

# Astrovolcanic interpretation panels

## DESCRIPTION AND GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

### Location:

The interpretation panels are located in the municipality of La Orotava, within the Teide National Park, specifically at the viewing points of Minas de San José, Tabonal Negro, Roques de García, Los Azulejos, Llano de Ucanca and in the Juan Évora Museum car park.

### Description:

They are astrovolcanic interpretation panels that provide visitors with information regarding the peculiarities relating to astrophysical research and the volcanism of the landscape that can be seen. The 7 existing panels are:

- Mount Teide and the Sun share a vibrant secret (Minas de San José viewing point)
- Landscapes from another planet within arm's reach (Minas de San José viewing point)
- When was the Teide formed? (Tabonal Negro viewing point)
- The Montes Teneriffe are on the moon (La Ruleta – Roques de García viewing point)
- Testing grounds for searching for signs of life on Mars (Los Azulejos viewing point)
- Would the Teide be a giant on Mars? (El Llano de Ucanca viewing point)
- A catalogue of eruptions in the solar system (Juan Évora Museum car park)

The material they contain is of a descriptive and educational nature and aims to bring visitors closer to the Teide National Park using the connection between volcanism and astronomy, the similarity between the space observed and other places in the galaxy.

### Protection category:

The interpretation panels are protected by the rules that apply in the Teide National Park.



## TOURIST VALUATION THE RESOURCE

### 1. Hierarchical level of the resource

• Level 1 Attractive with some striking feature, able to interest long-haul visitors that have come to the area for other tourist reasons, or capable of motivating local tourist flows.

### 2. Tourist demand

User profile, origin by market, frequency of visit, seasonality, etc.

## ACCESSIBILITY

### 1. Resource (global) accessibility

Yes

### 2. Resource signage

No

### 3. Degree of accessibility

It can be accessed by car or bus along roads from La Orotava, La Laguna, Chío, Los Cristianos or Granadilla de Abona.

## MARKETING

### 1. Marketing profile:

They are marketed by putting them into a guided tour given by any of the active leisure companies that provide astro-tourism routes or taken individually allowing a free tour.

### 2. Information available of the resource:

Press releases on internet.

<http://fundacionstarlight.org/la-fundacion-starlight-colabora-en-la-implantacion-de-7-mesas-interpretativas-astro-volcanicas-en-el-teide/>

## TOURS

### 1. Establishment capacity

There is no capacity as it is a resource that may be used freely

### 2. Timetables and availability for receiving tours:

They are available 24 hours a day, every day of the year, as long as there are not adverse weather conditions in the Teide National Park, where they are located, that condition visiting them.

### 3. Admission:

Free

### 4. Limitations:

Possible breakage or damage caused by man or meteorological phenomena. Problems with access.

### 5. Tour of the resource:

Self-guided tour that connects points with a high intrinsic and scenic value. Or through tours given by expert guides.