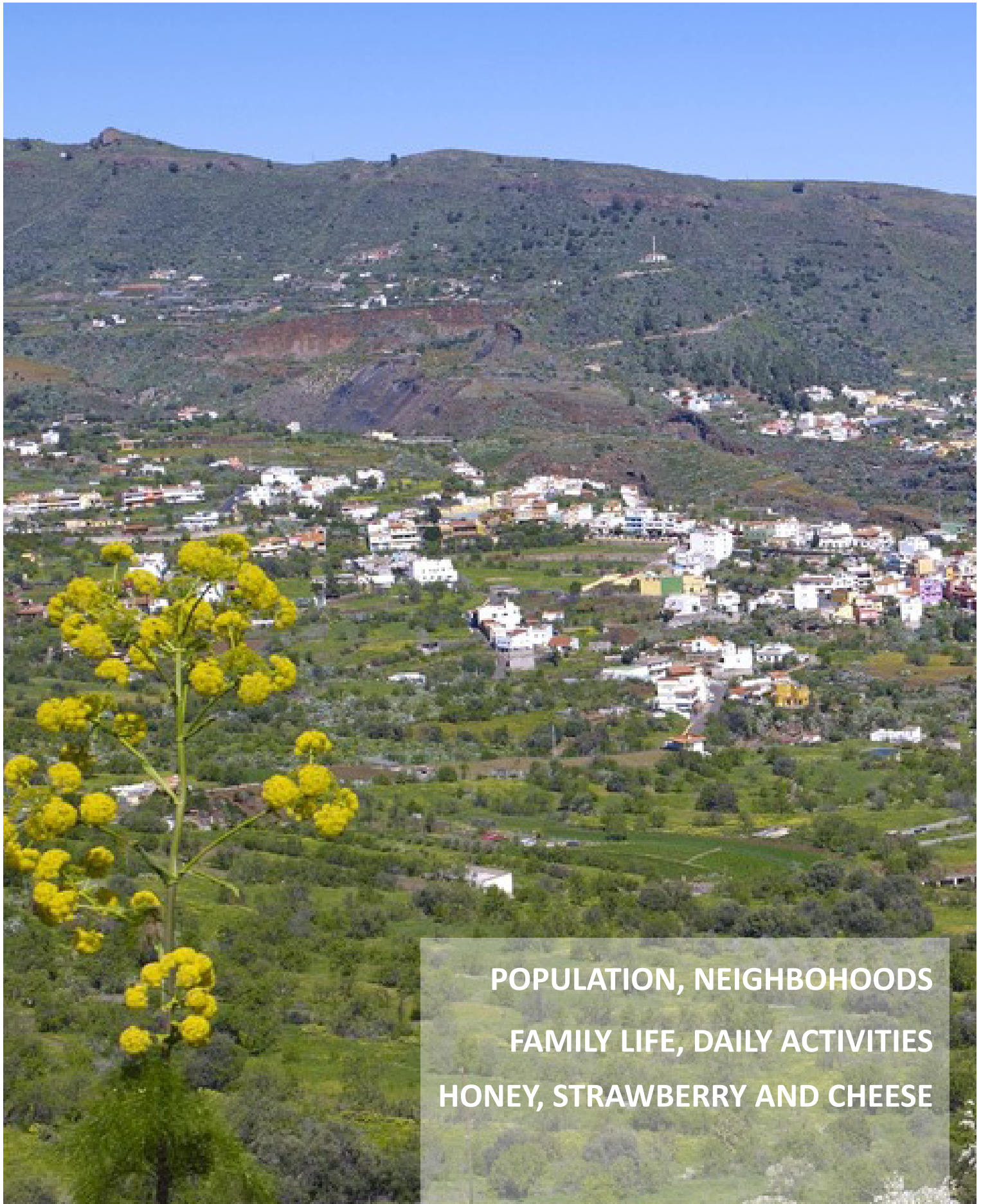


VALSEQUILLO

OF GRAN CANARIA



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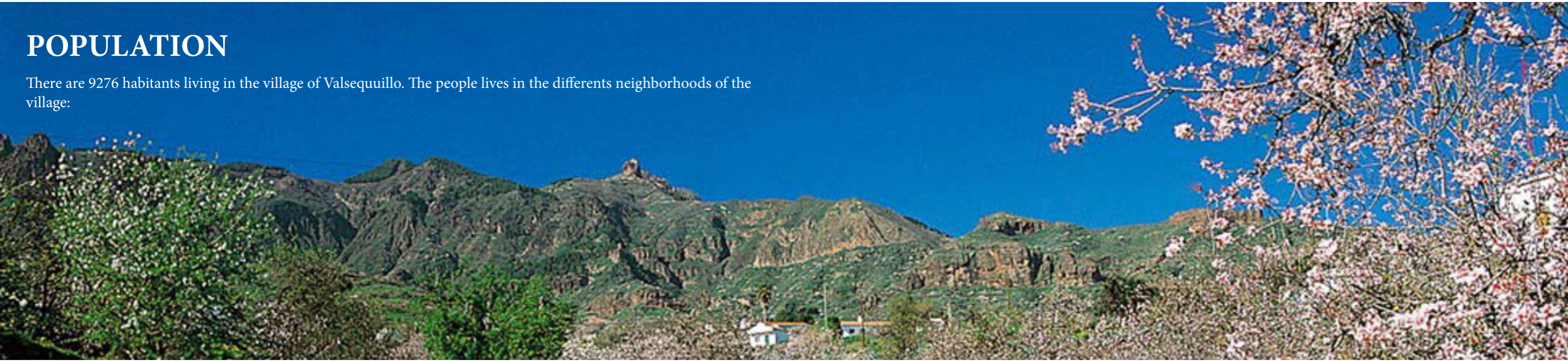
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DISCOVER VALSEQUILLO

POPULATION

There are 9276 habitants living in the village of Valsequillo. The people lives in the differents neighborhoods of the village:



Valsequillo Casco

It is the seat of the municipality, most of the public services are concentrated here.

This is also where some buildings of great historical-cultural interest are to be found, such as El Colmenar, which dates from the year 1530, and the San Miguel Arcángel Church, 1905 to 1925, with important relics treasured in its interior.



Tecén

Tecén is a center of population with a pre-Hispanic place name, located right at the edge of the San Miguel Ravine bank. During the pre-hispanic period the places used as primitive homes were the caves, which in general were situated in the sunny areas.



Las Vegas

It is economic base derives from the service industries, with parallel subsistence farming also existing. Livestock raising has also increased. In Las Vegas we can find excellent examples of traditional architecture.



Los Llanetes

If we go up the road that leads us to Valsequillo from Telde, approximately one kilometer from La Barrera, we encounter Los Llanetes. To be highlighted is one of the oldest traditions that take place in this area.

Tenteniguada

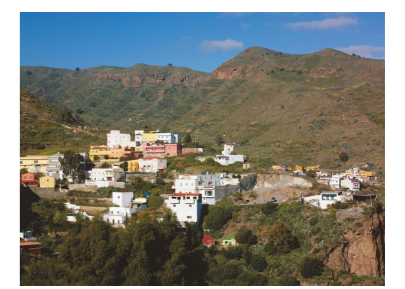
Tenteniguada is located in the western and highest area of the municipality, about 5 kilometers from Valsequillo casco.

There is an important water bottling industry in Tenteniguada, apart from a great number of artisans. Its main characteristics are marked by the impressive landscape that surrounds it and by the slenderness of its Roques.



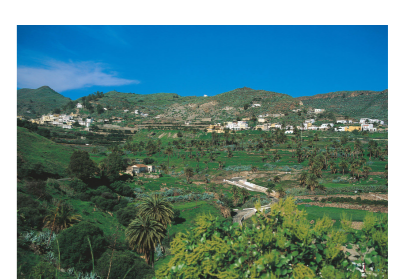
La Cantera

Most of population in this municipality were basically focused on farming and livestock raising. Its origin resulting from the quarry stone, with an operation existing in the area from which the stone was extracted and used at the time to construct one of the bays of the San Juan de Telde Church, situated in the sunny areas.



San Roque

The neighborhood of Valle de San Roque, located northeast of the municipality, is found at a distance of 5 kilometers from Valsequillo casco. There is an important wealth of medicinal-mineral water to be found in the subsoil, which until recent dates had been exploited by means of a bottling industry.



Luis Verde

By the 16th century there is no doubt that the lands pertaining to this area profited from vine growing to a maximum. Other crops that have been of importance are subsistence farming and fruit orchard crops.



Family Life in Valsequillo

In a normal day with your family you can visit a lot of places to meet canary culture and meet diferents people. One of this places is San Miguel Church that was built between 1903 and 1923 where there was previously a cemetery and later a hermitage. In the past the families visited the cementery to remember their deceased families. Today this church is very famous around the island.

Among all sculptures, it is worth mentioning the San Miguel Arcángel, dating from the 17th century, this sculpture was made by Luján Pérez in 1804.

San Miguel Arcángel is represent with a black dog at his feet, in his hands Miguel has a sword trying kill this dog because is the Devil. This work is find inside the church.

The people who lives in Valsequillo believe that this church in the future will protect with other news sculptures.

You should visit El Colmenar, around which differents buildings were erected, all related to military life. These barracks witnessed the birth of the father of renowned canarian writer Benito Pérez Galdós. At present, the site is one of the most important historical treasures, and has been declared Cultural Interest Asset by the Government of the Canary Islands.

In Valsequillo, you may purchase basketry, ceramic, and pottery goods, hemstitch and crochet pieces, vintage toys and dolls, and wood carvings. The district has a significant number of small-scale cheese factories, as well as honey and grape establishments that sell to the general public.

Before, in valsequillo the people only worked in the agriculture, they had little time to enjoy with his family around the village, but the village modernised around 30 years back and in the future you will find some houses that after can not found, because in the village increased the populations to 15.000 residents. Also, the people will leave the big stawberries fields.

Daily Activities

In Valsequillo of Gran Canaria there are a lot of sports to practice, for example handball, football and basketball are the sports more practiced in Valsequillo.

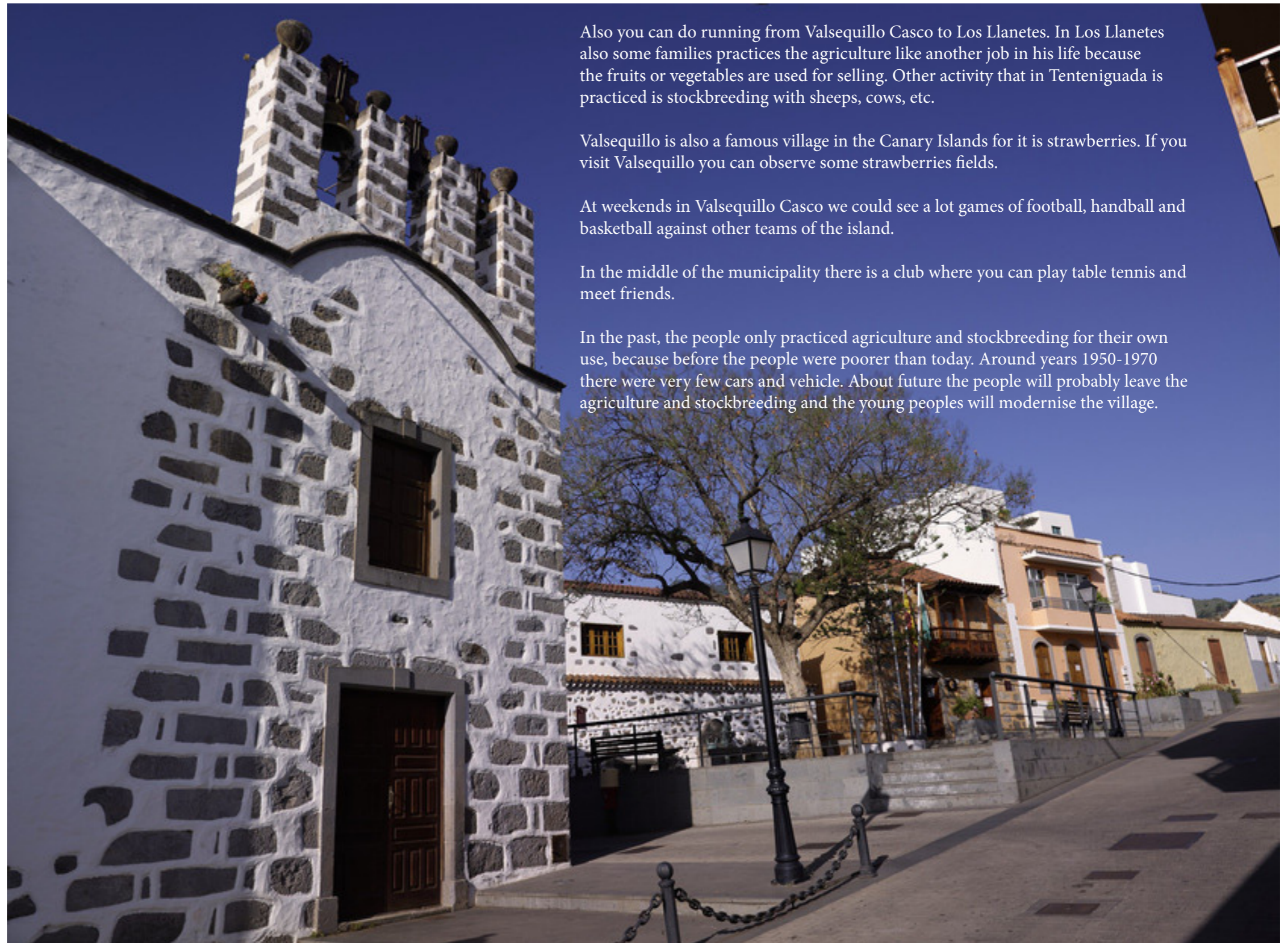
Also you can do running from Valsequillo Casco to Los Llanetes. In Los Llanetes also some families practices the agriculture like another job in his life because the fruits or vegetables are used for selling. Other activity that in Tenteniguada is practiced is stockbreeding with sheeps, cows, etc.

Valsequillo is also a famous village in the Canary Islands for it is strawberries. If you visit Valsequillo you can observe some strawberries fields.

At weekends in Valsequillo Casco we could see a lot games of football, handball and basketball against other teams of the island.

In the middle of the municipality there is a club where you can play table tennis and meet friends.

In the past, the people only practiced agriculture and stockbreeding for their own use, because before the people were poorer than today. Around years 1950-1970 there were very few cars and vehicle. About future the people will probably leave the agriculture and stockbreeding and the young peoples will modernise the village.



Local Products

Cheeses

A singular variety of cheeses is elaborated throughout the entire municipality, the same as a result of transforming milk by means of a completely artisan process, without of course neglecting the sanitary and hygienic aspects. The final product is presented in the shape of fresh, semi-cured and cured cheeses, made from one type of milk or from a combination of different milks. Valsequillo cheeses enjoy great prestige and popularity due to their quality, the same having obtained numerous awards and having been classified as some of the best cheeses to be found in an infinity of insular and regional tasting contests.

Honey

The different honeys to be found in the municipality of Valsequillo are characterized by their richness and variety due to the pollen from the different flower varieties. We count with an important flowering period that includes broom, almonds, echiums, eucaliptus, verodes and false yellowheads, amongst others. Altogether, in our municipality we obtain honeys with diverse colors and flavors that please the most discerning of palates.

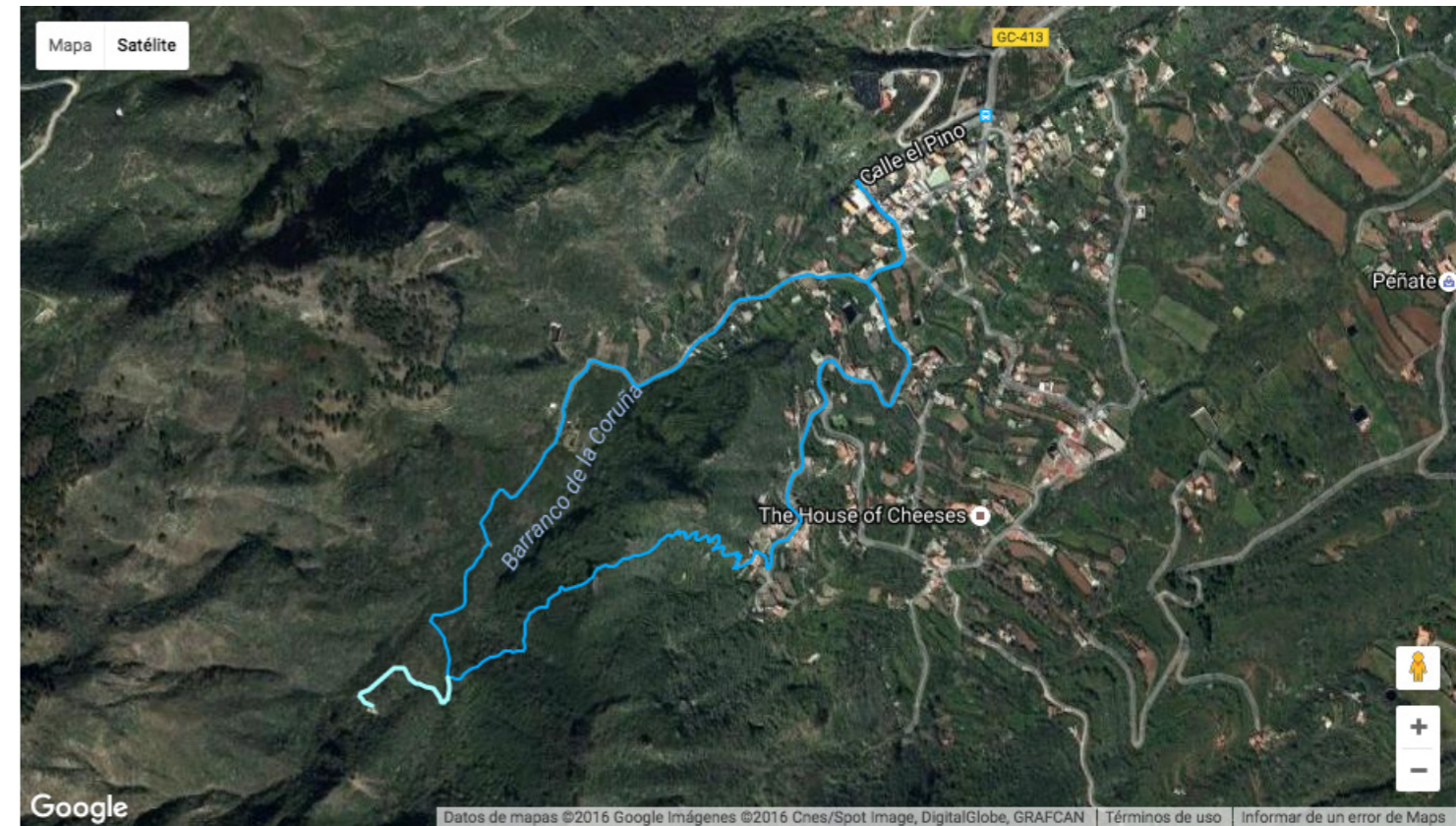
Strawberries

Valsequillo strawberry distinguishes itself by its medium-size, intense colour and exquisite flavour and aroma. The freshness of the newly harvested strawberry, that in just a few hours reaches the consumer, is a decisive difference in its quality.

The strawberry in Valsequillo is the main and reference crop in the municipality, which began to grow in the early 1980s by substituting the flower cultivation. Nowadays, there are more than ten strawberry farms that produce more than 2,000 thousand tons per campaign, creating dozens of jobs, and a rural landscape different from other municipalities.

Wines

As far as the municipality's wines are concerned, it is to be underscored that Valsequillo wines have obtained different awards in various insular and regional contests, giving us a good idea of the quality of the wines, which include all the different varieties, red, white or sweet. There are currently several wineries under operation in the municipality.



Hiking

In Valsequillo you are free to enjoy 9 hiking routes in beautiful natural settings, for all levels, besides a lot of combinations of those. You can also join guided tours.

- Route 1
Los Marteles Caldera - Rincón de Tenteniguada via El Salviar. Blue Tajinaste Routes.
- Route 2
Caldera de Los Marteles – Las Vegas via Los Cernícalos ravine.
- Route 3
Cuevas Blancas Dam - Rincón de Tenteniguada via La Pasadera ravine.
- Route 4
Cuevas Blancas Dam - Rincón de Tenteniguada via Roque Jincao.
- Route 5
Tenteniguada - Valsequillo
- Route 6
Valsequillo - Las Vegas
- Route 7
Valsequillo - San Roque via Corona del Montañón
- Route 8
Rincón de Tenteniguada - Roque la Vela - Rincón de Tenteniguada, Route of the Ravines. Blue Tajinaste Routes
- Route 9**
Los Marteles Caldera - Tenteniguada via Los Alfaques. Blue Tajinaste Routes
- Route 10**
Tecén - Colmenar Bajo via San Miguel ravine

Climate

In Valsequillo, you will find the local steppe climate. Throughout the year, they give a few precipitations in Valsequillo. According to Köppen and Geiger climate is classified as BSk. The average annual temperature in Valsequillo is 17.7 ° C. Precipitation is 249 mm per year.



