

Tango & las Cruces de mayo

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Dates and Prices 27 April to 4 May - £599.00

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Tango in Granada includes a full tango syllabus with popular Argentinian teachers Carlos and Debora (ten hours) as well as evening milongas, sociable nights out and the chance to immerse yourself in a real Spanish street festival, Las Cruces de Mayo. "Cruces" is Andalucia's biggest festival and the streets of Granada are awash with elaborate flower-adorned crosses, celebrated with dancing, street food and Sangria into the early hours!

The tango syllabus is suitable for all levels and Carlos and Debora's method of teaching ensures that everyone will take something away from their week in Granada; beginner dancers will return with a new confidence in tango and more advanced dancers will learn at least 3 or 4 new routines.

We stay in the 4* Hotel los Angeles in the centre of Granada (one of the few city centre hotels with a swimming pool) and in addition to daily classes and nights out there is time to explore the city. Tango in Granada is fully hosted and our local expert will ensure you make the most of your stay in Andalucia's favourite city.

The Alegría of the Spanish Fiesta Las Cruces de Mayo celebrates the triumph of life over death. Each square has amplified music for dancing and every corner of the town is filled with 'alegría' well into the small hours in true inimitable Andalucian style. Las Cruces de Mayo finale takes place every year on the 3rd May.

Call Club Dance Holidays to book on 0207 099 4816.

Your Holiday

What's Included

- | Ten hour tango course
- | At least five evening milongas
- | Full hosting by our team on the ground who are experts in Granada
- | Transfers to / from Malaga airport
- | 7 nights accommodation in the comfortable and well located 4 star Hotel Los Angeles
- | A well thought out programme including parties, soirees, restaurants, nights out dancing and sightseeing suggestions
- | Chance to experience Las Cruces de Mayo street Fiesta
- | A full orientation pack containing information on where to eat, where to party and tourist spots so you can do your own thing
- | A welcome drink

NB: Price is based on twin-share accommodation. Single supplement is £161. Alternatively, we can arrange a room share partner for you.

What previous Customers Have Said about this Holiday

"Overall, I had a great time. The holiday is very well conceived and executed, lots of attention from the tour host, very well balanced, thank you!!"

"Just to let you know that we had a superb holiday in Granada. The city, the people, the tour host were all great. Can't quantify the fun we had. We would like to thank everybody in your organisation and all those above mentioned for the effort and real dedication given to the week's events. We will certainly book a future holiday with your company."

"I will remember it fondly for a long time - thanks to the tour host. Great fun!"

"Dancing with Carlos and Debora was a real privilege, their tuition was just exquisite"

"I don't think I can single out any part of the holiday I would change. We didn't want to come home!"

"Granada is such a vibrant city, the teachers and the tour host were fantastic. Thanks for a magic experience!"

Is this holiday for me? Yes! Tango in Granada is open to all levels of dancing ability. Whether you are a beginner or an accomplished dancer, you will be made to feel very welcome. We count on years of experience in managing classes, levels and groups so that everyone has a great time. But please do tell us what level you are when you book, so we can make sure you get the most from your holiday.

Your Destination, includes sightseeing Located in Andalusia in the south of Spain, Granada is a magical city with a combination of elegant, chic society and a Bohemian subculture. Its breathtaking *vistas* (views), Moorish ambiance and the dreamlike beauty of the Alhambra Palace can arouse even the most jaded visitor. With the snow-capped peaks of the Sierra Nevada as a backdrop, trickling fountains in every square and rich Andalusian cuisine, you cannot fail to fall under Granada's spell.

The Sights

- | The Albaicin - the old Arab-Jewish quarter still with narrow cobbled streets and carmenes (walled gardens).
- | The Alhambra – this ancient Moorish palace built during Spain's 800 year Islamic occupation is one of the world's most wondrous buildings with its modest elegant beauty, peaceful ambiance, and myriad fountains and pools.
- | The Generalife - the gardens and the summer palace of the Alhambra: some of the greatest decorative gardens in Europe with breathtaking views.
- | The Cathedral – huge Renaissance building symbolising the city's return to Catholicism after the surrender of the Moors.

Climate and weather Weather: Granada is nestled at the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountains. Because of its high altitude, the evenings can be cool. During spring the day usually promises sun with clear blue skies with a breathtaking views of the Sierra. Average temperatures during May can be anything between 14 and 25 degrees celsius.

Your Accommodation Los Angeles - Hotel**** (Bed & Breakfast) (Included)
Hotel Los Angeles is one of the few hotels in Granada with an outside pool. This is a tastefully furnished four star hotel in one of Granada's most desirable residential quarters situated by the River Genil. Most rooms come with a balcony (please make a request at the time of booking), and all of them have en-suite facilities, television and air-conditioning.

There is a spa adjacent to the hotel offering an excellent range of massage and beauty treatments as well as a hydrotherapy circuit. It is about a ten minute walk to the main central shopping area of Granada. Whilst there are no tea and coffee making facilities in the rooms, there is a cafe within the hotel which is open most of the day.

Classes and Workshops In Granada there will be ten hours of tango tuition with our course directors Carlos and Debora (two hours a day over five days). Our clients tell us that they get an enormous amount out of these classes, owing to the large amount of individual feedback and interpreter on hand.

Carlos and Debra can take beginners or people who have only a bit of tango experience and by the end of the week, providing you commit yourself to learning, utilise the practise sessions and also have a go at the Milongas in the evenings, you will be able to dance the basic tango steps with a partner with confidence and also have a few really cool looking decorations in your repertoire to spice things up.

For the more experienced dancers, Carlos and Debra can bring your tango on in a week to levels that you would not have dared to hope for. But once again, how much you learn is down to the commitment you want to make during the week.

They will start the first session by asking you to dance a tango while they observe and then according to your ability and the overall dance level, put you in the most suitable group. Carlos & Debora will then give each group a series of dance steps, aimed at improving everyone's dance technique (and also so beautiful that you will want badly to learn them!). They come round at least every 5 minutes to personally help you when you need it and once you have mastered those moves, they will give you an even more challenging sequence – and so on.

Themes can include:

Tango

A sample programme can include:

Improvers

Quality walking, perfect balance, good rhythm & musicality

Intermediate

Better connection in giros, ganchos, boleos, sacadas, enrosques

Advanced

Dynamics in motion, difficult sequences, variations

Vals

The tango version of a waltz, differing from Argentine tango and Milonga in that there are no stopping figures.

Colgadas

A Tango move where the feet of the follower and leader are in the same space and their bodies lean apart from each other in a perfect counterweight. The colgada is relatively modern and part of nuevo Tango.

Ganchos

A tango embellishment executed by flexing and swinging the knee of the free leg, and swinging it around sharply to hook around the partner's leg, and then quickly releasing.

Sacadas

Any move in which one or other partner moves into the space vacated by their partner's leg in such a way that he or she appears to have displaced her or him.

The teachers will pass through the group on an on-going basis, giving individual help to each couple. Once a couple have mastered the steps a new element is added, ensuring everyone is "stretched", and therefore always learning something.

By the end of the week, depending on your commitment, it will be possible for more experienced dancers to have mastered between 5 to 8 beautiful and complicated dance sequences.

Dance Studios: The tango classes will conveniently take place within the hotel, in a large ballroom.

Note for Beginners / Improvers

Our Argentine tango syllabus offers enhanced learning for all levels and abilities. We cater for beginners to advanced dancers but we recommend that complete beginners take at least four or five classes before joining the holiday.

Argentine tango developed between around 1880 and 1910 and took its roots from several types of European folk dances. It was first danced in something like its present form mainly by lonely men, who danced together in the bars and bordellos of Buenos Aires, due to the shortage of women at the time resulting from the mass immigration of men to this part of the world looking for work.

The dance was then refined and became massively popular in the dance halls of Argentina during the 1920s and moved across to Europe in the 1930s. The wonderful, sensual music became known throughout the world and is an integral part of Tango.

The Dance

The building blocks of the tango are the Posture, Embrace and most important of all the Walk. The best teachers will emphasise these from the time you take your first lesson and continually thereafter. When you start to get these right, whether you are a Leader (Usually a man and mostly travelling forwards) or a Follower (Usually a woman and mostly travelling backwards), that's when you begin to look good and – you'll know it! And then you'll know why the tango is the most sensual dance of all. You're hooked!

When you go to a tango dance, known as a "Milonga", the floor is usually so crowded with dancers that the only steps you will probably be able to make for most of the evening will be a walk or a variation of a walk with a few changes of direction to get round the corners. So if you want to strut your stuff – your "Walk" has to look good.

Our tango dance holidays can improve the standard of your musicality, floor-craft and overall enjoyment of this beautiful and sensual dance – whatever your current level of ability.

Dance Studios: All tuition will comfortably take place in a large space within the Hotel Los Angeles on a marble floor.

The Learning Experience

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They will start the first session by just asking you to dance a tango while they observe. At the end of that first dance they will grade each person according to their ability and put them in the most suitable group. The groups are then separated and C & D will give each group a series of dance steps, aimed to "Stretch" them and also so beautiful that you will want badly to learn them! They come round at least every 5 minutes to personally help you when you need it and once you have mastered those moves, they will give you an even more challenging sequence – and so on.

Daily Itinerary

Example Itinerary:

This is a provisional itinerary, and any of the listed activities are only a suggestion.

There will be some elements which will change.

(OP) indicates an optional extra for which a charge will be made in advance.

DAY 1

- | Arrival and transfer to hotel
- | Evening Overview of the week with welcome drink; level decider; meal and drinks
- | Milonga with the locals

DAY 2

- | Morning Tango lessons
- | Afternoon Lunch and free time to wander around the Albaycin, Granada's old jewish quarter with stunning views over the town
- | (OP) Flamenco show in the heart of the gypsy quarter
- | Milonga with the locals

DAY 3

- | Morning Tango lessons
- | Afternoon (OP) Relax in the Spa - a perfect cure for tired feet!
- | Evening Meet up for tapas and drinks

DAY 4 - FIESTA DAY

- | Morning Tango lessons
- | Afternoon Free time to walk around the fiesta, watch the locals dancing sevillanas and snacking at the stalls!
- | Evening (OP) Delicious lunch served in raciones (plates to share) at classy Andalusian Taberna
- | Later Enjoy tango dancing with the locals at one of Granada's tango bars

DAY 5

- | Morning Sightseeing suggestion: visit the legendary Alhambra Palace
- | Afternoon Free day for lunch and time to relax
- | Evening Tapas and drinks
- | Later Try out some Salsa-ing at one of Granada's top nightspots

DAY 6

- | Morning Tango lessons
- | Afternoon Lunch and free time in Granada to feel the atmosphere warming up as the festivities begin
- | Evening Tapas and drinks
- | Later Milonga with the locals

DAY 7

- | Morning Free time for last minute shopping
- | Evening (OP) Delicious fondue dinner in a restaurant high up in the Albaycin with views over the Alhambra
- | Farewell milonga

DAY 8

I Transfer to Airport

Nightlife	<p>We include at least five milongas in Granada. The Tango scene in Granada is intimate and friendly and entrance is free to the Tango bars.</p> <p>On other nights you can dine out at fantastic restaurants, see flamenco shows, try out some Salsa-ing and enjoy the delights of the Spanish fiesta. Your tour host, who is native to Granada, will be on hand to ensure you maximise your nights out in this lively city.</p>
Your Teachers	<p>Carlos and Debora from Buenos Aires have lived in Granada for approximately eight years. They both trained at the Dinzel Tango Academy in Argentina, have recorded four Tango films and perform regularly. They are a charming, delightful couple with excellent teaching techniques.</p> <p>They can take beginners or people who have only a bit of tango experience and by the end of the week, providing you commit yourself to learning, utilise the practise sessions and also have a go at the Milongas in the evenings, you will be able to dance the basic tango steps with a partner with confidence and also have a few really cool looking decorations in your repertoire to spice things up.</p> <p>For the more experienced dancers, Carlos and Debra can bring your tango on in a week to levels that you would not have dared to hope for. But once again, how much you learn is down to the commitment you want to make during the week.</p> <p>They will start the first session by just asking you to dance a tango while they observe. At the end of that first dance they will grade each person according to their ability and put them in the most suitable group. The groups are then separated and C & D will give each group a series of dance steps, aimed to "Stretch" them and also so beautiful that you will want badly to learn them! They come round at least every 5 minutes to personally help you when you need it and once you have mastered those moves, they will give you an even more challenging sequence – and so on.</p>
Food and Meals	<p>Andalusian cuisine: Granada offers many cosy, family-run restaurants offering traditional Andalusian dishes. You will also find restaurants offering other types of cuisine: Italian, Chinese, Lebanese, Moroccan, Argentinian, Colombian and more.</p> <p>Tapas/Raciones culture: Tapas bars are an intrinsic part of Andalusian culture. 'Tapa' translates as 'lid'. The idea is that you keep you hunger in check by eating small plates of food. With each drink that you order, you order a 'tapa' that comes free with your drink. In most tapas bars you don't sit down. Rather, you stand or sit on stools at the bar. In tapas bars and in many restaurants you can also order 'raciones'. A ración is a plate of one type of dish (either meat or fish or salad etcetera). The idea is for a group of people to order a 'ración' each and for the group to then share the dishes between themselves. It's a great way to be able to try different dishes! If you would prefer to eat a sit down three course meal, we suggest that you eat at a restaurant with a set menu.</p>
Optional Extras	<p>What are optional extras? In addition to your holiday we also offer you a variety of optional extras to make your holiday even richer and add some local colour. You can buy your optional extras at the welcome meeting at the beginning of your holiday. We will ask you to pay in cash and fill out a form. These are the optional extras that we anticipate running – actual details and prices will be confirmed on arrival. Some may require minimum numbers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">I Mini "Salsa Sampler" course : We are offering a 4-hour sampler course in Salsa (COMPLETE BEGINNERS ONLY). The Salsa course will take place within the Hotel Los Angeles. This Salsa course should be paid for at the time of booking. (£65). Minimum numbers requiredI Flamenco show: Of a quality rarely seen outside Spain – the genuine heart stopping experience – (£25)I Spanish Language course: Any level (£98)I Spanish Food Tasting Extravaganza: sit and watch typical Spanish dishes being prepared or cooked in front of your very eyes and then sample each one. Several courses and some wine included in price. Book in advance, minimum numbers required (£45)I Folkloric Tango Show: watch your teachers, Carlos and Debora dance for you! Their popular show includes Tango through the ages with a mix of modern and traditional style numbers and costumes. Minimum numbers required (£40)I Visit the Beach: take a private transfers down to Granada's "costa Tropical" beach for the afternoon and relax by the sea or wonder round the charming town of Salobreña. Minimum number of 6 people required (£25)

Single Room
Supplements,
Upgrades and
Budget Options

Option 1 - Included

Los Angeles - Hotel**** Bed & Breakfast - (27/04/2013 to 04/05/2013 - 7 nights)

Twin Room (Based on 2 sharing)	Included
Twin Room (Single Occupation) (1 Person)	161.00 GBP
Extra Nights	
Family Room (Based on 4 sharing)	166 GBP per night
Triple Room (Per Room)	125 GBP per night
Twin Room (Based on 2 sharing)	94 GBP per night
Twin Room (Single Occupation) (Based on 1 sharing)	80 GBP per night

Flights and Transfers

Airport Hotel, Lounge & Parking: We can arrange a hotel for you the night before your flight this will include parking, arrange access to the airport lounge or just arrange your airport parking for you. Please contact us for a quote: theteam@clubdanceholidays.com

Flights : This holiday is quoted flight exclusive. This allows you to fly from the airport of your choice, at the time which best suits you if there's a choice, and it allows you to take advantage of any offers for early bookers made to you by the airline.

We can book your flights for you, there will be an admin charge of £20 on top of the flight price.

NB Please make sure we've confirmed your holiday before you book your flight.

Many flights are available to Malaga from airports across Europe. Malaga airport is about 1.5 hrs away from Granada by car.

There is a frequent public coach service from Malaga which is easy to use and we can tell you exactly what to do (see below).

Transfers : We offer return airport transfers from Granada and Malaga airports.

Car Hire: We could arrange your car hire for you from Malaga or Granada Airport. Prices start from £94 for the duration of the Dance Holiday.

Making you own
way to the hotel for
ground only
package

Making Your Own Way to Granada: For those whose flights don't coincide with our Airport transfer at Malaga Airport, we recommend the following modes of transport:

From Granada Airport by taxi: Take a taxi from Granada Airport to your hotel in Granada. Journey time: about 20 minutes. Cost: about 20 - 25 euros.

From Malaga Airport by bus: Take a taxi from Málaga Airport to Málaga bus station (9 euros). Journey time: 15 minutes. Take a bus from Málaga Bus Station to Granada bus Station (9 euros). Journey time: 1 hour and 45 minutes. Bus timetable: every hour, last bus from Málaga leaves at 9pm (apart from Sundays when it leaves at 10pm). First bus leaves at 7am. Bus company: ALSA. Take a taxi from Granada bus station to your hotel.

From Malaga airport by Taxi: Take a taxi from Málaga Airport to your hotel in Granada (about 120 euros). Journey time: 1 hour 45 minutes.

What to Expect in
terms of
Organisation

On Arrival: You will receive a detailed itinerary and annotated map, details of any optional extras including the meal ticket and any extra classes we are running. We also include information on the local sights and recommended restaurants and other helpful tips.

Independence within the social activities: Although your holiday is fully hosted, we believe our guests do not like to be over-organised. So we give you quality information and an itinerary including a map and all the addresses of where we have organised social and dancing activities. You can decide for yourself if and when you want to turn up.

You are fully independent on these holidays. If you are travelling on your own the tour host will be at all the meeting points on the itinerary and there is always company and normally the chance to share a taxi back the hotel.

Club Dance Holidays Host: We pride ourselves on a lightness of touch which allows you to be independent within the social and cultural activities we organise. Club Dance Holidays Tour Hosts are personable and efficient and have an intimate knowledge of the destination and local language. They are on hand at all times from the 'Meet and Greet' all the way through the parties and nights out. Club Dance Holidays Tour Hosts normally offer much more of themselves than you would expect including making sure your nights are sociable and fun often well into the small hours if that is your whim. During the daytime the level of participation and presence of Club Dance Holidays tour hosts varies according to the nature of each holiday and its destination.

Overview of the Week and Welcome Drink: At the beginning of your holiday there is an Overview of the Week session where your tour host will tell you about all the details of your holiday and answer any questions you might have. At the Overview of the Week you can buy your optional extras. Also at the start of the week, Dance Holidays will invite you to enjoy a complimentary welcome drink.

Getting Around: You are responsible for making your own way to the dance classes and meeting points on the itinerary. You can cover the town centre easily by foot. It is a joy to walk everywhere as the town is bursting with atmosphere. In fact getting lost would be an enjoyable part of the holiday! The Alhambra is located on one hill and the Sacromonte area and the Albaicin on another – these have fantastic views. Where hills are concerned you may at times prefer to get a taxi.

Before Your Go

Books on Granada and Spain: It may be worth your while reading up on your destination before you go. Penelope Casas writes beautifully about Spain, in 'The Blue Guide or The Foods and Wines of Spain. Ian Gibson's The Fire in the Blood provides one of the most fascinating insights into Spanish Culture. Gerald Brenan's South from Granada and Ian Gibson's Lorca's Granada give an insight into local history and culture. The Rough Guide to Andalucia is the best guide book. Tales from the Alhambra by Washington Irving is worth buying and makes a nice present; it can easily be bought locally.

Budgeting for your holiday: Here are some guidelines on prices, to help you do your own calculations. Please refer to the optional extra section of the fact sheet for the prices of the optional extras.

- | Three course meal including drinks in the centre of town: 20 - 25 euros
- | An evening of tapas and drinks: 15 euros
- | Taxis: Not really needed as you can walk nearly everywhere.
- | Rum and coke in a nightclub: 7 euros
- | Beer in a bar/cafe: 2.50 euros
- | Coffee in a bar/cafe: 2 euros
- | Entrance to a monument or museum: 7 euros

Health and Fitness: There are no particular health requirements for a dance holiday. However you should be able to dance for at least two hours a day in order to be able to enjoy the dance classes.

Insurance, Visa and Passport Requirements: Refer to the brochure for full details. In brief, Insurance is a condition of booking. Visas may be required for non EU citizens. British nationals need a full passport to travel to Spain.

Joining Instructions: You receive these about 10 days before the start of your holiday. They will include the address and phone number of the hotel, transfer details, and emergency contact numbers.

Essential equipment and clothing to bring

Useful Things to Bring

- | Camera
- | Shoes suitable for spending a long time walking around the streets
- | Summer clothing for day and light jacket for evenings
- | Swimming costume
- | This fact sheet and Joining Instructions
- | Passport, money, plane ticket

What to wear for Tango dancing: We recommend that you bring shoes with a leather sole for the dance classes. You may also be wise to bring shoes with a rubber sole as the floors in the evenings might be somewhat "fast" and they will give you an alternative. Your shoes should be comfortable and supportive. Wear lightweight cotton socks to avoid sweaty and blistered feet! It is probable that you may get through quite a few clothes in the classes and dancing at night (you can get quite hot!) so bring a variety of outfits. Wear comfortable loose clothing for the classes. The local tango dancers tend to dress smart/casual (dresses/skirts/smart trousers and top for women and chinos and shirts for men.)

At Your Destination

Banks and Money: The easiest way to obtain euros is by using a credit card at one of the numerous cash points. You can buy small amounts, as often as you like, at any time, without queuing. You will need to know your P.I.N. Cash points are very easy to use. Bank opening hours are normally 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Banks will change cash, travellers cheques and will sell you currency on your credit card providing the lines to Britain are open. You will always need to show your passport at a bank.

Tipping is generally less common in Spain than in Britain. There is no need to tip taxis but it is usual to leave a 5 - 10% tip at a restaurant if you are particularly pleased with your dinner/lunch.

We feel our tour hosts work hard to give you an exceptional holiday and sometimes you may find that they add some special touches which are beyond the call of duty. If you agree with us, you might wish to show your appreciation by way of a tip. You can do this by putting money in an envelope on your own or by getting together with other guests. This evidently is entirely at your discretion.

Making friends with the Locals and people not on the holiday: Unfortunately we cannot allow people not booked on our Dance Holiday to join in on any of the organised activities and we ask for your discretion in this respect. However we can offer a flight exclusive package for people already in Spain, thus enabling them to stay with the group and join in all activities and lessons. Please see www.clubdanceholidays.com or contact our UK Reservations Team (+44 207 099 4816) for details.
