

The large number of visitors to the peaks of our mountains on the days following heavy snowfalls can often result in hazardous situations. These have arisen in past years and need to be resolved in order to increase public safety.

Due to the combination of the snow and the accumulation of visitors, a number of restrictions and rules of conduct must be introduced to regulate traffic, reduce traffic jams and ensure the roads can be used by the emergency services.

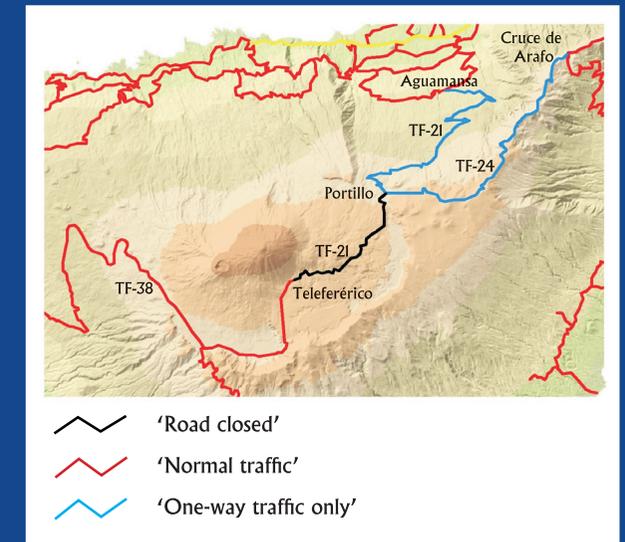
These restrictions and rules are imposed on a temporary basis as and when required by the conditions

‘Operation Snowfall’ is designed to ensure one lane remains open at all times for use when required by the emergency services.

1- Traffic on road TF-24 is one-way only (Teide direction) from the Arafo turn-off to El Portillo. Vehicles may not return down the mountain along this route.

2- Road TF-21, from the National Park to La Orotava, also becomes one-way only as of Aguamansa. No traffic is allowed up to the National Park along this road, which is reserved exclusively for vehicles heading down the mountain after driving up along the TF-24. In other words, all vehicles must drive up to the Teide National Park along the TF-24 and return via La Orotava.

3- The TF-21 road is closed to traffic from the cable car station (‘Teleférico’) to El Portillo Bajo. No vehicles will be allowed along this stretch. Motorists who have reached Mt Teide using the roads from Chío or Vilaflor may drive as far as the cable car station but must then return via one of these two routes.



In order to enjoy the snow safely and in comfort, please observe the rules in force and advice given during Operation Snowfall.

REMEMBER

- Always drive in the direction indicated and keep to your right. The left lane is reserved for the emergency services.
- Try and park off the road or at authorised stopping points. Never park on the left lane since this will prevent access by emergency vehicles.
- Take your rubbish home with you or place it in the bins along the route.
- Follow the instructions given by the authorities and observe traffic signs, which are there to help everybody.

Heavy snow falls occasionally in Tenerife, due largely to the presence of Mt Teide, Spain's highest peak at 3718 m. These rare and spectacular snowfalls draw people in large numbers to the mountain top to view and enjoy the white surroundings.

When this occurs a number of special measures -Operation Snowfall- need to be activated to ensure everyone can enjoy the spectacular scenery more safely and with as little inconvenience as possible.

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Enjoy the snow more safely

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