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Canary Islands Welfare & Research Expedition



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TRIP OVERVIEW



Leeds City College – Booking Reference 4809

Travel Dates:

21st June 2026 – 28th June 2026

Flights:

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
LS1051	21/06/2026	Manchester (MAN)	06:00	Tenerife South (TFS)	10:40
LS0920	28/06/2026	Tenerife South (TFS)	21:30	Manchester (MAN)	02:05 + 1 Day

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Baggage Allowance –1 piece checked baggage @ 22kgs, 1 piece hand baggage max dimensions 56x25x45 cms

Project:

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Trip Cost:

£1425.00 per person



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Location and project content



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The Canary Islands

The Canary Islands, an archipelago off the northwest coast of Africa, are part of Spain and known for their diverse landscapes and subtropical climate. The eight main islands—Tenerife, Gran Canaria, Lanzarote, Fuerteventura, La Palma, La Gomera, El Hierro, and La Graciosa—each offer a unique experience.

Tenerife, the largest island, is home to Mount Teide, Spain's highest peak and an active volcano. Fuerteventura boasts stunning sandy beaches, while Lanzarote is famous for its volcanic scenery. La Palma is renowned for stargazing under some of Europe's clearest skies.

With a rich blend of Spanish, African, and Latin American cultural influences, the islands are known for their vibrant festivals, local cuisine, and music. The warm, year-round climate makes the Canaries perfect for activities like hiking, surfing, and diving. The combination of natural beauty, adventure, and cultural richness makes the Canary Islands a top destination.



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Your Welfare and Research Programme

- Work with the Atlantic Whale and Dolphin Foundation
- Help monitor and conduct research into whales and dolphins found in the waters around the Island of Tenerife
- Working in animal rescue/welfare centres on the island
- Help support staff in providing quality care and attention to a range of animals in the centres
- Investigate how different centres respect and respond to different behaviour exhibited
- Possible visit to the zoos on Tenerife to appraise their strengths and weakness
- Possible study the effects of cetaceans in the Islands zoo
- Spend an evening star gazing in one of the best places in the world to stargaze
- Explore the islands diverse forest on a trek
- A visit to Teide National Park



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Atlantic Whale and Dolphin Foundation

The Atlantic Whale and Dolphin Foundation (AWdF) is a non-profit organisation focused on the conservation of whales, dolphins, and marine ecosystems, primarily in the Canary Islands.

Founded to protect these species and their habitats, the AWdF promotes sustainable tourism, research, and education. Through volunteer programs, the foundation engages people in monitoring and conserving marine life, while raising awareness about the importance of marine biodiversity.

Their work includes supporting ethical whale and dolphin watching, conducting scientific research, and fostering a deeper understanding of marine conservation issues among the public and volunteers.

You will spend your time helping to collect data on the bottlenose dolphins, pilot whales and other migratory species. This could include general cetacean behaviour, acoustic information and interspecies communication,, family structure and social roles and potential impacts. GIS will be used for the data collection.



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Animal Rescue Centres

Animal rescue centres in Tenerife play a vital role in the protection and rehabilitation of wildlife and domestic animals on the island.

These centres, such as Monkey Park and Tenerife Horse Rescue, provide sanctuary for abandoned, injured, or mistreated animals, offering them care and rehabilitation. They focus on the conservation of local wildlife, exotic animals, and farm animals, often through volunteer support and public donations.

In addition to rescue and rehabilitation, many of these centres engage in educational programs, raising awareness about animal welfare, sustainable practices, and the importance of preserving the natural habitats of Tenerife's fauna.

Your time will be spend helping the centres in improving the lives of the animals in their care.



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Forest Treks

Forest treks in Tenerife offer a chance to explore the island's lush and diverse landscapes, especially in areas like the Anaga Rural Park and the Corona Forestal Natural Park. These treks lead hikers through ancient laurel forests, pine woodlands, and rugged mountain paths, showcasing Tenerife's unique flora and fauna.

Anaga is known for its misty forests, steep ravines, and dramatic views, while the Corona Forestal surrounds Mount Teide, offering trails with volcanic scenery and dense pine forests. Along the way, trekkers can encounter endemic plants, birds, and breathtaking vistas, making these hikes a perfect blend of nature and adventure.



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Stargazing

Tenerife is one of the world's top stargazing destinations, thanks to its clear skies, high altitude, and minimal light pollution. The island's unique geographical location and protected skies make it an ideal spot for observing stars, planets, and other celestial phenomena.

Mount Teide, Tenerife's highest peak, is a prime location for stargazing. At over 2,300 meters above sea level, it offers an unobstructed view of the night sky. Teide National Park is home to several observatories that attract astronomers from around the world. Visitors can join guided stargazing tours, where telescopes and expert guides reveal the wonders of the universe, including constellations, the Milky Way, and distant galaxies.

Tenerife's dark, starry nights make it an unforgettable experience for both amateur and professional astronomers alike.



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Las Cañadas

Las Cañadas, also known as Las Cañadas del Teide, is a vast volcanic caldera located in Teide National Park, Tenerife. It forms a massive natural basin, roughly 17 kilometers in diameter, surrounding the iconic Mount Teide, Spain's highest peak. The caldera was formed through volcanic activity and erosion over millions of years and is now a stunning landscape of rugged rock formations, lava fields, and unique volcanic features.

Las Cañadas is a popular destination for hikers, nature lovers, and geology enthusiasts, offering trails that explore its otherworldly terrain.



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Example Itinerary

- Upon arrival in Tenerife, head to your accommodation and settle in for the evening. Welcome talk with a BBQ and Presentation on Tenerife and the Itinerary
- Tour of the island including Las Canadas & El Teide with a visit to the museum and film, Lunch is a picnic in a pine forest at Aquamansa, followed by a talk about the island's culture. After dinner, a talk on the project goals
- Visit to the Monkey Zoo and the Jungle zoo with discussion on strengths and weaknesses
- Presentation on Whales and Dolphins, followed then heading out to sea for whale and dolphin observation, collecting valuable data, after lunch, visit to the research centre to view work, meet the volunteers and process data
- Begin the day working at the animal rescue centre. Later, embark on a scenic forest trek, concluding with a magical evening of stargazing under Tenerife's clear skies
- Start early with a visit to one of Tenerife's renowned zoos, where you can explore conservation efforts and encounter a variety of animals
- Another morning on the boats, continuing your whale and dolphin research. After lunch, return to the animal rescue centre for more hands-on volunteer work
- Pack and prepare for your return flight to the UK, taking with your unforgettable memories of your time in Tenerife

It's important to remember that wildlife does not work to an agenda, therefore activities may change at short notice!





USEFUL INFORMATION

Details on accommodation,
what's included, kit list



ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE



El Sombrero

Nestled in the picturesque mountain town of Vilaflor, El Sombrero offers a traditional Canarian experience.

This charming hotel provides simple yet comfortable accommodation, featuring shared rooms with en-suite bathrooms.

Enjoy a taste of both worlds during your stay, as our delicious meals combine traditional Canarian cuisine with familiar English dishes.



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Food at the Project

Three meals are provided a day prepared by the kitchen staff.

The meals combine traditional Canarian cuisine with familiar English dishes.

Dietary Requirements

Provision can be made for Vegetarian & Vegan diets and for those who have a medical condition such as Coeliac disease that requires a Gluten Free Diet and for those with severe allergies to dairy, eggs or nuts.



WHAT'S INCLUDED



What is Included?

- UK Coach transfer
- Flights
- Transfers to/from project
- Accommodation
- Breakfast and Dinner
- All activities as part of the project
- Airport meet/greet
- 24/7 Emergency contact

NOT Included

- Personal Travel Insurance *
- Meals on travel days – before arriving & after departing from the project.
- Lunches
- Any activities not specified as part of the project
- Visas/travel documents
- Tips

* We recommend that you take out personal travel insurance as soon as your booking is confirmed.



Suggested Kit List

To allow for ease of transfer to the project a soft holdall/ soft suitcase is preferred.

- Short and long sleeve t-shirts
- Long work trousers and shorts (or work/zip-off trousers)
- Hiking boots/comfortable walking shoes to work in every day
- Waterproof jacket
- Sweatshirt/Fleece
- Socks
- Underwear
- Change of casual clothes for evenings
- Sandals / comfy shoes to wear after work hours
- Hat for sun protection (all year)
- Daypack rucksack
- Beach Towel
- Swimwear
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses
- Personal medical items
- First aid kit
- Toiletries
- Insect repellent
- Water bottle

Other useful items:

- Binoculars
- Camera
- Power bank
- Good torch

* All work clothes should be neutral or earth tones whilst at the project.
No skimpy/revealing or brightly-coloured clothing to be worn.



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