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## **Lanzarote**

Driving along the east coast. The last two days I've been exploring the island of Lanzarote. I didn't bring a guide book with me, but the island is not big, and the rental car company gave me a map with places of interest clearly marked in green letters. Upon closer inspection it turned out there are quite a lot of them! So I stopped at the tourist information and the friendly elderly (German) ladies picked the best ones for my two day stay. How very nice of them! But first I had to get food supplies for the boat and a cruising guide for the islands. The search for the latter turned out to be an odyssey through all the ports of the island which lasted my entire stay. My last stop was Playa Blanca in the very south. And here, in the Marina Rubicon, did I finally get my sailing guides. I was so relieved that I picked up all the other cruising guides and maps for my future route that I could get my hands on: Capo Verde, Brazil, Barbados, and St. Lucia. Better safe than sorry, and it is not safe to depend on the electronic charts alone. Typical landscape The island offers many spectacular sights, most of them related somehow to the volcanic activities of the past. Which is not very surprising, because the whole island is one big ash- and lava-field dotted with volcanoes and craters. In between nice little villages, and along the coast not so nice tourist centers. Because of frequent pirate raids the original inhabitants lived far inland, and only in the 19th century did the development of the coasts really begin. Today I will leave Lanzarote and sail south towards Fuerteventura, where I will meet Michael and his Family on holiday. Castillo de Santa Barbara A poser. Entrance to Jameos del Agua Blind albino crab in the Jameos del Agua Jameos del Agua Driving in the north. Rocks! The marina Puerto Calero Crater next to Montana Negra. La Graciosa to the north of Lanzarote

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good sailing, weiterhin Axel! Schöne Fotos!  
Anonymous on May 27 2010, 07:11

Beautiful photos!! Oh, and nice work on getting the dwarf8 some airtime  
Anonymous on May 31 2010, 14:42