

Tango in Sitges with the International Tango Festival - 7 nights

Take a seven night holiday at Spain's most glamorous Tango Festival. Enjoy six hours of pre-Festival Club Dance Holidays Tango classes to enable you fully participate and let yourself go in the Tango Festival events.

Dates and Prices 11 July to 18 July - £865.00

Unique Features Sitges International Tango Festival 2005

Now in its twelfth year, the Siges International Tango Festival is a truly international festival taking place in high season in one of Spain's most glamorous beach resorts. It focuses on well attended tango courses taught by the biggest names in tango and high energy, glitzy Milongas attended by high level Tangueros from Europe. The five Festival Milongas and four hours of the Festival classes are included in your holiday.

Your Holiday Take a week holiday in the glamorous beach resort of Sitges and immerse yourself in the sensual world of Tango at Spain's most glitzy Tango Festivals.

Enjoy six hours of exclusive pre-Festival Dance Holidays tuition, four hours of Festival classes and five Festival Milongas in the evenings, laze on Sitges great beach and enjoy any of the restaurants to taste the delicious local cuisine.

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 bed & breakfast accommodation at the four star Hotel Antemare
- | 6 hours of exclusive pre-festival Club Dance Holidays tuition
- | Courtesy Champagne in your hotel room
- | Festival pass which includes 4 hours of classes and 5 milongas
- | Club Dance Holidays Tour Host
- | Welcome Drink and Orientation Pack on arrival

What previous 'Relaxing, stylish resort, wonderful milongas.'

Customers Have Said
about this Holiday

'Well organized, hard work, good fun.'

'Sitges is a lovely place - would love to come back on my own.'

'Relaxed, friendly, very enjoyable, everything contributed to this - the structure, the tour host, the organization, the Festival itself.'

'Beautiful resort. Lovely music and ambience.'

'Just a quick note with reference to my holiday to Sitges in July. I would like to say that I had a fantastic time. The entire week was superb. The Festival was extremely enjoyable, the classes measured up to their usual top standards, accommodation was comfortable and the teams in the UK and in Sitges organized the trip very well - I could not fault them!'

Your Destination,
includes sightseeing

Sitges, as yet unspoilt by tourism, is one of the gems of the Costa Dorada. It is one of the most prestigious holiday resorts for Spanish holidaymakers. We will be there in high season joining the Spaniards on holiday. It boasts an average of 300 days of Sun each year and seventeen Mediterranean beaches. Well known as a cultural city, it is home to thirty different international Festivals. Originally a fishing village, the town centre is a maze of many narrow cobbled streets and picturesque squares, which are filled with cafés and white washed houses. Along the seaside are long promenades where locals take over their daily strolls in the afternoon.

Sights: Sitges is one of Spain's most prestigious beach resorts in high season. Its beaches stretch about two kilometres west from the town centre. Walk alongside all the way down the seafront promenade, Passieg Maritim, where you will be distracted by beach bars, restaurants, showers and water sports facilities. Stroll by the three marinas: Port Ginesta, Garraf and Aiguadolç. Visit La Punta the Baroque church found on the knoll overlooking the beaches. For over a century Sitges has been the home to writers, painters and intellectuals. It was the haven for the Modernist artist and indeed houses many art galleries, such as Museu Cau Ferrat.

Climate and weather	Average temperatures in Sitges are as follows:					
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
	10 degrees celsius	11 degrees celsius	13 degrees	14 degrees	16 degrees	22 degrees
	March	April	May	June	July	August
	23 degrees	22 degrees	21 degrees	18 degrees	15 degrees	12 degrees.

Your Accommodation

Antemare - Hotel** (Bed & Breakfast) (Included)**
The Hotel Antemare is an attractive four star hotel with excellent facilities located just 50 metres from the beach offering you a comfortable stay in Sitges. The hotel has a fitness centre, beauty salon, sauna and gym, two swimming pools and gardens. Each room has ensuite facilities and telephone and television in each room. Breakfast is included. Hotel Antemare is located about 25 minutes walk from the Festival events and Sitges city centre. The advantage of this Hotel is that your rooms are quieter (less street noise than Hotels located in city centre).

Montserrat - Hotel (Bed & Breakfast) (Budget)**
Hotel Montserrat is a small, family run two star hotel in the heart of Sitges and a short walk from the beach. All rooms have en-suite facilities, telephone, TV, minibar, central heating and air conditioning recently installed. Hotel Montserrat is located about 15 minutes walk from the Festival events and Sitges city centre. A buffet breakfast is included.

Classes and Workshops

Exclusive pre-Festival Club Dance Holidays tuition:

We recommend that you take advantage of the six hours of pre Festival Dance Holidays tuition which takes place before the Festival starts because the classes are smaller, they are translated and you get lots of individual attention. Our clients tell us that they get an enormous amount out of these classes. Beginners and improvers, especially, say they prefer them to the festival classes.

Dance Studios: The tango classes commonly take place in a venue in the centre of Sitges. The floor is terracotta and some of the dance spaces have air conditioning.

Festival tuition:

There are four hours of Festival classes included in your holiday.

Dance Levels: The Festival offers classes at Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced levels. Four of these classes are included in your holiday.

Venue of the Festival classes: The Festival has yet to announce where its classes will take place. Usually the Festival classes take place in the centre of Sitges.

Language: Since the majority of those attending these classes are Spanish, the classes are given in Spanish. Some of the guest teachers have a reasonable level of english and so depending on the size of the english speaking contingency, they may also teach in english.

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:

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

DAY 1

Late morning - Arrival and transfer to hotel

Afternoon - Activity suggestion: Wander around the city centre getting a feel for Sitges town and lunch at any of the restaurants in the promenade.

Evening - Overview of the week. (OP) Excellent dinner with your evening tour host and the rest of the group at Argentinean restaurant. Informal Tango dance at the Sitges Marina.

DAY 2

Morning – Pre-Festival Club Dance Holidays Tango lessons (2 hours)

Afternoon - Pre-Festival Club Dance Holidays Tango lessons (2 hours)

Early evening – Free evening for tapas / dinner. Eat something before you go to Barcelona

Late evening - (OP) Trip to Barcelona. Tango dancing with your teacher Diego and local tangueros in Barcelona Club!

DAY 3

Morning - Pre-Festival Club Dance Holidays Tango lessons (2 hours)

Afternoon - Lunch and free time to sunbathe at Sitges beach.

Evening - Free evening for tapas / dinner in Sitges. Open air Welcome Festival Milonga .

DAY 4

Morning suggestion - sightseeing in Sitges.

Afternoon - Tango Festival Classes. (Four classes out of the whole Festival programme are included in your holiday. You can take more than four classes by buying them as optional extras).
Early evening - (OP) Excellent group dinner in traditional Mediterranean restaurant.
Late evening - Open air Festival Milonga with dance display.

DAY 5

During the day - Tango Festival Classes. (Four classes out of the whole Festival programme are included in your holiday. You can take more than four classes by buying them as optional extras).
Evening- Dinner / tapas on Sitges' most well known eatery street. Afterwards, Open air milonga with live tango music.

DAY 6

During the day - Tango Festival Classes. (Four classes out of the whole Festival programme are included in your holiday. You can take more than four classes by buying them as optional extras).

Evening - Gala night with displays from all the teachers and Milonga with live music.

DAY 7

During the day - Tango Festival Classes. (Four classes out of the whole Festival programme are included in your holiday. You can take more than four classes by buying them as optional extras).

Evening - Farewell Milonga.

DAY 8

Transfer to Airport

Nightlife

Five glitzy Festival Tango Milongas (Tango dance parties) are included in your holiday. The Sitges Tango Festival Milongas are possibly the most glamorous of all the Spanish Tango Festivals.

Your Teachers

Pre-Festival Club Dance Holidays course teachers:

Diego and Pilar are amongst the foremost Tango dancers in Spain. They regularly tour Europe giving shows and workshops and run the International Tango Festival of Sitges every year. Trained in classical ballet, Flamenco and Spanish dance, Pilar chose to specialise in Argentinian Tango in 1987. Both Diego and Pilar have trained with leading teachers and dancers from Argentina.

The Festival workshop teachers:

Esther y Mingo Pugliese
Roberto Herrera con Jorgelina Guzzi
Diego Riemer "El Pájaro" y Mecha Espinel
damián Essel y Nancy Louzan
Julio Luque y Veronique Guide
Diego Cornella y Pilar Fernández
Fernando López del Amo
Silvina Valz

Food and Meals

Sitges offers many restaurants serving excellent traditional Spanish and Catalan food. You can also find a handful of French, Italian, Chinese and Argentinian restaurants.

Beach restaurants: Along the Sitges beach you can find several 'chiringuitos'. These are restaurants located directly on the beach so that you can have something to eat and drink and then simply walk across the sands and bathe in the sea!

Tapas and raciones: Tapas bars are an intrinsic part of Spanish culture. 'Tapa' translates as 'lid'. The idea is that you keep your hunger in check by ordering small plates of food. 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.

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

Dinner and Tango dancing at Argentinian Restaurant in Sitges harbour followed by dancing in this marina on the first night. (£21)

Trip to Barcelona: Tango dancing with your teacher Diego and local tangueros in Barcelona Club. (£30)

Excellent group dinner in traditional Mediterranean restaurant. (£22)

Extra Festival classes - prices and programme to be announced by Festival.

Single Room
Supplements,
Upgrades and
Budget Options

Option 1 - Included

Antemare - Hotel**** Bed & Breakfast - (11/07/2005 to 18/07/2005 - 7 nights)

Twin Room (Based on 2 sharing)	Included
Twin Room (Single Occupation) (1 Person)	147.00 GBP
Extra Nights	
Triple Room (Per Room)	177 GBP per night
Twin Room (Based on 2 sharing)	122 GBP per night
Twin Room (Single Occupation) (Based on 1 sharing)	105 GBP per night

Option 2 - Budget

Montserrat - Hotel** Bed & Breakfast - (11/07/2005 to 18/07/2005 - 7 nights)

Twin Room (Single Occp.) (1 Person)	77.00 GBP
Extra Nights	
Twin Room (Based on 2 sharing)	72 GBP per night
Twin Room (Single Occp.) (Based on 1 sharing)	50 GBP per night

Flights and Transfers Flights: Flights are from a London based airport to Barcelona. Please check in two 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).

Making your own
way to the hotel for
ground only package

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

By train: Barcelona Sants - Sitges

*Take a taxi from Prat Airport Barcelona to Barcelona Sants Train Station (about 20 euros). Journey time: 20 minutes.

*Take a train from Barcelona Sants Train Station to Sitges Train Station (about 5 euros). Journey time: 30 minutes.

Train timetable: every 15 minutes, last train to Sitges leaves Sants at 12 midnight.

*Take a taxi from Sitges Train Station to your hotel (5 euros).

By train: Airport – Prat de Llobregat - Sitges

*Take a train from Prat Airport Barcelona to Prat de Llobregat Train Station (about 5 euros). Train timetable: every 15 minutes, first train 6am.

*Take train from Prat to Llobregat to Sitges Train Station (about 5 euros). Train timetable: about every 15 minutes, first train 6am. Last train about 8pm.

*Take a taxi from Sitges Train Station to your hotel.

By Taxi

Take a taxi from Prat Airport Barcelona to your hotel in Sitges (about 42 euros). Journey time: 30 minutes.

What to Expect in
terms of
Organisation

On Arrival: You will receive information on the Festival and other helpful tips on arrival.

Independence during your holiday and free time: You are fully independent on this holiday. Although your holiday is carefully organized and coordinated, we believe our guests do not like to be over-organised. So we give you quality information with all the addresses of where there are dance activities. You can decide for yourself if and when you want to turn up. We encourage you to explore Sitges during your stay. This can be done when you please around the dance classes and activities at night.

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.

Welcome Drink: At the start of your holiday, you will be invited to a drink.

Getting Around: You are responsible for making your own way to the dance classes and meeting points on the itinerary. Sitges is largely walkable. You may wish to take taxis at night.

Before Your Go

Books on Sitges and Spain: It may be worth your while reading up on your destination before you go. 'Time Out Guide to Barcelona' is the best local guide and has a small section in Sitges. Penelope Casas writes beautifully on Spain, such as 'The Blue Guide' or 'The Foods and wines of Spain'. Ian Gibson's 'The Fire in the Blood' is one of the most fascinating insights into Spanish Culture.

Budgeting for your holiday: Its worth remembering you are travelling to Sitges in the summer high season. If you wish to keep you costs down, we suggest eating 'tapas' by way of an evening meal. 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: 25-30 euros

An evening of tapas and drinks: 15 euros

Taxi ride across town: 4 euros

Rum and coke in a nightclub: 6 euros

Beer in a bar/cafe: 3 euros

Coffee in a bar/cafe: 1.50 euros

Entrance to a monument or museum: 5 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.

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

Dance shoes

Spring clothing for day

Light weight coat for evenings

Swimming costume, suntan lotion and beach gear

This fact sheet and Joining Instructions

Passport, money, plane ticket.

What to wear for 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. Some of the Festival events will be quite smart – do bring some smart outfits with you for the evenings.

At Your Destination 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. 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.

Tipping is generally not that common in Spain. 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: 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 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.
