

Museum of science and the cosmos

DESCRIPTION AND GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Location:

It is located in the municipality of La Laguna, Avenida de Los Menceyes, no. 70.

Description:

A science museum that does not merely aim to show scientific and technical displays but intends to communicate science using all the means available, especially through interactivity and experiments in multidisciplinary environments that strengthen the aspects of play and perception and analysis of reality with multimedia tools. It was promoted by the IAC (Astronomical Institute of the Canary Islands) and deals both with astrophysics and other sciences. It was opened in 1993. The building and the large radiotelescopic antenna that crowns the museum square have a cosmic feel.

It is formed by a venue shaped like a half star and a terrace equipped like an astronomic observatory with a small telescope and a sun dial.

Most of the museum's displays are related to the Universe. It is a permanent exhibition that explains everything that has to do with astrophysics. There is also an astronomy room with models of the Gran Telescopio CANARIAS (GTC) and the Teide and El Roque de Los Muchachos observatories.

Another of the museum's fundamental tasks is to allow contact with the different scientific disciplines through experiments and their content, and to provide information on research and the latest scientific developments.

Protection category:

No.

TOURIST VALUATION THE RESOURCE

1. Hierarchical level of the resource

- Level 2 Attractive with exceptional traits in a country, capable of motivating a flow (current or potential) of national or foreign visitors, whether by itself or in conjunction with other adjacent attractions.

2. Tourist demand

Mostly local audience, schools and students.



ACCESSIBILITY

1. Resource (global) accessibility

The museum is adapted for people with reduced mobility and it has equipment and services to allow this group to enjoy it.

2. Resource signage

Yes.

3. Degree of accessibility

To get to it, you have to take the "Cruz de Piedra" exit off the TF-1 motorway. It can be reached by car, bicycle, bus, tram or on foot. The stop for tram line 1 is just opposite the museum along with a bus stop. Numbered itineraries and signposted toilets

MARKETING

1. Marketing profile:

individual and school group

2. Information available of the resource:

<http://www.museosdetenerife.org/mcc-museo-de-la-ciencia-y-el-cosmos>

TOURS

1. Establishment capacity

The routes are usually for groups of 15–20 people and take place once a week, depending on the company.

2. Timetables and availability for receiving tours:

the museum opens every day of the year, except 24th, 25th and 31st December, 1st and 6th January, and Shrove Tuesday (Tenerife Carnival). Opening hours are 9 am to 8 pm, Tuesday to Saturday, and 10 am to 5 pm on Sundays, Mondays and holidays. Admission is allowed to the museum up to 30 minutes before closing.

3. Admission:

The admission fee for the permanent exhibition is €3 for resident adults and €5 for non-resident adults. There are also discounted admission fees for students, pensioners, over-65s, members of large families and groups of more than 8, which cost €2 for residents and €3.50 for non-residents.

There are also free passes for all visitors on Fridays and Saturdays from 4 pm to 8 pm, for school groups from the Canary Islands Autonomous Community, for members of the ICOM, for teachers and guides accompanied by groups or on a site visit.

4. Limitations:

Some activities may be inoperative due to repairs and improvements.

5. Tour of the resource:

Guided and self-guided tours may be taken.