



Vacation Escapes

Punta Cana Delivers Unforgettable Family Vacations

(NAPSA)—The Dominican Republic's (DR) magnificent Punta Cana on the East Coast features top-rated accommodations, world-class golf courses, gorgeous beaches and exciting ecotourism adventures that will exceed the choosiest families' expectations this summer. A recent www.TripAdvisor.com study found the biggest challenge for family vacations is finding a destination that offers activities for everyone.* Today, families seek a destination that has it all, and Punta Cana delivers.

"Punta Cana has something for every family member to explore, from luxurious spas, to a swim with dolphins, to challenging golf or relaxing beach time," said Magaly Toribio, the DR Ministry of Tourism's Vice Minister of International Promotion. "The captivating destination boasts sumptuous, all-inclusive resorts with family-friendly activities, warm hospitality and delicious cuisine that will suit every taste and budget."

Travel is hassle-free with many direct flights to Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ), the region's most modern and popular airport. Here are five reasons why you should whisk your family off to Punta Cana this summer:

Gorgeous beaches: Punta Cana was ranked as the 8th best beach destination in the world by [TripAdvisor Travelers](http://TripAdvisor.com).* The area features public and private beaches, including "Blue Flag" European-certified beach Cabeza de Toro; surfing beach Uvero Alto; and parasailing-friendly beach Bávaro.

Unique culture: The DR amazes with sizzling culture and rich history culminating from Spanish, African and Taino Indian influence over six centuries. Experience the authentic Dominican way of life by visiting caves with ancient drawings by Taino Indians or learn to dance merengue and bachata at your resort.



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Enchanting ecotourism: Families look for memorable vacation adventures they can do together, and Punta Cana's eco adventures will satisfy any traveler. Kids can get up close and personal with nonpoisonous snakes or swim with the graceful dolphins at Dolphin Island Park; take a walk in the Indigenous Eyes Ecological Park and see an exotic fruit-tree garden; or watch an animal entertainment show at Manati Park.

Top-notch golf: Punta Cana boasts nearly a dozen magnificent golf courses designed by some of golf's most acclaimed course architects. Set on dramatic coastlines, they provide golfers with exquisite scenery, challenging plays, and kid's clinics so everyone will be sure to enjoy hitting the links.

Pocket friendly: [TripAdvisor](http://TripAdvisor.com) says 26 percent of parents with children plan to take their family vacation during the school year in order to save money, and 39 percent expect to spend more on family travel in 2011.* No need to do either if you jet off to Punta Cana, one of the most budget-friendly destinations. With a vast amount of all-inclusive resorts and numerous daily nonstop flights, Punta Cana is more pocket friendly and accessible than ever.