

New input in growing popularity Gay Gran Canaria

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The year round Gay sunshine destination Playa del Ingles on Gran Canaria is growing in popularity amongst European Gays. Traditionally more frequented by Gays on the wrong side of 40, Playa del Ingles has seen an increasing number of Gay visitors in the age range of 18-35. When asked what the main reasons for going to Playa del Ingles this vacation were, almost 90 percent of this age group replied that they preferred the party scene on the Island over those of other popular destinations.

Of course the prices of food, drink and accommodation are a factor of importance as well. As one of the interviewees put it : "I can have fun for a week and party every day and still end up with more money in my pocket than after a short weekend on Ibiza".

This trend has not gone unnoticed by the local entrepreneurs, bars and clubs are constantly rejuvenating and are organizing parties, events and activities that are aimed at attracting this group.

Some of the hottest and hippest circuit parties and party organizers have (re)discovered the island and the scores of Party people, who make it all happen.

Club Mancha

One of the newest attractions is Club Mancha. This small, 11 bungalows, resort has shot to fame in its first 9months since the opening in march this year. Club Mancha has redefined the All Gay Male resort and has developed a concept that attracts Gay Guys from all over Europe who like to be on top of the party scene. Located right at the Yumbo Center, the Gay nightlife Mecca of Playa del Ingles with over a 100 Gay Bars, Dance Clubs and restaurants, Club Mancha is the place to spend the days and early evenings before heading out.

The resort is run by Steve and his team who also man the poolside bar and who have that rare ability to create the mood of the day that makes every hour spent there enjoyable, refreshing and comfortably familiar at the same time. Being open to non residents the crowd is a pleasant mix that brings the nicer places on Ibiza to mind.

The Club hosts a BBQ pool party on a regular basis and the enormous success of these parties has led to bigger plans and to the forming of Club Mancha Events to further develop these ideas and concepts.

As of December Club Mancha Events has teamed up with Riedijk Productions who have been organizing the successful White Parties for some years now. The Sunday afternoons after the White Parties the Club will host a recovery pool party.

Gay Pride Celebrations

The opener of the Gay Pride season, Maspalomas Pride has seen a spectacular growth over the last few years. During the festivities the Yumbo Center hosts a variety of shows and events. A big stage is erected on the central Plaza and many internationally renowned Stars appear during this one week festival.

In 2008 the official opening party will be held in Bungalows Nayra located in front of the Yumbo Center. Under the same Management as Club Mancha, for the pride week and the week leading up to it, Bungalows Nayra will be named A Bigger Mancha and will host a score of parties.