

tarifa

Resting on the southern tip of Spain, jutting into the Straits of Gibraltar that separate Spain and Morocco, sits the picturesque town of Tarifa, the famous “Capital City of Wind”. The town itself is a collection of Moorish buildings and cobbled streets with many shops, restaurants, bars open into late into the night. Tarifa stands on the exposed eastern cusp of an open bay of white sand, a remarkable 11 kms in length. This destination offers conditions to suit all abilities of windsurfer, from the sheltered conditions to be found at Las Dunas to the more challenging conditions further towards the east of the bay, which is more suited to intermediate and advanced windsurfers. With quick flights this is a great choice for a short break.

Fact File

Best Time: April to Sep (exceptional). Usually 320 days of wind a year.

Launch: Sandy beach with some rocks exposed at times.

Wind Direction: Generally ‘Levante’ cross onshore from left. ‘Poniente’ cross onshore from the right.

Wind Type: Strong cyclonic winds.

Shorebreak: Moderate - strong if Poniente / Sirocco blows.

Water Conditions: At Hurricane windchop through to half mast high waves. Softer conditions at Valdevaqueros.

Suitability: Intermediate & above. Beginners at Las Dunas in low wind.

Wind >=4ft in%	jan	feb	mar	apr	may	jun	jul	aug	sep	oct	nov	dec
	60	58	60	65	66	82	80	70	67	49	50	45

Air°C	16	17	18	19	22	24	26	27	26	23	20	15
Water°C	15	15	15	16	17	18	20	21	20	19	17	16

CLUB MISTRAL Open Mar–Nov.

Centre at Hotel Hurricane & Valdevaqueros, Las Dunas beach. Both with tapas bars next door. Very crowded in July/Aug.

Kit Range: Mistral/Fanatic 2009/10 approx 120 boards, 150 rigs over both centres. North sails sizes 3.0-7.8m².

Board Hire 1 wk £179 2 wks £299

SKYRIDERS at Club Mistral Valdevaqueros

Kite Riding Area: Safest on wide sandy beach close to Valdevaqueros. Sailing area directly upwind. Cross/Cross-onshore wind. Poniente best. Kite range: North Kiteboarding - approx 20 Boards & 55 kites 3.0-14m².

Kite Hire 1 wk £199 2 wks £319

Instruction: Starter, Progress, Advanced, Unlimited, Kids, groups & private.

Semi dry wetsuite recommend in spring/autumn & convertible/shorty in summer.

Other Sports: Cycling, Horse riding, Golf, Tennis, Hiking.

Excursions: Whale & dolphin watching. Algiers, Seville, Rhonda, Jerez, Cadiz



Sailing Spot & Conditions

Due to the jet effect in the Straits the prevailing winds get additional force and acceleration, reaching Force 8 on top days and making Tarifa one of the best spots in Europe. During summer the dominating wind is the ‘Levante’ blowing from the east. In autumn and spring it is the ‘Poniente’ blowing from the west when the shorebreak can be stronger. Valdevaqueros is a curved, sandy bay flanked by dunes opening out to a vast expanse of water. In summer, the sea is generally flat inshore, with windchop further out with a few rocky patches and a strong current the only hazard. Bigger waves up to 2m can be found in autumn and winter.

Hotel Hurricane



Location: The hotel is located on the seafront approx. 6 km from Tarifa town and 1.5 hours away from Malaga or 30 minutes from Gibraltar airport. The hotel has beautiful tropical gardens with direct access to beach.

Accommodation: Boutique hotel with 28



air-conditioned rooms furnished in modern, Moorish style. Mountain view rooms face the main road, whereas the Seaview rooms are more quiet. Family suites with two bedrooms (twin and double beds), mini bar and TV/video. Small private garden surrounded by a tall hedge. Luxury suites have two bedrooms, (twin and double beds), living room with open fireplace, couch, Moorish bath, TV/video and roof terrace and are not air conditioned. All with ensuite bathrooms with tub/shower and telephone.

Facilities: 2 swimming pools, health club with fully equipped gym, sauna and massage. First class, a la carte restaurant, bar & lounge, beach snack bar. WLAN in the reception area. Private riding stable with thoroughbred Andalucian horses in hotel grounds.

Windsurfing/Kitesurfing: Club Mistral windsurf centre located on premises. Second centre at Valderequeros, approximately 5 minutes by car.

Punta Sur



Location: 6 kms from Tarifa and 1.5 hours from Malaga Airport, set back from the main road.

Accommodation: A stylish hotel with 32 single-storey, air conditioned rooms, arranged around the gardens. Family apartment with 2 bedrooms accommodating up to four people. Luxury suites with private gardens. Each room is tastefully & individually furnished with one king size or two twin beds, ensuite bathroom, TV, internet access, mini bar and safe.

Facilities: The large swimming pool is surrounded by cultivated lawns with sun loungers. A tennis court is also available. Lobby/lounge area with bar and a locally renowned restaurant with terrace. Use of spa facilities at the Hurricane Hotel free of charge.

Windsurfing/Kitesurfing: About 5 minutes away by car to the Club Mistral centres at the Hurricane and Valdevaqueros.



Prices (7 nights) from:	Low	High
Hotel Hurricane	£599	£918
Punta Sur	£629	£1009

Prices include flights, hotel & car hire.