

LANZAROTE

Tues 12th to Tues 19th or Sat 23rd March 2019

After the particularly long cold, wet winter this year the Club has decided to break up those dull early months of 2019 by organising a foreign holiday in (hopefully!) sunnier climes. So we are off to Lanzarote in early March 2019!

Details of the proposed trip are as follows:-

Location

Lanzarote is an intriguing island with an extraordinary geology of 300 volcanic cones: at the same time it ticks all the "good-time" boxes with great beaches, interesting sights and plenty of shops, restaurants, bars and hotels. The island offers a variety of walking and sightseeing opportunities taking in panoramic landscapes and coastal promenades and paths.

Lanzarote's close proximity to Africa is apparent in its weather: the dry, desert-like climate is interrupted by a few rainy days, typically in winter, but not amounting to much. The early Spring season normally produces excellent walking weather and this, together with cheap and easy access to the start and end points (usually by public bus or taxi) contribute to a rewarding walking experience. Our walks will be self-guided, assisted by Club

members who have recent experience of walking in the Canary Islands in general and Lanzarote in particular. Walks will be either directly from our hotel or from small villages using public transport to/from the start/finish. They will range between C and D grades concentrating on scenic coastal promenades and inland hill and valley trails. The terrain can be rough under foot at times, with moderate slopes on some walks. Good walking shoes should be sufficient in most circumstances, but some may prefer the extra ankle support provided by walking boots.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

Our research indicates that an online-booked **Jet2 Holidays** package of flight plus hotel offers attractive, well priced options of 7 or 11 nights duration.

We will stay in Puerto del Carmen, Lanzarote's main resort, situated on the south-west coast and a short transfer distance from the island's airport in Arrecife. Our hotel will be the 4 star **Relaxia Olivina** (Google it), which is very conveniently located in a quiet, yet central position close to Playa de los Pocillos on the main promenade. Some Club members have stayed in this hotel recently and can vouch for the quality of its accommodation, food and facilities.

The **Jet 2 package** includes:-

- return flights from Belfast International to Lanzarote (Arrecife)
- 7 or 11 nights' accommodation in the 4* Relaxia Olivina hotel
- All inclusive of meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner with mid-morning and afternoon snacks) and drinks
- 22kg hold luggage plus 10kg hand baggage
- Coach transfers between the airport and hotel.

The cost of the 7 night option is presently £634 per person sharing a family/twin room; and for the 11 night option £815 pps. (double rooms are available with a supplement). Both prices include a £100 per person discount, and a £60 per person deposit is required to secure a booking with the balance payable before January 2019.

Members will be responsible for making their own bookings directly with **Jet2 Holidays** and should note that that prices can vary as the departure date approaches. Room sharing arrangements should be agreed between individual Members; the Club will not become involved in this. Those members requiring single rooms, which are usually limited in number, will need to contact **Jet2 Holidays** via its website details to explore availability and cost.

[IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT BOOKINGS SHOULD BE MADE WITH **JET2 HOLIDAYS** - IT WILL BE CONSIDERABLY MORE EXPENSIVE TO BOOK FLIGHTS WITH JET2 AND THE HOTEL SEPARATELY]

Flight details *at this stage* are;

Outward journey:

Dep. 09.45 Tues 12 Mar 2019 - Belfast International

Arr. 14.00

Return journey:

Dep. 15.00 Tues 19 Mar 2019 - Arriçife, Lanzarote

Arr. 19.20 Belfast Int. ;

or (for 11 nights)

Dep. 18.45 Sat 23 Mar 2019

Arr. 23.05 Belfast Int.

WHAT NOW

Although March 2019 seems a long way off, both flights and rooms fill up steadily with early bookers and prices are already rising, so if you wish to go, it would be advisable not to delay booking. You will note, as indicated above, that the deposit required to secure a booking is relatively small with the balance payable by January 2019.

When you have booked your flight/hotel package according to your own preferences please notify Denis Hamill.

Happy rambling !!

Denis Hamill

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