

Festivals

SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA

Among the many festivals celebrated in Mogán we find the San Antonio de Padua, also known as San Antonio el Chico, which is held on the 13th June, the day of San Antonio de Padua, patron saint of the municipality. This is essentially a folkloric festival and traditional pilgrimage. These fiestas culminate in the procession and the traditional singing of the birds.

On the first Sunday in August the festivities of San Antonio el Grande are held, which has their origins in the collective promise of the locals following a plague of locusts that once swept through the municipal farmland.

FIESTAS OF EL CARMEN

These are held in July in Arguineguín and in August in Puerto Mogán. One of the best known events here, and one of the most highly attended, is the maritime procession. On this day, Mogán's coastline becomes a hive of activity, with leisure and fishing boats accompanying the Virgin of Carmen on her trip to visit her namesake at the Playa de Mogán beach.



Procesoión Día del Carmen.



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MOGÁN



Cuisine



TYPICAL PRODUCTS FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

Avocado
Mango and papaya
Fresh fish

Typical Recipe

Sancocho



INGREDIENTS

1kg. of salty fish
(preferably sea bass or croaker)
1kg. of large potatoes
1kg. of sweet potatoes
Olive Oil, parsley
Salt to taste

PREPARATION

The fish is de-salted by leaving it to soak for 24hrs. It is advisable to change the water several times.

The potatoes and sweet potatoes are placed in a large pot with their skin on and cut into large slices, the pot is filled with water and it put on to cook. When the potatoes and sweet potatoes are nearly cooked, the fish is added, by now it should be de-salted, chopped up into large pieces and cooked for a maximum of ten minutes so that they don't overdo. Once all the ingredients are cooked through, they are drained and are ready to be served. This dish can be accompanied by red spicy "mojo" sauce and chunks of gofio maize meal.

MUNICIPALITIES OF GRAN CANARIA





The municipality is situated to the south and southwest of the island.

Mogán is an eminently tourist resort, so holiday-makers are most frequently drawn to the beaches that lace the coastline, and which are currently made up of six holiday areas: Arguineguín - Patalavaca, Anfi del Mar, Puerto Rico - Amadores, Tauro - Playa del Cura, Taurito and Puerto de Mogán. All of these have excellent hotel and restaurant facilities which border on each of the beaches, stretching out along avenues and promenades.

The **Puerto de Mogán**, with its golden sandy beach, is a sea port district which, due to its unique enclave situation and natural beauty, has developed into one of the most beautiful towns in the Canary Islands. Its sports harbour is a meeting point for many international nautical enthusiasts, with 225 docking bays, and has a truly marine feel to it, making it an unforgettable place for visitors to come and enjoy.

If you opt for a more cultural visit, we would recommend taking a walk around the streets of the town centre of Mogán, to see the **Church of San Antonio**, built in 1814. Inside you can admire a stunning wood-carved altarpiece, as well as other images of San Antonio de Padua and the Immaculate Conception.

The natural surroundings of Mogán are also worth a second look. The

Southeast Massif is a highly interesting geomorphologic and botanical region, as well as having quite unique landscapes and archaeological structures. In this area we can see large extensions of *tabaiba* plants which are endemic to this island. The Ravine of Veneguera begins at the foot of the spectacular rock formation at **Los Azulejos**, an imposing wall of rocks which vary from dark red to blue, mixed with various yellowy tones.

At the higher levels, the **Natural Park of Ojeda**, Inagua and **Pajonales** is home to an important area of pine trees. This area is ideal for hiking along its paths. From Arguineguín, and up a steep and winding road, visitors can reach the **Soria Reservoir**, the largest reservoir on the island, which was converted into a great green lake and is surrounded by palm trees. In the ravines of Toscas, Puerto Rico, Tauro and Taurito, there are many routes available for hikers.

The coastline of Mogán is eminently characterized by steep cliffs, although at the mouths of its numerous ravines are the principal beaches of the whole island. Arguineguín is the municipality's town and fishing port par *excellence*, and is also the most populated.

The **Playa de Patalavaca** beach, situated mid way between Arguineguín and the Playa de la Verga, offers an important

hotel infrastructure, with hotels and apartments of all categories, all of which are right on the coastline. If we continue around the coast we come to the resort of **Anfi del Mar**, with its still water beach, a jetty for sports boats and the setting for luxury timeshare facilities.

The **Playa de Puerto Rico** is situated in the largest tourist area in Mogán. Its sports harbour houses leisure boats and luxury yachts. It has an excellent and internationally renowned Sailing School which boasts numerous Olympic gold medal winners, and offers the chance to go on official courses catering for all levels.

A near one kilometer promenade runs from Puerto Rico to **Playa de Amadores**. This is a new, white sandy beach that has a shopping centre surrounded by gardens. Just a few metres from Amadores is the **Playa de Tauro**, a natural and largely unpopulated beach which provides the perfect place to sunbathe away from the hustle and bustle.

Next to Tauro, the **Playa del Cura** offers visitors a wide range of hotels and apartments, and a small shopping centre, located near to the sea. Its beach with black sand and its coves make it the perfect place for fishing enthusiasts. The Playa de Los Failles, the Playa de Medio Al mud and the Playa de Tiritaña make up



Presa de Soria.



Playa de Taurito beach.

How to get there

BY BUS
FROM LAS PALMAS
DE GRAN CANARIA
Services 01 and 91

the unspoilt territory that this municipality proudly preserves.

These spots can be accessed only by dirt tracks, as you have to leave your car back on the main road. A little further along, we come to the Playa de Taurito, with its fine sands, tucked away from the winds thanks to its high rocky walls that crown the valley. Visitors can go to a large artificial sea water lake, surrounded by large a natural area with sports facilities.

On the Coast of Mogán, deep sea fishing deserves a special mention, as around 87 world records have been set here, from the time about 20 years ago that catches were properly recorded by the International Fishing Association (IGFA) at the Ports of Puerto Rico and Mogán.



Los Azulejos.

Did you know?

The Burnt Mill of Mogán is the only one in the islands with six vanes.



The beach at Anfi del Mar.



Playa de Amadores beach.



Playa de Puerto Rico beach.