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# Cabarete

Once a sleepy laid-back beach village, Cabarete is now

easterly tradewinds and thermals which provide consistently ideal conditions for the sport.

number of busy bars and restaurants along the main road where you can eat, drink and party until the early hours of the morning. Music tends to vary from modern European and American dance music to Dominican meringue and salsa. It all depends on your mood. There's a variety of cuisine from local favourite Dominican chicken and rice, to French, Chinese, Italian and a variety of other flavors.

If you're more in the mood for a relaxed or romantic dinner, try one of the restaurants with candlelit tables actually on the beach.

It's not difficult to find your way around the town. Cabarete is strung out along one main road which parallels the beaches that make up Cabarete as a whole. The beaches are not too far apart and have easy to

remember names such as Kite Beach, Bozo and more of a mouthful, Encuentro. The center of Cabarete can get quite busy in peak season, and trying to park your car there can seem nigh impossible. Many visitors and residents prefer to hire a motorbike or scooter – easy to zip past



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traffic, and easy to find somewhere to park. From one end of Cabarete is quite a walk, so if you don't have transport, it's



Laid-back Cabarete Beach

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the thriving center of water sports for the North Coast and ranked in the top five kiteboarding and windsurfing destinations in the world primarily due to its

International kiteboarding tournaments are held here, where kite-boarders flock from around the world to take part in the prestigious competitions.

This sporting attraction has brought Cabarete a lot of attention from sports minded people and real-estate developers keen to invest in this up-and-coming beach town.

As you'd expect from a town bustling with windsurfers and kiteboarders, the nightlife plays hard to catch up. There are a



Windsurfing

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Surfing

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easy to take a motoconcho from any point. Motoconcho's (or moto's) are the local term for a small motorbike taxi - usually 100cc. Simply look in the direction of a moto rider, and most likely they will ask if you want a lift. Prices for a short journey



Another busy day in the bay

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Kiteboarders

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