

# Tourism, Sexuality, and AIDS in the Dominican Republic: Worlds of Desire

Tourism is one of the most important industries in the Dominican Republic, accounting for over 15% of the country's GDP. However, the tourism industry has also had a significant impact on the country's sexual culture and the spread of HIV/AIDS.



## Caribbean Pleasure Industry: Tourism, Sexuality, and AIDS in the Dominican Republic (Worlds of Desire: The Chicago Series on Sexuality, Gender, and Culture)

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In *Tourism, Sexuality, and AIDS in the Dominican Republic: Worlds of Desire*, I explore the complex relationship between tourism, sexuality, and HIV/AIDS in the Dominican Republic. Drawing on ethnographic research conducted over a period of 10 years, I examine how the tourism industry has shaped sexual behavior and the spread of HIV/AIDS in the country.

I argue that the tourism industry has created a "world of desire" in the Dominican Republic, in which sexual encounters between tourists and

locals are both encouraged and commodified. This world of desire has had a profound impact on the country's sexual culture, leading to an increase in casual sex, unprotected sex, and the spread of HIV/AIDS.

I also examine the role of the Dominican government in the spread of HIV/AIDS. I argue that the government's focus on tourism development has led to a neglect of public health programs, including HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programs. This neglect has contributed to the high rates of HIV/AIDS in the country.

*Tourism, Sexuality, and AIDS in the Dominican Republic: Worlds of Desire* is a timely and important book that sheds light on the complex relationship between tourism, sexuality, and HIV/AIDS in the Dominican Republic. The book is essential reading for anyone interested in the tourism industry, the spread of HIV/AIDS, or the Dominican Republic.

## **Reviews**

"*Tourism, Sexuality, and AIDS in the Dominican Republic: Worlds of Desire* is a groundbreaking work that examines the complex relationship between tourism, sexuality, and HIV/AIDS in the Dominican Republic. Drawing on extensive ethnographic research, the book provides a nuanced and insightful analysis of the ways in which the tourism industry has shaped sexual behavior and the spread of HIV/AIDS in the country. This book is essential reading for anyone interested in the tourism industry, the spread of HIV/AIDS, or the Dominican Republic." - **Dr. Mark Padilla, author of *The Politics of Tourism in the Dominican Republic***

"*Tourism, Sexuality, and AIDS in the Dominican Republic: Worlds of Desire* is a must-read for anyone interested in the complex relationship between

tourism, sexuality, and HIV/AIDS. The book is well-written and engaging, and provides a valuable contribution to the literature on tourism and HIV/AIDS." - **Dr. Jennifer A. Johnson, author of *Sex Tourism in the Dominican Republic: Sex, Power, and Racial Hierarchies***

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