

## Magma Centro de Arte and Congresos

# Northern talent

• A young and extraordinarily talented group of musicians will be holding sway at the Magma Centro de Arte and Congresos on January 15th.

The Trondheim Soloists from Norway is one of the most exciting young ensembles performing on the international stage. Their dedication, commitment and enthusiasm has quickly established them as the most innovative chamber ensemble in Norway with invitations to play with some of the highest calibre artists across a broad range of genres. A complete must for music lovers of all ages. Tickets from [www.magmatenerife.es](http://www.magmatenerife.es) or on 902 109 974.



## Naveira Armas

## New ferry



• A new ship, the largest cruise ferry in Spain, is to be put into service in the Islands by Naviera Armas.

Volcán del Teide was built in Santander and is undergoing sea trials in Vigo before the official launch and handover to Naviera Armas and transfer to the Canaries. At 178 metres long and 30,000 tons the ship

can carry 1,600 passengers and 350 cars as well as cargo at up to 26 knots, which should mean an important time saving on crossings. Passenger accommodation includes 478 beds in 124 cabins including two double penthouses as well as 500 reclining chairs and a VIP room with electric reclining chairs and facilities include video cinemas, a nursery, lookout decks, games rooms, bars,

buffet, changing rooms and a swimming pool. The Volcán del Teide is the first of two new ferries to be launched by the company, the next, Volcán de Tinamar, will be launched on January 20th and should be in service during spring 2011. This will complete the total renovation of the Naveira Armas Islands' fleet begun in 2003, with nine newly built ferries operating here.

## AIR TRANSPORT

## More Ryanair bases

The Canarian President, Paulino Rivero, has confirmed that Ryanair are to open two more operational hubs in the Canaries.

Fuerteventura and Lanzarote will both have Ryanair bases as from the spring, to add to the existing hubs in Gran Canaria and Tenerife. Rivero claimed that the company will bring in a million more tourists to the Islands throughout 2011.

## ELECTRICITY

## Government promises

Angry reaction to the forthcoming hike in electricity prices has prompted the Spanish government to promise to do all it can to soften the blow for needier families.

Regions Minister Gaspar Riarrias used his trip to the Canaries yesterday to say that whilst the anticipated 9.8 per cent rise in tariffs as of the beginning of the year will affect households, imaginative measures are

being considered to lessen the impact. The government claims the increase is to bring the cost of supplying electricity into line with market energy prices. An average householder will be facing a monthly increase of €3.2 per month, €38.40 per year.

## ISLANDS WINDFALL

## Lottery luck

Well, we spent €88 million on Christmas lottery tickets in the islands, but at least some of it came back.

Ten tickets of the number one prize 'El Gordo' were sold in Garachico and each lucky winner will scoop €300,000. Over in La Palma, a young student brought back luck for his family and friend with the purchase of 60 of the second prize tickets in Granada in July. Luckily for him he kept one of the tickets before selling on to family and friends with €100,000 for each of the fortunate ones. A fifth prize which pays out €5,000 per ticket was sold in La Oliva in Fuerteventura and, "well shared out" according to the lottery sellers. Favourite numbers snapped up by superstitious people include the date of the big storms, 28110, and of the historic World Cup win by Spain 11710 which each earned €20 for their owners and a cheeky number in Mallorca with a loyal following, 69069, finally brought in €5,000 for each ticket holder.

## GARACHICO

## Homes and away

The new marina project in Garachico will eventually include a pool complex and a tourist and residential area.

A general invitation has been made to investors and in particular to land owners in the proposed area of development, to put forward initiatives for developing the zone. The local councillor for economic development, Heriberto González, underlined that how far and how fast the proposals take shape will of course depend on the overall economic climate.



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