lavish carpentry was a public statement of wealth, prestige, and social status. The mansion became the dominant landmark of the surrounding plain and the visual embodiment of power on the island.

Today, the Casa de los Coroneles has been carefully restored and reopened as a cultural centre. It preserves its historical significance while hosting exhibitions dedicated to the Cabrera-Bethencourt family and the military governors, known as the *coroneles*, who ruled Fuerteventura from the 18th century onwards.

Just a few metres away stands the Church of Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria, completing this historic centre of power. Its robust tower, built from dark volcanic stone, served not only as a place of worship but also as a lookout and defensive structure. From its heights, guards watched the horizon and warned the population of approaching pirate raids. Together, the church and the stately mansion transformed La Oliva into the political, military, and defensive heart of Fuerteventura.

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