

Santa Cruz offers a program of unique tree routes guided by specialists

- **Fundación Cepsa collaborates with Fundación Santa Cruz Sostenible to raise awareness of the wealth of species in various enclaves around the city.**

Fundación Santa Cruz Sostenible, with the collaboration of Fundación Cepsa, is starting a regular program of guided tours of the unique trees of the capital, which will begin next Saturday, July 30.

These routes to make known the unique trees of Santa Cruz de Tenerife will be guided by specialist environmental monitors and will consist of different itineraries around the city that will allow participants to discover the enormous wealth and variety of species that can be enjoyed in different enclaves of the capital of Tenerife.

This initiative by Fundación Santa Cruz Sostenible and Fundación Cepsa will begin next Saturday, July 30, from 10:00 to 12:00 hours. The following dates are scheduled for August 27, September 17, October 29, November 26, and December 17. To participate, it is necessary to register using the link to the form that will be published on the social networks of Fundación Santa Cruz Sostenible, prior to each tour.

The municipal councilor for the environment, Carlos Tarife, said that "the City Council of Santa Cruz wants the inhabitants of Santa Cruz to know the enormous wealth of species we have in the capital, which, undoubtedly, is a further step in disseminating and raising awareness of environmental matters." To this he added that "with this initiative we want to give visibility to the urban plant heritage of Santa Cruz de Tenerife, which, as a result of its climate, hosts specimens from all continents."

For her part, the head of Fundación Cepsa in the Canary Islands, Belén Machado, said, "after collaborating with the City Council in the signposting of the itineraries with unique trees around the city, using posters with informative QR codes, we wanted to give continuity to this action by showing the population the botanical jewels of Santa Cruz, with information sessions by specialist guides. After attending the guided tour, one looks at the city with different eyes, understanding and appreciating the variety of trees that we have and that often go unnoticed, although, in addition to beautifying the landscape, they help to purify the air in our streets, serve as a refuge for birds, fertilize the soil, prevent erosion ... An asset that we want to highlight".

In its green areas, Santa Cruz contains specimens ranging from the ombú, from South America, to the gum arabic tree and the Australian red eucalyptus, for example, in La Granja park. In Viera y Clavijo park one can see specimens of date palm, tamarind, African Kei apple shrub, and American ceiba.

Between García Sanabria Park and the Rambla de Santa Cruz there are species like jacaranda, rain tree, and Canary Island palm. The city center and the area between

Príncipe and San Francisco squares include specimens such as a palo borracho on Castillo Street, a Gabon tulip tree on Robayna Street, an African baobab on El Pilar Street, and an Asian Buddhist pine on Suárez Guerra Street. Completing the route are a bay tree in the Plaza del Príncipe, a dragon tree in the Plaza del Chicharro, and a Bahía Moretón fig tree in the Plaza de San Francisco.

In the vicinity of the Guimerá Theater and the Church of La Concepción, a plum tree in the Plaza de Santo Domingo, and an Australian pine, dragon tree, cresta plant, and Indian laurel in the area surrounding the church are of particular interest.

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