

Winter Sun Camping – what’s it all about?



Carefree is the Club’s own Worldwide travel service. Travel Services Director Richard Grimsdale here shows you what’s on offer for Winter 2011-12

Escaping the British winter is not just about grabbing some sunshine and throwing in a bit of sightseeing, it’s about immersing yourself in another, easy-going lifestyle that brings with it a particular contentment and warmth, and all the health benefits

“If I was at home I’d only go out once a week in winter. I’d never see anyone. Here I’m out enjoying every day”

Betty Goddard, Wales

that go with these things.

If you’ve never tried them before, Club Winter Sun rallies are a perfect introduction. You’ll have the support and confidence of being with other Club members, help when you need it, activities to dip in and out of (but only if you want to), and friendships you’ll cherish for the rest of your life. Try a new skill? Line dancing and crocheting to cycling and mountain navigation – there’s something for everyone.

Try a week, and find yourself hooked for months, year after year. Whether you love socializing and activities, or simply like your own privacy, there’s plenty of chance to enjoy both. Stay for as little or as long as you wish, it’s always your choice.

The Spanish coast and Portugal’s Algarve make a perfect base to explore beautiful



“A rally gives us security and confidence as well as support”

Judy and John Harvey, Plymouth



beaches and national parks, to sample the local tapas, or to tuck into some good old fashioned fish 'n' chips. The campsites are set up for everyday living and the dedicated Carefree rally team is always on hand to help.

If rallies are not for you, you'll have total flexibility to book a campsite, ferry, tunnel crossing or insurance. Pick and mix as much as you like to fit in with your own holiday requirements. But throughout the year you could also try a Worldwide Motorhome Touring holiday to South Africa, Argentina, New Zealand, Canada or the USA – or you could try an Escorted

Tour with your own unit to Morocco, or to Germany's Christmas Markets.

With you all the way

Travelling abroad without a hitch is essential when you're away for long periods of the winter. The Club is the market leader in this field, and this brochure includes Carefree's indispensable and definitive guide to Winter Sun Camping, while our range of bespoke holiday insurance policies with Europ Assistance ensures a first class back-up service if ever you need it. We also provide a network of En Route sites, to help you plan a comfortable journey to your destination. Meet the team that's dedicated to helping you, on pages 8-9.



REMEMBER TO BOOK EARLY

Please be sure to book the whole period of your stay as soon as you possibly can. Otherwise there is a risk that some dates will already be fully booked, which can mean having to break your stay into two and a booking somewhere else for the days in between. This applies most particularly to long stays that go through January and February, usually the busiest period of the winter.





“ We like privacy so didn't think we'd enjoy a rally. So we tried one week and had a blast! We thought it would be too organised and pressure to join in, but it wasn't like that at all ”

Carol Lancaster, now a Club Rally Steward



What's new?

Every year brings new adventures – new or extended rallies and sites, or new En Route sites to help you to your destination. This winter we are delighted to offer you a new Winter Sun rally, at **Camping La Rosaleda** on the Costa de la Luz, while our rally at **Vilanova Park** has proved a huge hit with members and now begins nearly two weeks earlier, on 1 March. We are offering two new **En Route sites** in the **north of Spain**, which will benefit members taking the Santander and Bilbao ferry routes – plus another convenient for the motorway around **Salamanca**. We also mention some more of the **attractions near our En Route sites**, which merit a short stay of two or three nights, rather than just a stopover. We have again been negotiating hard on behalf of members, and many sites have not increased their **prices** for this winter, while some have dropped some of their **extra charges** (for instance for dogs, or for second vehicles).

Site news

Vilanova Park now enjoys a regular and direct bus service to central Barcelona, from right outside the site. At the time of going to press, a heated covered pool and Jacuzzi was nearing imminent completion at **Playa**

Tropicana. Meanwhile, there is a new meeting and function room at **Cabo de Gata** and a new wellness treatments room and Jacuzzi at **Turiscampo**. Last but not least, our long-standing partner site in **Albufeira** is looking forward to welcoming members to the Club's 20th Winter Sun Rally at this wonderful Algarve location. The site is offering excellent rally rates, as a special offer for this winter only, to celebrate this milestone. Make sure that you book early so that you don't miss out.

Come away for winter sun; come and travel the world with us. You may well see some familiar faces along the way.



Meet Carefree's friendly team...



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...waiting to help you with your next overseas adventure

Thanks to Steve Wright, Sue and Bob Moore, Seals of Swanwick, Rally Stewards and Club members, for many of the pictures used in this brochure.

With you all the way

We want you as Club members to feel supported at every stage of your holiday, from booking to site and back home again.

You can of course visit the Club's website for information on Winter Sun holidays, but if you prefer to talk your holiday plans through in more detail, then our friendly and experienced team is ready to take your call.

Our Travel Specialists can advise you on all aspects of your Winter Sun holiday to the continent, on Club escorted tours using your own unit, and on our range of Worldwide holidays.

That means advice on which campsites or rallies are best for you, but it also means a whole lot more. What kind of route would you like to take to get there? A long or a short sea crossing? What about stops along the way? Personal and Vehicle Holiday Cover are vital, but which options are best for you?

“All the rally stewards were excellent, very helpful and friendly”

Peter and Christine Bailey

“Great to talk with helpful people who understand and can explain the options – always friendly and happy!”

Muriel and Bryan Matcham

We can offer more information on what our European escorted tours entail. If you want a Worldwide holiday, we can tell you more about our Worldwide escorted tours, or we can help you create your own unique itinerary, including flights, hotels, cruises, excursions, train journeys, motorhome or car hire, or any combination of elements to your holiday.

Hopefully you won't find yourself in a position in which you need to take advantage of your Holiday Cover. But if you do you can expect a first class service from our long-standing partner, Europ Assistance. Our Members Abroad Priority Line also operates during normal office hours, while our partner campsites have efficient and friendly staff who are ready to answer your questions and to lend a hand if you need help.

Meanwhile on rallies and escorted tours, you have the dedicated service of the Club's own Rally Stewards and Tour Escorts, all of them Club members and all of them highly experienced in helping other Club members to get the most out of their stay.

