

Since the Castilian conquest, the islands have maintained fluid and regular relations with Africa. Exchanges have been constant throughout history; slavery, privateering and colonialism have been part of this link. The archipelago has become one of the main African gateways to the European Union and a place of settlement for people.

Representations of Africans, fortresses that were distinguished in the Barbary corsair attacks, material from the colonies, African masks and art, Canarian representations of Africa, documentation and audiovisual centres, cartographic records about the continent, all form part of the Africa-related material located in the islands, to such an extent that we can affirm that it is the richest community in Spain concerning this type of elements.

In Fuerteventura, the heritage related to this continent allows the creation of a thematic route: Antigua, Caleta de Fuste, Betancuria, La Oliva, El Roque, El Cotillo, Playa de la Señora, Puerto del Rosario, Tetir, Ampuyenta, Puerto Lajas, El Matorral, Tiscamanita, Los Moriscos, La Florida and La Entallada. Among the must-see treasures we highlight the castles of Fuste and Tostón, the Hermitage of St. Martin de Porres in El Roque, the Moriscos settlements of Los Moriscos and La Florida, the Adoration of the Magi in the Saint Mary's Church in Betancuria, the mortars and rock engravings of the Archaeological Museum, the Balthazars in the paintings of Animas located in La Oliva and Tetir, the monument to the first shipwreck of a patera and the lighthouse of La Entallada.

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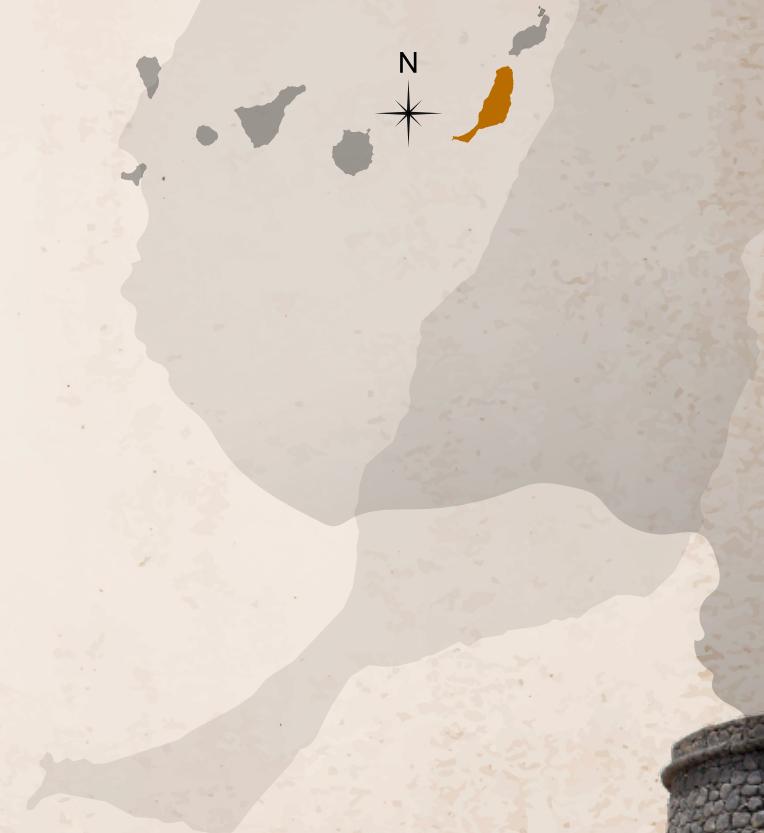
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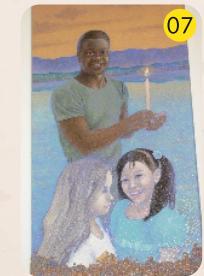
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Castle of Fuste



St. Martin de Porres



Baptism of Christ triptych



La Entallada's lighthouse



Donkeys in Jandía

Monument first
shipwreck of a patera

Settlement of Los Moriscos



Settlement of La Florida

Mortar Archaeological
Museum of Betancuria

Kitchen maid



Tower of El Tostón



St. Martin de Porres

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