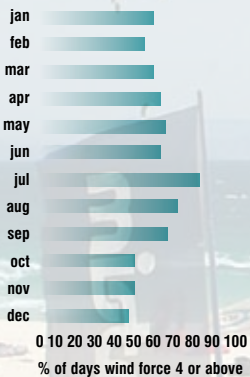


Tarifa Spain

On the southern tip of Spain, jutting into the Straits of Gibraltar that separate Spain and Morocco, sits the town of Tarifa, the famous “Capital City of Wind”. The town itself is a picturesque collection of Moorish buildings and cobbled streets, only 30 minutes from the airport of Gibraltar and a 2 hour drive from Malaga. Tarifa stands on the exposed eastern edge of an open bay of white sand, a huge crescent beach nearly 11 kms long.



Windstats



This destination offers conditions to suit every level of windsurfer, from the more sheltered conditions to be found at Las Dunas near Rancho Valdevaqueros, to the challenging conditions in front of the Hurricane Hotel, more suited to intermediate and advanced windsurfers. Winds in Tarifa can be very strong, sometimes reaching Force 8 on ‘big days’. These are caused by cyclonic action of high and low pressures which interact to give the Levante, blowing out from the Med giving flatter conditions, and, the Poniente. From the reverse direction when the Atlantic swell sweeps on to the beach, to the delight of wave sailors. Generally the sea is flat inshore, with windchop further out to sea. The sailing area is a huge expanse of water, flanked by the curving bay, with a few rocky patches and a strong current, the only hazards. The wide choice of flights, airports and shorter travelling times make this venue suitable for long weekend trips as well as more conventional holidays.



CLUB MISTRAL WINDSURF CENTRES HURRICANE & RANCHO VALDEVAQUEROS



Location: On the beach within grounds of Hotel Hurricane & Valdevaqueros close to Las Dunas.



Board / Sail Types: Mistral/North.



Open: All year round.



Best Time: April - September (exceptional)
Usually 320 days of wind a year.



Launch: Sandy beach with some rocks exposed at times.



Sailing Area: Flatwater with windchop during Levante.
Waves with Poniente.



Wind type: Strong cyclonic winds created by Straits of Gibraltar.



Wind Direction: Generally cross onshore from left with Levante blowing from the Straits of Gibraltar. Cross onshore from the right when Poniente blows.



Shorebreak: Moderate to strong if Poniente blowing break, strong if Sirocco blows.



HOTEL HURRICANE

The Hurricane Hotel, 7 kms from Tarifa, is a small quiet hotel, set in pleasant gardens above the gently sloping beach. The hotel has a superb restaurant with an excellent reputation, a variety of rooms and a few apartments, a pool by the hotel as well as a purpose built sports centre with a pool and fitness facilities. In addition to these facilities, the hotel has a riding stable with quality thoroughbred Andalusian horses. The best Spanish getaway that anyone could wish for.

In Brief

- Small friendly hotel located in a superb position on a magnificent coast.
- 30 twin rooms, simply furnished, bathroom/WC, terrace with views of the mountains or sea.
- Two bedroom family apartments in the grounds; two deluxe suites in the main hotel.
- Excellent restaurant with buffet breakfast and waiter service for dinner, bar, snackbar with oceanview terrace, TV lounge.
- Swimming pool, purpose built sports centre with pool, fitness room and sauna.
- Club Mistral windsurf centre, MTB hire, quality stables.

PUNTA SUR

Located between Hurricane Hotel and Rancho Valdevaqueros on the mountain slopes, Punta Sur offers a peaceful relaxed atmosphere. The accommodation consists of 38 rooms in bungalow style, situated in the spacious well managed gardens. In the main building is an airy, first class restaurant and bar offering breakfast, plus an international cuisine for evening dining. To maintain the peaceful feeling, the swimming pool surrounded by lawns, is sited away from the rooms but close to the facilities in the main building.

In Brief

- Pleasant tranquil location with spacious refreshing gardens.
- Beautifully restyled bungalow rooms with all facilities.
- Reception, outstanding restaurant and bar.
- Swimming pool with lawn sun terraces in the gardens.
- Midway between the Club Mistral centres at Hurricane and Rancho Valdevaqueros.

RANCHO VALDEVAQUEROS

Close to Punta Paloma, 4 kms from the Hurricane Hotel, Rancho Valdevaqueros lies right on the beach in the dunes. Built over a century ago in typical andalusian style with red tiles and whitewashed walls, this old police barracks has been transformed into perfect accommodation with top flight windsurf conditions on the door step. The wide sandy beach stretches round the bay to the popular area known as Las Dunas.

In Brief


- The perfect location right on the beach.
- 8 rooms furnished in old fashioned style with modern ensuite facilities.
- Small bar and restaurant for breakfast.
- Club Mistral windsurf centre and storage on site.
- Wide sandy beach.


LA CODORNIZ


Ideally located midway between Tarifa Town and the Club Mistral center at the Hurricane Hotel, Hotel La Codorniz is a perfect Andalusian style friendly hotel. The pleasant rooms are either located away from the main road, grouped around a lawn quadrangle, or, above the restaurant and bars where the balcony looks over towards the Straits of Gibraltar, (due to high volumes of traffic in high season these rooms can be noisy). For meals, there is a pleasant restaurant and terrace for al fresco eating, which offers fresh local fish, a variety of meat dishes and a selection of local wines. Also in the main building is a friendly bar/cafe and the reception. Guests taking their own equipment are offered free secure equipment storage.

In Brief

- Good location, easy to find.
- Relaxed atmosphere, comfortable rooms with bathroom, TV, telephone and heating in winter time.
- Restaurant and bar/cafe. Pool in the gardens.
- Short drive to Club Mistral centres and secure storage for own equipment

 **Water Conditions:** At Hurricane windchop through to half mast high waves. At Rancho Valdevaqueros softer conditions.

 **Suitability:** Beginners at Las Dunas, Intermediate & above at Hurricane.

 **Other local spots:** Punta Palomas, Las Dunas and the Football Stadium. Isolated sandy beach for kitesurfing.



SKYRIDERS TARIFA VALDEVAQUEROS

Equipment: North Kiteboarding.

Location: Safest area on wide sandy beach close to Valdevaqueros with sand dune downwind.



Kite Area: Close to Valdevaqueros, kitezone by Hotel Dos Mares.

Conditions: Cross to cross onshore. Poniente best wind.



Hazards: None.

Suitability: Beginners to experts.