

Top 5 Tenerife Beaches

Tenerife has long been one of the most popular destinations for European travellers looking for a little sun and sand. The island is justly famed for its outstanding beaches – some are great for swimming, others for sunbathing, some are perfect for children, others have outstanding facilities for wind surfing and other water sports. With cheap holidays to Tenerife more widely available than ever before, getting to the island is simple enough – but once you are there, which one of Tenerife's beaches is the right one for you?

Playa de las Teresitas

Playa de las Teresitas is one of the most beautiful man made beaches in the world. With thousands of tons of pristine sand imported all the way from the Sahara desert and carefully placed palm trees dotted across it, you could well mistake this for a stretch of the Caribbean coastline. The water is calm and crystal clear, and with the spectacular mountain backdrop and excellent facilities, it's easy to see why this is one of the most popular of Tenerife's beaches.

Playa de las Americas

Playa de las Americas is perfect for those who want a bustling beach on their cheap holiday to Tenerife. This beach sheltered and has calm waters, perfect for sunbathers and families with children, and it backs onto a terrific promenade that is packed with shops and restaurants. If a busy nightlife is just as important to you as relaxing on the beach in the day, Playa de las Americas is right next to the islands best clubs, including the famous (or infamous!) Tramp's Nightclub.

Playa de la Arena

This black volcanic sand beach, has recently been awarded a European Blue Flag for its cleanliness and quality, and is renowned as one of the most attractive beaches in Tenerife. Cheap holidays in Playa de la Arena are particularly popular with couples, families, and those who are just looking to relax on their package holidays to Tenerife – it has a quieter and more laid back atmosphere than some of the more "party hard" beaches and resorts.

El Medano

If water sports are the most important thing for your cheap holiday to Tenerife, then El Medano is the beach for you. Located on the south east coast, the golden sandy beach is attractive to look at, but the strong winds make it unsuitable for serious sunbathers. However, those same winds make it an outstanding choice for windsurfing and parasailing – the beach has hosted a number of world championship windsurfing competitions in recent years. With great conditions and excellent facilities, this is the Tenerife beach of choice for avid water sports fans.

Playa de las Vistas

Playa de las Vistas, located close to Playa de las Americas, is perhaps the most child friendly beach in Tenerife. Package holidays to this part of island are naturally popular with families. The water is calm and clear, the sand perfect for sunbathing and sandcastles, and the beach itself is regularly patrolled by lifeguards. However, Playa de las Vistas has more to offer than just a playground for the children. It is commonly regarded as the finest beach in the south of Tenerife, with its long stretch of golden sand earning it a well deserved Blue Flag for its quality, and it has plenty of restaurants, shops and watersports options to keep adults entertained as well.

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