

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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February 26 – March 2

Master of the Ocean: Held on Kite Beach and Encuentro Beach in Cabarete, this unique triathlon decides the best kiteboarder, windsurfer and surfer in the world.

February/March

Carnival: Held in La Vega and Santo Domingo, the festival honors Dominican Independence and features lively parades along with brilliant costumes each weekend in February.

June 25 – 29

Kiteboarding World Cup: A competition among the world's best kiteboarders, 2008 will be the seventh year Cabarete hosts the Professional Kiteboard Riders Association (PKRA) World Championship.

July 24 – 27

Merengue Festival of Santo Domingo: A celebration honoring the country's most beloved music and dance. Leading merengue artists from throughout the country perform in the country's capital at la Avenida del Puerto.

September

10th Annual Merengue Festival: Carrying on the music, the annual event in Puerto Plata follows the Annual Jazz Festival. Dates to be announced

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