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PR-TF 41 Playa de El Socorro-Pico del Teide

El Asomadero

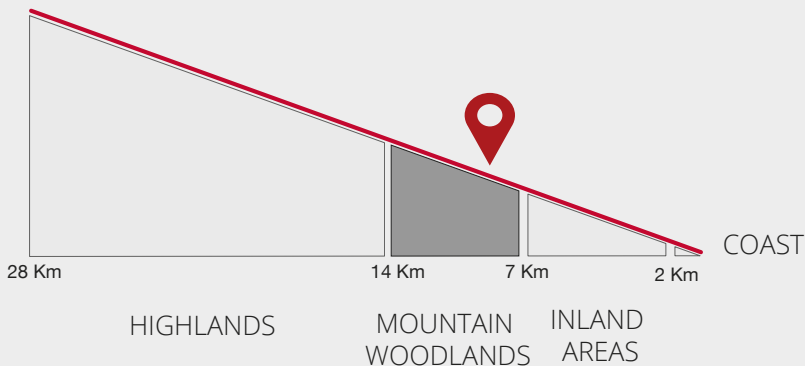






When giving up was not an option

When viewed from such vantage points as this, it is perfectly clear that Tenerife is like a cascade of different landscapes. In the past, each step upwards supplied essential resources to the population. Firewood, forage, or wood came above all from the tree-covered mountains and the pinewoods, while such other rarer materials as sulphur or ice were to be found in the highlands, from where the inhabitants would return with a load. It was crucial to end the trips without giving up in order to be able to survive and, often, the journeys were genuine feats of strength which required the same fortitude as that of the great ultra-long-distance athletes of today.



El monteverde

This is the local name for the moist Canarian forest, which survives where the influence of the sea of clouds (the name given to the phenomenon of clouds that are driven against the mountains) is at its greatest.

El Pinar

Although here they are mixed with foreign species in the reforestation, the principal one is the Canarian pine, which is native to the Islands.

El Teide

The indisputable emblem of Tenerife, its irregular and multi-coloured surface reveals a complex geological history.



On many days a year, the only thing you will see from this viewing point is mist, because at this height above sea level the "**sea of clouds**" runs against the mountains of Tenerife. This phenomenon brings the so-called horizontal rain, made up of minuscule droplets which soak the trees and filter down to the aquifers, our main natural reserve of fresh water.



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