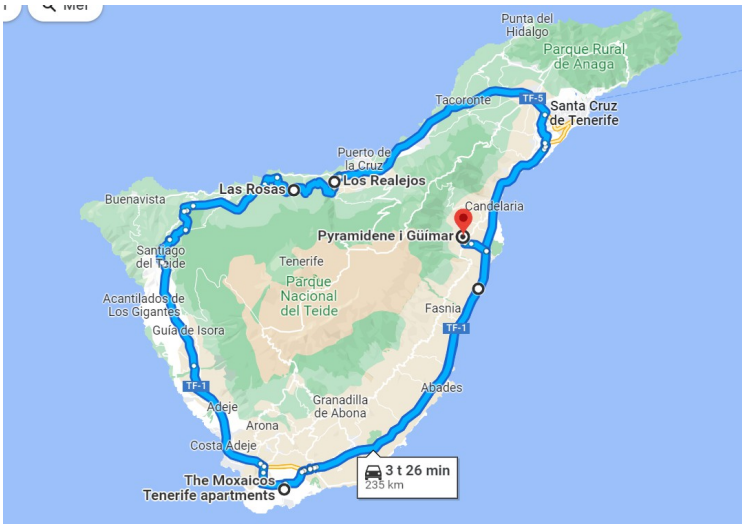




We were visited by a [Western yellow wagtail](#) one of the days.



Outside the Cordero restaurant in Guargacho, they have cut the trees so that they look like a big horse.



On Thursday, March 10th, we drove around the island.



Here we are on the highway north and have arrived at the municipality of [Granadilla](#), just north of the airport. Here is the largest industrial port in the Canary Islands, Puerto Industrial de Granadilla. The port was officially opened on March 2, 2018.

[Wikipedia](#)



The first stop was at [the Pyramids of Güimar](#).



This is the area where the pyramids are located, clipped from Google Maps.



A statue of a Spanish conqueror and a [Guanche](#). The Guanches are the oldest known population group in the Canary Islands, which are now either extinct or assimilated with the European immigrants.



A little [dragon tree](#). If the trunk is damaged, a blood-red resin, 'dragon's blood', emerges, which in natural medicine and alchemy was praised for its supposed medicinal effects and magical powers. The oldest dragon tree is said to be 1000 years old and stands in the city [Icod de los Vinos](#).



A miniature copy of the sailing ship, [Santa Maria](#), with which [Christopher Columbus](#) traveled to America in 1492.



«Crocodile»



Chairs, front and back.



This is the pyramid that stands right inside the entrance.



There are several pyramids further away.



There are six pyramids. They are rectangular and are oriented east-west. [Thor Heyerdahl](#) examined the pyramids in 1991. He believed that they were built in the distant past by the Guanches and that they had astrological significance. Excavations were made from 1981 to 1998 and it was concluded that the pyramids had been made after 1800.



This is a copy of the reed boat [Ra II](#). The original is on display in the [Kon-Tiki Museum](#) in Oslo. Heyerdahl used Ra II to travel between Morocco and America in 1970. He wanted to show that it was possible to travel with ancient vessels between the continents and that the Canary Islands could have been an intermediate station.



A bust of Thor Heyerdahl.



A statue of [Atlas](#) carrying the globe on his shoulders.



Statues of [komodo dragon](#).



Statue of a [Canarian lizard](#).
There are 7 species and they only live in the Canary Islands.



This is a real lizard that lived here.



Documentation that I was there.

In 1998, a 65,000 square meter area around the pyramids was transformed into an ethnological park with an information center. There is a museum, Casa Chacona, with exhibits showing the results of the excavations. There is an auditorium where films from Heyerdahl's expeditions are shown. An important financial contributor to the center and the park was the Norwegian shipowner [Fred Olsen](#).

Here are pictures of some of what grows in the park.









On the way through [Güimar](#) down to the motorway.



Here we have driven on to the northwest coast and see Teide again in the distance. The motorway ended a little south of [Puerto de la Cruz](#). The main road continues along the coast further south, but here we drove through [Los Realejos](#) and up the hill again. The area here is called the [Orotava valley](#) which arose 560,000 years ago after a large landslide. The largest places are [La Orotava](#), Los Realejos and Puerto de la Cruz, which is the port city of La Orotava.



We stopped at a vantage point called [Mirador el Lance](#).



View north towards Los Realejos and Puerto de la Cruz.



To the right we see the road where we came up. In the background we see La Orotava.





At the vantage point stands this bronze statue. It's Mencey Bentor, a guancho king who chose to jump off the cliff here instead of being captured by the Spanish troops who conquered the island.



Then we drove on. We can still glimpse the Orotava Valley.



This is in [Icod el Alto](#).



The Orotava valley seen from northeast.



Teide is clearly visible most of the way.



This is modern stones.



Here we have come to [Santiago del Teide](#).



Here we drive past [Siam Park](#) in [Costa Adeje](#).



I solve Sudoku on the patio.



Then we were on our way out to return to Norway.

We had to be out of the apartment before 11am.

Then we delivered the car at the airport, checked in and waited quite a long time for the plane to leave. Departure was planned at 15.50, but the plane had had a strong headwind on its way from Norway, so it was almost an hour late.

We took this again on the trip north. Then we had tailwinds, so we landed at Gardermoen before the timetable. We had been up to over 1000 km / h. Then it was to wait for the suitcases and wait for Dalen. There were many people who had to pick up the car at Dalen, so they came with the big bus,

We were not home at Kongsvinger until a little after midnight.