



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tenerife - camper paradise?



The association Yescape - the largest platform for the rental of residential and camping vehicles, was mentioned recently in *Island Connections*. Obviously, however, they have not discussed the circum-

stances on site. My report concerns places in Tenerife, for example in Palm Mar: in two small streets with a total of 28 parking spaces which can be used for residents and promenade visitors, 17 camp-

ing people are expected at the weekend.

We are campers ourselves and can't understand how waste water can be discharged directly onto the road, and waste-holding tanks can simply be emptied onto the verges. This has been achieved because of the great freedom they have!

For the tourism federation, or whoever is responsible for the construction of campsites, these are the signs of the times. We have needed proper camp sites for over 15 years. In Los Cristianos, from the Calle Playa Graciosa to the sea, similar conditions prevail. It is even worse on the way from Los Silos to the Teno lighthouse, where

there were about 80 campers last weekend, who partly disposed of their garbage in the cactus hedges and then made their way back home with leaking sewage. There is simply a lack of regulations, such as a weekly certificate of disposal for emptying the holding tanks (we only know one filling station that has a disposal station) and tightened controls with severe penalties for leaving garbage behind. Tourists and local walkers feel disgusted. To underline this letter to the editor, I attach two pictures that illustrate what is described.

Many greetings,
Marianne H. (full name provided to the editor) ■



LE FILLES DE ILLIGHADAD

Tuareg rock from Nigeria

Three strong women from Nigeria with powerful music

Photo: Ayto. La Laguna



These women have broken through all the boundaries to which women in their homeland, Nigeria, are normally subject.

They grew up in a nomadic community in the middle of the Sahara desert, without electricity and running water and material possessions, in the bosom of a people firmly bound in ancient traditions, where women have few rights and are still circumcised. It's a wild and exhausting life. Fatou Seide Ghali, one of the few guitarists in this African country, hid there in the midst of it all and taught herself to play her brother's guitar. Today she is on the road with her successful trio Filles de Illighadad. Their music is a kind of Tuareg-Rock, a mixture of traditional elements, Rural-Folk, Avant-Rock and After-Folk, a blend which is strong, expressive and crosses over boundaries. They redefine the role of women in their society, cross borders and convey the beauty of their country, and they do it in their own powerful way, which does not hide behind men, but redefines the image of women of their generation and their homeland.

The concert will take place on April 6 at 9pm at the Teatro Leal in La Laguna. Tickets are available for €10 and €15 at the box office or via www.entrees.es. ■

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