

Maggie G in the Algarve

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Call Club Dance Holidays to book on 0207 099 4816.

Dates and Prices 13 April to 20 April - £529.00

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Your Holiday

What's Included

- | Return flights from London (regional departures also available)
- | Meet & Greet upon arrival at the airport and return airport transfers
- | 7 nights half board accommodation in the four star hotel Vila Gale Lagos
- | Twelve hours' line dance tuition with Maggie Gallagher
- | Nightly line dance entertainment and fun with Maggie and her team
- | Club Dance Holidays Host
- | Welcome Drink and Orientation Pack on arrival

NB: The price is based on twin-share accommodation. Single supplement is £147. Alternatively, we can arrange a room share partner for you.

What previous Customers Have Said about this Holiday

'Absolutely brilliant'

'Madness - so much fun, can't wait for the next one!'

'Excellent. It was great to dance by the pool on sunny days'

'Maggie is always a superb hostess. Everything she does is first class'.

'Very enjoyable - good value for money.Maggie and Anja were fantastic, we could not have been in best hands'.

'I'd just like to say that Maggie worked extremely hard trying to ensure that everyone enjoyed themselves. There were a good mix of dances taught and a good mix of dances during the evening socials.'

Is this holiday for me?

Yes! A brand new venue for 2013, with the same first class teaching and evening entertainment from Maggie and her team. Portugal's Algarve offers a fabulous year-round climate, stunning scenery, great food and excellent dance space for our classes and parties.

The Hotel Vila Gale Lagos is one of the newer hotels in the area, located just outside the resort centre overlooking a

stunning beach and with spa, choice of restaurants, pool and tennis courts.

Maggie's unique brand of fun and serious tuition is open to everyone with a little previous experience of line dancing. Maggie will put you through your paces but you are guaranteed to return with new skills, and a new group of friends.

Your Destination,
includes
sightseeing

The Algarve: The Algarve is Portugal's premier holiday destination, with pretty beaches, brash resorts and picturesque whitewashed towns that flood with foreigners when summer arrives. While the party atmosphere isn't for everyone, the setting is undeniably beautiful: breathtaking cliffs, wide golden sands, natural bays, scalloped beaches and long sandy islands with waves lapping at the shore. Outside the touristy enclaves, there are quiet castle towns, flower-covered hillsides and enchanting stretches of shoreline still untouched by development.

The towns themselves aren't as varied as the coastline, but still offer a wide range of personalities. Lagos, with its cobbled streets, young crowd and abundant nightlife, is the carnival queen of the Algarve. Monchique is a quaint town with fine views over the steep wooded countryside. Tavira, set along a peaceful river, remains elegant and laid-back, with a history dating back to the Romans. The capital of the region, Faro, has a more Portuguese feel than some, and a fascinating medieval quarter. Out on the rugged west coast, small, charming towns like Sagres and Carrapateira attract a surf-loving crowd, while cliffside Albufeira sees a wider mix of travellers

Although it's undeniably touristy, Lagos is an attractive town with many charms. It lies along the bank of the Rio Bensafirim, with 14th-century walls enclosing the pretty, cobbled streets of the old town. Tiny plazas and picturesque churches add to the allure, although most visitors are more interested in what lies outside the city walls, namely a good range of beaches, from long sweeping sands on the scenery side to secluded coastal coves. Nightlife here is among the best in the Algarve, with an eclectic mix of lounges, bars and restaurants catering to young backpackers, surfers, not-so-spendthrift couples and various other sorts who pass through Lagos' gates.

Aside from its hedonistic appeal, Lagos has historical clout, having launched many naval excursions during Portugal's extraordinary Age of Discoveries.

Climate and
weather

Weather: April in the Algarve, in the main, offers extremely agreeable weather with mainly sunny periods and the occasional couple of rainy/cooler days. Daytime temperatures average a pleasant 22 C.

Your
Accommodation

Vila Gale Lagos - Hotel***** (Half Board) (Included)

The Vila Gale Lagos is a stunning 4* superior hotel located on Lagos' Meia Praia Beach. Opened in 2009, the hotel is decorated to a high standard in a traditional local style with a cutting-edge modern twist. Rooms are spacious and comfortable and all have a balcony, air conditioning, satellite TV, mini-bar, telephone and private bathroom. Boasting extensive gardens and overlooking one of the Algarve's best beaches, the hotel offers a large freeform swimming pool, in-house Satsanga spa with choice of treatments, water sports, tennis, volleyball and golf.

There is a choice of two restaurants serving fresh local and international dishes as well as the glamorous "Fashion Bar" and a pool bar. Lagos and its legendary nightlife are a short taxi ride away.

There is some parking outside the hotel and an underground car park at 3 euros per day.

Classes and
Workshops

There will be twelve hours of line dance workshops over the week, two hours a day over six days. The workshops will be directed at intermediate level but of course anyone of a higher line dance level can take part!

Maggie's expert choreography extends to all levels and she regularly introduces new dances to ensure her classes stay fresh and challenging. Her most recent choreographed dances include Some Nights, All My People, The Best Days and Love was a Word.

All the line dancing conveniently takes place in a fabulous dance room within the hotel.

Daily Itinerary

Sample Itinerary

This is a provisional itinerary aiming to give you an idea of what your holiday will look like. There will be some elements which will change:

DAY 1

Arrival and transfer to the Hotel Vila Gale Lagos

Afternoon - Activity suggestion: We suggest that you spend your first afternoon settling into the hotel or discovering the local area

Evening - Overview of the week; Dinner included; Welcome Drink and Warm Up Line dance Social with Maggie G

DAY 2

Morning - Line Dance Workshops

Afternoon - Lunch and free time to sunbathe and enjoy the Hotel facilities and surroundings

Evening - Dinner included; Line dance Social with Maggie G!

DAY 3

Morning - Line Dance Workshops

Afternoon - Lunch and free time to sunbathe and enjoy the Hotel facilities and surroundings

Evening - Dinner included; Line dance Social with Maggie G!

DAY 4

Morning - Line Dance Workshops

Afternoon - Lunch and free time to sunbathe and enjoy the Hotel facilities and surroundings

Evening - Dinner included; Line dance Social with Maggie G!

DAY 5

Morning - Line Dance Workshops

Afternoon - Lunch and free time to sunbathe and enjoy the Hotel facilities and surroundings

Evening - Dinner included; Line dance Social with Maggie G!

DAY 6

Morning - Line Dance Workshops

Afternoon - Lunch and free time to sunbathe and enjoy the Hotel facilities and surroundings

Evening - Dinner included; Line dance Social with Maggie G!

DAY 7

Morning - Line Dance Workshops

Afternoon - Lunch and free time to sunbathe and enjoy the Hotel facilities and surroundings

Evening - Dinner included; Line dance Social with Maggie G! Fancy dress Party - theme to be announced soon

DAY 8

Transfer to Faro airport.

Nightlife	The nightly Line Dance Socials will be filled endless fun, laughter and line dancing with best country and modern line dance music, animation, fancy dress and animation! Leading the fun in these Line Dance Socials will be our guest line dance teacher Maggie G. She loves to mix with the crowd and will cater their party games and music for everyone there. The evening line dancing takes place in a private room in your fabulous 4 star hotel.
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Your Teachers	<p>We are pleased to offer a truly first class teaching and entertainment team comprised of choreographers, djs and live music led by Maggie Gallagher.</p> <p>Spectacular entertainer Maggie Gallagher is one of the top line dancing instructors in England. She travels the world extensively hosting workshops and she was honoured to teach in Texas at the 1999 World Line Dancing Championships and at the Tarheel Festival in USA in September 2000. Subsequent trips across Europe, Japan, Singapore and Australia have confirmed Maggie's firm foothold in Linedance across the Globe. Maggie has appeared in the video 'Lionel Dancing' with Lionel Blair along with other dance instructors and can be seen instructing dances that she has written, including the very popular dance "Magatina Cha Cha" which was choreographed by Maggie and Tina Neale and danced to music by the Dean Brothers. Maggie has seen a large number of her own choreographed line dances hit the "Line Dance Charts", with dances "Just a Memory", "Hot Love" and Na Mara" all huge smash hits, still filling the floor at most socials in the UK and abroad. Her mammoth, award winning 2001 dance "Mony Mony" was the first ever line dance to enter the charts at No 1. Maggie was honoured with being voted by Linedancer Magazine readers "Female Linedance Personality of the Year" 1999, 2000 and 2001 and was totally thrilled to also collect "Crystal Boots" for "Beginner Dance Of The Year" (Just A Memory), "Choreographer Of The Year", "Overall Dance Of The Year" (Mony Mony), and also "Instructor Of The Year". Maggie has been involved in many forms of dance throughout her spectacular career including tap, ballet, modern and Irish dancing (where she toured alongside Colin Dunne and Jean Butler, who later went on to star in River Dance). She began her love affair with Line Dancing over seven years ago in Coventry and true to form Maggie has been very successful in this field.</p>
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Food and Meals	International cuisine: Lagos offers a choice of restaurants offering locally caught fresh seafood as well as international cuisine including modern and traditional Portuguese, Italian, Chinese and much more.
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Optional Extras	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. Details and prices will be given on arrival.
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Single Room Supplements, Upgrades and Budget Options	Option 1 (Vila Gale Lagos) - Included Vila Gale Lagos - Hotel**** Half Board - (13/04/2013 to 20/04/2013 - 7 nights) Family Room (Based on 2 sharing) 147.00 GBP
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Family Room (Based on 3 sharing)	Included
Twin Room (Per Room)	Included
Twin Room (Single occupancy) (Per Room)	147.00 GBP
Extra Nights	
Family Room (Based on 2 sharing)	120 GBP per night
Family Room (Based on 3 sharing)	120 GBP per night
Twin Room (Per Room)	104 GBP per night
Twin Room (Single occupancy) (Per Room)	78 GBP per night

Flights and Transfers

Flights: Published prices are based on flights from London Gatwick, Manchester and Birmingham when you book by 30 November. After this flight supplements may apply for Manchester and Birmingham.

Flights are also available from Bristol and Glasgow for a supplement of £50 per person and other regional airport departures are available on request.

Transfers: Return airport transfers in Portugal are included and the transfer time from Faro airport to Lagos is around 60 minutes.

Making your own way to the hotel for ground only package

For those whose flights don't coincide with our Airport coach transfer, you can take a taxi to the hotel Vila Gale Lagos for approx €80.

Buses run from Faro's city centre bus terminal to Lagos, seven times a day on weekdays but only twice a day on Sundays and Holidays. The journey takes about 2 hours 20 minutes and costs approx €8.

What to Expect in terms of Organisation

On Arrival: You will receive a detailed itinerary and details of any optional extras. We also include information on the local sights, recommended restaurants and other helpful tips.

Club Dance Holidays Host: Your holiday tour host is there to make your holiday as enjoyable as possible. Club Dance Holidays Tour Hosts are a cut above your typical Holiday Rep with a lightness of touch that enables you to get the best out of your holiday without being in the least bit interfering. We make sure you get the best out of the destination even though you are there for a relatively short time and we do this through our local knowledge and our knowledge of dance. 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 the week there is an Overview of the Week where your tour host will tell you about all details of your holiday. At the Overview of the Week you can buy your optional extras (see below). Also at the start of the week, Dance Holidays will invite you to be our guest to a drink.

Free time: We encourage you to explore the local area and make use of the excellent hotel facilities. This can be done when you please around the activities and dance classes that we have organized for you. Your tour host will be on hand for any queries you may have about the local area.

Before Your Go

Books on Portugal: It may be worth your while reading up on your destination before you go. We recommend the Rough Guide for general travel tips as well as Monica Ali's "Alentejo Blue" for a stunning portrait of rural Portugal.

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: 12 euros
 Rum and coke: 5 euros
 Beer: 2 euros
 Coffee: 1.50 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 workshop/socials.

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.

Travel Documents: You receive these 10 days prior to departure.

Essential
equipment and
clothing to bring

Useful Things to Bring

Camera
Shoes suitable for walking around the streets
Spring/Summer clothing for day
Jacket for evenings
Swimming costume and suntan lotion
This fact sheet and Joining Instructions
Passport, money, plane ticket.

What to wear for dancing: We recommend that you bring comfortable leather sole shoes, dance trainers or cowboy boots for the classes and Socials. 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 workshops and dancing at night (you can get quite hot!) so bring a variety of outfits. Wear comfortable loose clothing for the classes and the evenings. The dress code at night is pretty informal. Some of you may wish to dress country and western style.

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 Portugal 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.

Tour Host: 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 Malta, thus enabling them to stay with the group and join in all activities and lessons. Please see www.clubdanceholidays.co.uk or contact our UK Reservations Team (0207 099 4816) for details.
