

## Jive Holiday to Sicily 30 September – 7 October

**PLEASE NOTE:** This live document will be changed from time to time to add the latest UPDATES which will be added in red. Please read the contents below and to check for UPDATES from time to time, especially before departure when you should print a copy and bring it with you to Italy. In order to have the latest update, we suggest that you only print a copy the day before departure, as any previous prints will be out of date. We will not send you separate email updates/reminders except to notify you of the table and coach allocations. Please advise everyone in your party.

### Document Issue 2:

People will be arriving in Catania Fontana Rossa airport in Sicily with several flights. Please note the following:

1. Easy Jet from Gatwick North Terminal Saturday 30 September expected departure time 16.00 hours (please note that this may change at the airline's discretion, you must check the final departure time on their website). If you are on this flight, we will have already emailed you the booking information explaining how to log on and type your Advanced Passenger Information (API), how to check-in and how to get your boarding pass. If you have misplaced this information, please email us a short note to this effect and we'll email you this information again. Please make sure that you do your online check-in and print your (outgoing and return) boarding passes before you arrive at Gatwick. You will be able to check-in and print your (outgoing and return) boarding passes whilst in UK from 30 days prior to departure. Return date Saturday 7 October expected Catania departure 20.40 hours. Italian transfers provided.

All of the above, except for departure times, will also apply if you are on the earlier Easy Jet flight departing Gatwick at 06.25 hours and departing Catania on the Return date at 11.05 hours.

2. If you have made your own flight arrangements, please remember that we are providing NO Transfers.
3. Norwegian from Gatwick South Terminal Saturday 30 September expected departure time 06.40 (please note that this may change at the airline's discretion, you must check the final departure time on their website). If you are on this flight, you now need to ~~enter your document details and~~ (Norwegian has now confirmed that people on their flights to Sicily and back no longer need to upload passport details in advance on their website) print the Travel Documents (outbound and inbound) from [HERE](#). Please make sure that you do this ASAP and do not forget to bring your Travel Documents along with your passport to Gatwick. Return date Saturday 7 October expected Catania departure 11.10 hours. Italian transfers provided.

ALL please note that we won't do the online process required by Easy Jet and Norwegian, nor will we print any documents for you. You will have to enter online all your relevant information (if you are flying with Easy Jet), print the relevant paperwork (both for Easy Jet and Norwegian passengers) and bring such paperwork with you along with a valid passport to the airport on the day of departure. However, we'll help if you need assistance with this process. If so please contact us by 15 September.

If your flight has been booked by us with either Easy Jet or Norwegian, you are allowed to take with you:

1. Easy Jet - Cabin hand luggage 1 x 10Kg - 56 x 45 x 25 cm. 2) Checked luggage 1 x 20Kg - 275cm (length + width + height). No extra luggage allowed, please do not purchase extra luggage via Easy Jet, as the coach booked for your Italian transfers can only take 1 x Cabin hand luggage + 1 x Checked luggage per person. The cabin hand luggage and the checked luggage may not be combined in one single item of luggage to obtain the combined weight allowance.
2. Norwegian - Cabin hand luggage 1 x 10Kg - 55 x 40 x 23 cm. 2) Checked luggage 1 x 20Kg - 250 x 79 x 112 cm (L x H x W) max circumference 300 cm. On this flight only, an extra 20 Kg checked luggage can be reserved via us by 1<sup>st</sup> September for the total price of £ 40. Please note that we will only accept the first 10 requests, as beyond these the coach booked for your Italian transfers will be at full capacity. The cabin hand luggage and the checked luggage may not be combined in one single item of luggage to obtain the combined weight allowance.

- As people will be arriving at Gatwick from all directions and at different times, the departure lounge will be our official meeting point. Franco and Rebecca will be travelling on the Norwegian morning flight and will lead that group. If you are on the Easy Jet morning flight, once you arrive to Catania airport collect your luggage, exit the arrival lounge and go to the airport “Meeting Point” in front of the Hertz car hire desk and under the escalators, Franco or Rebecca will come to collect you from there. The group leaders for people flying with Easy Jet in the afternoon will be Nelson and Karen. If you need to book your car into the car park at Gatwick airport, you might find these links useful : [SOUTH Terminal](#) and [NORTH Terminal](#).
- We'll stay at the 4 Star Fontane Bianche Beach Resort located directly on the beach and in the small residential village of Fontane Bianche, see [HERE](#), [HERE](#) and [HERE](#). We recently visited the hotel on the weekend the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, photos taken during that visit have been uploaded on our JiveTime Facebook page. All rooms are the same grade, none have sea view unless you have opted for such room and paid the £ 50 per person/week supplement. We had already sold all Sea View rooms previously allocated to us. However, due to demand we asked the hotel for some more of these rooms and they have now released an extra 5 Sea View rooms to us. Please let us know asap if you are interested in one of these last 5 Sea View rooms.
- The transfer time between Catania airport and Fontane Bianche is between 30-40 minutes, depending on traffic. As your flight approaches Catania airport, look to your left for Etna.
- For those arriving on the morning flights the Hotel has agreed to provide lunch (including a selection of starters, main dishes, desserts and drinks) for £ 10 per person. We recommend that you choose this option (by emailing us, payment can be collected cash from you on the plane ... please have the correct amount ready for us to collect and please do not pay this into our bank account), as we'll be arriving just before midday and as such between settling down and finding your way around by the time you find the local bar/restaurant/supermarket it might be closed for lunch and in any case £ 10 for what we get is an extremely good value for money. Evening dinner will then be included as advertised. For those arriving with the late flight in the evening, the restaurant hours will be over, however we'll provide a limited selection of cold meals, there will be no charge for this. To compensate for the loss of a proper dinner to those arriving on the late flight, lunch will be provided to them on the day of departure at no extra charge.
- On 7<sup>th</sup> October, the coaches for those flying in the morning with Easy Jet and Norwegian will leave soon after an early breakfast (also included in your holiday package) at 08.00 hours (meet group leaders Franco and Rebecca before departure time in the Hotel foyer). Coach leaving time for those flying in the evening with Easy Jet will be at 16.30 hours (meet group leaders Nelson and Karen before departure time in the Hotel foyer). If you are on this late flight, aside from the aforementioned extra lunch, you will be allowed to either keep your existing room or will be offered an alternative room until departure time, either at the hotel's sole discretion. **ALL PLEASE NOTE:** Coaches will not wait and will depart on time, if you miss your coach you will have to make your way to the airport at your own cost. Likewise, if you miss your flight you will need to arrange a new flight at your own cost.
- Excursions will be to the beautiful town of Noto and the City of Syracuse. Please wear comfortable shoes, there is a lot to visit and a lot of walking to be done, please avoid flip flops and similar footwear. Do not forget your cameras, you will regret it! These excursions are fully paid for (excluding drinks and any other personal direct costs) by JiveTime and include transfers and lunches. We will give you “JiveTime” printed tickets for the excursions. You will have to give the ticket when requested to enjoy the service/goods being provided to you, we will in turn pay the concern for each ticket they return to us. Please make sure to take care of your personal items while out and about!
- Please let us know via email by the end of May the name of the person/s you wish to sit with at the restaurant table and on the coach. If we do not hear from you by the given deadline, your allocation will be fixed at random. Please note that the tables allocated will mainly be for 4 – 8 people (a few tables for 2 people will also be available) and are mostly arranged in rectangles rather than circles. You must sit at the designated table and coach. **IMPORTANT:** coaches have been provided to you free of charge subject to you remaining the sole party responsible for your own belongings. We will not be responsible to check coaches for forgotten items before they leave, nor are we responsible to retrieve items forgotten on the coach after they have departed. We might assist you if possible, but we will not be responsible for costs arising from the return of items left on coaches. The same applies for items left on the plane.
- The program schedule will be available on this Notice Board no later than two days before the outbound flight, including excursion times, workshop times, freestyle dance times, detailed information about the table where you'll be sitting in the restaurant and the particular coach allocated to each of you. Please

print this and bring it with you. Table allocation and coach allocation (but not specific seating on either) is fixed and may not be changed (unless otherwise advised by us) throughout the week. You may not board a different coach at any time unless advised by us, as a roll call will be made before every departure and therefore it is essential that you are on the coach assigned to you. On departure time to and from the Hotel, you must be on the coach at the given time, if you miss the coach at the given Transfer time you'll be solely responsible at your own cost to get to the hotel/airport using any means arranged by yourself. If for whatever reason you miss your excursion coach, you will forego the excursion associated with that trip, as you must not board and will not be allowed to board a coach different than the one allocated to you. In view of this, please study carefully the activity schedule on arrival and the times your coach will be leaving for excursions and transfers hotel/airport. Nobody is obliged to do any excursions. If anyone does not wish to do any particular excursions, please do notify us asap, as it will help greatly with our planning and to reduce costs for the benefit of all. Please remember that at this event we have purposely chosen to spend our budget on excursions rather than on daily dance teaching, so that you get a flavour of the life, history, customs and people of the country you are visiting, rather than stay inside the hotel to do dance classes that can be taken in UK.

- The Hotel has a free Wi-Fi available in the communal areas such as the hall, swimming pool and restaurant. There is no guaranteed Wi-Fi in bedrooms. Connection is by onsite online registration.
- The theme will be "GLITZ AND GLAMOUR" on/from the Friday night dinner.
- Our web site [www.jivetime.co.uk](http://www.jivetime.co.uk) has now been updated and contains a lot of interesting information on the forthcoming jive holiday to Italy and to the area where you will be staying. Why not visit the website right away. From there you can also click the Facebook button to join our Facebook page.
- Please remember that across Italy there is a tourist tax, which the Hotel will charge you directly in reception at check-in. The tax is 2 euro (about £ 1.70) per day (what count are the nights slept in the hotel, so in the week Saturday 30 September to Saturday 7 October there are 7 nights, hence  $7 \times 2 = 14$  euro. Please have the correct amount ready in euro). The tax is meant to be used by Syracuse Council towards touristic endeavours such as cleaning beaches, maintaining & preserving monuments etcetera.
- Sterling/Euro currency converter available [HERE](#).
- Main dancing area has laminated parquet floors, which we have tried and tested and have found to function well. Nonetheless, expect long dancing hours on a daily basis and as such we strongly recommend that you wear soft cushioned shoes when dancing, no thin soles, stilettos or heels. We also recommend that you bring with you dance sneakers/trainers, as they have a lot of shock absorbency and 'spin' without being too slippery. For people who want good looking shoes, i.e. Latin & ballroom styles, the rule will be to bring those that have most cushioning. Most 'good' brands – Freed, Topline, Diamant etc. have cushioning, Diamant probably a little more than the others.
- Please note that holiday includes half board (dinner and breakfast) and all inclusive drinks, no lunches (unless otherwise stated) are included. However the hotel has said that lunch may be booked through reception for 12 euro (£ 10) per meal, if interested please book directly in the Hotel reception the day in advance of the desired lunch using **euro** only. A wrist band will be applied to your wrist to distinguish you from other guests who do not benefit from all inclusive drinks.  
Please visit our web site [www.jivetime.co.uk](http://www.jivetime.co.uk) for more details about what is included at meal times and what is included in terms of facilities such as safe in the room, air conditioning, towels, tennis etcetera.

There are busses that leave from outside the hotel daily to Syracuse via the small town of Cassibile. So if you wish to visit Syracuse via public transport more than once you will be able to do so. Cassibile has some bars and restaurants but aside from the main church in the main piazza there is not really much to see. On the other hand the town of Avola is quite a large seaside town boasting more shops and more to see than Cassibile. Avola and Syracuse are also accessible by train, the nearest train station is about 600 metres from the hotel. Bus and train timetables will be available in the Hotel reception and the hotel shop has bus tickets for sale, tickets are in the region of 1.20 euro for busses and 4 euro for trains.

If you plan on hiring a car to visit towns a little further afield please note that we are currently discussing a possible deal with a local provider so that cars are made available at the cheapest possible price and delivered to you at the hotel. Please check this section again for more info in the next couple of weeks.

Information you may need when arriving at the hotel:

- Beach towels may be hired from reception at a charge, you might wish to bring your own.

- Deck chairs and parasols are set out on the beach and are free of charge from the second row.
- The safe is available free of charge in your room. However, it requires a lock to operate. The lock is available in reception but you need to leave a € 20 deposit, which will be returned to you when you return the lock. You are strongly advised to return this lock well before departure, as the coach will not wait for you to return the lock.
- If you need to call reception from your room please dial 9. To call elsewhere from your room phone please dial 0 then the number you require. The Hotel will charge for outgoing telephone calls at a rate set by them. For general information whilst in your room, i.e. air conditioning, etcetera, just switch on the TV in your room, which will default to the general info channel.
- Like most Italian Hotels, there are no tea and coffee facilities in the rooms. However, if you wish to drink tea and coffee the bar will be happy to provide this for you during the periods they are open.
- Rooms have fridges, towels, hair dryer, toiletries including soap, shampoo, shower gel, toilet paper etc.
- The pool is unattended and cordoned off for 2 hours in the middle of the day when the lifeguard is not in attendance. If you chose to enter the pool during this time beware of the risk.
- There is a Spa on site which is available at a cost, you should see reception directly if you require this service.
- Steve Guyatt, who has been with us on our past jive holidays and jive weekends will provide specialist massages at favourable prices. You can approach Steve on site or contact him in advance, click [HERE](#) for Steve's website and contact details.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our jive holiday to Sicily.

Ciao

Franco and Rebecca