

Weekend in the Canary Islands

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Good evening. Two strikes are on the horizon, and Tenerife's main motorway becomes a night-time building site. First comes a weekend of concerts, fiestas and a horror film festival, much of it free.

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General strike on 11 November: buses, airports and offices could stop

The unions CCOO and UGT have called a 24-hour general strike on all islands for Wednesday 11 November. They want pay rises of 4 to 7 percent and more affordable housing.

A general strike can hit public offices, schools, health services and local transport, as well as airports and ports. Minimum services and times have not been published yet.

What it means for you: If you fly or have important appointments on 11 November, allow extra time and check with your airline and airport in good time. We will report the minimum services as soon as they are set.

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WHAT MATTERS THIS WEEK

Ports. On Friday 30 October, work stops from 1 to 3 p.m. in all of Spain's main ports, including Las Palmas and Santa Cruz de Tenerife. Ferries in that window may be delayed. [What ferry passengers need to know ›](#)

TF-1. From the night into Monday 26 October, 18.6 kilometres of motorway between Santa Cruz and Arafo will be resurfaced. Work runs for six months, Sunday to Thursday from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. [Where it gets tight at night ›](#)

Holiday lets. Spain's consumer ministry wants two online platforms to delete 8,318 listings. They were advertised as seasonal rentals but allowed bookings of under 31 days. [What tenants and landlords need to know ›](#)

Protest. Tenants and pensioners rally on Saturday 24 October at 11:30 a.m. on Plaza de La Candelaria in Santa Cruz de Tenerife. They want rents cut by half and higher pensions. [Read the story ›](#)

A find. A homeowner on Gran Canaria found four ivory tusks and carved figures before a renovation and reported them to the Guardia Civil himself. The collection has been seized. [Read the story ›](#)

THIS WEEKEND ON THE ISLANDS

Sat 24 Oct, 7 p.m. · La Gomera

Los Satélites at Puerto de Vuelas

The concert closes the 'Aguá la mar' sea festival in Valle Gran Rey, which starts at 10 a.m.

Sat 24 Oct, 2 p.m.–midnight · Tenerife

Tropicalia turns 10 at Andana Beach Club

Ten hours of music on two stages in Puerto de la Cruz, tickets from 65 euros according to a listings site.

Sat 24 Oct, 8:30 p.m. · Tenerife

David Bustamante in Santa Úrsula

The highlight of the patron saint fiestas, which run until Sunday. Most events are free.

Sat 24 Oct · Gran Canaria

'Telde cambia la hora' in San Gregorio

A street party with family activities, fairs and music into the night.

Fri-Sat, 6 and 8 p.m. · Gran Canaria

Teror Film Fest 'Mundo Monster'

24 international horror shorts at the Auditorio de Teror, free with a reservation.

until Sat 24 Oct · Fuerteventura

Corralejo Blues & Jazz Festival

The 20th edition runs in the open air on Avenida Nuestra Señora del Carmen.

Sun 25 Oct, 8 p.m. · Gran Canaria

Braulio free in Vecindario

The Canarian singer plays the Recinto Ferial as part of the San Rafael fiestas.

AT A GLANCE

- **4 to 7%** is the pay rise CCOO and UGT want, depending on the sector. [Read more ›](#)
- **€13.9m** is what the TF-1 resurfacing costs, according to the Cabildo de Tenerife. [Read more ›](#)
- **€250** a month is what the Bono Alquiler Joven pays young tenants, up to 6,000 euros in total. [Read more ›](#)

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