

# Sights of Ronda & Algeciras



## Ronda



Ronda is situated inland, 60km north west of Marbella and the Costa del Sol. With a particularly charming old town, Ronda is famous worldwide for its dramatic escarpments and views, and for the deep El Tajo gorge that carries the rio Guadalevín through its centre. A must-see is the 18th-century Puente Nuevo 'new' bridge, which straddles the 100m chasm below, for its unparalleled views out over the Serranía de Ronda mountains.

## Algeciras



Algeciras is situated opposite the Rock of Gibraltar which is just a bus ride away, making a great day out. Jump on the ferry and go and see the sights of Tangier. Visit the most amazing beaches in Tarifa. Spend a day having fun at a nearby Aquapark or visit the show and amusement park at Tivoli World which has a typical Andalusian square where live flamenco and other Spanish folklore dances are performed. For the more adventurous, hire a car and visit the amazing city of Sevilla or the famous Marbella.

## Felipe de Algeciras



Born in Algeciras, Felipe started dancing at the age of 13. In his late teens he founded and became chief choreographer for 'El Grupo Soleá'. He first came to London in 1991 where he performed at the Shaw Theatre.

Following his debut in England, Felipe went on to dance at Sadlers Wells, the House of Commons and has appeared with the English National Opera at London's Coliseum.

Felipe's powerful footwork can be heard throughout the soundtrack for the film *The Mask of Zorro* starring Antonio Banderas.

Felipe is in constant demand both as a performer and teacher, and has gained a formidable reputation as one of London's leading flamenco dancers.

## Paqui de Ronda

Paqui de Ronda first studied Classical Spanish and Flamenco dance in Barcelona and later at El Conservatorio Superior de Arte Dramático y Danza in Madrid, with renowned teachers such as Manolete, Maria Magdalena, Carmen and Cortes. Notable appearances include, in 1992, the opening ceremony of the Barcelona Olympics, *Carmen* at the Liceu Theatre in Barcelona and on Annie Lennox's video *A Whiter Shade of Pale*. During time in London, Paqui performed at Covent Garden, and in many Flamenco dance companies and as a soloist.

Now back home in Ronda, Andalucía, Paqui gives regular dance classes and is the Director of her own Flamenco dance company "La Bailaora", performing frequently at many festivals, and weekly at the restaurant "La Pilastra", owned by Fran Rivera, the number one bullfighter in Spain.



## Raquel Villegas



Raquel Villegas was born in Cádiz and began dancing at a very early age, soon mastering a range of Spanish dance styles. Her many influential teachers include El Mimbres, Matilde Coral, Merche Esmeralda, Javier Latorre and Charo Cruz.

Raquel has danced in a range of national and international venues, with companies including the Opera Cómica de Madrid "Zarzuela" at the Villamarta Theatre (Jerez) and Tivoli (Barcelona); with the Compañía Alhama in the production "Carmen Flamenca" which toured for four years throughout Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and Japan; and with the Compañía Merche Esmeralda in the best dance festivals. She has performed in some of the most important Flamenco venues in the world, including the Café de Chinitas, Los Gallos, El Arenal and Casa Patas, and as a guest artist at the Corral de La Morería sharing the stage with leading artists such as Bandolero, Camarón de Pitita, los Habichuelas, Isaac de Los Reyes y Niño de Los Reyes, Adrian Sanchez, Olga Pericet, Naïke Ponce, Yelsi Heredia, and hundreds more.

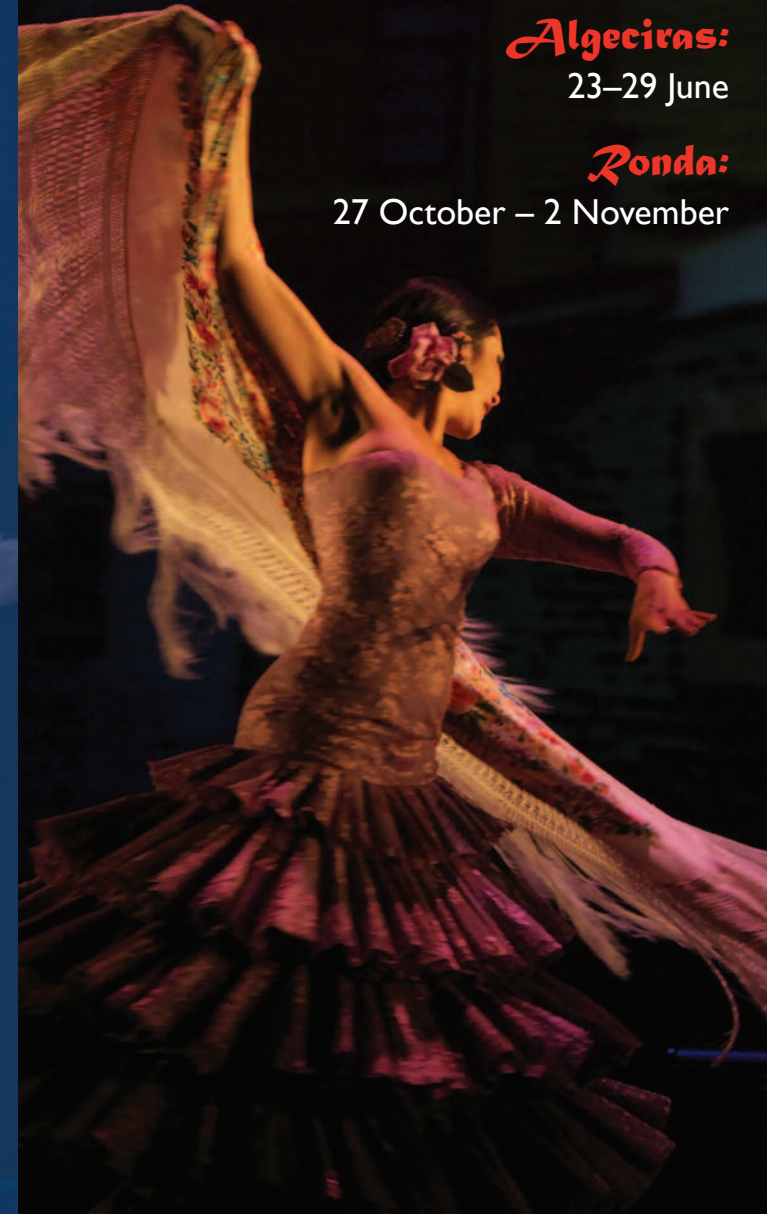
Recently, Raquel has toured as a guest artist throughout the USA with the Casa Patas Foundation in the production "Por si acaso amaneco" by Jose Barrios; in "Dalearte" by Miguel Tellez; in "Flamencolamb" at the Festival of Mont de Marsans; in "Bajoguia" by Diego Villegas at the recent Seville Bienal; and with her own group 'A Contratiempo' at the Cervantes Institute in Berlin, in the Flamenco-Equestre show "Guadalquivir" which she organised and directed herself.

Raquel is also director of a Flamenco Tablao Association "Bodegón A Contratiempo" in Sanlúcar, where she organises festivals and shows, directs artists and gives dance classes.

# Flamenco Dance Holidays in Spain 2014

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23–29 June

**Ronda:**  
27 October – 2 November





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Are you keen to experience the art of Flamenco for the first time? Do you already have a passion for the dance and want to improve? Then look no further, this is the course for you! Top Flamenco teachers have joined forces and their aim is to show you how to open your soul to the human emotions embodied in the spirit of Flamenco. Through top-quality teaching and choreography you will experience Flamenco at its very best. They will be teaching you exciting choreography combining their own unique styles and the latest steps. You will remember this course as a thrilling combination of music and dance that leaves you breathless and hungry for more. All classes will be accompanied by a live guitarist.

## Algeciras 23-29 June 2014

Fundacion Jose Luis Cano, Plaza Maria de Molina, Algeciras

### TEACHERS:

Beginners & Elementary - Felipe de Algeciras  
Intermediate & Advanced - Raquel Villegas

### TIMETABLE:

Beginners & Intermediate - 10am-11.45am  
Elementary & Advanced - 12.15pm-2pm

### COST:

One level - £150 • two levels - £220

## Ronda 27 October-2 November 2014

Peña Flamenca de Ronda, Calle Dolores Ibarruri 8, Ronda

TEACHERS: Beginners & Intermediate - Felipe de Algeciras  
Elementary & Advanced - Paqui de Ronda

TIMETABLE: Beginners - 10am-11.45am  
Elementary - 12.15pm-2pm  
Intermediate - 4pm-5.45pm  
Advanced - 6.15pm-8pm

COST: One level - £150 • two levels - £220

### COST FOR ENROLLING ON BOTH HOLIDAYS:

One level - £250 • Two levels - £380

Participants are responsible for booking their own flights and accommodation. The nearest airports are: Gibraltar - Easyjet, Flymonarch, British Airways; Jerez - Ryanair; Málaga - Easyjet, Flymonarch, Ryanair, Flybe, British Airways, Iberia, Jet2 etc.

To travel onward to Ronda from these airports you will need to take a bus from Jerez, a bus or train from Málaga or a train from Algeciras.

Recommended hotels in Ronda include Hotel La Rondena, Hotel Poeta, Hotel Husa Reina Victoria and Hotel Don Miguel. To book your hotel, visit [www.hotelesarunda.com](http://www.hotelesarunda.com)

Recommended hotels in Algeciras include Hotel Reina Cristina (4 stars) - 10-15 minutes' walk from the dance studios; Hotel AC Algeciras (4 stars); Hotel NH Algeciras; Hotel Almar (3 stars) - 5 minutes' walk from the studios, one minute from the market. To book your hotel, visit [www.quehoteles.com](http://www.quehoteles.com). We also recommend Hostal Lisboa and Hostal Bahia as a cheaper option.

## Course registration form

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COURSE(S) TO BE ATTENDED: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Algeciras

Level (please tick)

BEGINNERS ☐ INTERMEDIATE ☐

ELEMENTARY ☐ ADVANCED ☐

### Ronda

Level (please tick)

BEGINNERS ☐ INTERMEDIATE ☐

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