

Flamenco in Nerja - 7 nights

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Dates and Prices 18 September to 25 September - £599.00

Unique Features Sun, outdoor pool and great beaches: The highlights of this holiday in addition to the fantastic flamenco classes must be the warm autumn Spanish sun, your hotel's outdoor swimming pool and the lovely beaches of Nerja just 500 metres from your hotel.

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Last Years
Photos

What's Included

- | Return flights from selected UK airports to Malaga airport
- | Return airport transfer for all arrivals and departures coinciding with the standard Dance Holidays flights
- | 7 nights bed and breakfast accommodation at three star hotel
- | 10 hours Flamenco tuition
- | Club Dance Holidays Tour Host
- | Welcome Drink and Orientation Pack on arrival

What previous
Customers Have
Said about this
Holiday

Your Destination, includes sightseeing

Nerja is a haven beach town placed on the Costa del Sol lying between small coves untouched by development and surrounded by an impressive mountain scenery. It is located just fifty kilometres from Málaga and is one and a half hour drive from Granada. There are thirteen kilometres of beaches and the small coves below the impressive cliffs of Maro, which have been the inspiration of numerous artists who have set up residence here. With its mild climate, you can enjoy yourself to the full all year round and take advantage of the relaxed way of life of a town that still retains much of the character of its moorish past. The historic centre begins with the Balcón de Europa (Balcony of Europe) which is a fantastic view point out to sea. In the old quarter of town, you can enjoy many small shops and boutiques offering local craftwork (including the sweet wine and olive oil, honey and tropical fruits) and the latest Spanish fashion. At the beach restaurants you can enjoy the "pescaito frito" (fried fish), the best Sangria and excellent tapas. There is in addition in the town centre an excellent selection of Indian, Chinese, Japanese and Italian restaurants. One of the reasons that Nerja is so famous is because of its caves which hold stalactites and stalagmites formed over millions of years. The Nerja Caves are currently the third most visited monument in the whole of Spain.

Climate and
weather

Average temperatures in Nerja:

January 9 - 17 degrees celsius
February 10 - 18 degrees celsius
March 11 - 20 degrees
April 12 - 22 degrees
May 14 - 25 degrees
June 18 - 28 degrees
July 19 - 30 degrees
August 21 - 31 degrees
September 18 - 28 degrees
October 16 - 25 degrees
November 12 - 20 degrees
December 10 - 18 degrees.

Classes and Workshops

Flamenco Tuition: Ten hours of flamenco classes are included in your holiday (2 hours a day over 5 days).

Daily Itinerary

Example Itinerary:

This is a provisional itinerary, and any of the listed activities are only a suggestion. There will be some elements which will change:

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

DAY 1

- | During the day - Arrival and transfer to hotel
- | Evening - Overview of the week; Meal and drinks; Welcome Drink

DAY 2

- | Morning and afternoon - Flamenco lessons
- | Outside of your classes during the day - sunbathe around your hotel pool or on the beach.
- | Evening - (OP) Paella dinner at a cosy Spanish restaurant with great atmosphere. Followed by an informal flamenco guitar concert (OP).

DAY 3

- | Morning and afternoon - Flamenco lessons
- | Outside of your classes during the day - Take time to wander through the cobbled, winding streets of Nerja. Discover the many boutiques and shops. Take a coffee or tea at one of the many terrace cafes.
- | Evening - Why not have some tapas at a bar with a great views out to sea?

DAY 4

- | Morning and afternoon - Flamenco lessons
- | Outside of your classes during the day - sunbathe around your hotel pool or on the beach.
- | Evening - (OP) Delicious lunch served in raciones (plates to share) at classy Andalusian Taberna
- | Later - (OP) Flamenco Show at one of Nerja's top Flamenco Tablaos.

DAY 5

- | Free day for day trip to the worldfamous Nerja caves (see the amazing stalagmites!).
- | Later - Tapas and drinks in Nerja town centre.

DAY 6

- | Morning and afternoon - Flamenco lessons
- | Outside of your classes during the day - sunbathe around your hotel pool or on the beach.
- | Late afternoon & Evening - (OP) Trip to the city of Malaga to for a shopping visit to the excellent flamenco clothes and accesories shops, some great tapas and drinks and a visit to one of Malaga's top flamenco shows.

DAY 7

- | Morning and afternoon - Flamenco lessons
- | Outside of your classes during the day - sunbathe around your hotel pool or on the beach.
- | Evening - (OP) Last night dinner at a restaurant with great views out to sea.
- | Later - impromptu flamenco dancing at a hidden away bar.

DAY 8

- | Transfer to Airport

Nightlife

During your week in Nerja you will enjoy fabulous flamenco shows, flamenco guitar recitals and some spontaneous flamenco dancing of our own. In addition to the flamenco shows and dancing, we will also spend our evenings dining out at great restaurants and tapas bars.

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| Your Teachers | Lola Tapia Mendez will be your teacher for your Flamenco courses. Lola is local to Malaga. In addition to teaching she has her own Flamenco troupe. Lola has worked with us on several holidays before and we have had very good feedback. In addition to being charming, she also has excellent teaching technique and will push each of you individually to your personal best. |
| Food and Meals | <p>Andalusian & international cuisine: Nerja offers many cosy, family-run restaurants offering traditional Andalusian dishes. You will also find restaurants offering other types of international cuisine: Italian, Chinese, Indian and more.</p> <p>Tapas/Raciones culture: Tapas bars are an intrinsic part of Andalusian culture. 'Tapa' translates as 'lid'. The idea is that you keep you hunger in check by eating small plates of food. With each drink that you order, you order a 'tapa' that comes free with your drink. 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.</p> |
| 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. Delicious Paella dinner at cosy Spanish restaurant (25 euros) Taberna style Andalusian cuisine dinner (25 euros) Flamenco show (18 euros) Guitar recital (10 euros) Afternoon and evening trip to Malaga for shopping and flamenco show (30 euros) Last night dinner with great views out to sea (25 euros). |
| Single Room Supplements, Upgrades and Budget Options | |
| Flights and Transfers | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| Making you own way to the hotel for ground only package | <p>Making YourOwn Way to Nerja: For those whose flights don't coincide with our Airport coach transfer at Malaga Airport, we recommend the following modes of transport:</p> <p><u>1) Malaga Airport/Nerja</u></p> <p>By bus: Málaga bus station to Nerja bus station</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ┆ Take a taxi from Málaga Airport to Málaga bus station (9 euros). Journey time: 15 minutes. ┆ Take a bus from Málaga Bus Station to Nerja bus Station (5 euros). Journey time: about 1 hour. Bus timetable: about every hour, last bus from Málaga leaves at 8.45pm. First bus leaves at 8.15am. Bus company: Alsina Graells. ┆ Take a taxi from Nerja bus station to your hotel (about 8 euros). <p>By Taxi: Take taxi from Málaga Airport to your hotel in Nerja (about 100 euros). Journey time: 1 hour.</p> |
| What to Expect in terms of Organisation | <p>On Arrival: You will receive a detailed itinerary and annotated map, details of any optional extras including the meal ticket and any extra classes we are running. We also include information on the local sights and recommended restaurants and other helpful tips.</p> <p>Independence within the social activities: Although your holiday is fully hosted, we believe our guests do not like to be over-organised. So we give you quality information and an itinerary including a map and all the addresses 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. If you are travelling on your own the tour host will be at all the meeting points on the itinerary and there is always company and normally the chance say to share a taxi back the hotel.</p> <p>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</p> |

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 your holiday there is an Overview of the Week where your tour host will tell you about all details of your holiday and answer any questions you might have. At the Overview of the Week you can buy your optional extras. Also at the start of the week, Dance Holidays will invite you to enjoy a complimentary welcome drink.

Getting Around: You are responsible for making your own way to the dance classes and meeting points on the itinerary. You can cover the town centre easily by foot. It is a joy to walk everywhere as the town is bursting with atmosphere. In fact getting lost would be an enjoyable part of the holiday! The Alhambra is located on one hill and the Sacromonte area and the Albaicin on another – these have fantastic views. Where hills are concerned you may at times prefer to get a taxi.

Before Your Go Books on Andalusia and Spain: It may be worth your while reading up on your destination before you go. Penelope Casas writes beautifully about Spain, in 'The Blue Guide' or 'The Foods and Wines of Spain'. Ian Gibson's 'The Fire in the Blood' provides one of the most fascinating insights into Spanish Culture. Gerald Brenan's 'South from Granada' and Ian Gibson's 'Lorca's Granada' give an insight into local history and culture. 'The Rough Guide to Andalusia' is the best guide book. 'Tales from the Alhambra' by Washington Irving is worth buying and makes a nice present; it can easily be bought locally.

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: 18-20 euros
- | An evening of tapas and drinks: 10 euros
- | Taxis: Not really needed as you can walk nearly everywhere
- | Rum and coke in a nightclub: 5 euros
- | Beer in a bar/cafe: 1.50 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.

Joining Instructions: You receive these about five days before the start of your holiday. They will include your air ticket, 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 spending a long time walking around the streets
- | Dance shoes
- | Spring clothing for day
- | Warm coat for evenings
- | Swimming costume for Arabic Baths (op extra)
- | This fact sheet and Joining Instructions
- | Passport, money, plane ticket

What to wear for dancing: You don't necessarily need special flamenco shoes or clothes for the classes (the nails in flamenco shoes are for gripping the floor and being able to spin, not for making the noise). Shoes that have a court heel or a boot heel would be appropriate. Trainers would not be appropriate. You can buy flamenco shoes once you are out in Spain for around 30 - 50 euros. Wear clothes that are cool and comfortable – long flowing skirt with lots of material or leggings and tshirt. Some of you may wish to dress up in the Fiesta as the locals do in traditional flamenco costume. It will be possible to buy these flamenco clothes and accessories in Granada.

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 Spain 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: 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 Spain, thus enabling them to stay with the group and join in all activities and lessons. Please see www.clubdanceholidays.com or contact our UK Reservations Team (+44 870 286 6000) for details.
