



## **STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM 11th– 15th. March**

**Arrival:** Saturday 09/03, TB 1551, 13:50 – 17:40 h.

### **Monday 11/ 03 Day at School**

09.00 Reception (canción) at school and tour.

10:00 – 10:45 Visual presentation exposed by secondary school student.

10.45 - 11:45 Breakfast at school.

11:45 Take part in traditional Canarian games (Spanish and Dutch)

14:30 Finish of the activities

### **Tuesday 12 / 03 Maspalomas**

8:45 Leave for Maspalomas

9:45 Visit to “Maspalomas Dunes”, “Maspalomas pond”, and tour around the place with an exposición by students.

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Camel Safari through the dunes

16:00 Return to school (arriving at school at 16:45 approximately)

### **Wednesday 13 / 03 – Reforest in Teror**

8:45 Leave for Osorio (Teror)

10:00 Start reforestation

12:30 Departure to “San José del Álamo” and picnic there.

17:00 Parents will pick up them (students) in San José del Álamo.

### **Thursday 14 / 03 VEGUETA “Pirats attack us!”**

8:45 Leave for “Castillo de la Luz”, “Castle of the light”.

9:15, Meet point with the guided and tour with different places in “Vegueta”.  
(we'll meet to “Pieter van der Does”).

13:00 Visit Christopher Columbus' House

14:00 Lunch in “Plaza de Santa Ana” and free time.

(NO RETURN TO SCHOOL)

### **Friday 15 / 03**

09.15 Leave for “Sailing school Puerto Rico Beach”

10:30 – 13:30 Water Activities

Free time in the beach

16:00 Return to school, arriving at school at 17:00 (approximately)

**Departure:** Saturday 16/03 – 18:05 h – 23:55 h. Arrival at airport **16.05 h.**



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### Traditional Canarian games (Spanish and Dutch)





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**Tuesday 12 / 03**

***Dunes of Maspalomas.***

***A camel ride next to a sea of dunes – 12:30 h***

Gran Canaria offers you a host of opportunities for a spend a good time. One of them is a fun camel ride!

You can join a rare camel expedition through the Maspalomas Natural Dune Reserve.



More than four hundred hectares of yellow sand form part of this unique landscape, which tends to be more exceptional if one visits it on this unusual mode of transport! Although you won't truly be in the middle of a desert, travelling around a field of dunes on the back of a camel will make you forget just how close to the sea you really are! Experiencing the sensation of walking the Dunes of Maspalomas to the rhythm of a camel's pace can be a whole new experience. Come on, give it a go!





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### ***Maspalomas beach – Maspalomas dunes***

Present-day Maspalomas is the result of an ambitious development project, organized in the form of an International Ideas Contest (opened to any member of the [International Union of Architects](http://www.internationalunionofarchitects.org)), held in 1961 under the auspice of Alejandro del Castillo, owner and promoter of most of the area under construction. The contest was won by the French office S.E.T.A.P. (incl. the urbanist Langueneau and the economist Michel Meill) and covered the 1,060 ha and 19 km of coast that constitute the core area of *Maspalomas - Costa Canaria*. The contest paved the way for a particular way of understanding "touristic" urbanism that served as model for later tourist developments in other Canary Islands.



It has a variety of infrastructure and public institutions rarely seen in other touristic areas, including hospitals (2) and private clinics, local and foreign schooling institutions (Spanish, English and Swedish schools), shopping & convention centres, casinos (2), English-language cinema, golf courses, sports centers, thematic parks and a Summer University (in collaboration with the [university of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria](http://www.universityoflaspalmasdegrancanaria.es), mainly focused on tourism-related activities).



*Dune's Maspalomas*

Maspalomas serves as the base for Gran Canaria's only English language newspaper,[\[3\]](#) which serves a print readership in excess of 20,000 every month and reaches up to another 30,000 readers on-line.





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It has a wide range of accommodation on offer, although the urbanism concept speaks of an horizontal expansion (Bungalows) rather than high rises.

### The nature reserve Charca de Maspalomas

The area includes the Natural Reserve of the Dunes of Maspalomas, which constitutes an important landmark of Gran Canaria. Much appreciated as a winter destination for foreign tourists, mostly from north-European countries (Sweden, Norway, Germany, Netherlands, etc.), it remains as the largest tourist destination in the Canary Islands and a worldwide-known destination for [LGBT tourism](#).



### **Wednesday 13 / 03 "Reforest in Teror"**

**Teror** is a small but very beautiful town on the holiday island of **Gran Canaria**. It is situated in the interior in the north of Gran Canaria. Agriculture, animal husbandry and tourism take care of for income. Steep slopes and deep valleys adorn the location of Teror. Teror has many architecture and is known by pilgrims all over the world. During the summer the temperature can rise high, on the other hand during the winter temperatures can plummet. It is as the oldest village certainly worthy of your visit.







## History of Teror

History tell us that the Virgin Mary would have appeared on a pine tree in the center of the municipality of Teror. Hence the name "Nuestra Señora del Pino" (our lady of the Pine). Partly because eha inhabitants have built a chapel in honor of Mary, who was later replaced by a church. That church was unfortunately completely destroyed by a fire.

Obviously can such a beautiful town not live without a church. There was instead a neoclassical basilica built in 1767. The Virgin Mary statue from 1481, become each year during the month of September visited by thousands of pilgrims and tourists during the "Fiesta de la Virgen del Pino". Meanwhile, the basilica has undergone several renovations so that this wonderful building can remain. The basilica has beautiful stained glass windows. The inner city of Teror.

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### The inner city of Teror

Obviously become Teror not only popular among tourists and pilgrims for the Virgen del Pino, The Plaza del Teror is the square and the heart of the municipality. The first thing I notice are the authentic beautiful wooden balconies of the houses of Teror.

These balconies are characteristic of their architecture. From the square you have access to the Basilica and the tourist center. An ancient laurel tree gives that little extra to the square



Strolling along a **promenade** (Alameda), who can not be found for them. I am confident that you will enjoy a stroll through the **historic center** of Teror. Thousands of curious tourists like you and I, annually visit this boulevard with the episcopal palace of 1793.



## Shopping and gastronomy in the old Teror

Colorful houses with wooden or iron balconies guide you slowly along the numerous shops in the Calle Real de la Plaza. Teror you will visit not only for its history and authenticity, but also to enjoy. Hurry and stress leave your best here at home.

To enjoy for all that beauty to of the authentic Canarian atmosphere, you can sit on the terrace of a local bar. For a refreshing drink supplemented with tasty tapas you enjoy once so hard from this tranquil setting.

Gastronomy and hospitality are strengths of Teror. Every week there is a public market on Sunday. Fresh fruits and vegetables from the Canary domestic ( local products ), cakes and pastries, clothing and art items, you'll find it all at the cozy traditional market. The market takes place from 08:00 am to 15:00 in the afternoon.



## Religious sights of Teror

Another known square in Teror is the **Plaza Teresa de Bolivar**, which gives a picture of a freedom fighter, a unique character.

Perhaps also worth visiting is the Monastery of the Cistercian Order ( Monasterio del Cister )

If you are a fan of religious buildings than Teror has known outside the basilica to offer much more for you.

Some examples are the Church **Sagrado Corazón de Jesús**, the **Chapel de la Peña**, the **Chapel of San Isidro** and the **Dominican Monastery** at the foot of the Pico de Osorio.

## Festivals and pilgrimages in Teror

Just like in other cities, towns and villages of Gran Canaria, also has Teror his celebrations. **Nuestra Señora del Pino** is the most important festival of Teror. Make a note in your diary for **September 8** for this feast. The festival will massively visited by many tourists and residents of the island. Day and night the festivities going on.

Is it a very hot day in Gran Canaria, then plan a trip on the **last Sunday of July**. During the party **Fiesta del Agua** get thrown massively with water. Completely dry you will



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not stay. A demand for sufficient rain, food and gespaar remain illnesses is why the party was formed. A procession and cattle market gives an extra atmosphere.

Crafts, handicrafts, a cattle market and old traditions are central to the **Feast of San José**. Place of appointment is the first Sunday of **May**



### Spring water in the heart of Teror

Here the story ends still not, if you come to visit to Teror you can best provide a whole day. Have you heard of the “Bitter Source”. I think not, but that’s the name of the **Fuente Agria**.

It is a very special place in Teror because this natural source outside the tourism creates significant revenue for the municipality. The Fuente Agria has three other sources, the Principal, the Agua Agria and the Molino source.







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## Public park Doramas and Finca de Osorio



Allow me to take you on a tour through **breathtaking nature** around Teror. One of the major parks and forest areas of Teror is the **Parque Rural de Doramas**. We should not walk very far because the park is situated just 2 km from the historic center of Teror.

With an area of 207 hectares it is wonderful to walk through valleys, along precipices and agriculture. You will go learn ancient laurel forests and chestnut trees abound

Trees and plants such as oak and cork from Europe and South America make the park a beautiful whole. The **Finca de Osorio** is built in traditional Canarian style with the famous wooden balconies, and here and there a touch of English colonial style. If you are a romantic soul, then the associated garden is definitely worth your visit to the secluded romantic corners and fountains.

Some farmers still live with their family in the park, so you will be able to see the typical Canarian black pig. In the Finca are still educational classes today given for conservation. Accommodation available for groups by appointment



**Thursday 14 / 03 (Pirats attack us!)**

**Vegueta - Street "Triana"**

Pieter van der Does was born in Leiden. In 1586 he became superintendent of the Dutch fleet which witnessed the defeat of the Spanish Armada two years later. In 1588 he was wounded at the siege of Geertruidenberg. In 1587 he was also bailiff and dijkgraaf of the Rijnland water board, and in 1588 chief schout of Leiden. On 23 December 1588 he received the post of vice-admiral of west Holland, and some time later he was also master-general of the artillery. In 1594 he was wounded during the siege of Groningen. For his services the States of Holland and West Friesland granted him the fiefdoms of Vriesekoop and Rijsaterwoude and the title of jonkheer.



In 1597 he was vice-admiral in the Admiralty of the Maze and in 1599 a vice-admiral in the Admiralty of Amsterdam. In May 1599 he led a Dutch and Zeeland fleet which set out to blockade the Iberian coast as part of the Eighty Years' War.

En route they attacked the Spanish possession of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, but this was heavily defended and the attack was unsuccessful. It then moved to attack Spanish possessions in West Africa around Sao Tomé, where Van der Does died, either of wounds received at Las Palmas or of malaria.

Vegueta is the oldest district of the city of Las Palmas. The entire district of Vegueta was declared of Historic and Artistic heritage in 1973. Vegueta was originally a small hill on the edge of a ravine where three palm trees stood, and was called "Real de tres Palmas " or "La Vegueta de Santa Ana" by the conquistador Juan Rejón

I have already arranged for you to tour the area of **Vegueta** with its cathedral Santa Ana and the square Plaza Santa Ana, and finally the Literary Cabinet. But there is much more to discover in the Old Las Palmas.

***Church and Plaza de Santo Domingo***

The beautiful **square Santo Domingo** with the **church of Santo Domingo** in the background in a haven of peace. This church is one of the oldest in the capital.

It was originally the site of a chapel built by Pedro de Vera, one of the conquerors of Gran Canaria.







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The original chapel is dedicated to San Pedro Mártir, the co-patron of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria along with Santa Ana and San Juan Bautista. The property was formerly a monastery church, a convent and a garden.

The Plaza de Santo Domingo belongs to the parish of Santo Domingo de Guzmán. The square was created sometime around 1841. The square was earlier called Quemadero, because at the time of the conquest the prisoners condemned by the Inquisition were burnt here. On the square you will notice especially the magnificent baroque fountain. There are restaurants and bars nearby.

### *Ermita de San Antonio Abad*

Still in the district of Vegueta de Las Palmas we find the “Ermita de San Antonio Abad”. Literally translated “Cell of San Antonio Abad”. The façade has a symmetry whose composition draws attention to the main access road, the door with a rectangular shape.

The altar of the church is Baroque. Note the presence of the pulpit, located on the central side of the nave or aisle.



### *Casa de Colón (Columbus' house)* ([www.casadecolon.es](http://www.casadecolon.es))

You will definitely remember from your school days the journey to America of [Christopher Columbus](#). Born in 1451 in Genoa Italy, he was one of the most famous explorers. In 1492 he sailed under the Spanish flag to America stopping off in the Canary Islands on his way.



The “Casa de Colón” is one of the most visited buildings in Las Palmas because of its beautiful architecture. It is one of the finest in the district Vegueta. Beautiful balconies and carvings inside adorn this historic building. The House of







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Columbus was a palace and the residence of the first governors of the island of Gran Canaria before the visit of the explorer.

According to historical accounts Christopher Columbus stayed temporarily in the house because one of his ships had to be repaired. So it's not that Columbus actually lived here. In 1777 the palace was rebuilt or renovated, and has since become a museum, library and study center.



### **Friday 15/ 03 Sailing School “Puerto Rico”, water activities**



This school works with learners from 7 to 90 years of age, and offers the chance to sail to anybody who wishes to do so.

It not only gives classes to beginners and for perfecting techniques, but is also the ideal place for bringing together the different local, regional, national and international teams, who will find in Puerto Rico and surrounds ideal training conditions.

The school has qualified instructors as well as maintenance, cleaning and cooking staff.