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Keen volcanologists may well be studying the activity occurring on the Canarian island of El Hierro with interest, as an eruption could be due any day. However, those who wish to study volcanoes when they are less active may well prefer to holiday in Lanzarote, which has over 300 sleeping craters.

The most easterly Canarian island has believe it or not had no seismic activity for more than a century and the most prolonged eruptions go back practically three hundred years. Instead, Lanzarote's heritage of volcanic destruction has long been successfully transformed into the island's preferred tourist attractions. Lanzarote's Timanfaya National Park is composed of some of the most colourful craters and lava and forms an excellent panorama to view from the tour buses that run through the park. Visitors will also be amazed by the geothermal barbecue, which cooks all the food served at the El Diablo restaurant in the park. The keenest crater enthusiasts will soon realize that there are numerous more locations worth looking in on in other parts of the island, as an example the Jameos del Agua's gallery of volcanoes. And the attraction of Jameos del Agua which occupies the greatest subterranean volcanic tunnel across the globe, molded by Monte Corona's eruptions.

Seriously interested explorers will find the best way of discovering the whole volcanic region is by arranging [car hire in Lanzarote](#) to get around Timanfaya, the La Geria wine region and the natural volcano park. With each area demonstrating a different time period in the volcanic activity of the island.

The fact that vines and other crops can still be cultivated on the land is a testament to the resourcefulness of local farmers. In fact, several wines produced in the La Geria region have won prizes for the bodegas that cultivate them.

For those visitors who are based in one of the many [hotels in Lanzarote](#), there is the option of choosing a day trip or excursion instead of undertaking the driving oneself. The vast majority of excursions include a pick up and drop off to the hotel's front door.

While volcanology may not be your bag, there is always a great deal more that the island has to offer visitors of every age group, anywhere from professional sports and activities to traditional culture, so its not surprising that numerous holidaymakers continue returning. And possibly you can too.

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