



Global Gaze



Caribbean Pride – Sept 16 to 23, 2017 (Punta Cana)



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Caribbean Pride will take over **CHIC Punta Cana** from **September 16 to 23, 2017**, for a week-long celebration of pride, diversity and community. With Punta Cana's sexiest and most luxurious all-inclusive resort as the venue, this event will be filled with fun activities, tons of entertainment including international DJs and drag performances, and sets the standard for future Caribbean Pride Weeks all through the tropics. Toronto's own **Miss Conception** will be the official host for this event.

Things are heating up in anticipation of the first ever **Caribbean Pride Week** with the announcement of two exciting entertainers for this event this fall in Punta Cana. Toronto's **Miss Conception** will be performing live shows throughout the week, while **New York DJ Johnny Dynell** will keep the party going day and night. The inaugural Caribbean Pride event is at the luxury adults-only social vacation experience, **CHIC Punta Cana**.



Branded as a Female Delusionist®, **Miss Conception** regularly sells out across the globe with live singing shows featuring comedy, non-stop costume changes and so much more. A true legend in the Toronto LGBT community, Miss Conception reigns with titles that include the first Miss Continental Canada, Miss Smirnoff Twisted, Coors Lite Queen of Halloween, Ontario's Next Top Drag Queen, Miss Gay Universe, Miss Gay Toronto, and Entertainer of the Year. Find Miss Conception in the private CHIC Mansion, and around the resort where she'll host Bath & Beauty contest and other surprise events.

Popular New York performer, **DJ Johnny Dynell** will bring a lively soundtrack to poolside parties and after dark discos, showcasing his unique style that has made him a fixture at some of the hottest parties on the international circuit and in NYC's LGBT scene, hosting parties for Andy Warhol and Elton John. DJ Dynell's music has led to collaboration with talent such as Fatboy Slim and Tensnake and songs like 'Jam Hot' have climbed Billboard's Hot 100 list since the early 1980s. With over three decades of experience DJ Johnny Dynell is sure to keep the proud crowd dancing sun-up to sun-down from CHIC's own poolside DJ booth. Also joining the party is Miami's top LGBT **DJ Citizen Jane**.

"We are proud to join in the annual pride celebrations that take place all around the world," said **Jordi Pelfort, Managing Director at CHIC**. "It's the perfect time for us to show the global LGBT community we're standing alongside them, and we want to give everyone a welcoming and inclusive experience."



Caribbean Pride 2017 is the first of its kind from resort management company, **Blue Diamond Resorts**. The vision of the event is to create a welcome experience for members of the LGBT community, complete with luxurious first-class accommodations, premium drinks and gourmet dining. **CHIC Punta Cana** is the ideal venue for an inaugural celebration with such fearless high energy, as a resort that captures the poolside atmosphere and luxury offerings of famed hot spots such as Vegas and South Beach.

"We can't think of a better way to show we're proud than throwing a seven-day celebration!" said Christine Jamieson, Corporate Director of Marketing. "We're planning a lively event with plenty of special guests from around the world including legendary drag queens, days full of campy fun, exclusive excursions and light hearted celebration from sunup to sundown."



Guests of **Caribbean Pride Week** will sip premium cocktails and savour masterfully prepared food with friends old and new, in an elegant yet relaxed resort ambience at CHIC Punta Cana. Its All-Exclusive™ features mean guests will spend sultry afternoons inside private cabanas, dipping into the Mermaid Pool with intricate tiles and glass walls, savouring culinary creations by a private chef or boosting their energy with a rejuvenating visit to the onsite oxygen bar. An already popular resort destination, Punta Cana was recently named one of the top ten LGBT destinations in the Caribbean by Orbitz.com.

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