

26 UGA - LA GERIA CIRCULAR

Not everyone desires a long linear walking route that finishes in Lanzarote's main resort. More than a few walkers using hire cars for their exploration ask us for circular routes, preferably with safe car parking and good refreshments. If this is you, then here's your route as we take the classic **La Geria** and convert it into a circular, based on the laid-back town of **Uga**. Our additions include one kilometre of road walking but the majority is on tracks we've not previously covered, nor are they in any other guidebook we've seen.



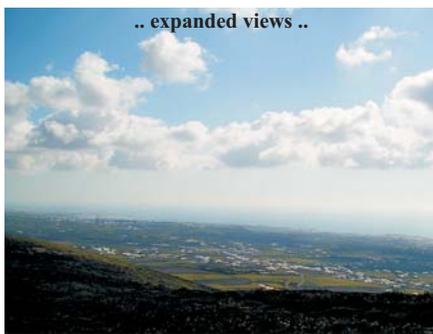
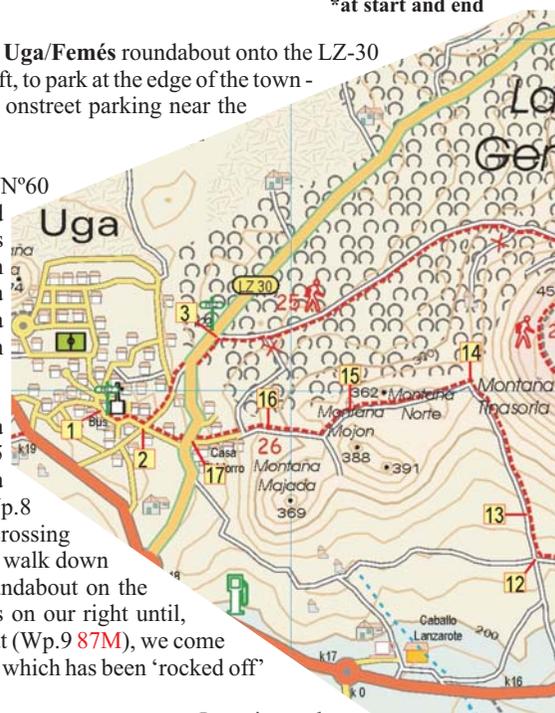
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Access by car:

From the LZ-2 exit at the **Uga/Femés** roundabout onto the LZ-30 then take the first street left, to park at the edge of the town - or continue into **Uga** for onstreet parking near the church.

Access by bus: Bus N°60 between **Arrecife** and **Playa Blanca** leaves from both destinations on the hour and calls at **Uga** church, Mon-Fri with a reduced service on Sat/Sun/fiestas.

We follow the classic **La Geria** route of Walk 25 until it crosses the **La Asomada** road at (Wp.8 77M) where instead of crossing the road, we turn right to walk down the road towards the roundabout on the LZ-2. We pass two lanes on our right until, just before the roundabout (Wp.9 87M), we come to a dirt track on our right which has been 'rocked off' to prevent vehicle access.

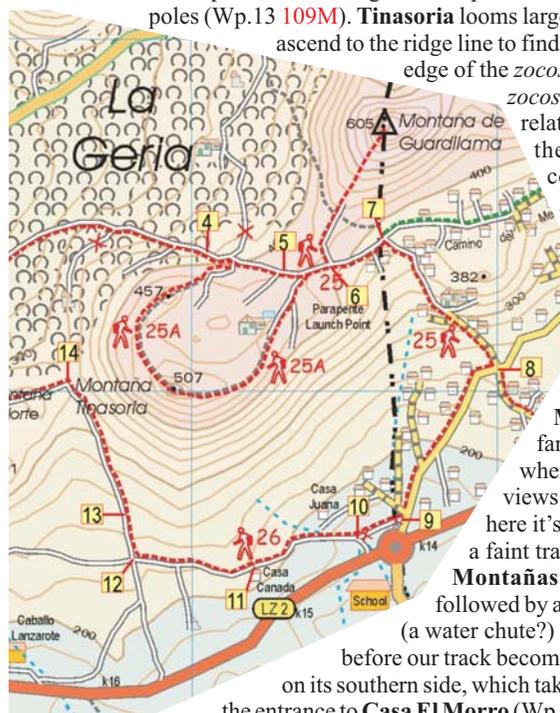


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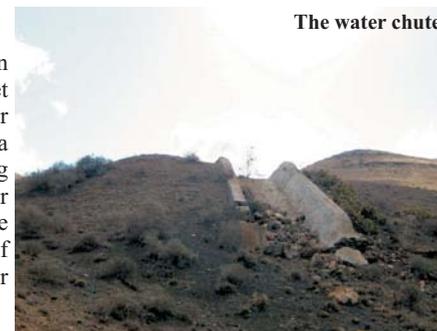
Leaving the tarmac we step through the boulders to follow the dirt track (W) to a junction with a more substantial dirt track (Wp.10 91M) which runs out to the LZ-2 on our left. Going right, we follow the track gently uphill to an isolated house, **Casa Cañada** (Wp.11 98M), passing it on our left to continue uphill along the track.

We pass a track on our left, which accesses a cultivated plot alongside the LZ-2, before arriving at a crossroads of tracks (Wp.12 107M). We're overlooking **Caballo Lanzarote (SW)** with views south to **Playa Quemada** and **Puerto Calero**, the sixty metres we've ascended since Wp.9 already providing us with expanded views across the southern coastal plain. From the crossroads we go right (N) for the steady ascent up the track under the shadow of **Montaña Tinasoria**. It's a steady hundred metre ascent, never steep enough to be called serious but uphill all the way for the next kilometre; if you'd like an easier return, then the track straight across the junction (W) runs across above **Caballo Lanzarote** to join the LZ-30 with only thirty metres of ascents; however, we've not walked that route.

Pointing our noses north, we head up the track across the sloping plain below **Tinasoria** to pass under the high tension power lines with their red and white poles (Wp.13 109M). **Tinasoria** looms large above us as we gradually ascend to the ridge line to find ourselves overlooking the edge of the **zocos** area (Wp.14 122M). The **zocos** in this section are of relatively recent construction, their neat appearance a contrast with the older **zocos** on the earlier section of our route; as a viewpoint over **La Geria** this is one of the best.



With the ascent behind us, we follow the track along the southern side of the ridge formed by **Montaña Norte** to a goat farm on the north of the track where we get more northern views (Wp.15 130M). From here it's steadily downhill passing a faint track off to our left bisecting **Montañas Majada** and **Mojón**, followed by a strange concrete structure (a water chute?) on our left (Wp.16 136M) before our track becomes a street, lined by houses on its southern side, which takes us down to the LZ-30 at the entrance to **Casa El Morro** (Wp.17 142M).



The water chute

Carefully across the main road we walk down the street (our car access) to meet our outward route at the open area crossroads where continuing straight on brings us to our starting point beside the church square and a choice of bar/restaurants for refreshment (148M).