



The 84th Annual Blackpool Dance Festival International Ballroom and Latin Dance Competition May 24 - 31, 2009

If you enjoy competitive dance, you have no doubt heard of Blackpool, England, the host for 84 years of what many believe is the most prestigious dance competition in the world. Based on the reviews from our 2008 travelers the competition is better than you can imagine! In May 2008, 37 avid dancers and dance fans from all around the world traveled with Huron Valley Travel to watch the competition and it was dance nirvana.

More than 1,600 couples representing 62 countries compete in 12 events, dancing to a 12 piece live orchestra from 2pm until 1am in the magnificent Winter Garden ballrooms. Back at our hotel, the Imperial, visit all the vendors and shop to your heart's content for custom dresses, ballroom shoes and accessories to make you stand out on the dance floor.

This trip is much less expensive than you might believe considering all that is included. If you are passionate about ballroom dancing this trip is for you, don't delay as this completely organized trip is sure to sell out early!



The gorgeous Tower Ballroom

Day to Day Itinerary

Sunday, May 24 ~ Depart from Chicago or New York on our included airfare (call for pricing from your city). Flights depart late afternoon or evening for Manchester, England. **D, B** (in flight)

Monday, May 25 ~ Arrive Manchester Airport and transfer by private motorcoach to Blackpool and our 5-star Imperial Hotel. On the way we'll stop at historic Huntley's farm to stretch our legs and enjoy a delicious farm fresh breakfast. After check-in and a chance to relax at the hotel, we'll gather for a cocktail and welcome dinner in the lovely Palm Court Restaurant in the hotel. **D**



Latin dancers at Blackpool

Tuesday, May 26 ~ In 2008, this was a favorite day for our travelers. After a full English breakfast at the hotel, join your fellow travelers for a fun dance lesson with one of Blackpool's local dance instructors. Learn the basics of several dances while getting to know your travel companions. After a break to freshen up we continue on to the gorgeous Tower ballroom for high tea and more dancing. Or, stop at Winter Gardens for the Amateur Latin and under 21 Ballroom competition (tickets just \$50 per person). **B, T**

Wednesday, May 27 ~ Today is the fantastic Professional Latin Competition but first we repeat one of the highlights from past years, a private lecture from a past British champion. Our travelers love his behind the scenes stories, mini history lesson and the chance to ask questions. Some of last year's travelers even booked private dance lessons! **B**

Thursday, May 28 and Friday, May 29 ~ Enjoy these days at Winter Gardens, easily reached by local tram (passes included). Thursday is Amateur Ballroom followed by Professional Ballroom on Friday. Dancing lasts until 1am and you'll have an opportunity to dance, if you choose, during open dance sessions. Feel free to come and go as you desire. There are many budget to gourmet restaurants within walking distance of Winter Gardens to enjoy. **B**

Saturday, May 30 ~ A completely free day to 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 or Chester for the day. This evening we celebrate our week together with an elegant Farewell Dinner followed by one final chance to dance back at the Imperial. **B, D**

Sunday, May 31 ~ Depart Blackpool by private motorcoach to the Manchester Airport for our flights back to reality.

The complete package is very reasonably priced at only \$2,539 per person based on double occupancy (single add \$329). If you do not need airfare a \$400 credit will apply. Air taxes are additional. Travel Insurance is highly recommended and available through Huron Valley Travel. Space is limited so don't delay!

To reserve, contact Shelly or Melissa at Huron Valley Travel, 800.392.6689 or 734.761.1300 or email@huronvalleytravel.com with your \$750 per person deposit.

Included with the trip:

- Three full days of admission to the Blackpool Dance Festival
- Official Dance Festival Program
- Private group dance lesson and lecture from former British Champion
- High Tea, admission and dancing at the Blackpool Tower
- Many opportunities to dance! (Male dance partners provided at Tower)
- Airfare from Chicago or New York to Manchester, England
- Six night's accommodation at the beautiful Imperial Hotel in Blackpool (upgrade to sea-view room, only \$339 per person, based on double occupancy)
- Daily breakfast in the Palm Court restaurant facing the Irish Sea
- Baggage handling at the hotel
- Two dinners (one being the special farewell dinner!)
- Unlimited use tram tickets for your stay
- Free time to explore Blackpool on your own
- Private motorcoach transfers to and from the airport (included only with HVT air)
- A Huron Valley Travel Escort for the entire trip

Itinerary Key: B= Included Breakfast, T= Included Tea, D= Included Dinner

Optional add-ons:

*If you are a dance fanatic, arrive into Manchester on Friday morning instead of Monday and take part in the British Dance Council's Congress events that are all day Saturday and Sunday. Professional dancers are there to lend their advice on subjects ranging from entrances and exits to keeping fit for dance to styling. Learn from the experts! Ask about the add-on price which includes air deviation, extra nights hotel, and Congress tickets.

*Private lessons from a Blackpool coach.

*Take a day trip to the historic walled city of Chester or, if you are a music fan, take the Beatles magical mystery tour in Liverpool.

Call us for more information on these options.

**To reserve today, call:
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