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3 beds

4 baths

560 m<sup>2</sup>

terrace + pool



**€270,000**

**DUPLEX FOR SALE IN TORVISCAS ALTO.**

Bright 3 bedrooms duplex with large terrace and amazing sea views. Great location near Siam Mall shopping center and Siam Park.

code (276954)



3 bed

2 bath

90 m<sup>2</sup>

terrace



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**€296,000**

**MAGNIFICENT APARTMENT IN LOS CRISTIANOS NEAR LAS VISTAS BEACH**

code (277402)



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1 bath

60 m<sup>2</sup>

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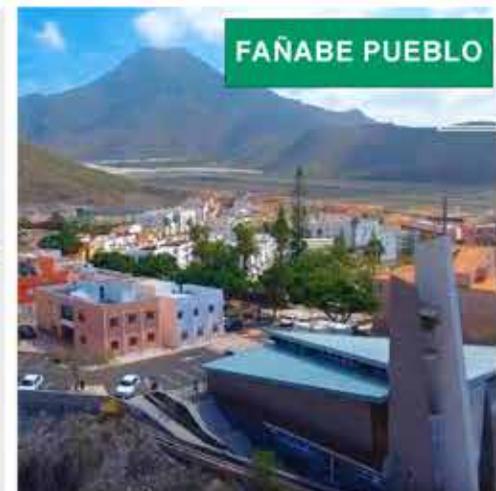


2 beds

2 baths

168 m<sup>2</sup>

terrace



**FAÑABE PUEBLO**

**€380,000**

**TOWNHOUSE FOR SALE IN CHAYOFA. PARKING AND PRIVATE GARDEN**

code (278471)



3 beds

2 baths

168 m<sup>2</sup>

terrace



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**LAS AMERICAS**

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Code (274735)



72 m<sup>2</sup>

1 bed

1 bath

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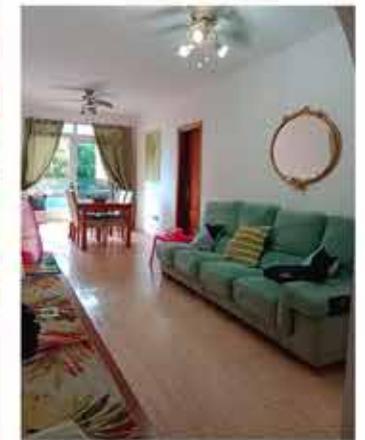
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LOS CRISTIANOS



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Ref: GOLF01785

Price: **€179,500** (approx. £154,500)

## 1 BEDROOM APARTMENT - GOLF DEL SUR



A wonderful opportunity to become the proud new owner of an apartment, that has been lovingly maintained and is in fantastic condition. From the moment you enter the property you are immediately struck by a sense of calm and it is easy to see that this property has never been holiday let by the existing owners. Heated pool. Outdoor Gym. Great location. Ready to move into.

Ref: GOLF01781

Price: **€185,000** (approx. £159,500)

## 3 BEDROOM TOWNHOUSE - SAN MIGUEL



If you are looking for that family home in a more residential area, away from the hustle and bustle of tourist lifestyle, then this three storey townhouse is sure to be on the list. Constructed over 200m<sup>2</sup> located in the small peaceful town of El Roque, you can immerse yourselves fully in the traditional Spanish way of life. The property offers a roof top terrace with amazing unobstructed views, its own parking and a garage.

Ref: OUT01184

Price: **€235,000** (approx. £202,500)

## 2 BEDROOM APARTMENT - ROQUE DEL CONDE



This two bedroom apartment is situated on a residential complex in the popular area of Roque del Conde, only a short distance from all the amenities of Costa Adeje. This modern spacious two bed property has westerly ocean views to the coast from the large terrace area where you can enjoy the amazing sunsets. The property comes with parking.

Ref: LA01953

Price: **€249,500** (approx. £215,000)

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**1 BEDROOM APARTMENT  
 - LOS CRISTIANOS**



This one bedroom corner property is located on a popular residential complex with attractive pool & gardens, and is just a five minute stroll to the beach, restaurants, shops & nightlife of Los Cristianos. The property has a bright and sunny lounge area, separate kitchen, double bedroom and a fully fitted bathroom. Situated a short walk from the seafront in a quiet residential area, this is ideal as a second home or to live all year round.

Ref: LC00606

Price: **€228,000** (approx. £196,500)

**2 BEDROOM GARDEN APARTMENT  
 - AMARILLA GOLF**



A great opportunity to acquire a two bedroom apartment boasting sea and mountain views from the North and South facing terraces. This top floor property is situated on a well-maintained development, featuring fully refurbished heated pool with pool hoist, manicured gardens, CCTV and a traditional appearance with whitewashed walls and terracotta rooftops.

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REF 8519 695.000€



### TOP FLOOR ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT, EL MIRADOR, LOS CRISTIANOS

This delightful property enjoys extra special features including an amazing 39m<sup>2</sup> roof terrace, fabulous views and will be sold fully furnished. Located on a wonderful complex in the highly desirable Los Cristianos area.

REF 8517 265.000€





**TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT, BENIMAR, EL DUQUE**

Located in this highly sought after complex in the prestigious EL Duque area, this property offers an ideal location combined with a spacious 74m<sup>2</sup> of internal accommodation. Lovely complex facilities.

REF 8518 375.000€



**5 BEDROOM LINKED VILLA, VILLAS DEL DUQUE, PLAYA DEL DUQUE**

This stunning home is located in one of south Tenerife's most in-demand complexes. With over 197m<sup>2</sup> internal space and 91m<sup>2</sup> of external space, this villa offers plenty of room for all the family and is located within walking distance of some of the island's finest beaches.

REF 8514 815.000€



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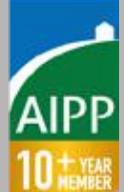


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€325,000

REF: 6144XK



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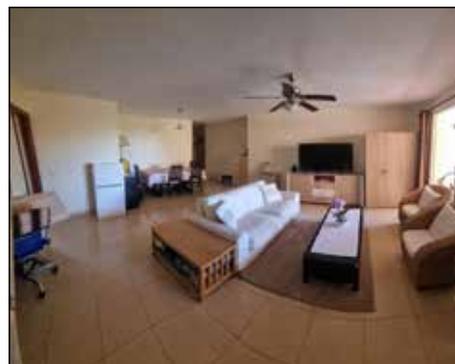
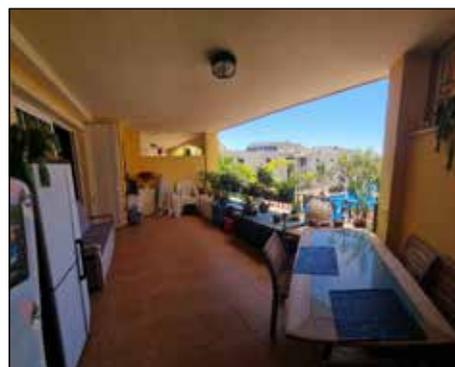


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Spacious duplex penthouse with 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a guest toilet on the lower floor, plus kitchen and large lounge leading to a good sized terrace overlooking the pool area and with partial sea view.

**€375,000**

### Palm Mar, Cape Salema



1 bed, 1 bath apartment with terrace overlooking the village and with stunning views out to sea and across the nature reserve. The apartment benefits from a sunny aspect throughout the day and is furnished to a high standard.

**€195,000**

### Palm Mar, Los Balandros



Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom apartment on the first floor of the complex with sunny aspect. The price includes a secure parking space and storeroom. Sold unfurnished

**€259,500**

### Palm Mar, Jardines de Los Menceyes



Beautiful new 2 bed, 3 bath (2 en suite) apartment on this prestigious complex. The property is extremely well presented with modern, quality furnishings and fixtures, and the price includes a secure underground parking space and storeroom.

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La Florida, Arona



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€420,000

Ref: I1431

Los Geranios, San Eugenio Bajo



Brilliant and bright studio with sunny terrace and pool views, in a great location.

€195,000

Ref: A486

Pebble Beach, Scorpio, Amarilla Golf



Fantastic 1 bed apt with sunny terrace and communal pool.

€179,000

Ref: N1563

Sunset Bay, Torviscas Bajo



Modern and bright 2 bed apt with 2 terraces and 2 communal pools.

€320,000

Ref: T1292

Terrazas del Conde, Torviscas Alto



Lovely 2 bed duplex with spacious bedrooms, sunny terraces and sea views.

€350,000

Ref: T1290

Parque San Eugenio, San Eugenio



Lovely villa on a plot of 113.12m2 with a large patio, front terrace and direct access onto the walkway running between Parque San Eugenio and Las Carabelas, just 5 minutes walk to La Pinta beach and the pleasure port of Puerto Colon. Both bedrooms are of good size, one with an en suite. Progressing up the stairs there is a Mezzanine which looks over the living room and can sleep another person. This property also benefits from having Fiber Optic. The back garden is large and sunny with a small outdoor table and sunbathing space. The complex is well-kept, friendly with a lovely communal swimming pool and parking. Central location within walking distance to the beach, restaurants, shops and more!

€389,000

Ref: T1291

Paradise Court, San Eugenio Alto



Lovely 1 bed apt with large terrace looking to the pool and sea.

€250,000

Ref: N1572

Los Diamantes, Los Cristianos



Spacious 1 bedroom apartment with open lounge, fitted kitchen and pool views.

€234,950

Ref: N1573

Villaflor, San Eugenio Bajo



Modern 1 bedroom apartment refurbished to a very high standard, bright and open. The living room is a great size with sleek floor tiles, nicely furnished with an open, white, fitted kitchen, plenty of storage. The bedroom and bathroom are set towards the back and raised, divided by modern glass panels. The bedroom is a good size, welcoming with large, fitted wardrobes. The bathroom is recently refurbished with modern finishes and a walk-in shower. The terrace is large, sunny with stunning views to the sea and pool. Complex with lovely garden areas, reception, lift and communal pool.

€295,000

Ref: N1574

Windsor Park, Torviscas Alto



Fantastic 2 bed apt that's bright with immense terrace and 2 communal pools.

€325,000

Ref: T1285

Avenida Europa, Detached villa



Luxury, spacious and bright 4 bed villa with beautiful outside areas and a private pool.

€1,800,000

Ref: I1466

El Medano Beach, El Medano



Amazing 3 bed corner townhouse with communal pool and large terraces.

€349,000

Ref: I1462

Roque del conde, Townhouse



Fantastic 4 bed, 3 bath corner linked villa with stunning finishes, spacious, private pool and jacuzzi.

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€579,000 Ref: 232-0923

**Costa del Silencio, Bellavista**



Spacious (85sqm) 2 bed, 1 bath bungalow on sea front complex. In need of complete renovation. The property has a lounge/diner, independent kitchen and part-covered terrace/garden. Parking space.

€365,000 Ref: 235-1023

**Costa del Silencio, Balcon del Mar**

**EXCLUSIVE!**



Fully furnished 1 bed, 1 bath 1st floor apartment on popular sea front complex with lifts and beautiful pool area. Views to sea and pool. The property has a lounge/dining area, open plan kitchen and 8sqm terrace.

€178,000 Ref: 234-1023

**Costa del Silencio, Atlantic View**



Beautiful 6th floor penthouse created from 2 one-bedroom apartments (each en suite), offering a total surface area of 120m². Large, fully equipped American kitchen which opens onto the spacious living/dining room plus 2 sunny terraces (12m2).

€325,000 Ref: 225-0923



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**Costa del Silencio, Primavera**



Spacious apartment with 11m² terrace with nice view of the gardens. The property has a lounge/dining area, American-style kitchen and sunny terrace. Furnished. Complex with pool a short walk from Las Galletas.

€149,000 Ref: 236-1123

**Costa del Silencio, Balcon del Mar**



1 bed, 1 bath 1st floor apartment on sought after sea front complex with lovely pool area. Lounge/dining area, open plan kitchen and 8sqm sunny terrace. Fully furnished. Community fees: 87€/month.

€210,000 Ref: 222-0723

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**Arona**

Ref: 1300

**€645,000**

Beautiful 3 bedroom villa with magnificent sea and mountain views and VV Licence. With its own pool, jacuzzi and garage, the fruit tree-filled gardens are a constant reminder of the natural beauty that surrounds this villa.



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<p>Ref: 1255                      €999,000</p>	<p>Ref: 930                              €700,000</p>	<p>Ref: 1166                            €662,000</p>	<p>Ref: 1300                            €645,000</p>

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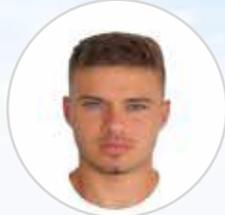
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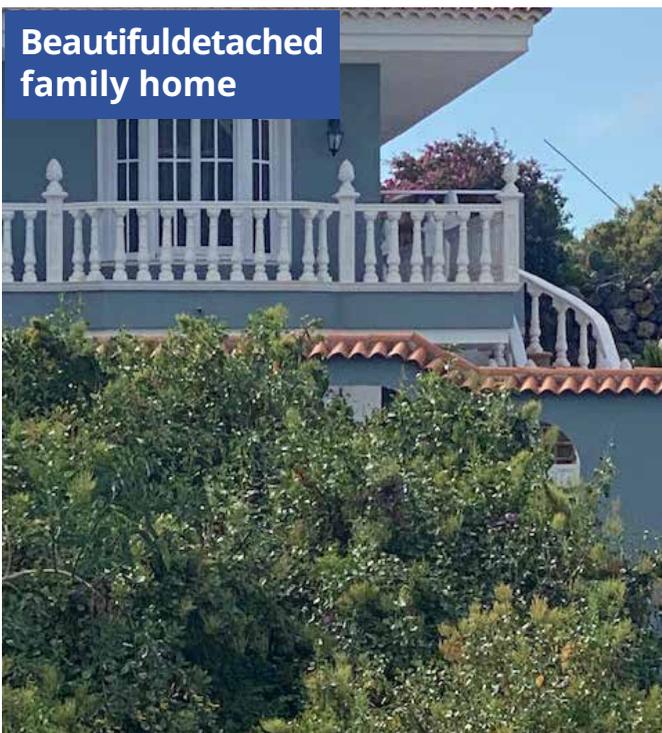
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# Why portraits have fascinated us for millennia

By Cath Pound, BBC Culture



From ancient times to today, portraiture has told us fundamental truths about humanity and identity, whoever the subject. Cath Pound explores the genre's most powerful examples.

Portraiture has a unique place in the history of art.

By looking at who was portrayed, and how, we are able to gain insights into social, cultural and political history that no other type of painting can offer. The fact that it offers an opportunity to connect with individuals who were, or are, living breathing human beings just like us, also makes it one of the most accessible and popular; it is the only genre with its own dedicated galleries, and has offered inspiration for countless major exhibitions. "Portraiture stands apart from other genres of art as it marks the intersection between portrait, biography and history. They are more than artworks; when people look at portraits, they think they are encountering that person," says Alison Smith, chief curator at the National Portrait Gallery in London.

The genre's origins can be traced back to ancient times, when it served a number of functions, from exalting those in power to remembering the dead. The 1st and 2nd Centuries AD saw the Fayum area of Roman Egypt produce astonishingly naturalistic portraits that appeared on mummy cases. It is thought they may have hung in peo-

ple's homes during their lifetimes, and after death were placed over the head of their mummy in order to aid their journey to the afterlife. In Ancient Rome portrait sculpture was used to commemorate the dead or celebrate the achievements of the living. In both cases, attention was drawn to the person's lineage, which was of great importance in Roman society. Imperial portraits were a valuable tool for propaganda. Placed in temples of the imperial cult, they were designed to inspire awe and subordination.

Although few examples of portraiture survive from the Middle Ages, those that do served similar purposes as those from classical times. The stunning life-sized mosaics of the Emperor Justinian and Empress Theodora in the church of San Vitale in Ravenna – which date from the 6th Century – are a particularly spectacular demonstration of power.

Portraits commemorate, celebrate, and show us who we were – and who we are now

Stand-alone portraits of those in the middle ranks

of society did not appear until the 15th Century with Jan van Eyck's The Marriage of the Arnolfini from 1434 being one of the most renowned. One of the first standing double portraits in the history of art, the couple's lifelike countenances combined with the mysterious symbolism hidden within the painting make it enduringly popular with visitors to London's National Gallery.

It was during the Renaissance that portraiture truly came into its own. This has often been thought to be the result of a growing sense of individuality stimulated by an increasing interest in humanism, but Matthias Ubl, curator of the Rijksmuseum's recent Remember me exhibition, cautions against this overly simplistic viewpoint. "There were many factors helping portraiture to flourish at that time," Ubl tells BBC Culture. "It was a period of innovation and stirring things up. Humanism became very important, so the self did too in a way, but that was not everything. The growth of cities saw the rise of a mercantile elite which wanted to mirror the nobility by having their portrait painted."

And while these newly-wealthy businessmen were keen to show off their success, there were cer-

tain expectations that had to be abided by for the sake of propriety. "You still have the Church, you also have guild regulations, and they have to adhere to what society expected of them, whether that was being a virtuous woman or a good merchant," says Ubl.

These good merchants can be seen in Hans Holbein's Portrait of Georg Gisze and Jan Gossart's Portrait of Jan Jacobsz Snoeck. Like most merchants of the era, they are likely to have traded in a diverse range of goods. However, any allusion to this merchandise is conspicuous by its absence, perhaps because it was too closely associated with manual labour. Instead they chose to show themselves lavishly dressed and surrounded by letters, documents and writing materials. It was status and wealth that they wished to emphasise.

Although the status and wealth of women were equally obvious in the fine clothing and jewellery they wore in their portraits, it was their beauty and virtue that patriarchal expectations forced them to em-



The striking self-portrait by Catharina van Hemessen focuses on her identity as an artist

phasise, the former often being thought of as a physical manifestation of the latter. Even someone as powerful as Queen Elizabeth I knew her authority rested in no small part on her image as the "Virgin Queen", married to England. In the Armada portrait by an unknown artist (currently on display at Queen's House, London) which was painted to celebrate the defeat of the invading Spanish navy,

her hand rests confidently on a globe. Her bodice is encrusted with pearls, an appropriately sea-grown emblem of virginity. Notable exceptions to that rule were self-portraits by female artists such as Catharina van Hemessen's Self Portrait at the Easel from 1548, in which she portrays herself working at her craft. "Her portrait is the earliest we know showing an art-

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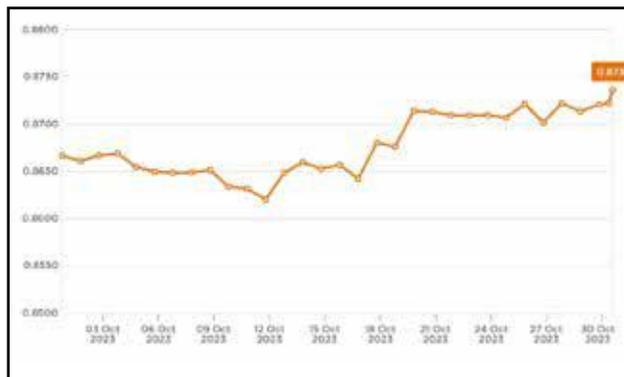
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The second half of October brought more volatility as investors tried to gauge whether another Federal Reserve interest rate rise was on the cards.

During this time, we've seen GBP/EUR fall from  $\square$ 1.15 to  $\square$ 1.14, while EUR/GBP has climbed from  $\square$ 0.86 to  $\square$ 0.87. Meanwhile, GBP/USD fluctuated between \$1.20 and \$1.22, while EUR/USD moved between \$1.05 and \$1.06.

### What's been happening?

The US dollar initially weakened in mid-October as dovish comments from Fed policymakers weighed on USD. However, stronger US economic data helped

the 'greenback' recover. The euro capitalised on the dollar's weakness, due to the currencies' negative correlation, before ceding its gains as the European Central Bank (ECB) paused its policy tightening cycle. Meanwhile, the pound was plagued throughout the second part of October by weak UK economic data. Contracting sales and a cooling labour market dented Bank of England (BoE) rate hike bets.

### What do you need to look out for?

Looking ahead, the first few days of November bring the BoE's and Fed's monetary policy decisions. Expect to see both GBP and USD fall if the central banks indicate that interest rates have peaked. Eurozone third-quarter GDP is due out on Tuesday. Any signs that the bloc's economy remains weak could put

pressure on the single currency. The following week, the UK publishes its own GDP figures for Q3. A forecast contraction in the UK economy could see Sterling tumble. Meanwhile, the ongoing conflict in the Middle East could drive volatility in the currency markets if developments continue to impact risk appetite.

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ist painting at an easel. It's interesting that it was a female artist when they were so rare," notes Ubl.

Portraiture's growing importance was solidified in the 17th Century when the French Royal Academy created a hierarchy of genres and placed it sec-



A portrait of Queen Elizabeth I to celebrate the Armada emphasises her status as the "Virgin Queen" in the pearl-bodice detail

ond only to history painting. The assumption was that it would document the great and the good, and thus serve as an accompaniment to the highest of all genres. This newly designated role for portraiture was behind the formation of the earliest portrait galleries, such as Charles Willson Peale's Gallery of Illustrious Personages which opened in Philadelphia in the 1770s, and featured many figures who had signed the Declaration of Independence. The UK's

National Portrait Gallery followed in 1856 with the very first work to enter the collection being a portrait of William Shakespeare.

Although these galleries only collected portraits of those they considered to be notable, with all the class, sex and race biases that this inevitably in-

involved, outside their walls the genre was becoming ever more diverse. As the 19th Century progressed, portraiture became increasingly associated with the rising bourgeoisie. Their perceived vanity was mocked by many writers and critics but the rise in this form of portrait was indicative of the major social and political changes sweeping throughout western Europe, which saw the middle classes gaining more power and influence as monarchs were forced

to bow to the authority of parliaments. The advent of photography was an important factor in democratising who could be portrayed but so too were changing views about the roles of individuals in society. Artists themselves played a major part in deciding who was worthy of depiction, boldly challenging social conventions as they did so.

The self-portrait has of course also been an important part of artistic expression. Van Gogh's iconic Self Portrait with Bandaged Ear, painted after he cut off part of his ear following an argument with Gauguin, is a powerful demonstration of his determination to continue painting despite the trauma. It takes centre stage at the Courtauld's current exhibition of his self-portraits.

#### 'Fellowship of human beings'

Paula Modersohn-Becker, recently the subject of a major retrospective at the Schirn Kunsthalle in Frankfurt, also famously made herself the subject of her portraits, along with other women, children and the local peasantry. Influenced by the Fayum mummy portraits which she discovered in Paris around 1905, her portraits have a psychological intensity rare in depictions of women at the time. Although her choice of models was at least partly down to convenience, she nevertheless treats the humblest of subjects with the utmost dignity. "They were the poorest in society and she gave them an air of timelessness, almost holiness," says curator Ingrid Pfeiffer.

Modersohn-Becker's almost pantheistic love of nature is evident throughout her work including in her most famous painting Self Portrait on the Sixth Wedding Anniversary painted in 1906 where she appears nude from the waist up. Although she appears to be pregnant, she was not. "Her belly is a symbol of fertility, both human and artistic," says Pfeiffer. Modersohn-Becker was acutely aware of her talent but at the same time knew her subject matter meant the work could never be exhibited. "Nobody saw it during her lifetime, not even (her husband) Otto. She knew she was painting something completely taboo," says Pfeiffer.

Like Modersohn-Becker,

20th-Century artist Alice Neel was unafraid to challenge convention. Rejecting the abstract expressionism that dominated the artworld at the time, she saw portraiture as a way in which to create a visual history of her era. Instinctively drawn to those on the margins of society she was able to critique the circumstances they found themselves in while still portraying them with dignity. "For her it's a way of changing society," says Lucia Agirre, who curated the recent exhibition of Neel's portraits at the Guggenheim in Bilbao.

"She had a special empathy with her sitters. Usually, she chose people she really liked, kids in the street or activists or her friends who were communist writers. For her these people have something to say," explains Agirre. Neel had a particular affinity for the emotional and physical struggles of women, especially deprived women such as herself, and did not shy away from subjects that were taboo, including the domestic abuse of her neighbour Peggy. "In 1949 she made this beautiful portrait of Peggy, and you see the marks on her face but at the same time she gives her dignity. At that time it was something you just didn't talk about," says Agirre.

Although Neel did not gain recognition for her ground-breaking portraits until relatively late in her career, their documentary and democratic nature reveals the continuing relevance of portraiture, as well as the multiple functions that portraits can serve. They commemorate, celebrate, and show us who we were – and who we are now.

Whereas in the past it was really a mark of rank or status or celebrity, I think now portraiture is more about identity –  
Alison Smith

Past collecting practices combined with the fact that many notable figures never had the opportunity to be painted or photographed means that portrait galleries can never hope to be wholly representative of a nation's past, but the



Van Gogh's powerful Self-Portrait with Straw Hat is on display at an exhibition at the Courtauld, London

closer we get to the present, the more inclusive the representation becomes. "Our criteria for admissions is much broader now. It goes beyond political, religious and legal figures. It's more democratic and today we celebrate different forms of achievement," says Smith. And certain historical biases can be addressed.

The lack of representation of women is something the National Portrait Gallery is seeking to tackle while it is closed for refurbishment. Research is being done into women already in the collection and new acquisitions will be made. With such a vast range of portraits to draw on – there are 12,000 in the primary collection but the reference collection is around 400,000 – being asked to select highlights is a virtually impossible task. But when asked to do so, Smith's choices emphasise the unique nature of portraiture and the reasons for its enduring hold on the public's imagination. Hans Holbein's drawing of Henry VII and Henry VIII, a preparatory study for a painting now lost, and The Ditchley Portrait of Elizabeth I, transport us into the orbit of some of the most celebrated monarchs in British history. They are also magnificent works of art in their own right.

The portrait of William Shakespeare and that of the Brontë sisters by their brother Branwell, which Smith also chooses, are not. However, they are some of the most popular

with the public, simply because they offer a means of connection with such well-loved literary figures. Laura Knight's Self Portrait with Model is chosen as it is "a really key work for the history of women in the arts" while of the more contemporary commissions Smith selects Malala's portrait by Shirin Neshat which has been a huge draw for visitors.

And of course, beyond the great and the good, the humblest among us have the chance to be celebrated every year in the BP Portrait Award, although that is currently on hold while the gallery is closed. "It's hugely popular because the people in that show are ordinary people. It could be your sister, your brother or some model you discovered on the street and found interesting," says Smith.

"It's that fellowship of human beings. Whereas in the past it was really a mark of rank or status or celebrity, I think now portraiture is more about existentialism. It's about psychology, who they are and how they fit into society. It's about identity," says Smith. Whether Emperor, actor, activist or everyday person on the street, that is something we all share – and explains why portraiture will never cease to command our attention.ist painting at an easel. It's interesting that it was a female artist when they were so rare," notes Ubl.

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Black Drafee (James Hunter) by Alice Neel. In her portraits Neel celebrates and commemorates the subjects



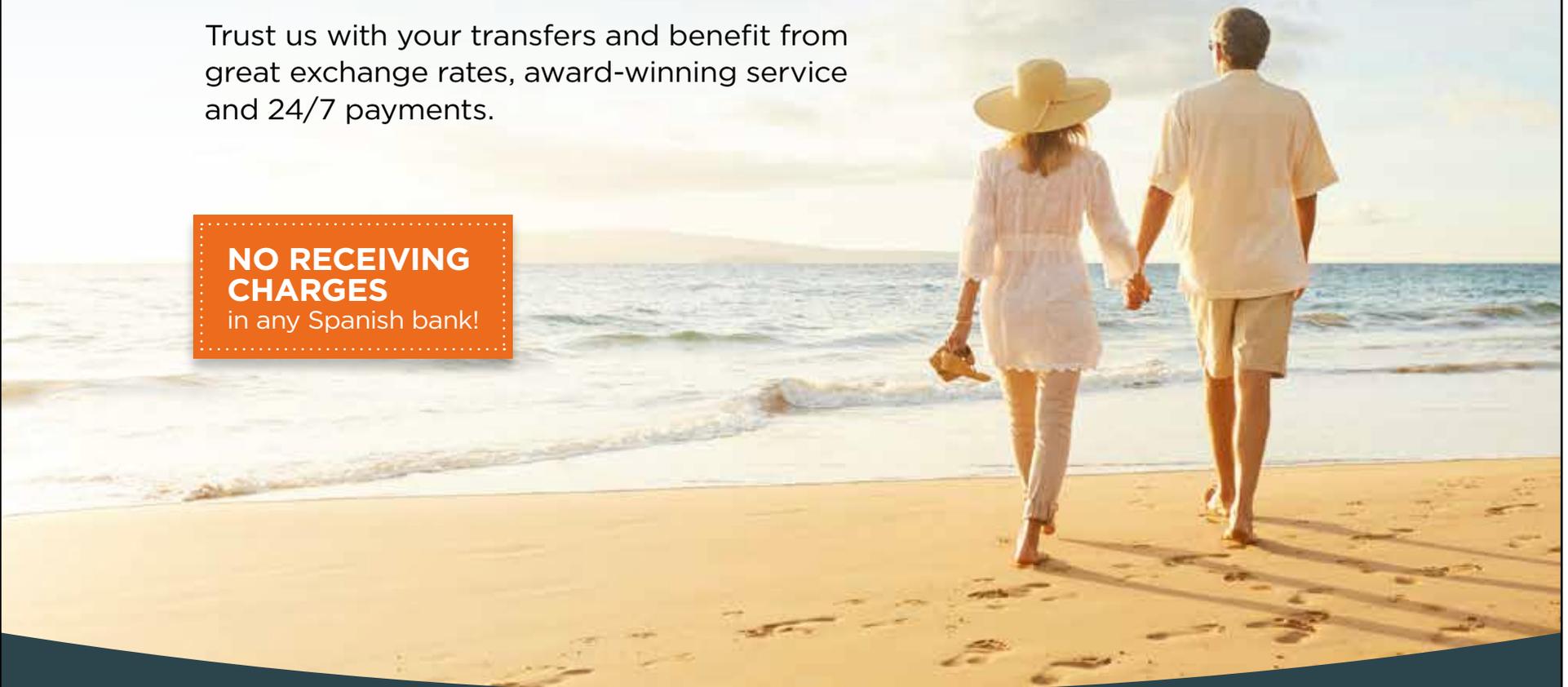
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# What does spending more than a year in space do to the human body?

By Richard Gray, BBC Future



Nasa astronaut Frank Rubio has just returned from a record-breaking 371 days in space onboard the ISS, but the trip may have altered his muscles, brain and even the bacteria living in his gut.

With a few handshakes, a brief photoshoot and a wave, Nasa astronaut Frank Rubio bid farewell to the American-football-field-sized collection of modules and solar panels that has been his home for the past 371 days.

His departure from the International Space Station (ISS) and return to Earth marks the end of the longest single spaceflight by an American to date.

His time in orbit – which surpassed the previous US record of 355 consecutive days – was extended in March after the spacecraft he and his crewmates had been due to fly home in developed a coolant leak. The extra months in space allowed Rubio to clock up a total of 5,963 orbits around the Earth, travelling 157.4 million miles (253.3 million km). But it still means he is around two months short of the record for the longest ever spaceflight by a human – Russian cosmonaut Valeri Polyakov spent 437 days onboard the Mir Space Station in the mid-

1990s.

With a huge grin on his face, Rubio was carried from the Soyuz MS-23 spacecraft after it bumped safely back to Earth in a cloud of dust near the town of Zhezkazgan in the Kazakhstan Steppe. Spending so much time in the low gravity environment of the ISS will have taken a toll on his body, so he had to be lifted out of the capsule by the recovery teams.

## 'It's good to be home,' after 371 days in space

His extended trip in space, however, will provide valuable insights into how humans can cope with long-duration spaceflight and how best to counteract the problems it can present. He is the first astronaut to participate in a study ex-

amining how exercising with limited gym equipment can affect the human body.

It is information that will prove vital as humans set their sights on sending crews on missions to explore deeper into the Solar System. A return journey to Mars, for example, is expected to take around 1,100 days (just over three years) under current plans. The spacecraft they will travel in will be far smaller than the ISS, meaning smaller lightweight exercise devices will be needed.

But problems keeping fit aside, just what does spaceflight do to the human body?

Muscles and bones

Without the constant tug of gravity on our limbs, muscle and bone mass quickly begins to diminish in space. The most affected are those muscles

that help to maintain our posture in our back, neck, calves and quadriceps – in microgravity they no longer have to work nearly as hard and begin to atrophy. After just two weeks muscle mass can fall by as much as 20% and on longer missions of three-to-six months it can fall by 30%.

Similarly, because astronauts are not putting their skeletons through as much mechanical strain as they do when subject to Earth's gravity, their bones also start to demineralise and lose strength. Astronauts can lose 1-2% of their bone mass every month they spend in space and up to 10% over a six-month period (on Earth, older men and women lose bone mass at a rate of 0.5%-1% every year). This can increase their risk of suffering fractures and increase the amount of time it takes to heal. It can take up to four years for their bone mass to return to normal after returning to Earth.

To combat this, astronauts undertake 2.5 hours a day of exercise and intense training while in orbit on the ISS. This includes a series of squats, deadlifts, rows and bench presses using a resistive exercise device installed in the ISS's "gym", alongside regular bouts tethered to a treadmill and on an exercise bike. They also take diet supplements to help keep their bones as healthy as possible.

A recent study, however, highlighted that even this exercise regime was not enough to prevent losses in muscle function and size. It recommended testing whether higher loads in resistance exercises and high intensity interval training might help to counteract this muscle loss.

The lack of gravity pulling down on their bodies can also mean that astronauts find they grow a little taller during their stay on the ISS as their spines elongate slightly. This can lead to issues such as back pain while in space and slipped disks once back on Earth. During a briefing onboard the ISS ahead of his return to Earth, Rubio himself said his spine was growing and said it might help him to avoid a common neck injury that astronauts can suffer when their spacecraft hit the ground if they try to crane out of their seats to see what is hap-



The journey back to Earth from the ISS can be pretty rough, despite boosters and parachutes slowing the descent

pening. "I think my spine has extended just enough that I'm kind of wedged into my seat liner, so I shouldn't move much at all," he said.

### Weight loss

Although weight means very little while in orbit – the microgravity environment means anything not tethered down can float around the ISS habitat freely, including human bodies – maintaining a healthy weight is a challenge while in orbit. Although Nasa tries to ensure its astronauts have a diverse range of nutritious foods, including most recently a few salad leaves grown on board the space station, it can still affect an astronaut's body. Scott Kelly, a Nasa astronaut who took part in the most extensive study of the effects of long-term spaceflight after staying onboard the ISS for 340 days while his twin brother stayed back on Earth, lost 7% of his body mass while in orbit.

Researchers examining Scott Kelly after his trip to the ISS found that the bacteria and fungi living in his gut had altered profoundly compared to before he flew into space

### Eyesight

On Earth, gravity helps to force the blood in our bodies downward while the heart pumps it up again. In space, however, this process becomes messed up (although the body does adapt somewhat), and blood can accumulate in the head more than it normally would. Some of this fluid can pool at the back of the eye and around the optic nerve, leading to oedema. This can lead to changes in vision such as decreased sharpness and structural changes in the eye itself. These changes can start to occur after just two weeks in space but as that time goes on, the risk increases. Some of the vision changes reverse with-

in about a year of astronauts returning to Earth, but others can be permanent.

Exposure to galactic cosmic rays and energetic solar particles can also lead to other eye problems. The Earth's atmosphere helps to protect us from these but once in orbit on the ISS, this protection disappears. While spacecraft can carry shielding to help keep out excess radiation, astronauts onboard the ISS have reported seeing flashes of light in their eyes as cosmic rays and solar particles hit their retina and optical nerves.

### Neural shuffling

After his long stay on the ISS, however, Kelly's cognitive performance was found to have changed little and had remained relatively the same as his brother's on the ground. However, researchers did notice that the speed and accuracy of Kelly's cognitive performance did decrease for around six months after he landed, possibly as his brain readjusted to the Earth's gravity and his very different lifestyle back home.

A study on a Russian cosmonaut who spent 169 days on the ISS in 2014 also revealed some changes to the brain itself seem to occur while in orbit. It found there were changes in the levels of neural connectivity in parts of the brain relating to motor function – in other words, movement – and also in the vestibular cortex, which plays an important role in orientation, balance and perception of our own motion. This is perhaps unsurprising given the peculiar nature of weightlessness while in space; astronauts often have to learn how to move efficiently without gravity to anchor them to anything and adjust to a world where there is no up

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Scott Kelly's 340 day trip to the ISS allowed researchers to study how space affected him compared to his twin brother back on Earth

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or down.

A more recent study has raised concerns about other changes in brain structure that can occur during long-term space missions. Cavities in the brain known as the right lateral and third ventricles (responsible for storing cerebrospinal fluid, providing nutrients to the brain and disposing of waste) can swell and take up to three years to shrink back to normal size.

#### Friendly bacteria

It is apparent from research in recent years that a significant key to good health is the make up and diversity of the microor-

gansims that live in and on our bodies. This microbiota can influence how we digest food, affect the levels of inflammation in our bodies and even alter the way our brains work. Researchers examining Kelly after his trip to the ISS found that the bacteria and fungi living in his gut had altered profoundly compared to before he flew into space. This is perhaps not entirely surprising, given the very different food he was eating and the change in the people he spent his days with (we obtain a horrifying amount of gut and oral microorganisms from the people we live alongside). But exposure to radiation and the use of recycled wa-

ter, along with changes to his physical activity could all also have played a role. Although there have now been five Nasa astronauts who have spent more than 300 days in orbit, we have Kelly to thank again for insights into how his skin fared while in orbit. His skin was found to have heightened sensitivity and a rash for around six days after he returned from the space station. Researchers speculated that a lack of skin stimulation during the mission may have contributed to his skin complaint.

#### Genes

One of the most significant findings from Kelly's prolonged journey into space were the effects it had on his DNA. At the end of each strand of DNA are structures known as telomeres, which are thought to help protect our genes from damage. As we age, these get shorter, but research on Kelly and other astronauts has revealed that space travel seems to alter the length of these telomeres. "Most striking, however, was the finding of significantly longer

telomeres during spaceflight," says Susan Bailey, a professor of environmental and radiological health at Colorado State University who was part of the team studying Kelly and his brother. She has done separate studies with another 10 unrelated astronauts who have taken part in shorter missions of around six months. "Also unexpected was that telomere length shortened rapidly on return to Earth for all crewmembers. Of particular relevance to long-term health and ageing trajectories, astronauts in general had many more short telomeres after spaceflight than they did before." Exactly why this happens is still being unravelled, she says. "We have some clues, but additional long-duration crewmembers – like Rubio, who spent one year in space – will be critical to really characterising and understanding this response and its potential health outcomes." One possible cause could be exposure to the complex mix of radiation while in space. Astronauts who experience long-term exposure while in orbit show



Astronauts can spend up to 2.5 hours a day working out on the ISS in an effort to maintain their muscle mass and bone density

signs of DNA damage, she says.

There were also some changes in gene expression – the mechanism that reads the DNA to produce proteins in cells – seen in Kelly that may have been related to his journey into space. Some of these related to the body's response to DNA damage, bone formation and the immune system's response to stress. Most of these changes, however, had returned to normal within six months of his return to Earth.

#### Immune system

Kelly received a series of vaccines before, during and after his trip into space

and his immune system was found to react normally. But Bailey's research has found that astronauts do suffer some decreases in white blood cell counts that fall in line with the doses of radiation they receive while in orbit.

There are still many questions to be answered, however, about what impact space travel can have on a bipedal, big-brained species that evolved to live on Earth. As Rubio recovers from his 371 days in space, researchers will doubtlessly be poring over his medical tests, blood samples and scans to see what more they can learn.



The microgravity environment of the ISS can have significant effects on the human body that will be a challenge as humans explore farther into the Solar System

# Mario v Sonic: Rivals launch similar games in same week

By Tom Gerken, BBC Technology reporter



What's better, Mario or Sonic?

People of a certain age will remember growing up with this debate dominating conversations at school in the '90s. Super Mario and Sonic the Hedgehog led the gaming charts back then, and ultimately became two of the most recognisable faces in the industry, spanning countless spin-offs and even recent feature films. The debate began to fade as the mascots moved into 3D games, and has now all but vanished as they both star in

tie-in games for the Olympics.

But the rivalry may yet be speeding back after a landmark event, with the two rivals having released games in the same week for the first time for more than 30 years. The last time this happened was in 1992, when Super Mario Land 2 and Sonic 2 both came out in the last week of November in the UK.

Sonic Superstars, which was released on Tuesday, and Super Mario Bros Wonder, which came out on Friday, are both about returning to the series' roots.

For Argick, a Scottish Twitch streamer with about 20,000 followers it is "literally like being back in the '90s". "I have fond memories of moving into the home that I'm currently in, way back when I was a kid,

the first thing that came out of the truck was the little cube CRT TV and the Mega Drive," he said. "These were the games I grew up with as a kid, to have both Sonic Superstars and Mario Wonder releasing at the same time, there's just a lot of nostalgia for it."

You might be forgiven for thinking these two new games were made by the same team, such are the visual similarities between them. They are both side-scrollers - games viewed from the side of the characters, where the camera follows them as they move left and right throughout the levels. They are also both platformers - a fairly nebulous genre where the goal is generally to bypass obstacles and enemies by utilising different platforms in

a stage.

And they both can be played by up to four people at once, too.

But gaming journalist Helen Ashcroft explained that while these games may look similar, they play quite differently. "They are both platformers but take very different approaches to things," she said. "While the characters have similar roots, they've evolved in different ways and these days feel like very unique experiences."

#### Similar, but different

Sonic's similarities to its original games go further than the visuals. The sound is being composed by Jun Senoue, who first worked on 1993's Sonic 3, and the game itself is being made by the original designer. Naoto Ohshima, who has not worked on a Sonic game in two decades, said he wanted to bring the franchise back to its roots with the new one. "When it comes to Sonic, the thing that comes to mind first has got to be his speed and how good it feels to race through levels," he said in a YouTube video. "Creating maps that capitalise on that classic sense of speed and

that allow for iconic pinball action was extremely important for us." Meanwhile Takashi Tezuka, who has worked on Mario games for 39 years, said he wanted Super Mario Bros Wonder to be an evolution of the series - a 2D game filled with hidden surprises. "We wanted to create a game with much more to offer than ever before," he said in a post on Nintendo's website. "2D Mario games often had the reputation of being unforgiving... in this game, we've changed that. "We've designed it so that players can conquer the game with their ideas and use their heads, not just



Sonic Superstars is the first time four people can play a side-scrolling Sonic game together

they have introduced tutorials as well as new gameplay features to make it easier for beginners. So, if both games are competing for the same players, which one will come out on top? For Argick, that bit might not be too important. "Nobody tries to make a bad game," he said. "Honestly, I want both games to



Super Mario Bros Wonder is the latest evolution of the franchise which set the benchmark for this genre of video game

their skills, to progress."

That is one of the same design principles behind Sonic, with Ohshima saying

be good and both communities get to enjoy it - because it means I get two great games to play."

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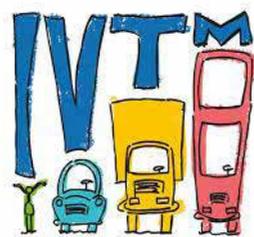
Normally Town halls

provide a period of between to six to eight weeks when the tax can be paid without incurring any fines or penalty interest. If, however, you forget to pay during this time and pay after the end of that year a charge is normally levied (sometimes 5% or more when the payment is eventually made). If the amount remains unpaid and you wish to sell your car and arrange a transfer of ownership this is now 'blocked' by Trafico until outstanding amounts are paid. Some town halls automatically



advise Trafico direct (al-

though this is becoming increasingly rare) whereas others do not and the original Road Tax receipt must be shown at Trafico for them to remove the block from their system. Most Town Halls auto-



matically advise Trafico of outstanding taxes at the beginning of each new calendar year.

Failure to pay can result in an embargo being placed on your bank account to collect the Taxes due. This would happen when the town hall had placed notifications in the Official Boletin show-

ing the debt outstanding with the amounts and the individual's NIE/DNI or company CIF number. This is normally published twice, after which the debt is passed to Hacienda to deal with they will send you two or three 'reminders' after which action will be taken – so remember to make sure that Trafico and Hacienda have your correct address!

The 'final' letter from Hacienda generally comes with a Carta de Pago, which is like a payment receipt and can be taken to any bank to pay. However, by this time not only will you owe the road taxes plus a fine but also interest and costs so it can prove to be considerably more than in the first place.

If you do not receive these letters, choose to ignore them or are not

here when they arrive, Hacienda will simply advise any/all banks with whom you hold accounts and a block your account (known as an embargo) preventing you accessing any funds in the account. You can then approach your Bank who will be able to tell you the reference number for you to contact Hacienda to find out what it relates to. At this point there is no way of stopping Hacienda taking the money and if there has been an error, which occasionally happens, you would

have to make a 'reclamation' which can take considerable time and paperwork.

The moral here is: Be Aware! although there are no tax discs displayed in cars, Road Tax must be paid annually and it is in your interest to pay it. Please note that this Tax is generally much lower than in the UK.

Any questions, please contact me by email: emma@motorworldtenerife.com.



# The great experiment to put a price on nature

By Kelly Oakes, BBC Future



Fresh water, clean air, peace of mind – natural landscapes make life better for humans in myriad ways.

Now scientists are trying to put a dollar figure on exactly how much nature is worth.

Tucked away in the Scottish Highlands, in an old commercial forest known as Birchfield near Loch Ness, is a rewilding project with a difference. The 100-acre (40-hectare) site is a hive of technological activity. Drones fly overhead to track the extent and condition of the various habitats below, from recently felled woodland to a newly discovered peat bog. Meanwhile, camera traps and audio recording equipment capture evidence of the huge variety of species that live on the land.

However, as well as tracking the physical changes taking place as the land is restored, researchers are busy calculating exactly how much we benefit from that restoration, in the cold hard currency of money and economic worth. This is the Natural Capital Laboratory.

The idea of putting a price on carbon is familiar by now – buy a plane ticket and you might have the option to pay extra to offset your emissions – but nature does a lot more than absorb carbon. Around

the world forests provide homes, food and resources for humans and animals alike. Trees also cut air pollution, reduce the risk of flooding and help maintain soil quality. Landscapes like grasslands and coastal wetlands provide for humans, and countless other species, in many ways. Animals within these ecosystems also provide services, such as insect pollination or the carbon storage of elephants or whales. What happens when we try to put a price on those things too?

Talks at the United Nations' 26th Climate Change Conference of the Parties in Glasgow this November, known as COP26, will address how to implement a global carbon market, enabling countries to trade carbon credits in order to meet their emissions targets. At the same time, private sector investors and companies are looking to carbon markets as a solution to regulatory measures that will enforce decarbon-

isation. "There's a tremendous political push for this," says Alain Frechette, director of strategic analysis and global engagement at Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI), a community land rights coalition.

In theory, a global carbon market should mean we reduce emissions across the whole planet. Rich countries could meet targets while continuing to emit by paying for reductions elsewhere – and lower income countries could benefit financially from restoring their climate-friendly landscapes. But the devil will be in the details. If we don't get it right, a global carbon market could lead to a land grab that devastates communities living in the world's richest landscapes, and wreaks havoc on wildlife, too. (Read more on how a global carbon market could affect the climate.)

Whatever happens at COP26, action on climate change is already affecting the way we value land



The proponents of calculating ecosystem services argue that they can ensure nature is taken into consideration by policymakers

and ecosystems. Gabon is a net sequester of carbon thanks to the rainforest that covers most of the country. This year the UN-backed Central African Forest Initiative paid the country \$17m (£12m) for reducing emissions from deforestation in recent years. Similarly, the Seychelles had almost \$22m (£16.8m) of national debt paid off by US conservation group The Nature Conservancy in return for protecting its coastal wetlands, another habitat that is a significant carbon sink and home to endangered species, including the hawksbill sea turtle and scalloped hammerhead shark.

For some, putting a price on ecosystem services is how we can make sure nature – or rather, natural capital – is given due weight at the decision-making table

But the myriad ways that land provides for humans by supplying clean air and water, mitigating flood risk, and more – known as "ecosystem services" – have not always been afforded a monetary value. Felling a woodland for timber has a market value, but protecting it to reduce the risk of devastating floods in a local town, for example, usually does not. The concept of ecosystem services was developed in the 1970s. It was originally intended to highlight our dependence on nature and get people interested in conservation, but later evolved into a way of putting a price tag on those benefits.

Now there is a growing movement towards paying to protect these services. It's not a wholly new idea: in 1989 bottled water brand Vittel, now owned by Nestle, began a consultation that resulted in a financial agreement with farmers upstream of the company's water source, essentially paying them to ensure an aquifer provided clean water.

For some, putting a price on ecosystem services is how we can make sure nature – or rather, natural capital – is given due weight at the decision-making table.

"It's about 'what is the



The animals within ecosystems change the amount of carbon they sequester or release, but putting a figure on that change can be tricky

value that we've not been recognising in the past?', and making sure that we do recognise it today," says Adam Eagle, chief executive of conservation charity The Lifescope Project that set up the Natural Capital Laboratory (NCL) in 2019, alongside infrastructure firm AECOM and the landowners of Birchfield. "It's a really powerful tool when you're talking to decision-makers and policy-makers, explaining to them that actually there is a direct negative economic impact of what they're doing, even if it's hard to see."

So how exactly do we arrive at those financial values? That's what researchers working on the NCL are figuring out. Using a variety of technology – drones, camera traps, audio recording equipment, and more – they are taking stock of the changes in ecosystem services the site provides as it undergoes rewilding. Take the peat bog the team discovered on the land. They are now monitoring its water level. "We're not fixing it yet, so to speak, we're just leaving it as it was for some time so we can get a baseline," says Eagle. "Once we've taken restoration actions in a couple of years' time, we'll run the same tests again, and we'll be able to show the difference in the water levels." From that they'll be able to work out the net financial gain from restoring the peat bog in terms of its impacts on flood mitigation, water quality and carbon storage.

The project has involved designing a natural capital accounting tool to keep track of the habitats and species present, and the monetary values of the services they provide, which sits alongside a virtual version of the NCL accessible online. At the end of the first year, climate regulation benefits had the largest estimated annual value at £15,238 (\$20,710), followed by air quality regulation (£5,958/\$8,100)

and flood regulation (£4,496/\$6,100).

While this approach might work for economists, focusing on ecosystem services doesn't necessarily resonate with other people. "It's certainly skyrocketing in prominence in terms of the language and the thinking that we use to try and promote biodiversity," says Sarah Bekessy at RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia. "But has it really filtered down to being something that is therefore more valued in society?"

Bekessy and her colleagues argue that it has not, pointing to plateauing media coverage of biodiversity, while the planet faces continued deforestation and the extinction risk faced by animals, plants and fungi heads in the wrong direction.

It's not all just in pounds and pence and dollar signs. There is something else that is somewhat intangible that we're missing – Adam Eagle

Some types of landscape risk being overlooked, too. Bekessy and her colleagues looked at habitats over the world and found that small patches of nature – often the kind found in urban environments, or leftover from clearing land for agriculture – have an outside importance when it comes to conservation. "There's such a lot of valuable biodiversity left in these small, scrappy places that we have systematically degraded over time," she says. But looking at them through an ecosystem services lens "often leads to the diminishing of those places, because they get low scores in terms of their value", she says, be-

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cause of their size and the fact that they tend to no longer be ecologically intact.

For Eagle, while ecosystem services is a useful concept, it doesn't capture all of the value in the natural world. "It's not all just in pounds and pence and dollar signs," he says. "There is something else that is somewhat intangible that we're missing." The fact that numbers don't tell the whole story is clear when we consider our reaction to changes in our local environment, too. There may be no net difference in carbon if some trees on your street are cut down and replanted elsewhere, for example, but you'll still feel their loss when you step outside. "That's not those trees, that those people have walked past every day," says Bekessy. "That place-based value is a really under-appreciated aspect of nature." When it comes to action on climate change, focusing too heavily on just carbon storage comes with pitfalls – ecosystems are not simple carbon storage devices but rather complex systems that require complex management to thrive.

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– Sarah Bekessy

Bekessy works with conservation organisation Bush Heritage Australia, and says the cost of land has already noticeably increased in the face of a global carbon market. "The land grab that's hap-

pening in Australia right now is extraordinary," she says. "The risk is that organisations that buy land for conservation are going to be pushed out," she says. "The carbon market is going to have some sort of responsibility, therefore, to fill that space and actually be part of the biodiversity solution as well."

Whether or not that happens is down to the details ironed out in Glasgow this November. "It's either a massive opportunity that's going to be a kind of biodiversity renaissance, or a huge global risk to biodi-



Some argue that not all of the value of ecosystems can be reduced to a dollar sum

versity conservation, and [the difference] is just going to be a few tweaked policies," she says. "That's why COP26 is so important."

For the people who live in these valuable landscapes, and whose livelihoods depend on them, the stakes are even higher. A report published earlier this year by Rights and Resources Initiative investigated the legal rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, and Afro-descendant peoples to the carbon in their lands in 31 countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America, which together are home to two-thirds of the world's tropical rainforests. It found that few countries explicitly recognise those rights, and the countries that do often don't have clear le-

gal frameworks to regulate carbon-linked transactions. "Countries have not made the headway in terms of developing the legal frameworks that would support engagement in these arenas," says Frechette, lead author of the report. "And yet we're plunging straight into this, with the hope that all of these questions will be resolved in the next couple of months."

Without clear community rights, those who depend on that land are unlikely to benefit when countries trade in its emissions-reducing capabilities,

and could face additional challenges. "It's unclear how carbon markets will affect people's rights to pursue their own livelihoods and ensure that they can access the forest for food, timber or resources to meet their basic needs," says Frechette.

**Fundamentally, people love the awe and wonder of nature, and it's an absolutely fundamental part of who we all are**  
– Sarah Bekessy

If those community rights were secured, however, the planet would benefit too. A growing body of research shows that indig-

enous people and local communities are the best guardians of their land, and when they have clear land rights they can play a vital role in climate change mitigation and biodiversity conservation. A UN report on forest governance in Latin America and the Caribbean, for example, showed that when governments formally recognise collective land rights, rates of deforestation are lower. "Communities have been doing this largely by themselves without support," says Frechette. "Just imagine if they had access to that – if carbon markets did provide benefits for them."

Part of the problem is that governments do not always have people in mind when assessing land for its potential to combat climate change. "When countries draw maps and identify areas where they can do emission reduction studies and so forth, those maps do not show people living there, they never show communities that have been there for decades and centuries," says Frechette.

This idea that humanity exists apart from the rest of nature is dangerous not just for indigenous people and local communities. Some, including philosopher Val Plumwood, have argued that this dualism is at the heart of our environmental crises.

In her bestselling book



Many people value nature deeply, without seeing it in terms of its monetary worth



Indigenous communities have been found to be powerful guardians of some of the world's most biodiverse landscapes

Braiding Sweetgrass, scientist and member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Robin Wall Kimmerer makes the case for reconnecting with our environment in order to heal the planet: "Restoring land without restoring relationship is an empty exercise. It is relationship that will endure and relationship that will sustain the restored land. Therefore, reconnecting people and the landscape is as essential as reestablishing proper hydrology or cleaning up contaminants. It is medicine for the earth."

During Covid-19 lockdowns around the world, many people started to do just that, developing an attachment to the – perhaps scrappy – nature they found on their doorstep. To many of us the inherent value in nature, and the incalculable ways in which we benefit from connecting with it, are obvious. "The weird thing is that people do val-

ue nature, but it hasn't got the political elevation to affect decision-making in a way that would reflect the values that people have for nature," says Bekessy. "Fundamentally, people love the awe and wonder of nature, and it's an absolutely fundamental part of who we all are."

Whether nurturing our individual relationships with the Earth can trickle up to influence policy – and even keep a global carbon market in check – remains to be seen.

However, there are signs that those who favour a more holistic, rather than transaction-based, relationship with the planet are beginning to have their voices heard. After much debate between delegates from different parts of the world, members of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) – an IPCC-like initiative for biodiversity – agreed to use the term Mother Earth, alongside the language of ecosystem services, in their conceptual framework. "I've never seen such language in an international agreement," says Frechette. "It shows that people are shifting and recognising that this is the only ship and mother that we will ever have and if we don't start taking care of her, things are going to go awry."



## The alternative ivory sources that could help save elephants

By Krupa Padhy, BBC Future

Despite international bans, thousands of African elephants are il-

legally killed each year for their tusks.

Could finding a human-made alternative be

the answer?

My parents often talk about their safari honeymoon to the Serengeti National Park in 1972. Mum reminds me that they didn't have "fancy cameras with zoom lenses back then" and that the photos that adorn their album were taken on a basic camera. Among them, are herds of elephants close enough to make any wildlife photographer jealous.

More than 1.3 million

elephants roamed Africa at the end of the 1970s. Today, there are around 450,000. And as mum said upon our return to Serengeti 20 years ago: "It's nothing like it used to be." At least 20,000 African elephants continue to be illegally killed each year for their ivory tusks. In 1989, international trade in ivory was banned by the Convention

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Ivory has been banned for years, but unregulated trade - especially in Asia - continues to fuel demand

to suffer. A resurgence of demand from unregulated markets in Asia and Africa has been a significant driver. And it's not just elephants who are at risk. Earlier this year, the UK government announced plans to extend the 2018 Ivory Act to other animals and marine life. Pending a vote in the UK Parliament, it will mean the sale of ivory from the tusks and teeth of killer whales, hippos, walruses, narwhals, and sperm whales will also be banned.

The good news, however, is that a new market is opening up for man-made ivory, as well ivory-like

materials and figurines. It has a catalogue of properties that few other materials can boast: beautiful, durable, homogenous

in appearance and easy to carve while retaining a high level of shine.

For that reason, evolutionary biologist Fritz Vollrath believes that we should stigmatise the trade of ivory poaching, but acknowledge that the material is coveted for a reason. "Whilst we need to guard against it being a common commodity ending up on mantelpieces, there is something in the material properties," says Vollrath. "It has a certain touch to it, different to plastic. There's something there in the ivory that is special."

To meet this demand

polished to create deceptively authentic carvings.

Rath and her team were looking to mirror the optical and aesthetic properties of ivory whilst achieving a similar strength and density. In addition, they wanted to mimic a visual structure within ivory called Schreger lines, similar to wood.

Digory is created using synthetic resin and calcium phosphate particles which are 3D-printed layer by layer into a desired shape. The material is then colour-matched (keeping in mind ivory is translucent), stained and polished to create a believable imitation of natural ivory. Rath recognises there are plenty of challenges when it comes to commercialising Digory. Interest from the likes of jewellery makers and knife handlers has been steady, but she believes it has huge potential by offering a low-carbon, fast and straightforward manufacturing process with convincing results.

Despite mimicking the properties of ivory, Digory's chemical structure is nothing like it, unlike the creation of synthetic ivory by a Max Planck group of scientists in Germany in 2019.

### The original idea to create synthetic ivory came from the desire to replace the ivory veneers of piano keys

Using a phosphate-based composition, Dieter Fischer, Sarah Parks and Jochen Mannhart tried to closely reproduce the chemistry of a real ivory tusk – so much so that they say it is sometimes hard to distinguish between real ivory and their artificial version.

Natural ivory is a bone-like material largely made of a mineral called dentine, which lies underneath the enamel of a tooth. And whilst human teeth are used for eating, ivory tusks are teeth that have emerged beyond the lips, giving elephants an evolutionary advantage.

The researchers behind

the synthetic ivory mixed particles from a bio-mineral called hydroxylapatite into dissolved gelatine, which is formed from collagen (the organic component of ivory). "What we did not try to reproduce is the microstructure of the tusk, because it turned out that the functional properties we were interested in like touch and grip didn't depend on the nanostructure," explains Mannhart.

The original idea to create synthetic ivory came



Alternative ivory can be 3D-printed and polished to create very lifelike results

from the desire to replace the ivory veneers of piano keys. When recognising the potential of what they had created, the team's ambition grew, and the material is now being commercialised under a company called Ivortec. "The motivation morphed over time from piano keys to replacing plastics and addressing the microplastic issue. It's about having a material that is really green, biodegradable and not resource-intensive instead of plastics," says Mannhart.

Others are looking closer to nature when it comes to ivory alternatives. On a stall in St Alban's market in England, Alison Williams has seen her colourful jewellery business The Happy Elephant grow from strength to strength since it launched in 2020. Nothing surprising there as quirky beads are a standard feature of a weekend bazaar – only Alison's jewellery is created using tagua, also known as vegetable ivory. "Because of the story of it, people are blown away by what they

see and feel," she says.

Tagua was first documented by Westerners in the late 1700s, when two Spanish botanists stumbled across it in the eastern foothills of the Andes, as explained in the book *Strange Harvests*. They assumed they'd discovered an ivory tree (the scientific name for tagua is *Phytelephas*, which literally translates from Greek as "plant elephant"). It was so convincing that as its use became more ex-

tensive in the 19th Century, the only way to distinguish between real ivory and tagua was by dabbing a drop of sulphuric acid onto the materials: tagua would turn pink while ivory would stay white.

### The jewellery has such a tactile feel and dyes so well – Alison Williams

The palm is native to the rainforests, cloud forests and coastal plains of north-western South America. Williams learnt of tagua from locals in Ecuador where she and her husband spent many years. Holding up a heavy, brown and spiky seedpod called a mococha, Williams describes how it works: "The tagua palm takes 15 years to mature before beginning to produce its ivory nuts. A palm can grow 16-18 of these seed pods every year and they take 18 months to grow. In the early stages, tagua can be drunk (it's 100% plant cel-

lulose) and tastes like coconut water. It then hardens to a jelly that can be eaten. The jelly solidifies into a nut in the Sun. Approximately 120 nuts grow inside the pod 'compartments'." The nut is then polished and carved and extensively used to create jewellery, buttons or ornamental items. "The jewellery has such a tactile feel and dyes so well," says Williams, donning her own bright green tagua necklace. "In one year, one tagua palm can produce as much tagua (or vegetable ivory) as the average African elephant can do in its lifetime."

An elephant can live 60 to 70 years. But within the lifespan of an elephant living today, the species could go extinct in the wild.

Even Mannhart suggests that in some contexts, a substitute for ivory might struggle to be accepted, citing the example of the Japanese tradition of name stamps known as *Hanko*. "In Japan it is very common that people don't do signatures by hand, but they have stamps made out of ivory for their names to sign documents. In the beginning we thought this was a fantastic market," he says. But his Stuttgart-based Japanese colleague disagreed. He believed that for some Japanese people, continuing to use real ivory is of huge cultural importance.

However, while Japan has one of world's largest legal ivory markets, a recent study found that demand is now a fraction of what it once was. (Some organisations believe that despite this, not all the ivory traded there is legal.) Recognising such limitations doesn't stop scientists from trying to find alternatives to true ivory.

Even Vollrath is having a go. Some years ago, his team at Oxford University began trials with a silk cellulose and hydroxylapatite-based ivory replacement.

Research had to halt for logistical reasons but at the time he had just finished making an artificial rhino horn using the material. Vollrath believes this was proof of concept. "I haven't given up, I've pressed pause. There's a market for artificial ivory."



There has so far been steady interest from craftspeople, but artificial ivory has yet to take off commercially

materials from plants. Ivory, or "white gold" as it is sometimes called, has been one of the most valuable and sought-after global commodities in history. Ivory is a material of luxury, which has been turned into jewellery and weaponry, musical instru-

without harming animals, Thaddäa Rath is one person trying to create a synthetic alternative. Together with her team at the University of Vienna in Austria, she has created a high-tech ivory alternative called "Digory". The material can be 3D-printed and

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# The search for Earth's hidden mountains

By Zaria Gorvett, BBC Future



The deep Earth contains vast mountain ranges with peaks up to four times the height of Everest. But no one knows why.

It was a glaring summer's day in Antarctica.

Through frozen eyelashes, Samantha Hansen blinked out at the featureless landscape: a wall of white, where up was the same as down, and ground blended seamlessly into sky. Amid these disorientating conditions, with temperatures of around -62C (-80F), she identified a suitable spot in the snow, and took out a spade.

Hansen was in the continent's bleak interior – not the comparatively balmy, picturesque Antarctica of cruise ship tours, but an unforgiving environment rarely even braved by the local wildlife. As part of a team from the University of Alabama and Arizona State University, she was looking for hidden 'mountain' ranges – peaks that no explorer has ever set foot on, no sunlight has ever illuminated. These mountains occur deep within the Earth.

It was 2015 and the researchers were in Antarctica to set up a seismology station – equipment, half-buried in the snow, that would allow them to study the interior of our planet. In total, the team installed 15 across Antarctica.

The mountain-like structures they revealed are

utterly mysterious. But Hansen's team discovered that these ultra-low velocity zones or ULVZs, as they are known, are also likely to be almost ubiquitous – wherever you are in the world, they may be lurking far beneath your feet. "We found evidence for ULVZs kind of everywhere [we looked]," says Hansen. The question is – what are they? And what are they doing inside our planet?

## A mystery history

The Earth's strange interior mountains occur at a critical threshold: the one between the planet's metallic core and the surrounding rocky mantle. This abrupt transition is, as Hansen's team point out, even more drastic than the change in physical properties between solid rock and air. It has been tantalising experts for decades – as enigmatic as it is influential to the



Most of the Earth's crust is made of basalt – and this might also be the material behind the mysterious deep-Earth mountains

geology of the planet.

Though the 'core-mantle boundary' is thousands of kilometres from the Earth's surface, there is a surprising amount of interchange between its unfathomable depths and our own world. It's thought to be a kind of graveyard for ancient pieces of the ocean floor – and it may even be behind the existence of volcanoes in unexpected locations, such as Hawaii, by creating super-heated highways to the crust. The story of the deep-Earth mountains began in 1996, when scientists explored the core-mantle boundary far beneath the central Pacific Ocean. They did this by studying seismic waves created by massive ground-shuddering events: usually earthquakes, though nuclear bombs can achieve the same effect. These waves pass right through the Earth, and can be picked up by seismic stations at

other locations on its surface, sometimes more than 12,742 km (7,918 miles) away from where they started. By examining the paths the waves take as they travel through – such as the way they're refracted by different materials – scientists can piece together an X-ray-like picture of the interior of the planet.

When researchers looked at waves generated by 25 earthquakes, they found they inexplicably slowed down when they reached a jagged patch on the core-mantle boundary. This vast, otherworldly mountain range was highly variable – some peaks stretched 40km (24.8 miles) up into the mantle, equivalent to 4.5 times the height of Everest. Meanwhile, others were just 3km (1.7 miles) high.

Since then, similar mountains have been found lurking at scattered locations all around the core. Some are particularly large: one monster specimen occupies a patch 910km (565 miles) across under Hawaii.

Yet to this day, no one knows how they got there, or what they're made of.

One idea is that the mountains are parts of the lower mantle that have been superheated due to their proximity with Earth's incandescent core. While the mantle can reach 3,700C (6,692F), this is relatively mild – the core can achieve atom-bending highs of 5,500C (9,932F) – not far off the temperature at the surface of the Sun. The hottest parts of the core-mantle boundary, it is suggested, may become partially molten – and this is what geologists see as ULVZs.

Alternatively, the deep-Earth mountains could be made from a subtly different material to the surrounding mantle. Incredibly, it's thought that they could be the remains of ancient oceanic crust which disappeared into its depths, eventually sinking down over hundreds of millions of years to settle just above the core.

In the past, geologists have looked to a second puzzle for clues. The deep-Earth mountains



The animals within ecosystems change the amount of carbon they sequester or release, but putting a figure on that change can be tricky

tend to be found near other mystery structures: enormous blobs, or large low-shear velocity provinces (LLSVPs). There are just two: an amorphous lump called "Tuzo" beneath Africa, and another known as "Jason" beneath the Pacific. They are thought to be truly primeval, possibly billions of years old. Again, no one knows what they are, or how they got there. But their close proximity to the mountains has led to the belief that they're somehow linked.

One way to explain this association is that it did indeed all begin with tectonic plates slipping down into the Earth's mantle, and sinking to the core-mantle boundary. These then slowly spread out to form an assortment of structures, leaving a trail of both mountains and blobs. This would mean both are made from ancient oceanic crust: a combination of basalt rock and sediments from the ocean floor, albeit transformed by the intense heat and pressure.

But the existence of deep-Earth mountains below Antarctica could contradict this, Hansen suggests. "Most of our study region, the southern hemisphere, is pretty far away from those larger structures."

## A frigid quest

To install their Antarctic seismology stations, Hansen and her team flew out to suitable locations in helicopters and small planes, placing the equipment in waist-deep snow – some near the coast, under the curious gaze of resident penguins, others inland.

It only took a matter of days to get the first results. The instruments can detect earthquakes almost anywhere on the planet – "If it's big enough, we can

see it," Hansen says – and there are plenty of opportunities. The US National Earthquake Information Center records around 55 across the globe every day. While identifying deep-Earth mountain ranges had been done before, no one had ever checked for them below Antarctica. It's not near either of the mystery blobs, or close to where any tectonic plates have recently fallen. Yet to the team's surprise they found them at every site they sampled. Previously the mountains were thought to be scattered near places occupied by blobs. But Hansen's results suggest they may form a continuous blanket that wraps around Earth's core.

Testing this idea will require a lot more investigation: before the Antarctic study, just 20% of the core-mantle boundary had been checked. "But we're hoping to fill that gap," says Hansen, who explains it's also dependent on the development of new techniques for identifying smaller structures. In some regions, the ULVZ structures are more like slim plateaus than mountains, so it's not possible to see the entire layer just yet – they don't show up on seismographs, if they are there at all.

However, if the mountains really are that widespread, it would have implications both for what they are made of and how they're linked to the larger blob structures. Could the smaller, mountain-sized remains of tectonic plates really have ended up scattered that far away from the larger blobs?

Whatever we discover, it's oddly fitting that the frigid, alien landscape of Antarctica has given us clues to the strange, super-heated mountains of the deep Earth.

## DOG OF THE MONTH



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**€325,000**

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**€320,000**

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**€230,000**

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**€220,000**

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**€219,000**

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**€210,000**

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**€150,000**

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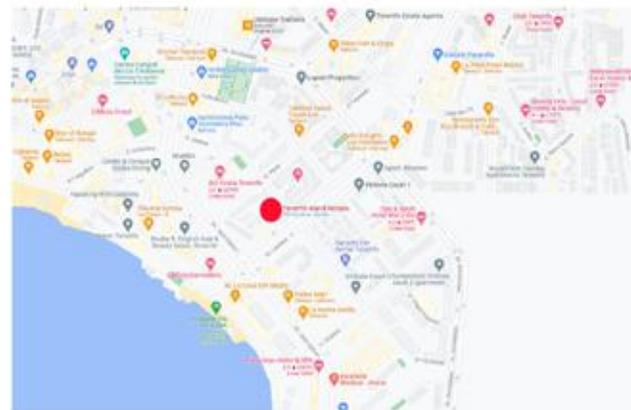
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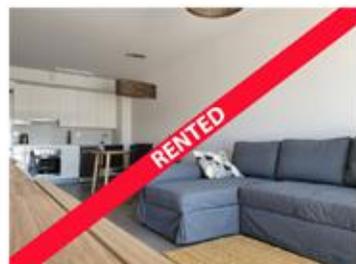
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**€132,000**

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**€85,000**

FRINA Tenerife just took on this large pool bar in Torviscas Bajo. It is very well established and placed in a large and popular holiday resort that has hundreds of tourists every month year round. The pool bar has a large terrace overlooking the pool and with tables for 50 guests. The inside premises are fully equipped with a large bar and an industri... For full information see website or contact:

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**€85,000**

Large local of 128m2 for sale in Puerto Colon.

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**€100,000**

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**€99,500**

This well-known British Café for Sale in Fanabe is one of the best known in the area and has been established for many years. It is known for classic English breakfasts, cakes, Sunday Roasts, and much more. Furthermore, the café has great reviews among residents, tourists, and on social media, and no doubt you will guests from day one with this business... For full information see website or contact:

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#### Tenerife South, Pest control business

**€89,000**

FRINA Tenerife offers a genuine successful Pest Control and Cleaning Company for sale. This company has been established for years and has hundreds of clients in the south of Tenerife. The main job is pest control of businesses and private houses, nevertheless, they also earn decent money on cleaning jobs. Since all work is done on location, the own... For full information see website or contact:

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#### El Madronal, Babywear Shop

**€86,500**

FRINA Tenerife brings to the market this Baby SPA Wellness in Costa Adeje, a one-of-a-kind business in the island. The Baby SPA has a very good reputation thanks to the beautiful online reviews. It comes with all furniture included. The Baby SPA Wellness has a full SPA licence and you are allowed to offer therapeutic massages too. It is in El Madroñal ... For full information see website or contact:

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#### Torviscas Bajo, Pool Bar

**€85,000**

FRINA Tenerife just took on this large pool bar in Torviscas Bajo. It is very well established and placed in a large and popular holiday resort that has hundreds of tourists every month year round. The pool bar has a large terrace overlooking the pool and with tables for 50 guests. The inside premises are fully equipped with a large bar and an industri... For full information see website or contact:

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#### Torviscas Alto, Empty Local

**€85,000**

Large local of 128m2 for sale in Puerto Colon.

**Ref: VS3416D | Vym Canarias | 922 787 210**

#### Vilaflor, Bar/Restaurant

**€80,000**

FRINA Tenerife is happy to offer this beautiful Restaurant for Sale placed in the caves of a large finca in Tenerife. Today the place is known for its beautiful location and surroundings with wines and fruits trees and offers a modern Canarian menu made from local and homegrown products. This is a successful business with an amazing reputation but ther... For full information see website or contact:

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#### Costa del Silencio, Restaurant

**€79,000**

FRINA Tenerife offers for sale in Costa del Silencio this restaurant that is known for delicious fish and tapas. It has been established for almost 2 years and has earned itself a good reputation and has very high reviews on Google, TripAdvisor, and Facebook. The premises are spacious 300m2 and moreover, have a terrace of 40 m2. Inside are tables for 1... For full information see website or contact:

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#### Las Americas, Beauty Salon

**€76,000**

FRINA Tenerife offers Traspaso Nail and Beauty Salon for Sale. It has a prime position in Las Americas facing the busy promenade and offering a stunning sea view. The business offers a variety of treatments among others manicure, pedicure, waxing, massages, tinting of lashes and eyebrows, facials and more. The premises are amazing and refurbished to hi... For full information see website or contact:

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#### Puerto Colon, Excursion Business

**€75,000**

This Boat Hire Excursion for Sale offers zodiac boats to hire and go for private trips. The brilliant thing about zodiacs is you do not need a license to sail it so both residents and tourists come to rent and enjoy a private trip on the sea. This is an easy excursion business to run for one person since you only need to meet clients for the instructio... For full information see website or contact:

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#### Torviscas Alto, Bar/Cafe

**€65,000**

Now we offer this Reputable Bar for Sale in Torviscas Alto. If you are looking for a well-established business with many loyal customers, you should have a look at this café that is a popular place to meet friends for a drink. The current owner had the business for 3 years and only look to sell since he also has other businesses. The premises of the... For full information see website or contact:

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#### Torviscas Bajo, Bar/Cafe

**€65,000**

FRINA Tenerife offers this Bar-Restaurant for sale in San Eugenio Bajo. It is a well-known business and enjoys many regulars and new guests due to its location in a large complex that enjoys residents and tourists year-round. The business is known for its great price/quality and live entertainment several nights a week. The premises are well-maintai... For full information see website or contact:

**Ref: 2463 | FRINA Tenerife SL - Business Sales | 922 085 191**

#### Golf del Sur, Bar/Cafe

**€65,000**

Fantastic opportunity to purchase a bar located in a popular commercial centre. The bar has been fully refurbished, had new bathrooms installed, fully rewired, new air-conditioning, and new glass washer. Included are 10 televisions which can show 3 different matches, and 2 WiFi routers (one for the TVs, one for customers).

**Ref: B-122 | Tenerife Prime**

#### Property | 922 703 725

##### Adeje Town, Pizzeria

**€60,000**

FRINA Tenerife is now offering this well know pizza restaurant traspaso in Adeje. The restaurant is centrally located, in the centre of the old Adeje town. Where it is in a residential complex. This is a restaurant that is popular among the residents and families in the area. The premises are a spacious 92 m2 restaurant that has a large, covered terrac... For full information see website or contact:

**Ref: 2525 | FRINA Tenerife SL - Business Sales | 922 085 191**

##### Adeje Town, Pizzeria

**€55,000**

Now FRINA Tenerife offers this Adeje Pizzeria for Sale that has been established for several years and is known for delicious pizzas. If you wish to keep running this business as a pizzeria, this location is perfect to establish yourself as a takeaway and delivery business for all the surrounding complexes. This is the area for you that gives loyal cus... For full information see website or contact:

**Ref: 2416 | FRINA Tenerife SL - Business Sales | 922 085 191**

##### Los Cristianos, Minimarket

**€51,000**

FRINA Tenerife offers this unique opportunity to buy a Traspaso Minimarket and Fast Food Shop in Los Cristianos. This business sales both fast food like kebab, fries and burgers. Moreover, is the store installed with shelves and fridges to sell everyday goods like alcohol, chips, sweets, ice cream, sun cream etc. The premises are 60 m2 inside and has a... For full information see website or contact:

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**UNDER €50,000**

##### Los Cristianos, Bar/Cafe

**€49,500**

FRINA Tenerife now offers this amazing French Café in Los Cristianos. 2 Years ago the owners refurbished this Cafe. Where they also installed a wine boutique. This café serves French healthy food and it does tapas and wine tasting. And has done so for more than 8 years, and has a good reputation. furthermore, with the addition of the boutique, the new own... For full information see website or contact:

**Ref: 2539 | FRINA Tenerife SL - Business Sales | 922 085 191**

##### Las Americas, Bar/Cafe

**€45,000**

FRINA Tenerife offers for sale this Juice Bar & Café in Las Americas that has been established for several years and has many fixed clients. The menu is juices, smoothies, breakfast, salads, sandwiches, and typical Spanish lunches. The guests are a mix of local Spanish and tourists. The premises were refurbished in 2018 and therefore in good condition... For full information see website or contact:

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##### Las Galletas, Bar/Cafe

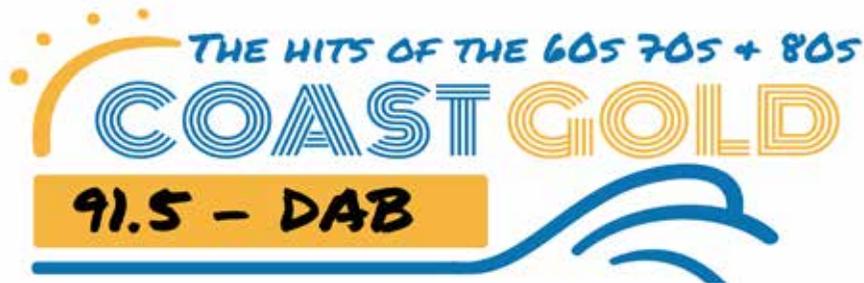
**€35,000**

FRINA Tenerife is happy to offer this modern Bar-Café for Sale in Las Galletas that is known for its lovely tapas. The bar is in a cozy and busy street and has a lovely terrace. The menu is breakfasts, cakes, snacks, and classic Spanish tapas with meat and fresh fish from the locals. The premises are recently refurbished and in great condition, so the ... For full information see website or contact:

**Ref: 2442 | FRINA Tenerife SL - Business Sales | 922 085 191**

##### Torviscas Bajo, Pub

**€35,000**



FRINA Tenerife offers this Pub for Sale in Torviscas that is very popular among especially the British residents and tourists. The pub has a well-equipped kitchen for snacks, nevertheless, most sales are beverages. It is a smaller and easy to run business for another British couple who wishes to work together without the responsibility for many employe... For full information see website or contact:  
**Ref: 2404 | FRINA Tenerife SL - Business Sales | 922 085 191**

**Adeje Town, Pizzeria €35,000**  
 New on the market is this large Pizzeria & Restaurant for sale in Adeje that opened in 2007. The many years with the same owner made this a genuinely successful business. However, today the place is closed, hence the low price. The restaurant was known for delicious pizzas, local fish, great wines, and Italian homemade desserts. It is located centra... For full information see website or contact:  
**Ref: 2448 | FRINA Tenerife SL - Business Sales | 922 085 191**

**Las Americas, Excursion shop €33,000**  
 FRINA Tenerife offers this smaller

excursion shop for sale, which has been established for 3 years. This shop sells all kinds of Tenerife excursions like boat trips and trips to Teide, and tickets for animal and water parks. The shop is in Las Americas which has many tourists year-round and is the busiest tourist area of Tenerife South. The place has a... For full information see website or contact:  
**Ref: 2470 | FRINA Tenerife SL - Business Sales | 922 085 191**

**Las Americas, Pool Bar €32,500**  
 FRINA Tenerife presents this new opportunity Poolbar in Las Americas. A perfect located poolbar inside a complex of 200 apartments, easy to run for a couple. The most profitable hours for this Poolbar in Las Americas are during daytime especially at breakfast. The customers are mostly tourists and there are some residents too. Premises The Poolba... For full information see website or contact:  
**Ref: 2571 | FRINA Tenerife SL - Business Sales | 922 085 191**

**Puerto Colon, Bar/Cafe €29,000**  
 FRINA Tenerife brings to the market this amazing opportunity; a

traspaso bar & café with amazing views. The terrace faces the harbour of Puerto Colon and you will be hard pushed to find a better view than here. Today it is a tapas restaurant specialising in local Spanish tapas but you could change the concept as you like. The premises are in perfect... For full information see website or contact:  
**Ref: 2566 | FRINA Tenerife SL - Business Sales | 922 085 191**

**Las Americas, Beauty Salon €18,000**  
 FRINA Tenerife offers for sale in las Americas this bargain beauty salon that offers pedicures, manicures, massages, make-up, esthetic comitology, and more. The clients are both men and women. It is located centrally in Las Americas facing a busy walking path next to the ocean and among shops, hotels, and restaurants. The premises are 70 m2 with nai... For full information see website or contact:  
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This is a fantastic opportunity to purchase a well-established business. On offer is the leasehold on this Exterior Furniture and Sunshade shop, situated in the popular village of Los Abrigos, including stock on the Showroom floor, supplier contacts and client database.

The Business, established 7 years ago, if marketed more aggressively, could be extremely successful. It would have the advantage of being fed clients from the Studio4Decor Interior Design and Furniture shop,

situated across the road which has been established on the Island for 20 years with an excellent customer service record.

There is little competition in the vicinity and these premises are in the perfect position - close to Golf del Sur and Amarilla Golf - with their large concentration of residents, not to mention that within 10 to 15 minutes lie Palm Mar, Los Cristianos and Las Americas with their huge numbers of international residents. There are literally 1,000's of potential clients

nearby and the Studio4Decor team are on hand to give all the help and guidance any new owner could need.

Accounts are available for inspection to any serious buyer. The Business is profitable and the only reason for sale is that it is too much for one person to run both and there are plans in place to grow the Interior Design & Furniture part. With the right person the Exterior Furniture & Sunshade Shop can be taken to the next level with fabulous earning potential.

### This Business is unique for 3 reasons:

- There is nothing else for sale like this on the Island and it is situated in a very popular area, with ample parking.
- The Studio4Decor team is close by and on hand to give support and guidance during a transition period.
- The Business has an extensive and attractive product range with excellent suppliers from Mainland Spain, with transport logistics already in place.

**€85,000**

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## Stunning First Line Bar

Reduced



This large and stunning bar in San Telmo is 180 m2, offers and impeccable view and has a beautiful décor too. It has been established for years and has many fixed clients. You will be hard pushed to find a better offer in this location.

Ref.: 2584

Price: 113,000€

## Restaurant in Los Cristianos



Located centrally in Los Cristianos is this spacious restaurant, which has a high terrace, nice open dining area and a fully equipped and professional kitchen. It is 100m2 and has tables for 45 guests. The monthly rent is 2,000€

Ref.: 2700

Price: 119,000€

## Large Pool Bar-Restaurant

Open 2 offers



This is in a large and busy complex in Los Cristianos and open to public. The place has a bar and terrace facing the pool and a large restaurant and terrace facing the street. You can seat over 150 guests here. Monthly rent: 3,000€

Ref.: 2633

Price: 135,000€

## Sea Front Bar & Restaurant

NEW



This bar in Costa del Silencio is 200 m2 with a large terrace of 80m2 that offers a stunning sea view which attracts tourists year-round. It is fully equipped and known for delicious tapas and drinks. Monthly rent: 3,500€

Ref.: 2740

Price: 85,000€

## First-Line in Las Americas



This restaurant is on the seaside walk of Las Americas and the elevated terrace of 40m2 offers stunning sea views. The inside is 44m2 and you have tables for 40 guests. The monthly rent is 1,500€, which is very fair for this location.

Ref.: 2726

Price: 130,000€

## Scooter Rental Business

NEW



This is a thriving rental business offering electric scooters. It is located centrally in Las Americas and is very busy. Today it is a 1-man business, but there is plenty of option to expand. The monthly rent is only 716€

Ref.: 2727

Price: 100,000€

## Successful Rental Company

Open 2 offers



This company offers baby equipment, mobility equipment and electric goods for the tourists. Bookings comes from several large hotels in the south and direct by online bookings. It is very busy and a perfect non-catering business.

Ref.: 2722

Price: 125,000€

## Parafarmacia & Webshop



This is a long-established parafarmacia located in La Caleta. The shop is 90m2 and fully equipped and stocked. Moreover, is a website for online sales included in the price. The monthly rent is: 1,700€

Ref.: 2738

Price: 99,000€

## Entertainment Bar & Cafe

Open 2 offers



This bar-café in Torviscas is popular among English speaking clients, it is open for breakfast and lunch but is the busiest during live entertainment. It can host 50 people and was recently refurbished. Monthly rent: 850€

Ref.: 2739

Price: 35,000€

## Small Pool Bar in Busy Complex



If you are looking for a smaller business that closes at night and still has a high turnover, you cannot miss this pool bar in Torviscas that is busy year-round. It can accommodate 37 guests and serve by the pool. Monthly rent: 1,250€

Ref.: 2743

Price: 100,000€

## Amazing Sea View Restaurant



This bar-restaurant is located in Playa San Juan, right in front of the sea and on the seafront promenade. The restaurant is spacious 150m2 and has two terraces on different levels. The monthly rent is: 1,800€.

Ref.: 2721

Price: 60,000€

## Long Italian Restaurant



A very special opportunity to rent a Farm & Restaurant in Tenerife South, which has many opportunities. Included in the rent are 6.000m2 of land and a 288m2 restaurant, which is not open today. The monthly rent is: 4,000€

Ref.: 2733

Price: 4,500€

## Restaurant in Los Cristianos



This restaurant has been established for 14 years and is always busy. It is in the center of Los Cristianos, close to the beach. It is 100m2 with seats for 30 people and a sea view terrace with seats for 15 people. Monthly rent: 2,350€

Ref.: 2746

Price: 89,000€

## Freehold in Puerto Colon

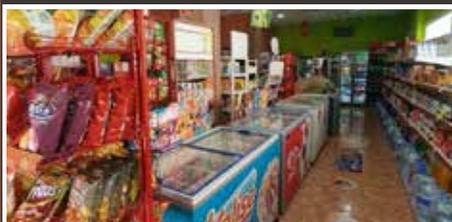


This freehold office is 92m2 and offers a large open office area, a meeting room, a directors office, a toilet, a storage and a kitchen. It was fully refurbished in 2019 and is perfect as office, shop or a beauty salon.

Ref.: 2477

Price: 145,000€

## Profitable Minimarket



This minimarket in Los Abrigos has been open for 13 years and has a good income. It is open 7 days a week 8:00-22:00. It sells all type of everyday groceries, snacks, fruits, vegetables, beverages, tobacco etc. Monthly rent: 600€

Ref.: 2749

Price: 95,000€

## Busy Sports Bar in Los Cristianos



This is one of the busiest sports bars in Los Cristianos and is more 100m2 inside plus a terrace of 40m2. The bar focus on sports, drinks and simple snacks, hence it is an easy business to run. Monthly rent: 1,920€.

Ref.: 2745

Price: 175,000€

## Rental Villa with 7 Apartments

Reduced



This leasehold villa has 7 apartments which are rented out to remote workers who come to enjoy the peace or inspiration. It is a rural villa in Los Relojas, surrounded by breathtaking landscapes. The monthly rent is 2,000€

Ref.: 2737

Price: 65,000€

## Quad Excursion For Sale



This busy business offers quad excursions to Mount Teide. It works 6 days a week and do 3 excursions daily. The business includes 14 quads and 3 cars. It has a great reputation and will be easy to take over.

Ref.: 2716

Price: 159,000€

## Busy Irish Bar for Sale



This Irish Bar is always busy, has the BC License and Music License, enabling live performances and engaging events. It is 150m2 inside and has a terrace of 150m2 too. Interior is in perfect condition. The monthly rent is: 2,00€

Ref.: 2732

Price: 175,000€

## Lap Dance Bar & Club

NEW



This club located centrally in Las Americas has been established for many years and has the license for Lap Dance and Bar Sexual. It is 300m2 with a club and dance area and then 3 private rooms. The monthly rent is: 7,500€

Ref.: 2754

Price: 280,000€

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