

Dear Friends

May 26th 2023



Flame Trust Spring Break Madeira: 4 - 11 March 2024

Dear Friends,

Spring Breaks – for the purpose of spiritual refreshment and relaxation - have always featured as part of Flame's programme for partners and supporters in all that we do, and after the success of our visit to Malta this year, Sharon Bayliss, assisted by Matt Morgan at Travel Counsellors, have been working hard to find the right place at the right price for 2024.

We have also done some research with those of you who came to Malta, and by far the most popular venue, proved to be in Madeira. The island provides a conducive environment for all that we enjoy, and we have excellent relationships that have been built on previous visits. Flora Alves at the Vidamar Resort, has also offered her complete support as and when we return, so our plans have now materialised.

WE ARE PLANNING A RETURN TO THE VIDAMAR RESORT: Monday 4th - 11th March 2024, WITH FLIGHTS FROM SEVERAL UK BASED AIRPORTS

However, we do recognise that with the current rate of inflation and rising costs across ALL sectors, the price for ALL holidays in Europe for next year has risen. Yet at the same time, the team at Travel Counsellors, together with 'Team Flame', are committed to securing the best deal for our friends and supporters, and the following detail is a realistic, and the most economic solution, for these challenging times.

Flora has promised us use of a meeting room at the hotel, and although unable to guarantee sea view rooms at their 'base price', the side Garden View rooms are very comfortable and there is always the option to upgrade to sea view for those who choose to do so (see details overleaf). The increase in costs for hotels has also been significant, but Flora has assured us that she will do everything in her power to make sure that Flame guests are well looked after.

The prices also include transfers, which have increased, generous baggage allowance, half board in a 5 star resort, evening sessions with a guest speaker, and other input and support as and when required.

And we have just confirmed that **IAN and RUTH COFFEY**, (special guest speakers in Malta), will lead our devotions, with input from local Christian leaders as and when available.

The price for accommodation is therefore appropriate for such a time as this. Unfortunately, single supplements are unavoidable for those wanting a room for sole use. Sharon has worked hard at securing the best rate from various airports, but as is always the case, the airlines operate on a 'first come – best served' basis, which means that the earlier we book, the cheaper the rates will be. Airlines increase their price as the aircraft fills, and Madeira is becoming an increasingly popular destination.

If you choose to join us, you will need to contact Sharon or Matt direct (the Flame office is not handling the bookings), and they will give you the guaranteed price on the day you book. The deposit is £60 per person.

BOOKING OPENS ON TUESDAY 13TH JUNE 2023. Lines could be busy! Contact details for Sharon and Matt are given overleaf. Sharon is working 'part-time', but Matt deputises when she is not available.

I really hope you will be able to be with us in Madeira. These are tough times, but having visited a 'modest restaurant' just yesterday where prices had risen considerably, the price reflected below does seem to be realistic for a 5 star holiday, for one week on a half board basis in a beautiful environment.

Hope you decide to come!

God bless

Dave

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BOOKING OPENS ON TUESDAY 13TH JUNE 2023. To make your booking, please contact

Sharon Bayliss direct on 01902 267260 or Matt Morgan on 0121 259 0000



with your credit/debit card to hand to pay the deposit. There is an answerphone if either is not able to take your call immediately, and Sharon or Matt will phone you back as soon as possible - just leave your name and number.

Please note: the Flame office is not handling bookings: Sharon or Matt will be able to handle your booking and take your £60 per person non returnable deposit via credit or debit card.

PRICES per person at the VidaMar Hotel, Funchal, as shown in the table below

Half board, side Garden View room, transfers in Madeira. *Upgrades to Sea view rooms are available at a supplement, also as shown below.* Return flights from selected airports. 1 x hold luggage and 1 x cabin bag per person. *If you wish to discuss paying for extra leg room seats etc, please do so direct with Sharon or Matt.* **Travel insurance - including suitable Covid cover - is not included and will be required by each person.** *A valid passport will of course be required.*

Polite notice: each person on the trip will need to be responsible for their own mobility with the help of aids if necessary and without relying on additional personal help, unless there is a paying companion with them who is prepared to do this. We are unable to provide personal assistance to members of the group and are not professionally trained or insured to do so.

COST: Please note - the prices below are 'live' and subject to increase and availability at the time of booking. They are correct at the date of publication (26 May 2023). **To check current availability and pricing, and to book, please contact Sharon Bayliss or Matt Morgan on the phone numbers above from 13th June.**

The balance will be due by 12th November 2023.

Flame Trust will advise the balance amount payable, and payment of this sum will be to Flame Trust.

UK DEPARTURE AIRPORT and ALL FLIGHT TIMES (4 / 11 March 2024)	Twin/double Garden View pp Half Board <i>(prices as at 26/5/2023)</i>	Single Garden View pp Half Board <i>(prices as at 26/5/2023)</i>
Birmingham (Jet2) Dep B'ham: 1100 and arrive 1450 Dep Funchal: 1550 and arrive 1950	£1083 Seaview supplement: £90pp	£1438 Seaview supplement: £60pp
Manchester (Jet2) Dep Manchester: 1000 and arrive 1400 Dep Funchal: 1500 and arrive 1905 <i>(there are later easyJet flights available in both directions at a reduced price - please enquire when booking)</i>	£1036 Seaview supplement: £90pp	£1391 Seaview supplement: £60pp
Glasgow (Jet2) Dep Glasgow: 0930 and arrive 1335 Dep Funchal: 1425 and arrive 1835	£1037 Seaview supplement: £90pp	£1392 Seaview supplement: £60pp
Gatwick (easyJet) Dep Gatwick: 0705 and arrive 1055 Dep Funchal: 1830 and arrive 2215	£892 Seaview supplement: £74pp	£1290 Seaview supplement: £74pp
Bristol (easyJet) Dep Bristol: 0710 and arrive 1045 Dep Funchal: 1125 and arrive 1515	£952 Seaview supplement: £74pp	£1349 Seaview supplement: £74pp
Stansted (Jet2) Dep Stansted: 0945 and arrive 1335 Dep Funchal: 1435 and arrive 1830	£1043 Seaview supplement: £90pp	£1398 Seaview supplement: £60pp

Please note: Seaview supplements are negotiated as part of each overall package and vary between airlines.