Copacabana Salsa weekend in Eastbourne

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Dates and Prices

15 September to 17 September - £239.00

Unique Features

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Dive headlong into a rich and heady mix of sun, sea and salsa, with hosts master instructor Leo Henriquez and leading salsa musicality expert, Lee Knights and their team.

Our expert instructors have created a unique salsa syllabus & workshop programme, aimed at helping you grow as a dancer over a single weekend. This Cuban Salsa in a Weekend holiday is based on a step by step, integrated fast-track course, covering a myriad of Cuban dance styles and rhythms, and combining this with plenty of opportunities for practice, repetition, revision. This will give you the embedded muscle memory you need to own new moves, new styles, new rhythms, and take these away with you after the holiday!

With instruction in small, friendly groups, our Copacabana Cuban Salsa holiday is right for you whatever your level of experience, from beginners, to improvers, intermediates and even training salsa instructors.

We have a special bonus move for you too – the chance to train for UKA Dance Salsa & Rueda de Casino medals! You could even take steps towards training as a UKA Dance Salsa Instructor – or going for accreditation as an existing Salsa Instructor! This is an optional part of our Salsa in a Weekend Holiday, and it is on offer if you want to try it.

Over the weekend, there are workshops on: * Cuban Salsa * Rueda de Casino * Cuban Son * Rumba & Orishas in salsa partner-work * Cha Cha cha * Salsa Musicality * Bachata * Beginner, Improver, Intermediate Courses in Cuban Salsa * UKA Dance Salsa Medals & UKA Dance Salsa Teacher Training Course.

Staying half board in the well-located Mansion Lions Hotel you will enjoy a choice of high energy dance classes, nightly social events and time to relax and explore the lively seaside town of Eastbourne.

A special highlight on Saturday night is a chance to dance the night away at a top Brighton hot spot – the Copacabana club - and party til the early hours with passionate seaside salseros and salseras! entrance is included.

Our UK weekends are an ideal getaway to enjoy dance, make new friends and explore some of the UK's most popular resorts. Whilst we include a full dance schedule our weekends also offer you a revitalising break and the chance to experience one of our holidays without breaking the bank.

Call Club Dance Holidays to book on 0207 099 4816.

Your Holiday

What's Included

- Dance Full Pass (see classes and workshops)
- Entrance to Party Night on Saturday
- 2 nights accommodation in the 3* Mansion Lions Hotel (Breakfast is included)
- Dinner each night
- Entertainment with freestyle dancing

NB: Accommodation based on twin-share.

What previous Customers Have Said about this Holiday

"Brilliant way to meet like-minded people and dance the night away!"

"Liked having choice to be independent as and when you please."

"Its an absolute joy for me to write a letter of appreciation to you and your whole team for the totally fantastic weekend that I have just had dancing Salsa. It has become one of our all-time top three holidays to date. 'Salsa tuition - professional, sensitive, empowering."

"Great fun made special by a terrific host."

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Your Destination. includes sightseeing

Eastbourne, of Saxon origin, is an unspoilt elegant Victorian seaside resort. Nestling under the Sussex Downs it enjoys a very pleasant all year round climate. It is protected from the more adverse weather conditions by the 575ft cliffs of Beachy Head and is renowned for its exquisite Carpet and Italian Gardens.

The town is bursting with so many things to see and do that you might want to extend your visit to fit more in. There are plenty of places to visit and fun things to do for all ages. Explore the area's history, discover 1066 castles, museums and art galleries, relax and enjoy the views of Beachy Head, local parks and gardens, sample the local produce from the town's vineyards and farmers markets, enjoy fun filled trips to the seaside or South Downs National Park, spend the day shopping and then soak up the local atmosphere in one of the many restaurants, wine bars or traditional pubs.

Climate and weather Eastbourne enjoys a typical British climate but our hot Salsa weekend should warm the coldest of cockles!

Your Accommodation Albany Lions (Old) - Hotel*** (Half Board) (Included)

This elegant Victorian hotel is situated on The Grand Parade, along the marvellous Eastbourne Seafront, a prime and sort after position. You will find the modern town centre and the town's three theatres just a short walk away. Taking you out of the town, Eastbourne has a wealth of attractions including the South Downs and Beachy Head, which is an area of outstanding natural beauty. The Albany Lions Hotel is recently refurbished and offers 60 en-suite bedrooms, all beautifully decorated with colour television, sky free view channels, hairdryer, hospitality tray and direct dial line. Most rooms have fridges and an iron/ironing board will be available on request. There is a lift to all floors making it easily accessible and a stair lift up to second floor.

Classes and Workshops

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Daily Itinerary

Here's a provisional itinerary which gives you an idea of what the weekend might look like. Some details may change.

Friday Schedule

From 15:00......Check-in at Albany Lions Hotel

19:00......Dinner

20:00......Welcome meeting and introductory class

21:00...... Rueda de Casino con Rumba – all levels

22:00.....SALSA PARTY TIME – Dancing till the wee hours with DJ Leo

Saturday Schedule

08:00 - 10:00 Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 - 11:00 Cuban Salsa Essentials 1 - Technique/Classis Moves/Salsa Musicality 1

11:00 – 12:00 Cuban Rumba into Casino with ladies and men's styling – Partner work Roots of Cuban Salsa with Leo & Katrina.

12:00 - 13:00 Orishas into Cuban Salsa Roots of Cuban Salsa 1 - Leo & Katrina

13.00 - 14:30 Lunch/free time

14:30 - 15:30 Salsa Musicality - Clave & Drum & Cowbell - Son, Salsa, Cha Cha Cha essentials with Salsa Lee.

15:30 - 16:30 Cuban Son with Leo & Katrina

16:30 - 17:30 Afro Cuban into Rueda de Casino - Leo & Katrina

18:30 - 20:00 Dinner

20:00 - 03:00am It's our awesome Saturday night! We join Brighton's hottest Salsa party, Leo's Copacabana Club! Salsa, Bachata & Kizomba Classes, followed by party dancing-the fun continues! Dance till you drop!

Sunday Schedule

08:00 - 10:00 Breakfast

> 09:30 Check-out from your room. The hotel will store luggage until you are ready to depart.

11:00 – 13:00 Fun Salsa & Rueda de Casino Party with Cuban mash up – Palo, Pilon, Mozambique, Yuka, More – into Rueda de Casino! Leo & Katrina & Salsa Lee

13:00 Farewells and depart

Nightlife

A special highlight on Saturday night is a chance to dance the night away at a top Brighton hot spot – the Copacabana club - and party til the early hours with passionate seaside salseros and salseras!

Your Teachers

Leo Henriquez from Cubashe Dance Promotions and "Salsa Lee" Knights will be your hosts and teachers on this dance weekend, alongside their experienced teaching team.

Leo Henriquez - Director of Cubashe Dance Promotions & Teacher Leo Henriquez is one of the UK's most experienced and respected instructors in authentic Cuban style salsa.

A natural teacher, Leo is totally passionate about passing on his dance and music heritage to students. His down to earth teaching style will put you at your ease, and help open up the rich array of Cuban dance styles and rhythms to dancers of all levels of experience.

Leo has all the ingredients salsa dancers need to move to the next level. A street dancer and percussionist born in Havana, Cuba, Leo studied at the Havana School of Music before going on to play with many of Cuba's top bands. With his strong background in music and Latin percussion, Leo's dancing style is 100 per cent pure Cubano, strongly grounded, flavoured and infused with Cuban son, rumba, Orishas and much more.

Over a decade ago, Leo established Cubashe Dance Promotions in the UK to share, promote and develop his passion for music & dance.

In addition, he has successfully organised cultural events including the Brighton Salsa Festival (2013); Brighton Rueda Congress (2007), attracting dancers from across Europe and Brighton's Black History Month (2004).

Lee Knights – Founder, The London School of Salsa

Lee Knights – aka Salsa Lee – is a qualified United Kingdom Alliance Dance & International Dance Teachers' Association Salsa Instructor.

An experienced salsa dancer and instructor, Lee is passionate about teaching salsa from the roots up, and helping dancers find their own natural flavour or "sabor" on the dance floor. As a salsa instructor, she is dedicated to helping dancers of all levels of experience develop, grow and move to the next level.

Co-author with Alex Wilson of "Find the Rhythm – The Dancers' Guide to Salsa Music" – a ground breaking book/CD, sold across 5 continents – Lee is one of the UK's leading home –grown experts on Salsa Musicality. Her mission is to share her passion and understanding of rhythmic salsa with other dancers.

Lee is a pioneer of UKA Dance medals for salsa, helping dancers develop and achieve their potential through the medal system. She is working with UKA Dance to train the next generation of salsa instructors. This will be a launch weekend where dancers can work towards UKA Dance Salsa medals and accreditation as UKA Dance Salsa Instructors.

Salsa Lee has worked as a dancer and instructor for: BBC4, Sadlers Wells, Peacock Theatre, Afro-Cuban Fiestas, Club Cubana, HF Holidays, Pizza Express Jazz Club, Salsateca and more. She was a founder of "Carnaval de Cuba", the UK's biggest event of its kind.

Food and Meals

Eastbourne offers wide variety of restaurant choices, from traditional fish and chips on the promenade to popular pasta and pizza chains and top-end dining experiences.

Optional Extras

In addition to your holiday we offer you a variety of optional extras to enrich your experience and add some local colour. There are no optional extras currently available for this trip.

Single Room Option 1 - Included Supplements, Albany Lions (Old) - Hotel*** Half Board - (15/09/2017 to 17/09/2017 - 2 nights) Upgrades and **Budget Options** 20.00 GBP Single Room (1 Person) Twin Room (Per Room) Included Extra Nights Single Room (Based on 1 sharing) 55 GBP per night Twin Room (Per Room) 95 GBP per night Flights and Transfers Transport to the event is not included. Making you own way Eastbourne is just 85 minutes by train from London Victoria and easily accessible by road. The Mansion Lions hotel has to the hotel for a prime location on Eastbourne's seafront, just a ten minute walk from Eastbourne's main railway station. ground only package What to Expect in You'll receive a course itinerary with information on the location of classes and your teachers on arrival. terms of Organisation Before Your Go Health and Fitness: There are no particular health requirements for a dance holiday. However you should be able to dance for at least 2 hours a day in order to be able to enjoy the classes. If you have any concerns please feel free to give us a call on 0207 099 4816. Essential equipment Comfortable and supportive shoes with a leather sole are recommended for the dance classes and the evenings. We and clothing to bring also advise you wear lightweight cotton socks to avoid suffering from sweaty and blistered feet! Comfortable and loose clothing for the classes are also recommended. You will receive a course itinerary with information on the location of classes and your teachers. We will also advise At Your Destination you on the local sights, recommended restaurants and other helpful tips.