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¿What is Canary Islands Experience?

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

It is an interactive tool that connects travelers with the best of the island: unique places, gastronomy, beaches, experiences, routes, events, and carefully selected local businesses.

How can it help you during your trip?

Organize your stay better

Discover what to do near you, plan routes, find beaches, viewpoints, charming villages, and activities suited to your time and travel style.

Find authentic places

Access recommendations for restaurants, cafés, markets, and local shops that are part of authentic Majorero life.

Stay informed

Check events, concerts, local festivities, and activities taking place during your stay on the island.

Enjoy unique experiences

Surfing, hiking, excursions, culture, gastronomy, sunsets, or hidden gems. Canary Islands Experience helps you discover much more than the usual tourist spots.

Everything from your mobile

No need to download complicated apps. Just scan the QR code and start exploring.

A different way to discover Fuerteventura.

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August

August arrives in Fuerteventura with the brightest light of summer, when the ocean invites you to slow down and every corner of the island offers a new story waiting to be discovered.

From the Editorial Team, we warmly welcome you to an edition dedicated to experiencing the peaceful spirit of Fuerteventura at its very best.** Within these pages, you'll find inspiration to explore breathtaking landscapes, savour the finest local cuisine, take part in traditional festivals, and uncover fascinating stories that are part of the island's identity. We also introduce you to the people, traditions, and experiences that make every visit an unforgettable memory.

Thank you for joining us once again on this journey. We hope this edition of CIE Enjoy Fuerteventura inspires you to discover new places, support our local businesses, and enjoy an August filled with extraordinary moments.

Welcome, and happy reading!

Astronomy Special

The partial solar eclipse on 12 August will transform Fuerteventura's skies into an extraordinary spectacle. Discover the best places to watch it and how to enjoy it safely.

Nature & Landscapes

A journey to Fuerteventura's most iconic beach, where the ocean, mountains, and silence come together to create an unforgettable landscape.

Majorero Cuisine

Fresh fish, seafood, and traditional recipes take centre stage in a journey through the island's seafaring gastronomy.

Festivals & Traditions

August comes alive with patron saint celebrations, music, folklore, and community gatherings that keep Fuerteventura's traditions alive.

Experiences

What began in 1985 as a small camel farm in La Lajita has grown into Oasis Wildlife, covering 780,000 m² and becoming the largest conservation centre in the Canary Islands.

History & Heritage

We visit one of the Canary Islands' most important archaeological sites to discover how Fuerteventura's first inhabitants once lived.

An Island to Remember

August – The Perfect Month to Discover Fuerteventura

Eclipses, beaches, gastronomy, history, and traditions come together in an edition designed to inspire you to experience the island in an authentic way.

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01 EXPERIENCES

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Oasis Wildlife

The Camel Farm That Became the Canary Islands' Largest Conservation Centre

In La Lajita, spend a full day getting up close to giraffes, elephants, and lemurs, while wandering through a botanical garden that brings together plants from three continents.

What began in 1985 as a small camel farm in La Lajita has grown into Oasis Wildlife Fuerteventura, covering 780,000 m² and becoming the largest conservation centre in the Canary Islands. Today, it is home to more than 3,000 animals representing 250 species, including giraffes, African elephants, cheetahs, lemurs, sea lions, birds of prey, and many more.

The park is easily explored in a single day. Visitors can feed the giraffes, meet the lemurs up close, or discover how young camels are cared for in what remains the largest camel reserve in Europe. Another highlight is the 160,000 m² botanical garden, beautifully arranged by continent and showcasing an impressive diversity of plant life

The park also features several restaurants. Every Sunday, a traditional craft market takes place at the entrance,

where visitors can browse local handmade products and enjoy freshly made churros. No park admission ticket is required to visit the market, taste the churros, or dine at one of the restaurants, all of which are open to the public.

Beyond the unforgettable animal encounters, Oasis Wildlife carries out important conservation work that many visitors never see. Through programmes developed in collaboration with universities and the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), the park plays an active role in wildlife research and species conservation. We'll show you how to make the most of your visit, the best days to go, and the hidden experiences that make this unique destination so special.

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Cofete, Where the World Ends

A Wild Landscape Where Nature Retains All Its Power.

August is the perfect time to discover Cofete, one of Fuerteventura’s most breathtaking landscapes. After crossing the winding mountain pass through the Jandía Massif, the island transforms completely: the signs of civilisation fade away, giving way to a dramatic landscape shaped by the ocean, the mountains, and silence.

Before you stretches twelve kilometres of untouched beach, sheltered by the island’s highest peaks, which seem to plunge directly into the sand. It is a place where time appears to stand still and nature reveals its full grandeur.

The constant roar of the Atlantic, the powerful currents, and the mist drifting down from the mountains create a unique atmosphere filled with beauty and mystery. Standing within this remarkable setting is the enigmatic Winter House, the subject of countless legends linked to the Second World War and espionage, adding a fascinating historical dimension to the landscape.

Exploring Cofete also means discovering an ecosystem of exceptional natural value, home to native plants such as cardón cacti and tabaiba shrubs, as well as trails leading to the small cemetery slowly reclaimed by the sand—a quiet reminder of the area’s former inhabitants.

More than just a beach, Cofete is a symbol of Fuerteventura at its most authentic. It is a place that inspires respect, reflection, and awe. Here, the wind, the sea, and the mountains continue to shape a land that remains free, wild, and extraordinarily beautiful.

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GASTRONOMY

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La vieja majorera Fuerteventura's Most Iconic Fish

Talking about the gastronomy of Fuerteventura means talking about the vieja, a fish that has been part of the island's culinary identity for centuries. Found on family tables and featured in the finest restaurants, its white, firm, and delicate flesh is considered one of the most prized in the Canary Islands.

The vieja inhabits the rocky seabed and seagrass meadows surrounding Fuerteventura's coastline. Feeding mainly on algae, it develops a mild flavour and an exceptional texture that set it apart from other species.

Traditional fishermen know its habits well. Between June and September, when the species is more active close to the shore, catches are generally more abundant. Artisanal fishing with rod and line remains the most sustainable and respectful way of harvesting this valuable resource.

In Majorero cuisine, the most iconic preparation is vieja sancochada, served with papas arrugadas (Canarian wrinkled potatoes), green or red *mojo* sauce, and a drizzle of good olive oil. It is equally delicious grilled or baked, preserving all the tenderness and juiciness of its flesh.

Its outstanding culinary value has made the vieja one of the most sought-after fish in local markets. Fuerteventura's chefs feature it in dishes that blend tradition with innovation while always respecting the quality of the product.

A fascinating fact that surprises many visitors is that the vieja belongs to the parrotfish family. Its powerful teeth, fused together to form a beak-like structure, allow it to scrape algae from rocks, playing an important role in maintaining the balance of marine ecosystems.

Another remarkable characteristic is the dramatic colour change displayed by males during the breeding season, when they develop vibrant shades of blue, green, and pink that contrast with the more discreet appearance of the females.

Tasting a freshly caught vieja is to experience one of the Atlantic's most authentic flavours. Every bite reflects the richness of a sea that has sustained generations of Majoreros and continues to be one of Fuerteventura's greatest gastronomic treasures.

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Restaurant review

Don Pepe Restaurant
A restaurant that never disappoints

Since opening its doors on 22 December 1995, Don Pepe Restaurant has established itself as one of Fuerteventura's most memorable dining destinations. Founded by José Pereira Domínguez and built on the dedication of his family, the restaurant combines the strength of traditional cuisine with the increasingly rare value of warm, genuine hospitality.

At the front of house, Ana Pereira creates the welcoming and friendly atmosphere that defines Don Pepe, making every visit feel relaxed and personal. This attentive service is perfectly complemented by a carefully crafted kitchen where locally sourced ingredients take centre stage. Here, tradition is interpreted with honesty, flavour, and deep respect for quality produce. The extensive menu evolves with the seasons, ensuring guests enjoy the freshest and most appealing dishes throughout the year, always offering excellent value for money.

Don Pepe stands out not only for its outstanding cuisine but also for the complete dining experience it provides. The restaurant features three distinct spaces: a magnificent terrace overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and the swimming pool, a cosy indoor dining room ideal for lingering over lunch or dinner, and a spacious venue designed for celebrations, family gatherings, and business events. A large private car park adds further convenience for visitors.

Excellent food, beautiful surroundings, friendly service, and affordable prices create a combination that is difficult to match. For all these reasons, Don Pepe Restaurant is one of those places that never disappoints—and one you'll always want to return to.

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LEISURE AND EVENTS

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The Great Solar Eclipse of the Sum-

Fuerteventura se prepara para vivir uno de los acontecimientos astronómicos más importantes de la década.

On **12 August 2026**, the skies above Fuerteventura will host one of the decade’s most remarkable astronomical events: a partial solar eclipse, during which the Moon will cover approximately 72.5% of the Sun’s disc. Although the Canary Islands will not lie within the path of totality, Fuerteventura will be one of the best places in the archipelago to witness the eclipse, thanks to its exceptionally clear skies, minimal light pollution, and wide-open horizons.

The eclipse will begin at approximately 7:03 p.m., reaching its maximum at around 7:53 p.m., shortly before sunset. As the Moon gradually obscures the Sun, daylight will slowly fade and the landscape will take on soft, twilight hues, creating a unique atmosphere that will transform the Atlantic horizon.

Some of the best locations to enjoy this spectacular event include the island’s west coast and several outstanding natural viewpoints. Highlights include El Tostón Lighthouse and the lagoons of El Cutillo, where the eclipsed Sun will be reflected on the ocean; La Pared, with its privileged west-facing orientation;

Cofete, for those seeking a truly wild natural setting; the Corralejo Dunes, ideal for observation and photography; and the viewpoints of Morro Velosa and Tindaya, magnificent vantage points from which to follow the eclipse.

The eclipse should always be observed safely. It is essential to wear ISO 12312-2 certified eclipse glasses and to use appropriate solar filters for cameras, binoculars, or telescopes. Ordinary sunglasses, X-ray films, smoked glass, or homemade filters should never be used, and children should always be supervised by an adult.

For those wishing to continue exploring the Canary Islands’ extraordinary night skies, we recommend *El Callejero Celeste* by photographer and science communicator Miguel Díaz Sosa. This outstanding guide combines landscape, photography, and astronomy, revealing why the Canary Islands are considered one of Europe’s finest destinations for stargazing.

12 August 2026 promises to be an unforgettable encounter with the universe. For a few extraordinary minutes, the Atlantic Ocean, the wind, and the Moon will share the spotlight in one of the most captivating natural spectacles visible from Fuerteventura—an invitation to pause, look up, and experience a truly unforgettable moment.

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The Summer of the Villages

Festivals That Keep the Heart of Fuerteventura Alive

August is much more than sunshine and beaches. It is the month when the villages of Fuerteventura come alive, celebrating festivals that preserve the true essence of the island's Majorero identity.

Town squares and streets become lively gathering places where residents and visitors come together to share music, traditions, and community spirit. Originally rooted in the devotion to each village's patron saint, these celebrations have evolved into some of the island's most important cultural expressions.

Warm summer evenings are filled with folk music groups, live bands, traditional orchestras, open-air dances, and festivals that bring together people of all ages. Competitions, children's activities, and local food tastings complete a programme designed to be enjoyed by the whole community.

Each municipality has its own distinctive character. Along the coast, the sea inspires many of the celebrations, while inland, agriculture and livestock farming continue to shape the festive

spirit. Traditional music, local costumes, indigenous games, and authentic cuisine remain at the heart of every celebration.

The romerías, or traditional pilgrimages, are among the most moving moments of the festivities. Beautifully decorated carts, folk groups, and residents dressed in traditional attire parade through the streets with songs, dances, and local produce, keeping the bond between generations alive.

For visitors, taking part in a patron saint's festival is one of the best ways to experience the authentic Fuerteventura. It offers the opportunity to discover the warm hospitality of the Majorero people and to understand how deeply these traditions remain woven into everyday island life.

In a world that is constantly changing, Fuerteventura's traditional festivals continue to preserve the island's collective memory. Every song, every dance, and every gathering beneath the August sky is a reminder that the true heart of Fuerteventura beats in its villages.

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Majorero Olive Oil

Fuerteventura is experiencing a remarkable agricultural transformation, with Extra Virgin Olive Oil (EVOO) emerging as one of its greatest success stories. What was once a small-scale crop has grown into a thriving sector that combines sustainability with gourmet quality, producing oils capable of competing in the world’s most demanding competitions. This “liquid gold” is the result of a perfect harmony between the island’s rugged climate and the dedication of its producers, whose groves are concentrated in some of Fuerteventura’s most distinctive landscapes.

What makes Fuerteventura’s olive oil so unique?

Distinctive varieties rooted in the island’s valleys:

Fuerteventura cultivates olive varieties such as Verdial Canaria, Arbequina, and Picual. In the valleys of Tuineje, Tiscaminita, and Antigua, these trees have adapted exceptionally well to the volcanic soil and the saline trade winds, producing oils with remarkable sensory characteristics. Their aromas evoke tomato vine, freshly cut grass, and almond, balanced by a gentle bitterness and a pleasantly lingering peppery finish.

A blend of innovation and tradition:

Modern olive mills, both public and private, in areas such as Casillas del Ángel and the surroundings of La Oliva, use state-

of-the-art cold extraction methods that preserve the oil’s valuable polyphenols and natural antioxidants. This commitment to quality ensures that consumers enjoy not only an exceptional culinary ingredient but also a pure, nutrient-rich product sourced directly from local producers.

A positive impact on the landscape and local economy:

Olive groves have become an important ally in protecting Fuerteventura’s fragile landscape, helping to reduce soil erosion while enhancing the beauty of the island’s inland valleys. For local businesses in places such as Lajares and Pájara, olive oil represents a premium product that appeals to travellers seeking authenticity, sustainability, and the assurance that the value created by traditional craftsmanship remains on the island.

Tasting Fuerteventura’s extra virgin olive oil is one of the finest ways to experience the island’s authentic flavours. It pairs perfectly with Majorero cheese or simply with freshly baked artisan bread found in the island’s villages. Above all, it is a reminder that, despite its arid landscape, Fuerteventura is capable of producing some of the purest, most elegant, and most distinctive olive oils in the Canary Islands.

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“Los Mahos”, the First Guardians of Fuerteventura

A Journey into the Lives of Fuerteventura’s Ancient Inhabitants Through the Settlement of La Atalayita

The Settlement of La Atalayita, located in the Pozo Negro Valley, is one of the Canary Islands’ most important archaeological sites. Covering more than 45,000 square metres and featuring 115 volcanic stone structures, it offers a remarkable insight into the lives of the Mahos, the first inhabitants of Fuerteventura.

The Mahos, of Amazigh (Berber) origin, arrived from North Africa more than fifteen centuries ago and developed a culture perfectly adapted to the island’s arid environment. Their economy was based primarily on goat and sheep herding, complemented by fishing, gathering, and the sustainable use of natural resources.

The goat was at the heart of their way of life. It provided food, milk, hides, and raw materials for clothing, footwear, and everyday tools. The name “Maho” is believed by some scholars to be linked to the leather footwear they wore, although its exact origin remains a subject of ongoing research.

The dwellings at La Atalayita, built using dry-stone construction and partially excavated into the ground, protected their inhabitants from the wind and intense heat. Many of these ingenious building techniques continued to be used by Majorero shepherds for centuries.

Archaeological excavations have uncovered handmade pottery, stone tools, bone artefacts, and food remains, revealing a well-organised society with a profound knowledge of its environment and an extraordinary ability to adapt to challenging conditions.

Today, a visit to La Atalayita is a journey back to the origins of Fuerteventura, offering a deeper understanding that the island’s Majorero identity began long before the European conquest. Among its ancient stone structures, the legacy of a people who built their lives around the wind, the volcanic rock, and the goat continues to endure, preserving one of the Canary Islands’ most fascinating cultural heritages.

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