

Testimonies

„Climbing Teide is an experience not to be missed once you arrive on Canarian soil, quite simply.”

„Teide is a mixture of lunar landscape and reddish desert”.

„it seemed to me one of the most spectacular volcanic landscapes in the world”.



Mount Teide's natural heritage

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Teide National Park

- Situated on the island of Tenerife, Teide National Park features the Teide-Pico Viejo stratovolcano that, at 3,718 m, is the highest peak on Spanish soil.

- **Teide National Park was included in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2007** and it is described as one of the richest and most diverse assemblages of volcanic landscapes and spectacular natural values in the whole world



Outstanding Universal Value

The Teide National Park meets two criteria in order to be awarded World Heritage status:

1. Mount Teide has been a national park since 1954. This status has afforded it recognition and a guarantee of protection for its geomorphological and biological assets, and its scenery.

The entire Mount Teide National Park is a unique geological treasure in which the volcanoes, craters, vents, lava flows and different materials, form an impressive array of shapes and colours.

2. Mount Teide's natural heritage offers even more outstanding treasures. The **Teide National Park** is home to a unique collection of species.

The volcanic soil, the altitude and the extreme climate mean that many of the plants and animals that survive here are unique



Curiosities about Teide

❖ Teide is the highest peak in the Canary Islands and Spain, and the third volcano in the world in height and mass, after Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea in Hawaii.

❖ Its history begins 170,000 years ago when the formation we know today was born following the collapse of the former volcanic edifice.

❖ There is also a beautiful legend about an evil king (Guayota) who lived inside the volcano (hell) and who kidnaps the Magic God (god of sun and light) and locks him in the volcano. But all's well that ends well as Achamán, the supreme god of the aborigines of the Canary Islands, defeats Guayota, rescues Magec and closes the volcano adding the last crater of the volcano as we see it today.

❖ The last eruption of the Teide volcano was in 1909, but not on the main cone.

❖ Teide National Park is one of the great wonders of the world, with the advantage of being easy to get to and relatively close to European countries.



Outstanding Universal Value of Teide National Park

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