

Tenerife, ready to host the Dial Gala

In addition to this important event, the island continues its promotional activity with attendance at trade fairs such as BTL Lisbon, B-Travel 2020 in Barcelona and Moscow's MITT

Tenerife is all set to host the 24th edition of the Dial Awards on 12th March, which recognise the very best in Spanish music. The event will once again welcome the greatest artists from both sides of the pond, such as this year's winners Edurne, Melendi, Estopa, Amaral, Funambulista, India Martínez, Dani Martín, Antonio José, Aitana, Pablo López, Vanesa Martín and Dani Fernández.

While we patiently wait for this fabulous event, tickets for which sold out within 50 minutes, the island is also continuing its intense programme of promotional activity abroad. The Tenerife Tourism Board will be attending, among others, the BTL in Lisbon from the 11th to the 15th of March, an event that will give us visibility in a market that has enormous potential for the destination, strengthened with launch of direct flights from the Portuguese capital by airlines such as Binter, TAP and Vueling.

Two days later, on the 17th March, the MITT fair will begin in Moscow, where Tenerife will carry out a series of meetings with important names in the tourism industry and professional media. Likewise, from March 27th to 29th, Tenerife will be attending the B-Travel 2020 in Barcelona, one of the most important tourism fairs held in Spain. On this occasion, the island will be joined by half a dozen companies from Tenerife's tourism industry, as well as different town councils.

These events will not only allow the Tenerife Tourism Board to promote the island's many attractions as a tourist destination but also to find out more about travel trends following the coronavirus cases occurring in Europe.

Meanwhile, work also continues here in the destination. Between Friday (March 6th) and Sunday (March 8th), around 70 independent travel agents from the Spanish mainland will be arriving to discover first-hand the island's attractions; from Teide National Park, a World Heritage Site, to sampling delicious local wines during a visit to the Bodega Alto de Trevejos. They will also learn more about the wide range of leisure activities on offer, including water parks such as Siam Park. A workshop between the agents and local suppliers will also be carried out.

Normality

Exactly the same as in previous days, a state of normality prevails in Tenerife, where last week's outbreak of coronavirus episode has made no difference at all to daily life in tourist areas and the rest of the island. Services, transport, ports and airports are all operating as normal (with no restriction whatsoever regarding arrivals or departures), a condition that is repeated on beaches, in parks, shops, museums, etc.

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The regional health department belonging to the Canarian Government has confirmed that six people confirmed to have tested positive for coronavirus COVID-19 remain hospitalised in Tenerife. They are all being given regular blood tests and when once they give a double negative result they will be discharged (as has happened with the patient who was being kept in hospital in La Gomera, who is now free to go about his normal life).

The departure plan for guests at the hotel in Tenerife where the six were staying continues, with 246 people now having left the facilities by 18:00 today.

Up to now, more than 450 PCR screening tests for coronavirus have been carried out in the canaries, 420 of which have been done at the Nuestra Señora de La Candelaria University Hospital in Tenerife.

Information Channels

The regional health department has kept the freephone number 900 112 061 open to provide information related to the coronavirus, where a team of nurses, under the supervision of the Canarian Emergency Services, will answer any queries regarding prevention measures, the possibility of infection and myths related to the virus.

In addition, we remind everyone of how crucial it is for anyone who believes they may have symptoms relating to the coronavirus (cough, sore throat, fever and feeling a shortness of breath) and have returned from any of the areas at risk within the past 14 days, or have had contact with anyone who has come from these areas, to please contact the emergency health services on 1-1-2 and to avoid going directly to health centres or emergency departments at the hospitals. By using this number, someone will be sent directly to your home in order to carry out all the necessary tests, although we urge people to use this resource sensibly and only when fulfilling the conditions previously mentioned.

The Canarian Government provides regular updates on its website <https://www.gobiernodecanarias.org/sanidad/> and also via its Twitter accounts @SanidadGobcan y @CuidadosSCS.