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## **DISCOVER ARUCAS**

The city of Arucas is a district that offers important architectural and urban assets. The city centre, declared a site of historic-artistic interest, is a place visitors must not fail to see.

The Parish Church of San Juan Bautista the leading architectural and social monument in the

municipality. It was built entirely in Arucas stone by local master masons, and it dates from 1909. Apart from the wealth of the carved stone column heads, there are also some beautiful stained glass windows, the works of Canary Island painter Cristobal Hernandez de Quintana, and an extraordinary carving of the Reclining Christ, by Manuel Ramos.



An outstanding feature of Arucas is the Rum Museum and Factory, founded on 1884, which can be visited at any time and is considered one of the historic buildings of the municipality, due to the tradition of rum making in the town.

The warehouse, one of the most important of Europe, has been visited by numerous personalities that have left his paragraph in the casks of oak.





Another of the main visits in Arucas in to the Casa y Jardín de la Marquesa (The Marquise´s Palace and Gardens). This is an interesting architectural and natural site that belongs to the Marquise of Arucas. The house was built in 1880 and the spacious Romantic style gardens around the house can also be visited.

If you prefer to see the natural setting of the city, then you can climb Montaña de Arucas, an excellent vantage point offering one of the most beautiful views of the north of the island any one of its look out points.



Finally, visitors coming to Arucas must not miss

the chance to visit "La Cantera" Stone Quarry. Located very close to the historic quarter, this is one of the municipality's historic quarries, where visitors can buy small craft souvenirs made from the famous blue stone of Arucas.



