



CLUB MED REVEALS THE CULINARY CONCEPTS OF ITS FIRST EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION RESORT IN THE AMERICAS: CLUB MED MICHÈS PLAYA ESMERALDA

OPENING NOVEMBER 23, 2019

The culinary program at Club Med Michès Playa Esmeralda will offer guests a dozen different options for refined gastronomy and beverage options, including a first-of-its-kind children's "candy speakeasy"

The Ultimate Gourmet Dining and Lounge Experience

MIAMI (Aug. 2019) - Club Med, the pioneer of the all-inclusive concept, is raising the bar on its product offering by opening its first Exclusive Collection resort in the Americas on Nov. 23, 2019. Today, the company released additional information detailing the resort's extensive and refined culinary and beverage program, as well as new visuals, including the much-anticipated *Secret Chocolate Room* in the family restaurant, Cacao & Co. Upon check-in, guests will enjoy access to four unique restaurants, four open-bar lounges, three wine cellars and a locally-sourced coffee house.

The resort's gastronomy will be led by Executive Chef Thierry Van Rillaer. Trained at several Michelin two- and three-star restaurants in Brussels, Chef Van Rillaer will oversee the menu, teams and operations of the resort's four all-inclusive restaurants. His vision will combine the best of local produce with his own unique *savoir-faire*.

4 Restaurants





Cayuco Market - Main Restaurant

Cayuco Market will serve as the resort’s main restaurant, offering three varying dining room (one of which is exclusive for adults), including an indoor/outdoor terrace. The multi-destination eatery will offer a culinary journey around the world with more than 10 delectable cuisine stations, including: French, Italian, Asian, Grill, Healthy Corner, Raw Bar, and a station dedicated to locally sourced, authentic Dominican dishes. Cayuco Market will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Coal & Copper - Steakhouse

Coal & Copper is a specialty restaurant with an industrial and urban décor that introduces a trendy vibe for guests. The terrace and open-kitchen design concept with a central grill will charm guests who opt for the restaurant’s delectable selection of iconic meats and dry aged beef, paired with signature cocktails and desserts. This restaurant will be open for dinner only.



Coco Plum - Beach Lounge

Overlooking the unspoiled Miches beach, the Coco Plum Beach Lounge will be the perfect place to enjoy a meal while taking in the ocean views and breeze. The laid-back atmosphere is open for lunch and dinner and offers a large variety of options, from all-day snacks and bite-size dishes to an exceptional lobster sampler menu for dinner.

Cacao & Co. - Family Restaurant

Cacao & Co. is a colorful, playscape-inspired dining option specifically designed with families and children in mind, serving locally-sourced, farm-to-table food with a low environmental footprint. Every step of the experience will incorporate a form of the restaurant’s signature chocolate touch. During lunch time, Cacao & Co. will be open only for children participating in the resort’s Mini Club program and will open for families for dinner. During dinner time, families will participate in a three-step culinary journey: first, the family will collaborate on a hands-on guacamole preparation experience; second, families will have a playful choice of fun-sized dishes to share; thirdly, once dinner is over, children can gain access to the first-ever *Secret Chocolate Room*.



The Dominican Republic is home to world-class chocolate and is one of the world’s largest producers of organic cacao. To honor this important agricultural development, Club Med is partnering with [Xocolat](#) to supply all the chocolate for the Cacao & Co. dining experience. Xocolat is a local Dominican chocolate brand that produces high-quality cocoa and is known for being the first company to create handmade chocolates using the island’s cocoa beans. The chocolate will be fully locally sourced and organic, and will be present in all three steps of the dining journey.



The Secret Chocolate Room - Introducing the industry's first "children's speakeasy"

Club Med is trading in the cocktails for candy with the all-new Secret Chocolate Room experience, located within the Cacao & Co. family restaurant, and providing guests with locally sourced premium chocolate delicacies (through the partnership with Xocolat). This special, one-in-a-lifetime treat is designed to impress children and create memories that last a lifetime. As the last part of the three-step dining journey of the restaurant, the Secret Chocolate Room acts as a "speakeasy" for children.

Throughout the dinner experience, children will receive clues that will allow them to crack the entrance code to the hidden room through their participation. At the end of dinner, and once they find the location to the hidden room, children will have to input a special code into a tablet at the entrance of the Secret Chocolate Room.

If the code is correct, magical doors will open with a welcoming ceremony, including a spectacle of sounds and light, and grant the children access to a room full of unlimited sweets. Once inside, children can enjoy three different types of chocolate fountains, as well as additional dessert options like candies, cakes, ice cream and more.

4 bars, 3 wine cellars, 1 coffee house





The Main Bar

The resort's Main Bar is located at the heart of the resort for all guests to mingle, relax and enjoy a drink. The Main Bar will feature an indoor/outdoor bar with a connected terrace and an indoor climbing wall for those seeking an extra fun thrill. During the evening, the space will transform into the entertainment hub as it connects directly to the theater.



El Limon Bar

Wellness seekers will find their new favorite drink at El Limon Bar, Club Med's first swim-up bar concept. Located inside the adult-exclusive Emerald Jungle boutique village (the resort's Zen Oasis space), and within the natural pool, this bar will feature health-minded options. Guests can expect fresh fruit smoothies, detox waters and juices, as well as imaginative cocktails with a twist.



Coco Plum - Beach Lounge Bar

As part of the Coco Plum Beach Lounge restaurant, Coco Plum will also house a dedicated bar and lounge. Here, guests can kick back with a drink in hand and take in the sounds of the rolling ocean waves paired with bands playing live music every evening. The rum bar will serve local specialties and cocktails. Coco Plum also plays host to one of the three La Cava wine cellars.



La Perla Bar

La Perla Bar is an exclusive bar and pool dedicated solely to guests staying in the family-dedicated Suites of the Explorer Cove boutique village. The oceanfront bar will offer food and beverage components created for kids and their parents, including mocktails, popcorn, churros, cotton candy and daily surprises.



The Coffee House

Located at the heart of the resort, The Coffee House will offer guests a variety of locally sourced coffee and drinks. Guests will find fruits, fresh juices, savory snacks, frozen yogurts, pastries, cupcakes, breakfast items, and caffeine-rich beverages to either start their day or for an afternoon pick-me-up. The Coffee House will also offer Miches-themed chocolate boxes, also in partnership with Xocolat.



La Cava - Three Wine Cellars

Guests seeking a more customized and elevated experience can visit one of three La Cava wine cellars at the resort. La Cava houses a varied range of domestic and international wines and spirits for purchase with the help of an in-house sommelier. Guests can enjoy tastings and pairings in the plush, cozy lounge or have their bottle delivered to one of the restaurants to accompany their dinner. La Cava wine cellars can be found at the heart of the resort (one dedicated to wine, and one dedicated to spirits), and at the Coco Plum Beach Lounge Bar.

About Club Med Michès Playa Esmeralda

Club Med Michès Playa Esmeralda is Club Med's first Exclusive Collection resort in the Americas. Opening on the unspoiled beach of Miches in the Dominican Republic, the 93-acre property will be the first resort to open in this region. As part of the Exclusive Collection, the resort will be characterized by its premium accommodations, exceptional hospitality and service, exclusively beautiful location, refined dining concepts and lounges, transformational experiences, and unique architecture and design elements.

Club Med Michès Playa Esmeralda features a first-of-its-kind design that seamlessly blends four distinct boutique villages together to create a personalized, customizable and intimate experience catered to each guest. The villages include Archipelago, an adult-exclusive and sophisticated oceanfront sanctuary; Emerald Jungle, an adult-exclusive and relaxing retreat where peace and wellness meet; Explorer Cove, a dynamic retreat offering families a treasure trove of activities; and Caribbean Paradise, the alluring heart of the resort full of lush tropical gardens and colorful surprises.

As part of its eco-chic concept, Club Med Michès Playa Esmeralda's design and architecture is devoted to the surrounding region, minimizing its environmental impact. The resort enacts a no single-use plastic policy and various green initiatives - such as a tree replanting program and strict industry certifications - to keep as much of the land's ecological essence so guests who visit the resort understand the natural beauty that first attracted many locals to the destination.

Club Med Michès Playa Esmeralda opens Nov. 23, 2019.

For more information, visit www.clubmed.us/miches or follow the resort's [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) channels.

About Club Med

Club Med, founded in 1950 by Gérard Blitz, is the pioneer of the all-inclusive concept, offering approximately 70 premium resorts in stunning locations around the world including North and South America, Caribbean, Asia, Africa, Europe and the Mediterranean. Each Club Med resort features authentic local style and comfortably upscale accommodations, superior sports programming and activities, enriching children's programs, gourmet dining, and warm and friendly service by its world-renown staff with legendary hospitality skills, an all-encompassing energy and diverse backgrounds.

Club Med operates in more than 30 countries and continues to maintain its authentic Club Med spirit with an international staff of more than 23,000 employees from more than 110 different nationalities. Led by its pioneering spirit, Club Med continues to grow and adapt to each market with at least five new resort openings or full renovations per year, including a new Alpine ski resort annually.

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