

## Line dancing in the Algarve - 7 nights

Soak up the rays in the south of Portugal with some of the top names in Line Dancing (Charlotte Macri, Alan Birchall, Tim Ruzgar, Calico) on our spring Line Dance Holiday. Enjoy workshops in the morning sun around the hotel pool, enjoy the facilities of the four star hotel, dance 'til late at night and have fantastic fun with the first class entertainment team!

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Dates and Prices 22 April to 29 April - £499.00

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Unique Features Open air line dance workshops: On some days we will be taking the morning workshops in the morning sun around the pool so that you can top up your tan and dance at the same time!

Fancy Dress Party - Portuguese theme!: On one of the party nights there will be a fabulous fancy dress party with a Red & Green theme - the colours of the Portuguese flag. Start preparing your costume now! Prizes will be given to the best fancy dress!

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Your Holiday Experience our spring Line Dance holiday to the Algarve! Your accommodation is four star with a great outdoor swimming pool. Aside from being able to enjoy the great hotel facilities and top notch workshops during the day, the highlight for most people are the evening Line Dance Socials, with the explosive teaching and entertainment team. You can rest assured that with all of the activities they'll be cooking up, you'll have the time of your lives!

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What's Included

- | Return flights from selected UK Airports to Faro Airport
- | Meet & Greet upon arrival at Faro Airport if on our selected flights
- | Return airport transfer at Faro Airport if on our selected flights
- | 7 nights bed and breakfast accommodation in the four star Hotel Montechoro
- | Nightly line dance entertainment and fun
- | 10 hours dance tuition
- | Club Dance Holidays Host
- | Welcome Drink and Orientation Pack on arrival

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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'.

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Your Destination, includes sightseeing

Albufeira in the central Algarve region of Portugal, attracts thousands of visitors every year and it's easy to understand why! There is Albufeira old town with it's pretty cobbled streets lined with restaurants, bars, cafes and shops; the lively nightlife in Sao Joao; Albufeira marina with it's sugar candy coloured apartments and last but not least the lovely, sandy beaches. Albufeira is perfect for families, couples and singles of all ages and is central for all the tourist attractions, with the added bonus of a short transfer from Faro airport.

Albufeira is spread out rather than high-rise. The town itself consists of "old" and "new" sections which merge seamlessly into an extensive holiday-land suburbia, spreading off back east along the coast to Balaia, Olhos d'Agua and Falesia, and west to Sao Rafael, Galo and the links golf course at Salgados. The whole area, greater Albufeira you could call it, is the most tourist-intensive place in Portugal. It has very little to do with the real Portugal, or with the real planet earth for that matter, but people come here in droves and have the time of their lives.

Some of the old charm is still there, and it is to be found in the labyrinth of narrow streets, lined with whitewashed houses, apartments, cafes and shops, which lead down the hillside to a central square, Largo Eng. Duarte Pacheco. The square is a good place to sit and watch the world go by. Nearby, next to the tourist information office, a tunnel at the end of a pedestrian-only mall leads on to the town's main beach.

"New" Albufeira, centred on Areias de Sao Joao, is on the east side. Its most famous thoroughfare is affectionately known as The Strip. It stretches from the looming edifice of the *Montechoro Hotel*, past scores of cafes, restaurants and bars, all

the way down to a big busy beach called Praia da Oura. The Strip and nearby streets are a hive of activity from mid-morning, when cheap English breakfasts are served to help with the hangovers caused by imbibing into the wee hours the night before.

To help you enjoy your stay we would like to share some of our client's favourite places to dine -

Bistro - a small hidden gem in The Old Town. You will have to book in advance for this little place but it is worth it. The menu choice is small but the food is divine.

Villa Joya - a resort boasting some of the most exceptional views of the bay. The restaurant offers a wonderful ambience and a highly recommended set lunch menu. Your experience is full of small surprises and again we would advise to book in advance

Castelo do Mar Bar - a beautiful restaurant with exceptional views of the coastline and Marina. If you just fancy a drink or a beautiful lunch, this venue is perfect. it's a real experience that you will be glad to have included during your stay.

Restaurant O Manjar - Voted to be one of the best restaurants in Albuferia. You can't reserve a table here but if you pop down and they don't have a table available you can pop to the bar across the square and enjoy a drink and the waiter will come to get you once your table is ready. The food and service are traditional and highly thought of by locals and tourists. If you are looking for traditional, local food then this is a great choice.

Shalom II - Apparently this restaurant offers the best ribs you can buy. If you are looking for pizzas, pastas, steak, ribs and comfort food this restaurant is highly thought of.

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| Climate and weather | Average temperatures in the Algarve are as follows: | Jan   | 12 degrees celsius | Feb | 13 degrees | March | 14 degrees |
|                     |   | April | 16 degrees         | May | 18 degrees | June  | 21 degrees |
|                     |   | July  | 24 degrees         | Aug | 24 degrees | Sept  | 22 degrees |
|                     |   | Oct   | 19 degrees         | Nov | 16 degrees | Dec   | 13 degrees |

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Your Accommodation

Montechoro - Hotel\*\*\*\* (Bed & Breakfast) (Included)

The four star Hotel Montechoro is situated in a stunning countryside location just 3km from Albufeira, in Portugal's Algarve. There are two outdoor swimming pools (one for children), eight tennis courts, two squash courts and two football grounds as well as a recently opened health club and gymnasium. Nearby there are golf courses, horse riding centres, a diving school and sailing facilities and the hotel offers a shuttle bus service to the lively town of Albuferia (just 3km away) as well as to the nearest beach, Praia de Oura, every 30 minutes.

Dining options include a large restaurant serving international cuisine, a panoramic grill room on the tenth floor with excellent views of the surrounding countryside and coastline, two bars and a coffee-shop. All the dancing takes place in a large private room on the ground floor with lots of natural light and a wooden floor.

All rooms are ensuite and have air conditioning, satellite tv, safety box and telephone. There are no tea and coffee making facilities, but there is twenty four hour room service or you can take a drink in one of the bars or in the hotel coffee shop.

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Classes and Workshops

There will be ten hours of line dance workshops over the week, two hours a day over five days in the mornings. The workshops on some days will take place outside in the sun on the hotel pool terrace. On other days the workshops will take place on the tenth floor of the hotel in a great room with natural light and a wooden floor.

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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 hotel

Afternoon - Activity suggestion: We suggest that you spend your first afternoon settling into the hotel.

Evening - Overview of the week; Welcome Drink and Warm up night Line dance Social

DAY 2

Morning - Line Dance Workshops around the pool

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

Evening - Line dance Social!

DAY 3

Morning - Line Dance Workshops

Afternoon - Lunch and free time to sunbathe and enjoy the Hotel facilities and surroundings.! Evening - Line dance Social!

DAY 4

Morning - Line Dance Workshops around the pool

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

Evening - Line dance Social!

DAY 5

Morning - Line Dance Workshops

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

Evening - Line dance Social!

DAY 6

Morning - (OP) Half day excursion to Faro for shopping and sightseeing. Evening - Line dance Social!

DAY 7

Morning - Line Dance Workshops around the pool

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

Evening - Line dance Social! Fancy dress Party!

DAY 8

Transfer to Airport

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#### Nightlife

Your evenings will be filled endless fun, laughter and line dancing with best country and modern line dance music, animation, fancy dress, competitions, karaoke and much more!! Leading the fun in these Line Dance Socials will be our entertainment team. They love to mix with the crowd and will cater their party games and music for both beginners and advanced. All the Socials will take place within the hotel in a great room on the tenth floor with natural light, great views and a wooden floor.

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#### Your Teachers

Charlotte Macari: For Charlotte Macari, dancing has been a part of her life since she was 5 years old. She has studied in ballet, tap, modern and disco and has been involved in linedance for the last 5 years. She runs her own dance club called Charlotte'sVille, where she has been successful, teaching 12 classes a week. Charlotte'sVille won the Linedancer Club of the Year Award in February 2001. She began competing in linedance to improve her level of dance, coached by Rob Fowler. After just a few competitions she became a UK Linedance Champion and has competed at Worlds in Canada 2001 at an advanced level. Her main pleasure is giving people enjoyment through linedance. She thoroughly enjoys her classes and meeting new people. For her, it's all about having fun!

Tim Ruzgar (dj): Tim Ruzgar's passion for country music has made him one of the top DJs in the linedance world. Starting out small, he began DJing once a week at a local radio station (which he helped set up) and then began to receive invitations to DJ at various linedancing events. Since then, he has risen to the top of the field, DJing for example, at the Linedancer Magazine Crystal Boot Awards, of which he is now the Event Director. He has also been honoured to be the CD Reviewer and a features writer for Linedancer Magazine, DJing at the Millenium Dome World Record Attempt and at the BHF attempt in 2001. Tim has also been very involved with SuperStar Productions, hosting, DJing, compliling CDs, and acting as Managing Director, which has taken him to DJ at many of the European UCWDC (United Country Western Dance Council) championships. Through all of these high-profile events, Tim's main goal as DJ is still simple: that the dancers enjoy themselves, which is why he's known as "the Dancers' DJ"!

Alan Birchall: Alan began line dancing around 1997/8. Up until that time he had never danced, (in his wife's words he had and still has two left feet). He began writing dances shortly afterwards - mainly because at the time he wasn't able to do any of the more complicated steps. Learning dances directly from the script as they appeared or were printed, it wasn't long before he and his wife Ann were teaching. Alan's first major success came in 2001 with a dance he co-wrote with Pat Stott (Forever And A Day) called Devil In Disguise, which went on to become a dance floor favourite both here in the UK and worldwide. From this beginning Alan has gone from strength to strength teaching for and working with the following names in Line dance: Sue Weston (Bossy Boots), Tim Ruzgar, 'Big Dave, Maggie 'G'. 'Don't Stop Movin' went on to earn Alan his first 'Crystal Boot' becoming Linedancer magazines Advanced Dance Of The Year 2001. In 2002 he wrote what was to become one of the first modern 'classic' country line dances of the new millennium - 'Somebody Like You' to a Keith Urban track of the same name. These ingredients proved a winning formula with Alan once again winning Linedancer magazines Advanced Dance Of The Year 2002. The dance remained so popular throughout 2003 that the dance once more took the Advanced Dance Of The Year. In addition to writing dances he works closely with Maggie G helping to create the fun show times at her popular events. Alan is not afraid to write to all music styles, he is more comfortable with up tempo music – he has a love of rock music and 'clever' lyrics and he continues to write only to - 'top' drawer music (in his opinion).

Calico (live music): Calico was formed in 1999 with the intention of being a professional and exciting line dance band with a modern, punchy, driving sound. Having the right blend of personalities has proven paramount to the band's success...Nikky Napier is the founder member of CALICO. She has progressed from pop and rock to bring her powerful voice to country music. Nikky's talent and determination for CALICO to be a top class dance act steered her into learning songs in other languages such as the renowned 'Ciago Sordomonda' (Shakatak) etc. Her hard work and dedication in both live and recording sessions has earned her the respect of everyone that works with her. Brian "Shanks" has played most styles of music over many years in the highest company, having supported both Elton John and Eric Clapton. He played on the Sarah Brightman and Hot Gossip number one hits. He has also appeared on many TV shows in Britain and Europe, With his professional stage experience he has proved to be a valuable member of this band since the early days. Natalie was playing the piano at the age of 8. By 14 had passed her Grade 8 examination and at 19 had completed her diploma earning her letters after her name. Her efforts then turned to accompaniment and performing which is what she does now, professionally. Natalie can also 'turn her hand' to playing Saxophone & Trombone and for fun likes to bash around on the drums. She joined CALICO in November 2003 and is very happy to be part of such a successful band with such talented musicians.

Please note, Maggie Gallagher was due to head this entertainment team. Due to Maggie now being pregnant, she will unfortunately (for us) now not be able to join the trip. We look forward to running the Maggie G Algarve spring trip in April 2007.

**Food and Meals** Algarve cuisine: The Algarvian cuisine is dominated by the superb fresh fish and seafood from the near Atlantic. In the hilly countryside delicate rural dishes with lamb or venison are served at moderate prices. The famous Cataplana, originally prepared on the open fire place, is a must for every visitor. The influence of the former Portuguese colonies contributes to the richness of the gastronomy as well as the Moorish heritage. And of course the guest will find international cuisine from all over the world.

**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. These are the optional extras that we anticipate running – actual details and prices will be confirmed on arrival. Some may require minimum numbers.

7 night half board option: Seven nights of three course buffet dinners at the hotel including drinks (water, soft drinks or house wine). (£60).

Half day trip to Faro for Shopping and Sightseeing: Visit the capital of the Algarve, Faro. Admire the old quarter, with its ancient walls and Cathedral (entrance not included) and discover the bone chapel of the Carmo church (entrance not included). Time off to browse in the pedestrian area with its many shops with bargains in crystal, handicraft, art, porcelain, fashion and leather articles. Includes coach transport there and back.(£17).

**Single Room  
Supplements,  
Upgrades and  
Budget Options**

Option 1 - Included

Montechoro - Hotel\*\*\*\* Bed & Breakfast - (22/04/2006 to 29/04/2006 - 7 nights)

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| Triple Room (Per Room)             | -10.50 GBP |
| Twin Room (Per Room)               | Included   |
| Twin Room (Single occp) (Per Room) | 70.00 GBP  |

**Flights and  
Transfers**

Flights: Published prices are based on flights from UK airports and there is usually a choice. Our customer care team are happy to price you a flight from any airport and you can also buy the holidays without a flight and make your own way there. If you live outside of the UK you can travel directly to the resort. There could be substantial "Early Bird" prices available so please see our special offers page on our website or ring us to find out what these are.

Transfers: We are normally able to meet you at the airport and take you by private transfer at no additional charge to your hotel. Sometimes you may have to wait a short while at the airport to connect with this transfer. Occasionally depending on your arrival time there may not be a group transfer available and we may ask you to make your own way to the hotel by taxi or public transport. In these circumstances we would give you easy to follow instructions.

**Making your own  
way to the hotel  
for ground only  
package**

Making Your Own Way to the hotel: For those whose flights don't coincide with our Airport coach transfer, we suggest taking a taxi from the Airport to the Hotel Montechoro, which is the simplest way of travelling. During the day this taxi ride will cost about £25. Faro Airport is about 25 minutes away from the Hotel.

**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. 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** 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: 18-20 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 Portugal.

**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 don't release the tickets until 5 days before the departure date. We also confirm 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 walking around the streets
- | Spring/Summer clothing for day
- | Jacket for evenings
- | Swimming costume and suntan lotion
- | This fact sheet and Travel Documents
- | 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 buy or obtain euros is by using a credit card at a cashpoint. 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.

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:** The dance classes and dance evening events in the hotel at night are exclusive to Dance Holidays clients. Generally, we discourage British people who are not on the holiday from joining our activities and we ask for your discretion in this respect. By all means, outside of the itinerary, do mix with other holidaymakers staying in the hotel.