

# The beach of Las Canteras receives the recognitions of Blue Flag and Blue Path 2017

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The Blue Flag, the international emblem that recognizes water quality, environmental management and beach services, will return to wave next summer on the beach of Las Canteras, as announced Thursday, May 9, the Association of Environmental and Consumer Education (ADEAC).

The main beach of the capital has made this emblem an endorsement of the excellence of its services and the quality of its waters during the twelve months of the year and as an essential element in the projection of the city as a holiday urban destination. The ADEAC has also confirmed the recognition of Sendero Azul for the pedestrian route between Atlante and El Confital that Ciudad de Mar presented in November 2016.

The criteria for obtaining the Blue Flag are grouped into four areas: bathing water quality, environmental information and education, environmental management and safety, services and facilities.

Las Canteras is one of the best rated arenas in all of Spain and counts, in addition to the Blue Flag, with the Q of Tourist Quality, the Certificate of Universal Accessibility, UNE 17001 and the ISO Standard that guarantees its Environmental Management System.

The Flag and the Blue Path are environmental quality certification systems developed by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE). This European institution promotes and rewards the participation in voluntary environmental initiatives of the municipal authorities, the local population, the visitors and the entrepreneurs and professionals of the tourism sector.

## First Blue Path of Gran Canaria

The Blue Path on Las Canteras Beach and El Confital Bay, the first on the island of Gran Canaria, is a self-guided pedestrian walkway that invites local residents and tourists to stroll from the monument to Atlante in the area of El Rincón, until the Confital, "an authentic natural museum in the open air that can be enjoyed with the help of 15 panels and interpretive tables, in Spanish and English, explaining the natural, historical and cultural values of the beach", said the councilman Of Ciudad de Mar, José Eduardo Ramírez.

The tour talks about the slopes of El Rincón and its geological history, the arrival and evolution of surf and body board in Guanarteme, the Insular Company Colonial Electricity and Riegos SA, which forever left the name of La Cícer in this area of The beach, the color of the sand, the existence of great predators in the past, Los Lisos, a beach that was stunned by climate change, the existence 18,000 years ago of a pond like that of Maspalomas at the height of Punta Brava, the different types of natural habitat, the Cave of the Canaries or a very special reminder to the shooting of the mythical film Moby Dick in these waters.

Ramírez insisted that both the Flag and the Blue Path are "the result of a work of participation of which we feel very proud, in which has collaborated many people who are related to the beach. It is a recognition for the work of all collectives, professionals and users of the beach of Las Canteras.