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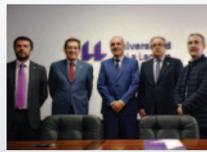
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## MORE HOLIDAYMAKERS - LOWER PROFITS

### Provisionally positive holiday balance

“We expect to close the year with 5.8 million holidaymakers. This means that we have not only achieved results similar to the previous 12 months, but we’ve even topped them, and that’s something we did not expect.

However, “The winner is Tenerife, but not so much the business owners”, Alberto Bernabé, Island Vice President and Tourism Councillor, said shortly before the end of the year.

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↑ Many holidaymakers return again and again to Tenerife. The plus points are: Landscape, diversity, climate and kind people

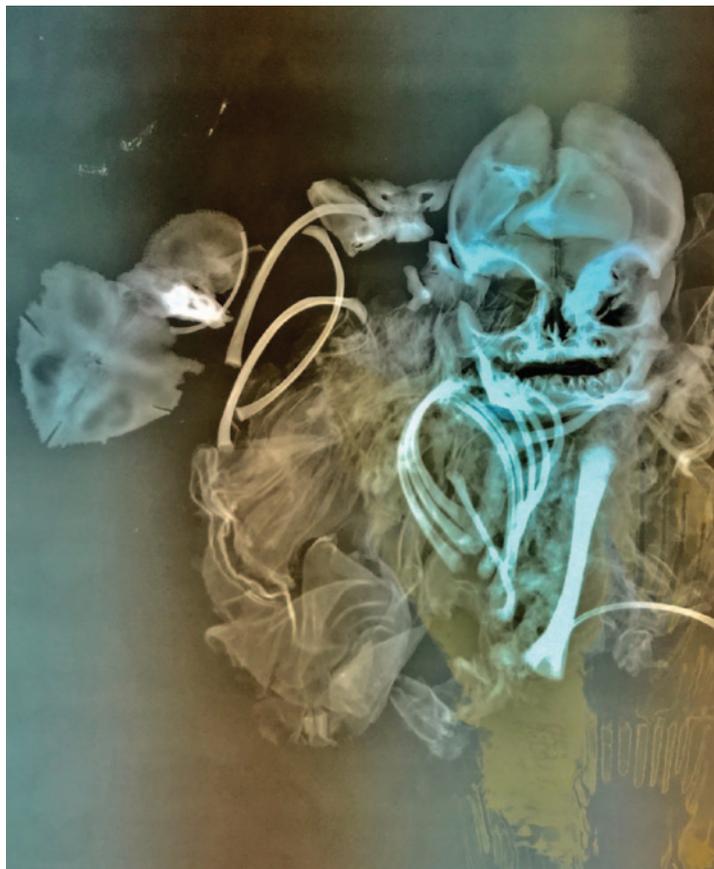
## A PIECE OF GUANCHE CULTURE

# Mummified children

There is still much to learn about the cave-dwelling indigenous inhabitants of Tenerife known as the Guanches, but the discovery of two mummified children has added a further dimension to studies.

The sensational find took place in February of last year but was only recently presented to the public. The tiny mummies are now housed in the Museum of Nature and Archaeology in Santa Cruz and are being tested using the very latest DNA methods.

Photographer Sergio Marrero and hunter Domingo Garcia were the ones who made the incredible discovery. The men were on an expedition in the so-called Malpais (badlands) of Guía de Isora, at 1,390 metres above sea level, to look for albino spiders that live in the darkness of volcanic tubes. The terrain in the area is a gigantic lava field caused by a series of eruptions that took place about 25,000 years ago. In one of the tubes, the two men came across something strange. “At first we thought they were the remains of a doll,” Marrero remem-



↑ A precious find, mummified babies from the lava field near Guía de Isora

bers. “We didn’t immediately understand the implications of our find,” confirms García. Although they were not sure what they were dealing with, the pair behaved wisely, informing the Monument Protection Office at the Island Council.

The remains were collected by archaeologists, who confirmed they belonged to two very young babies who may not have survived birth. “These are the mummies of a foetus about 35 to 36 weeks old and a baby that reached full term. “We can rule out the possibility that they are twins, but by DNA analysis we hope to determine whether there is a degree of kinship,” explained Conrado Rodríguez Maffiotte, director of the Canary Islands Institute of Bioanthropology and the Archaeological Museum of Tenerife. The study, the results of which are expected in two to three months, will also provide information on gender, the impact of the environment on the preservation of the mummies and any funeral rites.

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