

Salsa in Dubai with the Middle East Salsa Championships - 6 nights

Enjoy a Salsa break in one of the most exciting cities in the Middle East - endless sunshine, four star hotel, desert safari, belly dance displays, open air beach parties, a latin dow cruise and great Salsa nightlife.

Dates and Prices 7 June to 13 June - £1,099.00

Unique Features Middle East Salsa Championships: A great day of Salsa dancing, shows and fun not to be missed!

Your Holiday The City of Gold, Pearl of the East, home for the Only seven star Hotel in the World, home to the 8th Wonder in the World, a shopping paradise: these are only some of the many names that Dubai has been given. Salsa into the night in this exciting city, venture out into the beautiful desert dunes, see a Belly dance show, sunbathe on the beautiful beaches - this is an exotic holiday to take your breath away.

What's Included

- | Return flights from a London based airport
- | Meet & Greet upon arrival at the airport
- | Return airport transfer for all arrivals and departures coinciding with the standard Dance Holidays flight
- | 7 nights accommodation and breakfast in either a four star hotel or luxury apartments
- | 6 hours Salsa tuition
- | Transport for the group on all organised excursions
- | Free entrance to all Salsa Clubs in town
- | Latin Beach Party
- | Latin Dow Cruise Party
- | Desert Safari (includes Arabic mezza, desert drive and salsa, bellydance display)
- | Special Salsa Party
- | Club Dance Holidays Host
- | Orientation Pack on arrival

What previous Customers Have Said about this Holiday "We were recently in Dubai for holidays. We were absolutely surprised to see that we would not only be able to go out dancing every night, but also that the salsacomunity was big, warm and welcoming. Apart from dancing we also got to see Dubai, which has the most amazing architecture. Its a city of great diversity in people, culture and landscape. Everything - water and desert sports, gulfing and shopping, makes Dubai a place for everyone. We know that we'll come back again and join our new Salsa family." (Carmelo & Sanne, Sweden).

Your Destination, includes sightseeing

Climate and weather Dubai has a sub-tropical, arid climate. Sunny, blue skies can be expected most of the year. Dubai offers you 99.99% sunlight throughout the year. The temperatures in Dubai make it a prime destination for all those who would like to enjoy the beach. With an average temperature of 30 Degrees Celsius (the mean daily maximum is 24 degrees celsius in January rising to 41 degrees celsius in July) you can experience a nice time at the beach almost throughout the whole year.

Your Accommodation Metropolitan Hotel Dubai - Hotel**** (Bed & Breakfast) (Included)
The four star Hotel Metropolitan Dubai is surrounded by tranquil and beautifully landscaped gardens creating an oasis of its own. It offers 192 elegantly furnished rooms which come with direct dial telephones, radio and color television with satellite programming and in-house movies, individually controlled air-conditioning, mini bar, express laundry service and 24 hour room service. The hotel boasts the following facilities: Swimming pool, fully equipped gymnasium, Massage parlour, Jacuzzi, Steam Sauna, Metroplex Food Court and Cinema Complex, Atrium Café, Internet Café alMATRIX.com (Highspeed internet - 512K ADSL connection), Men and Ladies hairdressing salon, Photo shop, Rent-A-Car, convenience store with postal service. The hotel is just 10 Minutes to the Metropolitan Resort and Beach Club (complimentary Shuttle Bus service) and use of all its silver sand beaches and plush facilities including water sports, Jacuzzi, Tennis and Squash and fully equipped gym.

Classes and Workshops Six hours Salsa tuition is included in your holiday. There will be a Level Decider on the first day of classes to assess your dance level and to ensure that you are catered for in the classes.

Daily Itinerary Provisional Itinerary

This is a provisional itinerary, aiming to give you an idea of what the weekend might look like. Some details may change.

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

Day 1

Arrival early evening – Bus transfer from Dubai International Airport to the Hotel. Group check-in.

8.30pm – Welcome drink at the hotel and Overview of the Holiday. DDH Briefing .

10pm - Visit the famous Savage Garden Latin Night Club and experience an optional Latin Cuisine and plenty of salsa dancing with the resident Latino band & DJ.

Day 2

Morning – Enjoy the sun at the beach or tour Dubai or go shopping – Free to choose - unescorted.

Afternoon – Half Day Desert Safari Tour (from 3pm-9pm)

After 10 pm – Traders Vics at the Mina Salam – Enjoy the Cuban Live Band

Day 3

Morning – 10 am - Salsa Classes (2 hours for each level) at the Hotel or a designated area.

Afternoon – Enjoy the sun at the beach or tour Dubai or go shopping – Free to choose - unescorted.

8pm - Dinner at the Ibis Hotel & attend The Legends 2nd Anniversary Party at the Le Gourmand Restaurant. Chill out at Dubai's Salsa Lounge & Experience some incredible live shows.

Day 4

Morning – 10 am - Salsa Classes (2 hours for each level) at the Hotel or a designated area.

Optional - One hour Belly dancing dance class.

Afternoon – Enjoy the sun at the beach or tour Dubai or go shopping – Free to choose - unescorted.

8pm - Enjoy an amazing Paella dinner at the Sevilles Spanish Restaurant hosted by Salsa Dubai.

If you are still up for dancing then we can move onto Savage Garden

Day 5

Morning – 10 am - Salsa Classes (2 hours for each level) at the Hotel or a designated area.

Afternoon – Enjoy the sun at the beach or tour Dubai or go shopping – Free to choose - unescorted.

Afternoon – (OP) Visit Dubai's amazing water park – The Wild Wadi Resort

9pm – Join Dubai's most popular Salsa Boat Party hosted by Desertbeat. Drinks and snacks are available on board.

Day 6

Morning – Relax at the pool side

12 pm – (OP) Brunch at a designated restaurant

Afternoon – Enjoy the pool or tour Dubai or go shopping – Free to choose - unescorted.

6pm to 8pm - Salsa Classes including Rueda for (2 hours for each level) at the Oasis Beach Hotel

8pm-12am: Enjoy the spectacular Middle East Salsa Championships.

Day 7

Morning suggestion - Enjoy your last day by shopping in Dubai's malls and souks.

12pm - Group checks out of the hotel

Afternoon – Enjoy a tour Dubai or go shopping – Free to choose - unescorted.

Late afternoon – Coach departs hotel for the Airport

Nightlife

The Salsa scene in Dubai has truly become one of the strongest in the Middle East. The huge cultural mix gives it an edge over other cities and helps influence the Salsa Scene tremendously. Dubai has brought up some of the best dancers in the Middle East. Dubai is proud to be the home of our very own professional Salsa Group called "The Legends". With performances in Dubai, UAE, Jordan, Lebanon, Zurich and the UK; The Legends Group is already making a name for itself in the Salsa World. As young as it may seem compared to Europe and the rest of the World, Salsa in Dubai has reached a very advanced level in fun!!! Everyone who visited from abroad has been extremely impressed. In addition the different traditional dances like Belly Dancing, Bhangra (Indian), African and others have also level a great impact on the dancing styles of our community that we now take pride in calling it Dubai Style!

Your Teachers

The Dubai Salsa teaching team is made up of the following Salsa stars:

Ahmed Abdulla: Ahmed is the reigning Middle East salsa Champion, founder and member of the Legends, Dubai's First International Dance team which took the Dubai Salsa Congress by storm and which led to invites on the international scene.

Phil Bedford: Ex Dubai Salsa Dance Champion, founder of "Salsa Dubai" . Phil specialises in a mix of Cuban Casino salsa and cross body style "Dubai style" which he has honed in his 14 years of Salsa from all around the world. Phil and his troop "algo diferente" performed at the first ever Dubai Salsa Congress hosted by Albert Torres. www.salsanight.com

Jamie Castro: Jamie is one of Dubai's top teacher / dancers , he has a distinct style based on the cross body style but with his own incredible variations. Jamie taught and performed at the first ever Dubai Salsa Congress and proved one of the most popular work shops.

Royston and Valerie: Ex Dubai Salsa champions, Roy and Valerie, now married, met on the Dubai Salsa scene and have now held one of the most popular classes in Dubai. Their style, like all the Dubai styles, are distinct to themselves and alluring to the eye. They proved their animal attraction at the Dubai Salsa Congress.

Food and Meals

Dubai is one of the few cities in the world that is home to all kinds of local and International Cuisine. So if you fancy something fast then you have all kinds of different fast food joints like McDonald's and Burger King. If you fancy an Arabian meal then you can visit one of the many Arabian restaurants that offer meals with a local or Mediterranean theme. Or you can visit the many European or Far Eastern Cuisines. There are many choices available for you.

Optional Extras

Single Room Supplements, Upgrades and Budget Options

Option 1 - Included

Metropolitan Hotel Dubai - Hotel**** Bed & Breakfast - (07/06/2005 to 13/06/2005 - 6 nights)

Twin Room (Based on 2 sharing)

Included

Twin Room (Single Occp.) (1 Person)

102.00 GBP

Flights and Transfers

Flights: Flights are from a London based airport to Dubai. Please check in three hours prior to departure. Those wishing to fly from regional airports within the UK and abroad can request a quote through Dance Holidays. Please note supplements may apply.

Meet & Greet and Airport transfer: There will be a meet & greet upon your arrival at the airport. Return airport transfers are provided for all those passengers whose flights coincide with the arrivals and departures of the standard Dance Holidays flight. Please look out for a Dance Holidays representative in the Arrivals Lounge. Times of the Airport transfer: Please see www.clubdanceholidays.com or contact our UK Reservations Team to find out the times of our Airport transfer (+44 870 286 6000).

What to Expect in terms of Organisation

Independence within the social activities: We believe our guests do not like to be over-organised. So we give you quality information 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.

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.

Getting Around: You are responsible for making your own way to the dance classes and meeting points on the itinerary. When you arrive we give you all the addresses of all the venues you will be going to which you can give to any taxi driver to get to the meeting points.

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 two hours a day in order to be able to enjoy the dance classes.

What Currency to Carry: You can pay in any International Currency, but it is advisable that you exchange your money to the local currency. The UAE Currency is Dirhams and it is equivalent to 1 USD = UAE DHS 3.65. The exchange rate is fixed so you will not be cheated. However, it is not advisable to exchange your currency at the Hotel as their rate is 1USD = DHS 3.5.

Buying & Bargaining: Dubai hosts many malls and markets. In the malls, the prices are generally fixed so you will not be able to bargain. However, in the downtown markets, you will need all the skills you have to bargain as much as you can.

Insurance, Visa and Passport Requirements: Citizens of UK (with the right of abode in the United Kingdom), France, Italy, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Portugal, Ireland, Greece, Finland, Spain, Monaco, Vatican City, Iceland, Andorra, San Marino, Liechtenstein, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Brunei, Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea and holders of Hong Kong SAR passports will be granted a free of charge for One Entry Visit visa on arrival in the UAE. The visa enables them to stay for 60 days. The visa is renewable for a total stay of 90 days for a fee of DHS 500. British nationals will need a full up to date

passport.

Travel Documents: You receive these when you have paid for your holiday in full and we have received your airline tickets. In some cases the airlines do not release the tickets until five days before the departure date. We also confirm the address and phone number of the hotel and the 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, suntan lotion and beach gear This fact sheet and Joining Instructions

Passport, money, plane ticket.

There is no restriction on attire as long as you are not naked and the ladies are not topless on the beach. You can wear anything you like from shorts, short skirts, pants, shirts, t-shirts, suits, dresses, bikini and swimsuits at the beach.

What to wear for dancing: We recommend that you bring shoes with a leather sole for the dance classes and the evenings. 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 dancing (you can get quite hot!) so bring a variety of outfits. Wear comfortable loose clothing for the classes. Some of the Dubai clubs are quite smart and do not allow shorts or trainers.

At Your Destination

Local Time: Dubai is four hours ahead of GMT time. Banks and Money: The easiest way to buy 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 are open. You will always need to show your passport at a bank.

Making friends with the Locals and people not on the holiday: If you make friends with a local and would like them to come along to the activities organised by us, then just ask your Tour Host and except for the dance classes and provided they pay their way there should not be a problem. We are here after all to interact with the locals. Generally, however, we discourage British people who are not on the holiday from coming out with us or joining the activities and we ask for your discretion in this respect.
