



Many homes have views of the majestic Mount Teide

TOP UP YOUR TAN IN TENERIFE

Tenerife has long been a favourite holiday destination for British travellers. Now we show you how you can buy your own home on this beautiful island

Thinking of moving abroad? In the past France was always a popular choice. Located just across the water, it's easy to get to from home and convenient for family and friends to visit. However, the increase in low cost airlines has meant that we can now travel further afield and to much warmer climes at the drop of a hat.

It's been possible for a while to buy a retirement or second home on mainland Spain, Britain's most popular holiday destination – but homes on the sunny island of Tenerife are a little harder to come by.

Hotspotz, an international company that sells

new and used mobile homes across Europe, has invested in a park on the island and is now offering British buyers the chance to move abroad for holidays or permanently.

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

Camping Nauta is at Las Galletas, in the south of Tenerife. Traditionally a touring park, Hotspotz agreed to develop a separate part of the site and has now created a residential area in an elevated position. Around 55 mobile homes have been sited – 40 from English manufacturers such as ABI and Willerby. The touring part of Camping Nauta is mainly used

A new home arrives at Camping Nauta, ready for siting and landscaping



below The welcoming reception area below right Camping Nauta's outdoor swimming pool





above Hotspotz's development package provides a gravelled drive next to your home

by Spanish holidaymakers, and there is very little crossover. There is a mix of residents on the site, with ages in the main between 45 and 60.

All homes are offered on renewable 12-month leases and are suitable for long-term holiday use with a view to retirement. List prices start at around £25,000 fully sited for a new Delta Nordstar 23 x 10 model and rise to around £53,000 for ABI's popular Westwood 40 x 13. Look out for the specials though – a two bedroom 28 x 10 currently starts at £19,495

A GREAT RETIREMENT

Sandy and Brian Davenport write:

My husband and I moved to Tenerife in February 2006, having purchased our new mobile home from Hotspotz. They made all the arrangements for us to visit the site and select our plot, it couldn't have been easier and we are so happy with our decision.

We are sited on a beautiful plot facing the mountains and Teide. We were pleased to find the other families on the site are very helpful and friendly, which was very welcoming having arrived in another country not knowing anyone. Unfortunately two weeks after moving to Tenerife I was taken seriously ill. I was rushed to the local hospital with some trepidation. I was astonished to find the hospital and staff were excellent. I could not help but feel that without such an excellent facility nearby my retirement to Tenerife may have been shorter.

Thanks to the absolutely wonderful staff at the hospital I am fully recovered, we now look forward to our continued retirement on this beautiful island, where we can recommend retirement to anyone.



delivered and installed.

In addition, Hotspotz offers a plot development package for 5,500 Euros (around £3,900). This includes a gravelled car parking space and walkway around the home, fencing on a base of natural quarried stone to the sides and rear, large wooden planters and flowerboxes

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to the front, a patio area, plants and sprinkler system, and automatic lights with motion sensors.

It also includes three weatherproof outdoor electrical sockets, two outdoor water taps, a cover to hide unsightly gas bottles, a large Spanish-style stone barbeque with chimney and a choice of gazebo. Definitely worth considering.

HOW MUCH ARE THE SITE CHARGES?

So, you now know the price of the homes, but what are the extra costs involved? Fees are 140 Euros a month for a 6 x 10 metre plot, suitable for homes up to 30ft long and 210 Euros for either a 10 x 12 metre plot for homes up to 37ft or a 9.25 x 13 metre plot for homes up to 40ft long.

In addition there is a residency charge of 100 or 140 Euros per month per two persons when in residence. For example, two people living permanently on the smallest plot will pay a total of 2,880 Euros in fees per year, the other two plot sizes will cost 4,200 Euros. The fee is aimed to make charges fairer and covers the additional consumption of electricity, water, sewerage and use of site facilities.

WHERE EXACTLY IS THE PARK?

Camping Nauta is just 4km from Reina Sofia, Tenerife's south airport, and 55km from Los

5 good reasons to move to...



The weather!

We Brits are always moaning about the cold and rain. Tenerife is just off the African coast and has a similar climate to Florida, enjoying sunshine all year round with temperatures in winter rarely dropping below 16°C, and a yearly average of 23°C.

Living costs

If you've been to Tenerife on holiday you'll have noticed that price of everyday living is cheaper than in the UK. You'll make savings on eating out, groceries and even petrol, and think of the money saved from your heating bills!

It's close to the UK

OK, so it's not as close as northern France, but with the increase in recent years of low cost airlines, getting to Tenerife has never been easier – or cheaper!

Great community

With a large British expatriate population, Tenerife offers a fantastic social life and supportive communities.

Plenty to see and do

The island has plenty of attractions, not least the stunning natural scenery. It is home to Mount Teide, Spain's highest peak at 12,000, as well as volcanoes, tropical forests and beautiful beaches.



Rodeos in the north. Los Cristianos is only 6km away, and Playa De Las Americas is a mere 8km – perfect for party animals!

READY TO TAKE THE PLUNGE?

So, does this sound like the life for you? If so, call Hotspotz on 0870 7563700 or visit the website at www.hotspotz.co.uk for details.

Remember, moving abroad permanently is a big step and shouldn't be taken lightly. Do your research and, if you decide to sell up in the UK, make sure you have security of tenure in your new home in the sun. ■