



The Blackpool Dance Festival

International Ballroom and Latin Dance Competition



The Blackpool Dance Festival is considered by many to be the most prestigious dance competition in the world. For more than 85 years, the magnificent Winter Gardens ballroom has been host to this extraordinary event. More than 1800 dance couples, representing 60 countries, will descend upon Blackpool England, to compete in ballroom and latin dance competitions for a chance to win the coveted British Open Championship.

You'll move to the fabulous sounds of the Blackpool orchestra. You'll see the scintillating Cha-Cha, the sensual Rumba, the beautiful Waltz and of course the high-flying Quickstep. You'll see past champions judging and new champions crowned. Blackpool has the excitement, the music, the dancers and the stars. At least once in your lifetime, you must see the Blackpool Dance Festival!

Scotland, England, Switzerland and Greece in 16 Days

May 28, 2010 - June 13, 2010

Our trip to England not only includes the spectacular Blackpool Dance Festival, but also an amazing excursion throughout Europe. We will visit *four* spectacular European cities during our trip. Read on to get a general overview of our trip. (Itinerary details subject to change)

SCOTLAND 3-Nights

Discover Edinburgh's majestic and inspiring history. As we tour Scotland's capital city, we'll visit both the New and Old Towns, places of interest such as Edinburgh Castle, the National Museum of Scotland, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Visit local pubs, hear Scottish folk music.

We'll also visit Glasgow, one of the liveliest and most cosmopolitan destinations in Europe. Considered the most vibrant and exciting of Scottish cities, it boasts excellent museums and art galleries as well as beautiful park lands and buildings. Treat yourself to a visit of the Jewel of Scotland, the city whose inhabitants work hard and play hard.



ENGLAND 4-Nights



We'll see the best amateur and professional dancers in the world compete in Ballroom and Latin dancing. Explore the Winter Gardens, see the most amazing dance costumes from the dance vendors and try the local version of fish and chips. You'll tour the gorgeous Tower ballroom and spend an afternoon there for high tea and social dancing.

Enjoy the many shops in Blackpool, head to the beach and walk the three piers overflowing with "Atlantic city boardwalk" festivities, or head out of town on the train to Liverpool for a Beatles tour.

SWITZERLAND 4-Nights

Get to know the international city of Geneva in the south of Switzerland. We'll enjoy Geneva's scenic lakeside location, famous monuments and attractions. Get a taste of Geneva's history with the Tramway Tour and walk through the Old Town. We'll cruise Lake Geneva on the "Cruise of the Mermaid" and see the famous Water Fountain Jet d'Eau.

You'll spend the day in the Swiss mountains on a day trip to the Alps. You'll take a cable car to the top of a Glacier and enjoy breathtaking views of the surrounding Alps. Explore the beautiful Swiss Riviera through the cities of Montreux and Chillon, travel through the beautiful Swiss countryside and visit the famous Chateau of Chillon.



GREECE 4-Nights



From the Acropolis to Omonia Square, you'll see all the famous sites of ancient and modern Athens. We'll tour the past with a visit to the Roman Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Acropolis, Athens' crowning beauty. Highlights include the impressive Parthenon, the Temple of Athena with its Porch of Maidens and the Plaka, the historic Greek neighborhood.

We'll take a half day tour to one of many ancient archaeological sites (the Agora or Corinth). Learn the history of ancient Greece and its mythology. We'll end our final day in Greece with a cruise from Athens to the fabulous Greek islands. You'll set sail for the island for a relaxing day on the sea. Enjoy the islands with free time for strolling, shopping and swimming.

The complete package is reasonably priced at only \$4,595 per person based on double occupancy (singles add \$650). *Air taxes are included.* Air Travel Insurance is highly recommended. Space is limited so don't delay!

To reserve your space, contact Mark Mendez or Veronica Wagner at Dancer Avenue Studio 310.530.7511, cell phone 310.465.9223 or email to stardanz1@aol.com, with your \$750 per person deposit.

Included with the trip:

- Airfare to Manchester, England; Edinburgh, Scotland; Blackpool, England; Geneva, Switzerland; Athens; Greece; back to the United States.
- 15-night's accommodation in Edinburgh, Blackpool, Geneva and Athens (Blackpool stay is a Bed & Breakfast, rest of trip are hotels). We will attempt to pair up single guests upon request.
- Seven City Tours through Edinburgh, Geneva, Athens
- One day admission and dancing at the Blackpool Tower
- Four full days of admission to the Blackpool Dance Festival (Reserved seating can only be confirmed after your reservation is booked. General Seating and Standing Room tickets always available.)
- Breakfast & dinners in Blackpool
- Private motorcoach/minibus transfers to and from the airport
- Train transfers (with tours) in Scotland, Geneva & Athens
- At least two Dancer Avenue Studio Escorts for the entire trip