



Denmark got a taste of the Dominican Republic

Delicious Caribbean gastronomic highlights, cigar making and seductive dance

The Dominican Republic Tourism Office for the Nordics and its Director Mrs. Patricia Polanco de Olmos, organized a unique workshop in Copenhagen, the first DR Market Place in the Nordics, at Weber Grill Academy.



"We would like to show that the Dominican Republic is much more than beautiful beaches and great resorts," explained Patricia Polanco de Olmos. "We want to highlight the many aspects of what The Dominican Republic has to offer as a tourist destination and present this in a professional way to the trade in a fun and interactive environment. The food also plays a very important role in the Dominican Republic. Last year the Spanish-American Academy of Gastronomy proclaimed Dominican Republic as the culinary capital of the Caribbean," the director elaborated.

The Caribbean nation has a great variety of tourism activities including all the new trends like ecotourism and agro-tourism as well as a wonderful mix of culture, history, national parks and plenty of options for adventure seekers and active holiday.

About 80 people from the travel industry in Denmark and Sweden were present. In addition to the local tourist authorities, the travel operators could also meet the partner KLM-Air France, incoming travel agencies and hotels from the region, who were given the opportunity to showcase their portfolios for the tour operators.



"We can see our destination is growing in the Nordics and in Denmark, latest statistics show we are up with 68 % in Danish visitors, for the first 8 months of 2018, compared with same period in 2017 and we are very pleased with the high interest among the Danish Tour Operators & agents during our event. We look forward to many new mutual good co-operations," Patricia Polanco de Olmos explained after her presentation.

The head chef of the evening was Lewanda Bello, director of the Culinary Institute of the Dominican Republic, and she and her colleagues spoiled the guests with Dominican delights. Lewanda Bello is a representative of an interesting revitalization of the Dominican cuisine.

The bar offered tastings of delicious Dominican rum and the guests also had the opportunity to bring home a freshly rolled Dominican cigar. Rum and cigar production are some of the Dominican Republic's most important industries.

The evening was rounded off with the national dance merenque and several of the guests also had the opportunity to swing their hips. It seemed like some were already on their way to Dominican Republic.

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