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PUNTA CANA | FACT SHEET

LOCATION:
The East Coast of the Dominican Republic is frequently referred to as Punta Cana, although it actually encompasses several areas: (going from south to north) Cap Cana, Punta Cana, Cabaza de Toro, Bavaro, El Cortecito, Arena Gorda, Macao and Uvero Alto.

HISTORY:
Punta Cana lay undiscovered by the world for many years though locals enjoyed it fine white sand beaches and the cool turquoise waters that identify it as part of the Caribbean sea. In recent years, Punta Cana has become the Dominican mecca of tourism. Palm trees dot the landscape, and Punta Cana is one of the most beautiful areas of the Dominican Republic. The many resorts located in Punta Cana include large number of new resorts that include spas, casinos, an amazing selection of dining options, on-site weddings, kids' clubs and swimming pools.

Puerto Plata, which at the turn of the century was a prosperous port with a large European population, features historic sites, old-world charm, the world-famous Amber Museum and a cable car lift to the botanical gardens atop Mount Isabel de Torres. A statue of Christ on the bluff overlooks the colonial city, once a major trade center for the Spanish colonies.

INDUSTRY:
Punta Cana is the largest and fastest growing tourist destination in the Caribbean and it is a popular holiday destination for people from all over the world. Punta Cana boasts more that 50 hotels and 30,000 hotel rooms spread across 40 kilometers of the East Coast's beautiful white sand beaches, making it single largest tourist destination in the Caribbean. It is also the largest single destination for golf.

ECOLOGY:
Punta Cana Ecological Reserve
A Short guided tour through tropical flora with an optional refreshing bath in a cool spring at the end. You will be walking through a real jungle. Located 15 minutes from Punta Cana International Airport.

Punta Cana & Bavaro
El Cortecito, located between Punta Cana-Bavaro and Macao, is the closest thing to a little beach town in the area. Manatee Park, a wildlife ecological/adventure site and the Ponce de Leon house is near Boca de Yuma, a choice for fresh fish lunches by the seaside. Handicraft vendors rotate offering market day at the different hotels. There are several souvenir shops located right on the different beach stretches.

SIGHTS:
The beach is the No.1 attraction in the East Coast area, stretching an amazing 50 kilometers. With few exceptions, most hotels and developments only limit land access and otherwise honor Dominican law whereby beaches are public. You can freely stroll the beach strip going from one hotel's beachfront to another,

Safari-type excursions on four-wheel bikes, buggy rides, jeep safaris, monster trucks or helicopter rides for a privileged view. A dozen of companies offer these adventure tours that take the tourists to observe tropical wilderness, visit a countryside home where typical Dominican food lunch will be served, examine tropical crops, take a dip at a deserted beach or for a swim in a cool rive.

WEATHER:
The weather in Punta Cana is very mild all year-round, with the temperatures averaging around 25°C (77°F). There is a very slight difference in the temperature from season to season. Travelers visiting Punta Cana at any time of the year may almost count on extended periods of sunshine and blue skies – an ideal weather for relaxation, water sports and getting a nice suntan.

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