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# FUERTEVENTUR

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There's one reason, and one reason alone, why the Canary Islands' second largest sibling attracts so many visitors – the beaches. Whether you like your beach life slow and sedentary or quick and crazy, Fuerteventura caters for all. With the most glorious swathes of gold in the archipelago – some would say in the whole of southern Europe – the island is a Mecca to both sun worshippers and water sports professionals alike.

## THE CITY



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Shaped like a leg dressed in plus-fours, the 340-kilometre gilt-edged coast surrounds a relatively flat interior of gentle hills and sweeping plains. Goat herders and fishermen once ruled the island, living a simple life of relative solitude. Nowadays, tourism is the driving force, centred around the lively resorts of Corralejo in the north, Jandía in the south, and more recently, Caleta de Fuste on the east coast. In all, the young and trendy surf set mingle with second home-owners from the less balmy regions of Europe. The latter happy for blue skies and high temperatures, and the former also seeking rolling waves and a rocking nightlife. However, away from these visitor hubs the tranquillity of old is easy to find, even on the beaches - with such a profusion of broad sandy strips, towel space is never going to be a problem. Away from the shoreline, desolate roads lined with squat, round windmills link tiny villages of sugar cube cottages. Here, the population ekes out an existence producing world renowned cheeses and ruby red tomatoes.



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## DO & SEE



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### Isla De Los Lobos

These days, despite its name – Isle of Seals – you won't spot any saucer-eyed sea mammals lounging on the beach of this tiny island. What you will get, if you make the 3-kilometre ferry crossing is that 'get-away-from-it-all' feeling.

Address: Isla De Los Lobos

### Corralejo Natural Park

Behind the northern resort of Corralejo lies the 'Lawrence of Arabia' playground of the Natural Park, 20 square kilometres of rolling sand dunes and unique plant life.

Address: Corralejo Natural Park, Fuerteventura

### America Star Shipwreck

There's something unnerving yet fascinating about standing close to the wreck of a beached ocean liner. Although much of the SS American Star has been claimed by the sea since its demise in 1994, the bow still soars defiantly from the shallow waters.

Address: Playa de Garcey

### Lajares

Head 10 kilometres south of Corralejo to Artisanía Lajares, where you can watch the island's famous lace being woven.

Address: Calle Coronel Gonzalez del Hierro 14, Lajares.

### La Oliva

In the sleepy ex-capital of La Oliva you'll find the ornate Canarian carpentry of fine mansions such as the Casa de los Coroneles.

Address: La Oliva

### Life On The Beach

Fuerteventura has 152 beaches, more than any other Canary Island. Here is a selection of the best for a couple of purposes:

### Facilities

Corralejo

Close to the resort centre and its availing facilities, the town beach of Corralejo provides a safe, yet fun aquatic play area.

Address: Corralejo

More Info: Walk a few paces from downtown Corralejo.

### Nudists

Playa de Butihondo

The most southern of a string of 'clothing optional' beaches on the east coast of the Jandia peninsula in the south.

Address: Playa de Butihondo

Subway: Take bus number 6 from Corralejo to Puerto del Rosario, bus number 10 or number 1 from Puerto del Rosario to Morro Jable.

### Families

Caleta de Fuste

The gently sloping sands of this purpose-built resort are perfect for families with young children and the lack of dangerous currents means it's safe for bathers of all abilities.

Address: Caleta de Fuste

Subway: Take bus number 6 from Corralejo to Puerto del Rosario, bus number 3 from Puerto del Rosario to Caleta de Fuste.

### Privacy

Cofete

Being quite hard to reach is a bonus for privacy seekers and this 5-kilometre stretch of white sand. Ticks all the right boxes if you're looking for acres of elbow room.

Address: Cofete

More Info: Closest point is Morro Jable. Not on bus route - best option is to rent a car.

### EATING



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Unsurprisingly, fish is predominant in most of the island's restaurants, especially those on the coast with swordfish, sea bass, octopus and limpets as some of the more favoured delicacies. Inland, the ingredients favour more pastoral palettes with goat, rabbit, gofio (roasted corn meal) and the famous Maxorata cheese on the menu. Most main dishes are served with the ubiquitous accompaniments of fiery red mojo sauce and wrinkled potatoes (papas arrugadas).

### Bahia De Cata (better Known As Nestor's

Friendly, all-you-can-eat barbecue at the weekend, with a good variety of international dishes with a Caribbean twist served weekdays. Renowned for its ribs.

Address: Caleta de Fuste, Fuerteventura

Phone: +34 619 72 91 33

More Info: Next to Caleta Gardens, Caleta de Fuste

### **Casa Princess Arminda**

Family-run eatery hiding behind the old church in Betancuria. Choice of alfresco dining in the courtyard or inside seating in rustic surroundings.

Address: Calle Juan de Bethencourt 2, Betancuria  
Phone: +34 928 87 89 79  
Internet: [www.princessarminda.com](http://www.princessarminda.com)

### **Marisma Restaurant**

Very popular fish restaurant owned and run by three brothers who take it in turns to head out onto the briny and haul in the day's catch.

Address: Calle Santo Tomas, El Cotillo  
Phone: +34 928 53 85 43

### **El Patio De Lajares**

Elegant 'silverware' restaurant in Lajares, decorated with antiques and oil paintings. Celebrated for its extensive wine cellar.

Address: Calle la Cerca 9, Lajares  
Phone: +34 650 13 40 30  
Internet: [www.patio-lajares.com](http://www.patio-lajares.com)

### **La Taberna Restaurant**

Address: C/ Hernan Cortés number 8, Corralejo  
Phone: +34 928 53 50 27

## **CAFES**



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The café culture is most predominant in the quayside bars of Corralejo, Puerto del Rosario and Caleta de Fuste. An early morning knock back of industrial strength espresso will get you up to speed in no time.

### **Café de Paris**

Great coffee and dangerously good cakes near the end of Corralejo Harbour.

Address: Avenida Senora del Carmen 38, Corralejo  
Phone: +34 928 53 51 32

### **Café De Viena**

The name implies great coffee and delectable cakes, and that's exactly what you get. The excellent service is a bonus.

Address: Calle Juan de Austria 27, Corralejo

### **Café Bar Mozart**

An elegant way to start your day or take a midday break. Fine selection of coffees and accompanying liqueurs.

Address: Centro Comercial Atlantico 28, Caleta de Fuste  
Phone: +34 928 16 32 54

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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While nowhere near as lively as neighbour Tenerife, Fuerteventura has a chilled out nightlife with just a smattering of heavy decibel clubs. As a water sports Mecca, most of the ocean side bars lure the surf set with large screen video footage of rolling waves and board acrobatics.

### Rock Island Bar

Popular trendy bar with nightly performances by the best live acoustic artists in Fuerteventura.

Address: Calle Crucero Baleares 8, Corralejo  
Phone: +34 928 53 53 46  
Internet: [www.rockislandbar.com](http://www.rockislandbar.com)

### Corky's Surf Bar

One of the best-known surf hangouts in Corralejo, run by a surfer for surfers. All other guests are welcome, too.

Address: Edificio Maritim, Corralejo

### Piero's Music Cafe

Large cabaret bar serving up a nightly cocktail of varied entertainers, from Elvis look-alikes to stage hypnotists.

Address: Centro Comercial El Castillo, Caleta de Fuste

### Waikiki's

One of the liveliest dance spots in town, attracting a mixture of surf dudes, party animals and families. Open till late.

Address: Calle Artistides Hernandez Moran 11, Corralejo  
Phone: +34 928 53 56 47

### Camelot

Medieval-themed bar and disco with occasional live music and sporadic cabaret acts.

Address: Calle Ayose 6, Puerto del Rosario

## SHOPPING



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You can take your pick of shopping experiences in Fuerteventura – stock up on duty-free goodies, capture some island souvenirs, add some colourful threads to your wardrobe or browse for some Canarian knickknacks at a market. For a memento of local handiwork pick up some lace and linen at Artisanía Linares, an exhibition shop of this island skill. Corralejo's retail therapy centres can be found on the main road running through town, Avenida General Franco. If you want to dress like a surfer, try No Work Team for bleached t-shirts and surf set sunglasses. Where the road intersects with Calle Gran Canaria, on weekdays you'll also find a local market selling curious African artefacts and local handicrafts. The Centro Comercial Atlantico shopping centre is the main star in Caleta de Fuste's retail scene, with a variety of shops all under one roof selling jewellery, gifts, clothes and electrical goods. A market takes place on Saturday morning. With most of the prices marked up for visitors, you'll find lower price tags in Puerto del Rosario where tourism isn't as rife. Most of the spending goes on along the two streets of Calle Leon y Castilla and Avenida Juan Bethencourt.

## SLEEPING



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The island attracts a diverse array of visitors, and as such, there's a broad range of accommodation from backpacker hostels to upscale pampering palaces, most in the main resorts of Corralejo, Caleta de Fuste and Morro Jable.

### **Sheraton Fuerteventura Beach, Golf And Spa Resort**

As the name suggests, a catch-'em-all hotel within the famous Sheraton range, offering high class service, accommodation and facilities. Eight minutes from the airport, two minutes to the golf course and smack bang on the beach.

Address: Carretera Jandia, Antigua  
Phone: +34 928 49 51 00  
Internet: [www.sheraton.com/fuerteventura](http://www.sheraton.com/fuerteventura)

### **Grand Hotel Atlantis Bahia Real**

On the edge of the dunes near Corralejo, this Moorish-style luxury palace is for those who like they're linen starched, cutlery shiny and pillows plumped. Spa, mini club and beach club are some of the facilities.

Address: Avenida Grandes Playas, Corralejo  
Phone: +34 928 53 64 44  
Internet: [www.atlantishotels.com](http://www.atlantishotels.com)

### **Hotel Faro Jandia**

Modern, crescent-shaped hotel situated behind the lighthouse of Morro Jable, and next to the broad swathes of white sand. Features include a spa, tennis centre, minigolf and supervised children's activities.

Address: Avenida del Saladar 17, Jandia  
Phone: +34 928 54 50 35  
Internet: [www.farojandia.com](http://www.farojandia.com)

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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### **Airport**

Fuerteventura Airport is situated mid-way on the east coast, 3 kilometres from Puerto del Rosario and 35 kilometres from Corralejo.

There are two airport bus routes – one serves Puerto del Rosario and Caleta de Fuste every 30 minutes and costs around €1.30, the other runs to Puerto del Rosario and Morro Jable more or less every two hours and costs around €8.

Taxis are also available outside the arrivals hall and will cost in the region of €15 to Caleta de Fuste, €45 to Corralejo and €95 to Jandia. Alternatively rent a car at one of the on-site offices.

Internet: [www.aena.es](http://www.aena.es)

### Public transport

Fuerteventura has a good local bus network serving most parts of the island (except parts of the southwest coast). For timetables and prices:

Internet: [www.tiadhe.com](http://www.tiadhe.com)

### Public transport

For more flexibility it is better to hire a car. The road network is generally very good. And for the more active, mountain bikes can be hired.

### Taxi

Taxis are generally inexpensive, charging around €0.45 per kilometre.

Phone: +34 928 85 02 16

### Post

Main post office

Address: C/Fernandez Castañeyra 2, Puerto del Rosario,  
Fuerteventura  
Phone: +34 928 85 02 16

### Pharmacy

Farmacia

Address: General Franco, 19  
Phone: +34 928 86 84 80

### Dentist

Emergency dentist in Puerto del Rosario

Address: Puerto del Rosario  
Phone: +34 928 85 11 08

### Telephone

Country code: +34

Area code: 928

### Electricity

220 Volts, round two-pin plugs

### Tourist Traps

Calle General Franco, the main street in Corralejo, is lined with souvenir shops, electronic goods emporiums and jewellery stores. As such, it attracts many a visitor keen to make sure those holiday Euros don't burn a hole in their Hawaiian shorts pockets.

Also watch out for pushy timeshare reps bearing scratch cards. Hang around long enough and you'll find out that 'everyone's a winner' – of sorts.

