

DESCRIPTION AND GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Location:

Name of resource: Astronomical Institute of the Canary Islands. Teide observatory

Description:

Located in Izaña, in the municipality of La Orotava, in the Teide National Park, at a height of 2390 metres.

Coordinates:

Longitude 16°30' 35" West and Latitude 28°18' 00" North.



Protection category:

Sky Law, passed in 1988, which aims to protect the astronomic quality of the observatory. There is a Technical Office for the Protection of Sky Quality that provides guidance for citizens on how to comply with the law and ensure that it is applied. It controls different aspects such as contamination, radioelectric and atmospheric pollution, and airline routes.

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

The profile for users who use or can use this resource is scientists and experts in the area that visit it to perform research. And also groups of scholars, tourists and visitors who would like to discover the activities performed there.

ACCESSIBILITY

1. Resource (global) accessibility

Yes

2. Resource signage

Indoor and outdoor

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.

Signposted routes and toilets

MARKETING

1. Marketing profile:

Marketing is done online via the observatory website, which redirects to booking for the activity through Volcano Life Experience.

2. Information available of the resource:

IAC (Astronomical Institute of the Canary Islands) website, Volcano Life Experience website,

TOURS

1. Establishment capacity

tours for 20-25 people

2. Timetables and availability for receiving tours:

Tours take place three days a week, all year round. They may be cancelled whenever there are adverse weather conditions.

3. Admission:

Tours for school groups are free of charge. Tours for everyone else cost €21 for adults, €18 for children and €17 for pensioners. There are special prices for residents, with tours costing €10.50 for adults and €9 for children. Furthermore, there are two open days a year when tours are free of charge.

For professionals who would like to stay at the Observatory Residence, the Casa Solar or the Annex to the Residence, prices range between €58 and €100.

4. Limitations:

One of the main inconveniences of the observatory is that there are times of year when the tour is complicated due to adverse meteorological phenomena, above all in winter.

5. Tour of the resource:

It is a guided tour of the observatory with a specialist guide. The activity includes transport from the north or south every Wednesday.