

Temptations Grand Miches – Dominican Republic

Our experience at Temptations Grand was far better than others that had traveled in December or Early January. Our arrival date was after their re-opening of reservations which was January 13. Though there were still a few issues being fixed. Most of the travelers presently there were very content and having a good time. We could see that management had been listening to everyone's suggestions and acting quickly to improve the vacation experience.

We arrived a day earlier than our reservation at Grand. We decided to stay close to the airport at the Sheraton Four-Points since our flight was landing later in the evening. It was a great location across from the Punta Cana Village which offered various restaurants, shops, pharmacy, and Punta Cana brewery famously known for Canitas, the local beer. The village is a beautiful location and offers a great opportunity to enjoy some native food or international food.



The following day, our transfer car picked us up in the early morning to take us to Temptations Grand. To our surprise the drive was a very pleasant countryside drive with picturesque rolling hills and only about 75 mins. The town of Miches is an up-and-coming area in the Dominican Republic with lots of hidden gems. The 1st resort opened just 2 years ago – Club Med Miches. Besides Temptations Miches and Grand, two more resorts with over 1000 rooms will be built in this area over the next two years.

As you arrive at the resort the first thing you notice is the large driveway that leads to the 2 resorts – Temptations Miches and Temptations Grand. The two resorts are separate but connected by a bridge and at the beach line, which are both guarded by security. Guest staying at Grand have access to both resorts, but the guest at the regular Temptations do not have access to Grand. Temptations Grand resort is a Couples only resort with a very elegant sexy design. The regular Temptations is a bit less expensive with a more party vibe décor. Perfect for friends traveling together, girls' trip and singles welcome.



The Grand resorts lobby is a stand alone building for check-in and booking tours. The gym and spa are right next door. As you leave the lobby area and enter the resort, there is a large walkway that leads straight ahead thru the heart of Temptations Grand Miches. As you reach the center open courtyard area you find an entrance that leads to the 2nd floor Disco, Playrooms and Jacuzzi lounge. Followed by the logo shop, the coffee shop, the lobby bar- Melange open 24 hours, and the main pool area that is surrounded by all the restaurants. Our first impression was “Damn this property is beautiful”!!



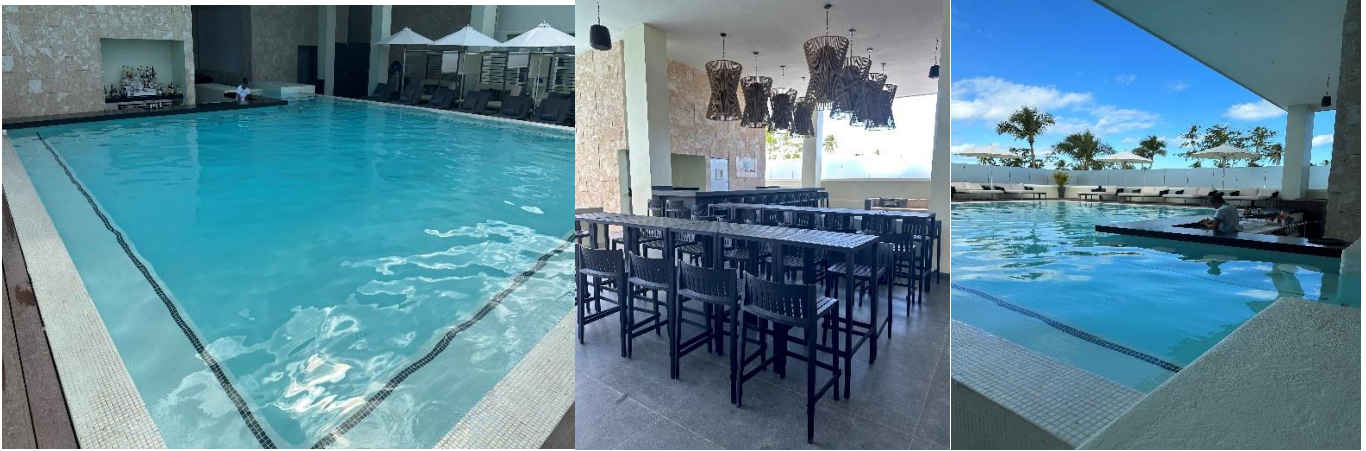
Main pool

Yes, we have all been disappointed that the main pool area is not clothing optional. But after a short time of being there, you will realize that it's not that big of a deal. The fact that you can be topless with an itsty-bitsy bottom is totally acceptable and sexy. The main pool is designed with multiple levels and platforms and several zero entry levels with loungers. This concept is great for dancing in the pool, sunbathing or holding a conversation with new friends. With ample room for floating around the pool while a volleyball game is taking place. The resort has invested in a great sound system spread around the complete pool and sitting area. The music is distributed well all around the area without the need to have the ear-splitting volume, never feeling like you are right next to the music.



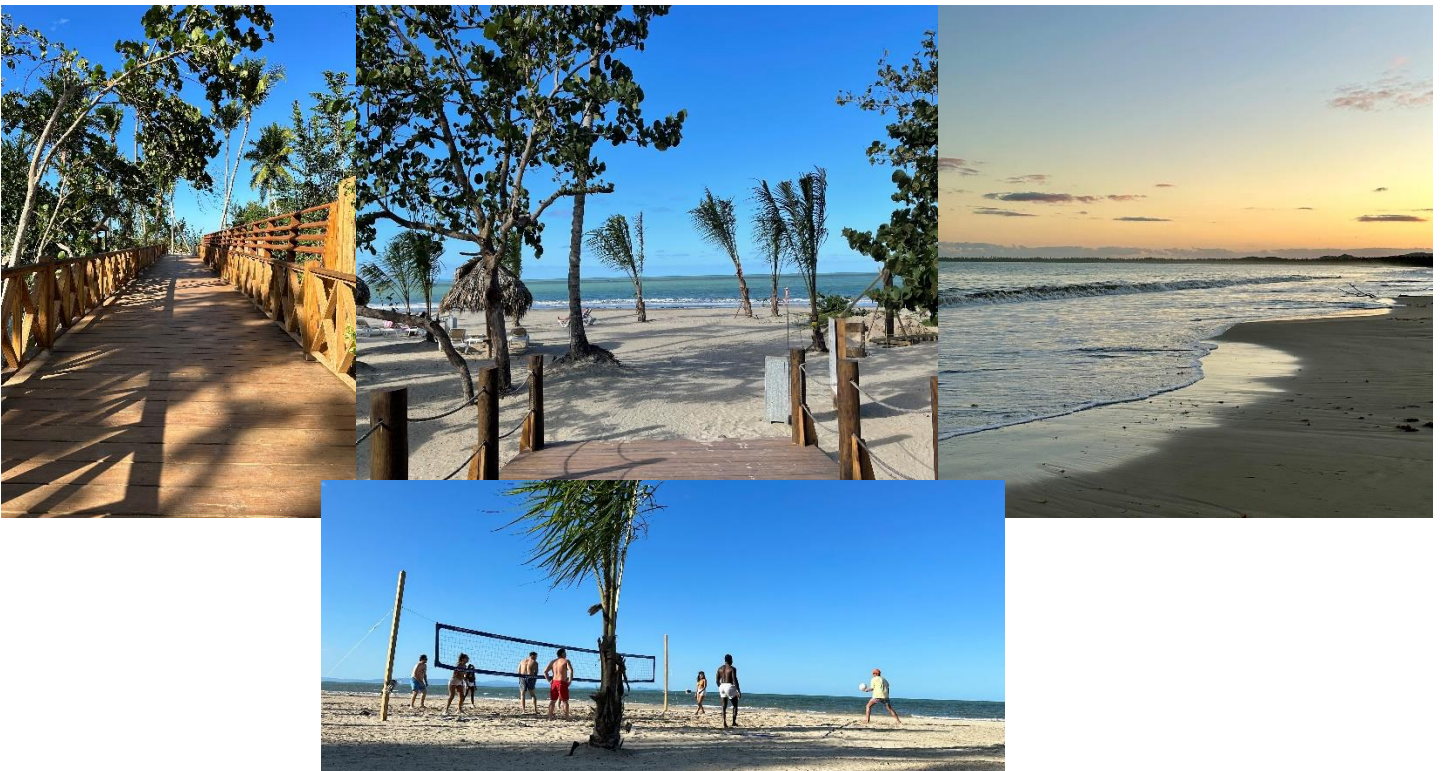
Jacuzzi Lounge

This would be best described as the outdoor “**clothing optional play area**” with a heated pool. The pool itself is very large with a sitting edge all around the perimeter. Swim up bar, double loungers around the pool and palapa beds. On the other side of the pool. Is a walk up bar, large sectional, and high-top tables. This space is adjacent to the disco-nightclub and playroom. There is no need to go very far in the evening to enjoy dancing, a little intimacy and champagne in the playroom, followed by a dip in the pool. We can see how this will be a hit every night.



Grand Miches Beach

Unspoiled beach with nearby mountain views and beautiful flora. Just a boardwalk away from the main pool. The beach is very large and has public and private areas. By law the first 60 meters of all beaches in Dominican Republic are free access to the public. After that they can be private. Grand Miches does have a private beach area with lounge chairs surrounded by vegetation, a tiki hut with extra towels and another hut between both properties for non-motorized water sports *coming soon* Remember this is an island and not like Mexico or the USA. There has been a delay in the containers that have kayaks, paddle boards and hobie cats. On the beach you will also find a sand volleyball court. The town of Miches is about a 10-minute walk down the beach and offers some restaurants and shopping. Think of it as what Puerto Morales at Pearl was at the beginning just much closer.



Restaurants and Bars

Everyone must try the local drink “MamaJuana” which is best described as the Dominican Fireball without as much kick, but we heard it has quite a punch. Only a few drinks are needed, and body shots will start. The staff loves to play all games with a bottle of this wonderful drink on hand, so watch out! LOL

The restaurants are like the ones found at Desire Resorts in Mexico.

- Arrecife – Casual buffet style for breakfast and dinner
- Tentazione – Great poolside spot for lunch, snacks, and late-night dining.
- Suki- Fine dining offering Sushi or Teppenyaki
- Sahlo – Fine Mediterranean cuisine.
- Coffee Shop “Addiction” – Great selection of hot and cold beverages, snacks, sandwiches, and desserts
- 6 other restaurants next door at Temptations Miches.

Playmakers and Staff

Coffee, Medusa, Andy, Mike, Exotic, Maluma, Alex, Electra – ALL are FANTASTIC !!. Each have amazing personalities, great energy, talent and do a fantastic job at keeping everyone engaged. *Kenroy, Leonardo and Yanira* at the pool bar are always there to make you a any drink you desire. *Jhordan* our Butler, one of the best we have ever had! They are all very hard-working folks that are very attentive to all the guests. Certainly, one of the many reasons to return.



Rooms

From the Fantasy tropical view rooms to the Swim-Up Royal Suites. All 114 rooms have a dash of luxury. Your standard room will be larger than any standard room found at any Desire property, and they just get better from there. Many of the rooms have Jacuzzi's and sectionals or splurge on your very own 2 story suite with a shared infinity pool. Fantastic for inviting guests over or making new friends.





Excursions

The resort offers many unique experiences, some close by and others just over an hour to get to. From adrenaline rush adventure parks, zip lining, underground caves, horseback riding on the beach, picturesque mountain tops with views all the way to the ocean, buggy ride to a natural river, Golf course overlooking the ocean or swimming in the shadow of a 50ft high waterfall. There is something for everyone. Organized groups will also have the opportunity for party cruises.



Departing:

If you arrive at the airport early when departing home. I suggest you visit the VIP lounge. It's the only airport lounge in the Caribbean with a pool overlooking the tarmac. Just in case you want to catch a bit more sunrays ☺



In conclusion, if you have been wanting to have another option for your adult vacation. Consider Temptations Grand Miches – we already know what a great vacation experience Desire Resorts provides. The resort is just amazing, built from the ground up with the best of all the Desire properties in Mexico. Couple that with the fact that you have access to the resort next door. This gives you access to a total of 4 topless pools, one being clothing optional, A beautiful beach, 10 restaurants and a crowd of people to suit your mood from wild to mild at any given time.