



Dancing With The Stars Weekends 2023

Welcome



Welcome

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Donahey's 12th Dancing With The Stars Weekend here at Alton Towers Resort Hotel, we are delighted you have chosen to join us this weekend.

We hope to have put together a fabulous weekend of dance for you featuring wonderful shows, workshops & live music, we truly can't wait to get started.

Remember to check out all the latest photos of your weekend as it happens on our Facebook page – simply search Donaheys and follow us there.

For those of you that have already enjoyed one of our Dancing With The Stars Weekends, it's great to welcome you back. If you are joining us for the first time we extend a very warm welcome to you.

We are here at your service all weekend, you can speak with members of our team either at our iPoint desk located outside the main ballroom or around the resort/ballrooms.

We very much look forward to seeing friends and meeting new – have fun and see you on the dance floor.

Paul, Shirley, Amy & your Donahey's team.

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David & Rosie



Your Programme

Friday Evening

Stateroom Ballroom

Giovanni Pernice & Lauren Oakley

Cha Cha Workshops

4.30pm

Red

5.30pm

Blue

6.30pm

Green

7.30pm

Beginner Refresher

7.45pm

Social Dancing Commences

9.10pm

Meet your Donaheys team

Join your Donaheys team and learn a fun and easy dance for all to enjoy

9.30pm

Giovanni Pernice & Lauren Oakley

Ballroom & Latin Showcase

10.45pm

Red Carpet Photo Call

You will be invited by wristband colour to photograph your favourite Strictly Stars

Midnight

Ballroom Closes

Giovanni & Lauren



Saturday

Stateroom Ballroom

9.30am

Latin In Line

with Paul & Cheryl

David Cockram & Rosie Ward Waltz Workshops

10am

Red

11am

Blue

12pm

Green

Aljaz Skorjanec & Janette Manrara Quickstep Workshops

1pm

Red

2pm

Blue

3pm

Green

4pm

Practice Time

Enjoy general dancing to practice all those great new moves you've learnt today

4.45pm

Ballroom Closes

7.45pm

Black Tie Ball

Red Carpet Black Tie Photo Call
– be the stars of the show...

8pm

Tony Greenwood 15-piece Big Band

9.10pm

David Cockram & Rosie Ward

Ballroom Showcase

Carlos Cisneros and Emma Reyes

Argentine Tango Showdance

9.50pm

Aljaz Skorjanec & Katya Jones

Ballroom & Latin Showcase

10.50pm

Tony Greenwood 15-piece Big Band

11.10pm

Red Carpet Photo Call

You are invited by wristband colour to photograph your favourite Strictly Stars

12.15am

Latino Line

Join all your Donaheys Team and dance our fun Latin Line without a partner!

1am

Ballroom Closes

Aljaz & Janette



Join us in 2024 for the ultimate Dance Week

See your favourite Strictly Come Dancing performers perform up close & personal for a truly intimate experience, enjoy dance lessons with the pros plus hear all about their journeys.

1st - 3rd March 2024

**4* Alton Towers Resort Hotel
Staffordshire ST10 4DB**

Returning Guest Loyalty Price £519pp

22nd - 24th March 2024

**4* De Vere Beaumont Palace
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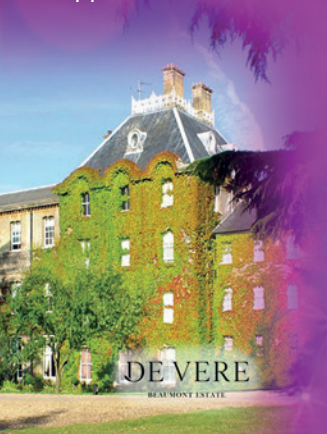
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Returning Guest Benefits

- Returning Guest Loyalty Price
- Preferred Ballroom Seating
- Low £75pp deposit
- Weekend Transfer Flexibility

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19th - 21st April 2024 &
19th - 21st July 2024
5* Celtic Manor Resort Hotel
Newport NP18 1HQ

Returning Guest Loyalty Price £619pp



To take advantage of these great offers your £75pp deposit must be received by us whilst you are in attendance this weekend. You are more than welcome to transfer your booking onto any of our 2024 dance weekends at no extra cost upto 31st Oct 2023

Saturday

Emperor's Ballroom

Jive workshops with Tony Bennett

10am Blue
11am Green
12pm Red

Argentine Tango workshops with Carlos Cisneros and Emma Reyes

1pm Blue
2pm Green
3pm Red

4pm – 7.30pm Ballroom open for personal practice
No host/teachers or music played.

7.30pm Beginner Refresher Hour with Freda
Take the opportunity to practice & refresh your first steps
Red

Dance-floor etiquette

As you twirl around the floor this weekend remember dancing should be great fun; here's our recommendations of some basic etiquette, which will hopefully enhance your enjoyment, and that of everyone else here this weekend.

Please move anti-clockwise around the dance floor keeping your head up to check distance and match your speed to that of others. Slower dancers please use the centre of the floor, stationary dancers please stay in the centre too.

Exercise good floor-craft; please do not cut up other dancers and always apologise if you bump into someone or step on their feet - even if it's not your fault.

When not dancing please walk around the edges of the dance-floor and avoid walking across it, especially with drinks, as this may affect the enjoyment and safety of others. If you are engaged in conversation please move off the dance floor.

Smile, be personable and above all ENJOY!!!!

Sunday

Stateroom Ballroom

Kai Widdrington & Nadiya Bychkova

Slow Foxtrot Workshops

9.45am Red
10.45am Blue
11.45am Green

12.35pm **Farewell Practice Dance**

1.15pm **Kai Widdrington & Nadiya Bychkova**
Ballroom & Latin Showcase

Red Carpet Photocall in Ballroom

Ballroom Closes

Emperor's Ballroom

Rumba Workshops with Tony Bennett

9.45am Blue
10.45am Green
11.45am Red

**Have you
booked for 2024?**

Kai & Nadiya



Guest Guide

Alton Towers Resort

Alton Towers Theme Park will be closed for the duration of our break, however Alton Towers Spa, Waterpark & 2 Adventure Golf courses will be open. Separate charges/rates apply, tickets/bookings are available at Hotel reception.

Dress Code

The dress code for the weekend is: Friday evening smart evening wear - Strictly No Denim. Saturday evening Black Tie - for men evening suit/bow tie recommended, lounge suit/tie acceptable, jacket essential. Ladies - evening dress/evening trouser or skirt outfit. Strictly No Denim whatsoever. We recommend wearing something comfortable & light for your daytime workshops. Trousers, skirts & dresses should be of the correct length at ALL times to avoid tripping up on the dance floor.

Footwear

Suitable footwear with a non-slip sole MUST be worn at all times whilst on the dance floor. Regular sports trainers are not advised for dancing as they tend to stick to the floor. Strictly no steel, overly high or thin stiletto heels, steel toecaps, flip-flops, wedges or sandals to be worn on the dance floor and no bare-feet, socks or tights. Please be advised anyone with incorrect footwear or unsuitable dress WILL be kindly & politely asked to leave the dance floor to change into something suitable.

Health & Safety

Whilst you enjoy your weekend your health & safety and that of all our guests is of paramount importance to us here at Donahey's. A control of arm & leg movements whilst on the dance floor is vital so as not to be a danger to fellow persons. No drinking whilst on the dance floor, please do not carry drinks across the dance floor, spilt drinks in any area of the ballrooms should be mopped up immediately. No excessive consumption of alcohol causing a lack of control / danger to oneself or other guests. It is your responsibility to stay hydrated and avoid over exertion by taking regular breaks. Iced water is available throughout the hotel. Dancers should not eat or chew whilst dancing. If you have any concerns whatsoever or see something you are unhappy with please bring it to our immediate attention, thank you.

Fire Evacuation Procedure

Please do take the time to familiarise yourselves with Alton Towers Fire Evacuation Procedure, Assembly Points and your closest fire escapes. In case of emergency please observe the directions of all staff at all times, if you are required to leave the hotel or ballroom please do so using your closest exit leaving all personal belongings behind.

First Aid

If you require First Aid assistance, please seek assistance at Donahey's iPoint or hotel reception – whichever is closest.

Workshops

There is no-need to pre-book any of your workshops. To even all the workshops out everyone has been split into 3 equal groups, Red – Beginner/Improver, Blue or Green – Intermediate/Advanced. Each Strictly couple will instruct 3 workshops in their speciality dance - one workshop for each group.

We have reserved you places in workshops based on the information you told us on your booking form. Over the weekend each coloured wristband group has 7 great workshops to choose from - 4 of which will be hosted by your Stars and 3 hosted by your Donahey's team.

For the smooth running of our workshops may we kindly request you only attend the workshop appropriate to your wristband colour, anybody attempting to unfairly participate in additional workshops will be kindly asked to leave the dance-floor. To enable each workshop to begin promptly please arrive early; no late arrivals will be permitted to join the workshop 10mins after it has started.

Please don't worry too much about the workshop aspect of your break; we hope you can just enjoy your workshops and particularly your time with the stars. As always, you can take part in all 7 of your group's workshops, or just some of them - the choice is all yours.

Restaurant

Your weekend package includes Dinner & Breakfast. Your final confirmation letter should provide you with your allocated evening meal times, please wherever possible try and stick to this as in theory it should help avoid any congestion.

Breakfast is available from 7.30am – 10am, please though be aware queues may occur between peak times of 8.30am & 9.15am

Ballroom Seating

Our table plan is displayed at the entrance to the Ballroom. Once you have been shown to your table on Friday evening, may we kindly ask that you use the same table for the duration of your dance weekend. Seating at your table is unreserved and not considered saved or reservable; seats are simply offered on a first come first served basis at the start of every session. A table plan will be on display next to our welcome desk on the Friday. Please don't leave personal belongings behind when leaving the ballroom, as the management cannot be held responsible for the loss of these. Please kindly note; All seats at your table are required, please be considerate towards other guests seated at your table who may wish to sit together by not leaving single chairs unoccupied, many thanks.

Filming & Photographs

Filming & Photography of all shows and workshops is strictly prohibited. The use of any flash photography, or recording device during any part of the Stars performances or workshops is strictly forbidden. Persons doing so will be asked to leave the ballroom immediately and delete any offending material immediately, this is a contractual stipulation rigorously enforced. Photograph opportunities will be available during the evenings, please though, avoid photograph or autograph requests before and after the Stars workshops. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer individual photographs with the stars due to contractual time constraints.

Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi across Alton Towers is free of charge for guests. Alton Towers uses The Cloud, simply set up a user account with an email and password and enjoy free access throughout your stay.

Wristbands

Wristbands must be worn on your wrist and be visible at ALL times during the weekend. Your wristband will allow you unlimited access to your workshops, shows & dancing and will be checked at all times upon entrance to the Ballroom's. Lost or removed wristbands will not be replaced.

Refreshments

Both ballrooms benefit from extensive on-site bar facilities, please do not bring your own drinks into the hotel ballrooms. Alton Towers operates a strict policy on this, any persons attempting to do so may be asked to leave the ballroom.

Smoking Areas

As you would expect Alton Towers Resort Hotel operates a No Smoking Policy throughout. There are specific designated outdoor 'Smoking Areas', which you will find clearly signposted. The hotel asks that guests refrain from smoking throughout the hotel resort including all the outdoor patio terrace areas, and only use it's designated outdoor 'Smoking Areas'.

Checkout

Sorry to be thinking about this already, hotel checkout is 10am, please ensure you have settled any room accounts and handed your keys in beforehand. Safe bag storage is available at reception for any of your bags.

Donahey's iPoint

For the duration of the weekend Donahey's will have an information & help-desk at the entrance to the Stateroom Ballroom, this is where you can ask any questions you may have about your weekend - our Donahey's team are always on hand to help you in any way we can.

Thank you, and see you on the dancefloor!!!!

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