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The 2016 Dominican Republic Hotel & Tourism Association Vacation Planner helps you customize your trip to the Dominican Republic. Insights into the top attractions and activities are provided. The Vacation Planner introduces you to our nation's capital, Santo Domingo, the beach towns of Boca Chica and Juan Dolio in the south, La Romana and Bayahibe in the southeast, Punta Cana in the east, Samaná in the northeast, Montecristi, Puerto Plata to Cabrera in the north, Jarabacoa and Constanza in the central mountain area, Santiago in the central area, and Barahona and Pedernales in the southwest.

The featured selection of attractions and activities is the most varied in the Caribbean. The DR offers beach relaxation and adventure, golf, ecotourism, excursions, shopping and nightlife attractions. A careful read will help you match your interests with the region or regions best suited to your vacation style.

Major airlines continue to add scheduled and charter flights to the Dominican Republic's eight international airports, making it easier to visit and see more of the country. Consider arriving at one airport and departing from another, combining destinations within the country for a fuller experience.

The Dominican Republic is like a miniature continent. Nowhere else in the Caribbean can visitors experience climbing to the top of the highest peak, visiting the largest sand dunes, gazing at the longest stretches of uninterrupted beach, discovering the cultural heritage of the first city in the New World. The boom in tourism has brought the need for first class hotels and adventure and water parks for the enjoyment of all. But first and foremost, we invite you to embrace the very joyful spirit of the people, the indelible mark that keeps visitors returning.

Readers can go online to find information about current events and occasions of interest at dr1.com/calendar as well as to ask questions at dr1.com/forums.

This is your Dominican Republic!

In order to simplify the search of your destination within the Dominican Republic, use our color-coded squares method: In the previous page you'll find the Dominican Republic map, in it each region has a particular color assigned. Find out about the hotel offer in that region matching the colored squares to those in the following chart and further hotel ads. Reading the Vacation Planner you can find out about where to go, things to do, golf courses to play and more on what to see during your stay in the Dominican Republic.

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Culture & Politics



Native Indian tribes of the Caribbean and South America were the first inhabitants of this island. Spanish settlers followed on the heels of Admiral Christopher Columbus after landing on December 5th, 1492. The European conquerors imported African slave laborers in large numbers, a fact that defines an important part of Dominican culture. The French ruled the island for two brief periods. Dominicans, nevertheless, would gain independence from Haiti in 1844. Subsequently, the country has become home to migrants from many countries around the world that are attracted by the natural hospitality and rich cultural heritage of those who have preceded them. The nation celebrates its independence on February 27th. President Danilo Medina was elected in 2012 for a four-year term.

Geography



The Dominican Republic occupies the eastern two-thirds of the island of Hispaniola, which it shares with Haiti, and is the second largest country in the Caribbean, comprising an area of 48,442 square kilometers. It is bordered on the north by the Atlantic Ocean and on the south by the Caribbean Sea. This is a big island by Caribbean standards and care should be taken to arrive at the international airport that may be closest to your final destination to avoid long car trips, that could last more than six hours. This will be the case if you land at Punta Cana International airport and are headed to Puerto Plata. Take note there are eight international airports in the Dominican Republic.

Population



Approximately 10 million people live in the Dominican Republic. Of these, one third lives in the capital city (Santo Domingo) and environs.

Language



Spanish is the official language of the Dominican Republic although English is widely spoken, especially in tourist areas and large cities. Guides will host tourists in German, Italian, French and Russian in resort towns. Traffic signs are in Spanish, although menus in tourist regions are usually also available in English.

Time



The Dominican Republic is on Atlantic Standard Time all year long. Clocks are one hour ahead of those on the US eastern seaboard in the fall-winter but keep the same time in the spring-summer. The Dominican Republic is four hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Entry Requirements



Citizens of Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Israel, Japan, Peru, South Korea and

Uruguay can visit for 30 days without a visa or tourist card, only with a valid passport. Citizens and legal residents in the US, Canada, Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela and Spain and citizens from most countries that hold US, Canadian or Schengen visas can enter with the purchase of a tourist card. The cost of a tourist card is US\$10 and it is valid for a stay of up to 30 days. Thereafter, fees will vary for longer stays, and these can only be paid upon departure. Tourist cards can be purchased upon arrival. Departure tax is US\$20 and is usually included in the price of the airline ticket. A valid passport is required for travel to the DR. Citizens should contact their carrier or the closest Dominican consulate to reconfirm travel documentation requirements.

Ports of Entry



With few exceptions, most Dominican tourism destinations have an airport

within less than an hour's drive. Be warned that some airports are more than six driving hours distance between one and another. The airports regularly receiving international flights are: Las Americas International Airport (SDQ) and La Isabela International Airport (JBQ) in Santo Domingo, La Romana International Airport (LRM), Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ), Samaná International Airport (AZS) at El Catey, Gregorio Luperón International Airport (POP) in Puerto Plata and Cibao International Airport (STI) in Santiago. María Montez in Barahona (BRX) operates mostly as a domestic airport, but occasionally receives international flights. Other airports of entry primarily serving domestic flights are: Arroyo Barril (MDAB) in Samaná, Constanza (COZ), Cabo Rojo (CBJ) in Pedernales, Osvaldo Virgil (MTC) in Montecristi, and Cueva de las Maravillas (SPM) in San Pedro de Macorís.

The principal cruise ship ports are: Port of Santo Domingo (terminals

Don Diego and Sansouci), Casa de Campo Port and Marina in La Romana. Cruise ships also anchor at mooring points off the islands of Catalina (La Romana) and Cayo Levantado (Samaná). The Carnival Corporation Amber Cove terminal in Puerto Plata is scheduled for opening by October 2015.

Business Hours



Government offices, as well as foreign consulates and embassies, open at 8am and usually close by 4pm Mondays through Fridays. Some offices stay open for meetings by appointment until later in the afternoon. Businesses typically operate from 9am to 5pm, five days a week. Shops open on weekdays at 9am and usually stay open until 7pm on weeknights and until 2pm on Saturdays. Major stores and malls will open later and stay open until 10pm. Major stores are open on Sundays, but most will close by 8pm.

Currency



Foreign currency can be converted to Dominican pesos at exchange booths found at airports, or in major hotels, commercial banks and authorized exchange houses. There are over 2,000 automatic teller machines (ATMs) located nationwide. Banking hours are usually 8:30am to 4pm, Monday through Friday. Some bank branches (primarily in shopping malls or supermarkets) may open later and remain open longer. Major credit cards are widely accepted. Cash advances are available at certain commercial banks. Exchange rates fluctuate daily. The US dollar is the most widely transacted currency, but Euros and Canadian dollars are widely accepted for exchange across the nation as well.

Taxes and service charges



On arrival, most visitors are required to purchase a tourist card for US\$10

and pay a US\$20 departure tax at the airport upon departure that is usually included in the airfare. The US\$10 charge permits a 30-day stay. Additional charges apply for longer stays. Hotels collect an additional 28% of their published prices (18% sales tax +10% service charge). Restaurants also charge the 18% sales tax and a 10% service charge but it is nevertheless customary to tip an additional 10% for satisfactory service in restaurants.

Safety



Visitors are suggested to take the same precautions they would when traveling to any busy area. Use the safety boxes provided by the hotels, leave expensive jewelry at home, watch belongings and do not leave luggage or bags visible in parked vehicles. A friendly but firm "no" will send most unwanted vendors away. Those taking the roads should avoid driving at night, primarily because of the lack of adequate signage.



Holidays



Tourist area stores, banks and businesses in malls will remain open on most holidays. Dominican day-off schedule for 2015 and the holiday commemorated are: January 1, New Year's Day; January 5, Epiphany Day; January 21, Day of Our Lady of Altagracia; January 26, Duarte Day; February 27, Independence Day; April 3, Good Friday; May 4, Labor Day; June 4, Corpus Christi Day; August 16, Restoration Day; September 24, Day of Our Lady of Mercedes; November 9, Constitution Day; December 25, Christmas Day. Take note these holidays are not all fixed days and may rotate. For more on holidays in the DR in 2015, see <http://www.dr1.com/travel/prepare/holidays.shtml>

Weather



As with the rest of the Caribbean, the most common weather forecast is partly sunny with a chance of a shower lasting 10 minutes or less,

most likely in the late afternoon. The temperatures usually fluctuate from a high of 32°C (91°F) in August to a chilly 18°C (62°F) on winter mornings. There are mountain destinations where temperatures regularly will drop to freezing point, and desert areas with highs of 40°C (104°F). Temperatures between summer and winter usually fluctuate less than ten degrees. For more on weather, see www.dr1.com/travel/expect/weather.shtml For weather updates, especially interesting during the August-September peak hurricane season, see <http://www.dr1.com/forums/weather-beyond/>

What to pack



If you are coming for a business meeting, note that the DR upholds many formal customs, especially in the cities, with suits and ties being appropriate attire for men and business attire (pant suits or dress and jackets) for women. Attire is much less formal for meetings at

resorts. If you are coming for a leisurely vacation at a resort, shorts, slacks and short cotton dresses are suitable for women. Men should pack dress pants and closed shoes for evening dining or visiting churches. At least one casually elegant outfit is recommended. Some hotels may not allow men wearing sandals and shorts in their formal restaurants. If visiting Santo Domingo, consider more formal wear. Some government offices will not allow sleeveless shirts, or men in sandals. Also pack a sweater and jacket for cooler temps and air-conditioned settings, especially on bus trips. Sun block is a must for spending time outdoors.

Electricity



Appliances run on 110 volts/60 cycles, just as in the United States.

Medical facilities



Doctors are usually on call at major

hotels and are equipped with medicine for the most common ailments. Ambulances are available, as is air ambulance evacuation. Emergency dental treatment can be provided if needed. Twenty-four hour pharmacies can be found in every major city. Visitors can take advantage of new modern facilities in the growing medical tourism business in the country. High quality hospitals and dental clinics in major cities and tourist destinations are attracting increasing numbers of foreign tourists.

In Santo Domingo, calls can be made for the 911 Emergency Service.

Pet regulations



The Department of Animal Health requires proof of a rabies vaccination for dogs indicating that the inoculation was given 30 days prior to the animal's arrival in the country. For both dogs and cats, a health



certificate issued not more than 15 days prior to the animal's arrival in the country is also required. If these requirements are not met, the animal will be quarantined upon arrival from 8 to 30 days, depending on its country of origin.

Religious services



Though the country is predominantly Roman Catholic, there are many active denominations of other faiths. There are regular Anglican, Baptist, Evangelical, Seventh Day Adventist and Mormon services. Santo Domingo's synagogue holds a weekly service Friday evenings at sundown. English services are held in some churches of the capital city.

Getting married



To marry in the DR, you will need a valid passport, original birth certificate, single status affidavit in Spanish, and if applicable, divorce

act. Legal transcripts of the birth certificate, single status affidavit and divorce act can be prepared at the Dominican consulate nearest your residence. You will also need two witnesses. If these are foreigners, they will need passports. If they are Dominicans, then their Dominican identity cards (cédulas) will be sufficient. Some tourists marry in their country of residence, and carry out a mock ceremony in the DR to avoid the pricey cost of the legal wedding procedure in the DR. Several hotels offer wedding packages, many with photos taken by the sea that include the ceremony paperwork. The Dominican Constitution does not allow same-sex marriages.

Communications



Telecommunications services are provided by Claro, Tricom-Orange and Viva. There is direct dial to the Dominican Republic using the area code 809 or the less common 829 or

849. When traveling independently, it is best to have local cell phone service. Internet time can be purchased in a smart phone plan for the duration of the stay. Wi-Fi hotspots are abundant especially in the cities and tourist areas. See www.dr1.com for daily updated news on the Dominican Republic or get answers to your questions on the country from the web site's very popular message board forums at dr1.com/forums

Also check out the Calendar of Events page at dr1.com/calendar.

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The capital city of the Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo, with its “So Happy” city brand, is the most active metropolis in the entire Caribbean. It’s where business and government deals happen. The city is constantly evolving to cater to the thousands that are attracted by its contrasting modern lifestyle. The city is known for its thriving cultural and nightlife, superb dining and fashionable shopping.

The city’s skyline has changed as hundreds of new skyscrapers now peak out to the Caribbean Sea or look over the sprawling neighborhoods. This is a city that celebrates culture, with continuing showing of Dominican and international performances booked for its many venues. Santo Domingo (also known as the National District) has a population of one million, while another two million live in the environs of the Province of Santo Domingo

Getting there

Las Américas International Airport (SDQ) is the city’s principal port of entry. It is located on the outskirts of the city, 20 minutes east of the historical colonial district and less than half an hour from the popular beach towns of Boca Chica and Juan Dolio to the east.

This airport offers scheduled service through April 2015 to:

United States: American Airlines (Miami), United (Newark), Delta (Atlanta, New York), Gol (Miami, Orlando), JetBlue (Boston, Fort Lauderdale, New York, Orlando, San Juan), Spirit (Fort Lauderdale), US Airways (Philadelphia).

Caribbean: Air Antilles Express (Pointe-a-Pitre), Air Caraibes (Pointe-a-Pitre), Cubana (Havana, Santiago de Cuba), InterCaribbean (Kingston, Providenciales), JetBlue (San Juan), Seaborne (San

Juan), Insel Air (Curacao, St. Marteen).

Latin America: Avianca (Bogotá), Condor (Panama City, San José), Copa (Panama City), Gol (Rio de Janeiro, Viracopos, Sao Paulo), Laser (Caracas), Venezolana (Caracas).

Europe: Air Europa (Madrid), Air France (Paris), Condor (Frankfurt), Condor (Frankfurt), Iberia (Madrid), Jetairfly (Bruselas), Pullmantur Air (Paris).

La Isabela International Airport (JBQ) offers scheduled service through April 2015: Sunrise Airways (Port-au-Prince), Mas (Port-au-Prince). It also serves as the main airport for domestic flights, mostly charter services. There are regular Monday, Friday and Sunday Mas flights to Punta Cana.

Sansouci is Santo Domingo’s port, with its western dock (Don Diego) located adjacent to the Colonial City, and the eastern dock (Sansouci) next to the Columbus Lighthouse and National Aquarium attractions.

Ground transport

Hotel taxi drivers usually speak English, who can double as tour guides. Radio taxis are readily available and reasonably priced. It is recommended you set the fare with the radio depot operator prior to booking the taxi. This service can be hired by the ride or the hour. Car rentals are available at Las Américas International Airport or through the rental companies’ offices in the city. Most companies limit rentals to those at least 25 years of age.

Shared public transport can take you almost anywhere within the city limits for less than a dollar. The most cost-effective is the Santo Domingo Metro that has two lines. One goes

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North-South from Villa Mella to the north to the Centro de los Héroes on the south by the sea-bordering Malecón. The other follows the Duarte Highway and John F. Kennedy Avenue on the north side of the city.

They connect at Máximo Gómez Avenue. A new extension of the Metro linking the eastern side of the city of Santo Domingo is programmed for 2016.

Those who are not "in the know" will need to ask many questions in order to effectively get around by other public modes of transportation, as road maps are inexistent. Conchos (multifare-paying taxis) cover short routes. Large buses or minibuses crisscross the city. Motoconcho service (motorcycle taxis) is a popular and less safe transport method.

Santo Domingo is the central destination for all cross-country bus routes in the country. The two leading bus companies Metro and Caribe Tours provide very reasonably priced and reliable bus service several times a day to many inter-country destinations, including Puerto Plata and Samaná. Regional express bus lines travel daily to La Romana and Punta Cana.

Grayline offers a whole-day hop-on hop-off sightseeing tour of Santo Domingo, with regular stops throughout the city. The Chu Chu train offers a quick tour, without stops of the Colonial City. Hotels may offer this and other city tour options.

ATTRACTIONS

Culture

First European city founded in the Western Hemisphere, much of Santo Domingo's colonial heritage is preserved here in a charming enclave that lies adjacent to the Ozama River. This cityscape of 16th century dwellings and imposing late medieval palaces and fortresses is set amid a

geometric street grid, the first one in the continent. There you can visit the Americas' first cathedral and stroll its first street, Las Damas street, named after the ladies of the court of the first viceroyalty, center of power and culture from where the Spanish planned the conquest of the Americas. In 1990, the UNESCO declared the Colonial City a world heritage site in recognition of Santo Domingo as the cradle of European civilization in



the New World.

The old city can be easily toured on foot, with time for shopping in the Calle El Conde pedestrian shopping district and cross streets. The well-lit stone streets and centuries-old facades of the Colonial City house scores of picturesque cafes and bars, small hotels and well-established restaurants. In the expansive Plaza de España framed by the Columbus Alcazar, the Casas Reales Museum and the quaint 17th century sundial, there are many sidewalk cafes and restaurants that are open for lunch but are most popular after dusk offering an intimate, yet informal rendezvous for locals and visitors alike.

The Chu Chu Colonial is a comfortable non-stop 45-minute stroll passing by the 39 historic sites of the Colonial City from 9 to 5pm. Segway tours are also offered. Grayline offers hop on, hop off tours. There is always something new, more so now that the Colonial City is undergoing a half-a-billion dollar renovation. The first 4D Cinema in the Caribbean, Colonial Gate 4D opened at Calle Isabel la Catolica at the corner with Calle Padre Billini with films in 9 languages.

The Memorial Museum of Dominican Resistance showcases the facts and consequences of the struggles of several generations of Dominican men and women, mainly during the 30-year Rafael L. Trujillo dictatorship. The Telecommunications Cultural Center tells the history of TV, radio and telecommunications in the DR. New boutique hotels in the area offer happy hours (two drinks for the price of one) with live entertainment, such as at the rooftop of the Hotel Billini on Fridays or jazz happy hour at the Hostal Nicolas de Ovando from 6 to 10pm on Saturdays. Quinta Dominica keeps up a full schedule of art exhibits of famous and emerging artists.

Plaza de la Cultura. A green oasis in the heart of the city, this plaza groups the Modern Art Museum, the Museum of Dominican Man, Natural History

and National Geography and the National Theater. Frequent national and international performances take place amidst the galleries or on the plaza grounds, such as the National Book Fair that is held in April and May.

Columbus Lighthouse. On the eastern bank of the Ozama River, this vast mausoleum in the form of a cross houses the mortal remains of the Great Discoverer, as well as exhibits from Spain and almost every American country.

City of Art

Santo Domingo is the center of the arts in the Dominican Republic. City art galleries are very active, showing off the best of Dominican art collections and the works of emerging talented artists. For an overview prior to buying works of the best known artists, visit the Museum of Modern Art and the Bellapart Art Museum.

City of Parks

National Aquarium. Near the Lighthouse, the park-like atmosphere of the aquarium enables children

and adults to get to know sea creatures upfront. The shark tunnel and turtle exhibits are favorites of visitors.

The Three Eyes. This open cave takes visitors below ground to enjoy the visuals of stalactites and stalagmites, and three transparent water lagoons some 50-feet deep.

The Mirador del Sur Park is the Central Park of the city, coming especially alive early in the morning and in the late afternoons, with runners making the eight-kilometer stretch their own. Marathons are run year round at this venue.

The National Botanical Garden, definitely worth a visit, is the most beautiful of all, and features exhibits of tropical flora, a butterfly area and one of the world's most exquisite Japanese gardens amidst its about 2 square kilometer extension.

Parque Iberoamericano is a city center shaded park that becomes a leading city attraction when lit up by thousands of lights in Christmas. On

site is the Nuryn Sanlley Amphitheater where international performances are scheduled yearlong.

Santo Domingo's Zoo, with a children's area where animal petting is a reality, is a sprawling plain on which exotic and local fauna roam free over an expansive 1.25 square kilometer area of grounds located north of the city. Nearby, the Mirador del Norte Park is also for long walks and picnics.

Sports City

Santo Domingo boasts some of the Caribbean's best sports facilities located at the Juan Pablo Duarte Olympic Center and the Mirador del Este Park.

Autodrome Sunix. Located at Las Americas Expressway, the city's car and motorcycle racetrack where national and international events take place several times a year.

V Centenario Horse Race Track. Enjoy a divine view of the Caribbean while watching thoroughbred races.



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Baseball. From the last week of October through the first week of February, teams play at Santo Domingo's Quisqueya Ball Park and other stadiums in Santiago, La Romana, San Pedro de Macorís and San Francisco de Macorís. Watch many of the Major League players in action as they reinforce their local teams. The peak of the season is mid-January to the first week in February as the championship unfolds to decide who will represent the Dominican Republic in the Caribbean Series.

Pomier Caves. Pomier is the largest cave system in the Caribbean, comprising 54 caves, 30 of which contain more than 4,000 wall drawings and rock carvings left behind by the Taino Indians. Pomier lies in the neighboring southern province of San Cristóbal, a short drive to the west. An area within the cave has been equipped by the Ministry of Environment to receive guided visits.

Golf

Campo Nacional de Golf Las Lagunas. Las Lagunas Golf Course. Km. 20 Duarte Highway, Santo Domingo • Tel 809 372-7441 • Year opened: 1989 • 18 holes par 72. Widely spread over hilly terrain with the lush vegetation reflected in several small lakes.
laslagunas.com.do

Isabel Villas Country Club. Belice Avenue, Urb. Isabel Villas, Cuesta Hermosa III, Arroyo Hondo, Santo Domingo • Tel 809 385-0066 • Year opened: 1997 • 9 holes par 3. Located in northern Santo Domingo alongside the Isabela River.
clubisabelvillas.com

Santo Domingo Country Club. Herrera, Santo Domingo Oeste • Tel 809 530-6606 • Year opened: 1920 • 27 holes par 72. Located in western Santo Domingo. Sloping hills, well-manicured putting surfaces amidst flowering trees. Membership

course, where tee times can be arranged primarily during working day hours.
Santodomingocc.com

See golf courses in the Juan Dolio area, less than 40 minutes away. Santo Domingo is also an 1-1/2 hour drive to the La Romana golf courses.

Beauty and health

Santo Domingo is home to hundreds of beauty parlors, some very upscale, and the city is well-known for its beauticians, hair stylists and spas for a day of pampering. Among the better known are Daisy Gran Salón, The Payot Institute at Salón Llongueras, Hermanos Dueñas, Virginia Spa and



Jean Louis David. Day passes can be purchased at city gyms, such as Body Shop and Gold's Gym, to keep up the body-building routines. Medical tourism is booming. Small private clinics pamper those visiting for plastic surgery and dental services. Large hospitals, such as the Plaza de la Salud and its Cedimat sister facility offer quality services at reasonable prices.

Shopping

Santo Domingo is built for shopping, with several malls located in the Sarasota to John F. Kennedy Avenue environs, including Acropolis, Agora, Bella Vista Mall, Blue Mall, Centro Cuesta Nacional, Galería 360, Diamond Mall, Ikea, Megacentro, Jumbo, Plaza Central, Plaza Lama, Plaza Naco, Sambil, among others. Other city shopping areas are El Conde Street, Duarte Avenue, Carrefour and the Luperón Avenue shopping district.

Mercado Modelo. A farmer's market that has converted itself into the country's largest display of arts and crafts. Located on Mella Avenue, the market lies within walking distance of El Conde pedestrian shopping district and the many souvenir shops that line the streets of Arzobispo Meriño and Isabel la Católica in the Colonial City. Take your time.

Art. Santo Domingo is the preferred choice for shopping for fine Dominican art in the city's many fine galleries.

Amber and Larimar Museums. Jorge Caridad, one of the country's leading amber jewelers, opened the amber and larimar museums to share his personal collection of outstanding pieces and his vast knowledge of these semi-precious gems with visitors. Within walking distance of the Cathedral of Santo Domingo, the museums feature adjacent jewelry stores for shopping. A smaller amber shop/exhibit showing amber faces Columbus Park.

Meetings

The extraordinary combination of a sophisticated

business center, with a historically significant cityscape, fine dining and busy cultural scene and night life, in a tropical seaside location, with proximity to world-class beaches, make the capital city of the Dominican Republic a prime choice for meetings. Capital city hotels can accommodate small meetings to medium-sized groups of up to 2,000 in the ballrooms of the Dominican Fiesta Hotel. The Barceló Santo Domingo, Courtyard Santo Domingo, Hilton Santo Domingo, Holiday Inn Santo Domingo, JW Marriott, Embassy Suites, Santo Domingo Sheraton, Occidental El Embajador, Crowne Plaza and Jaragua Renaissance also offer covered venues for small and medium-sized meetings. There are many auditoriums and venues with capacity in the hundreds to thousands that can be booked for events. Convention and meetings planners are experienced in orchestrating the perfect balance of substantive business meetings with entertaining “theme nights”, filled with excursions and cultural activities.

Nightlife

Without a doubt, the country’s finest nightlife is found in Santo Domingo. For starters, the restaurants rival those of any cosmopolitan city in the world. Whether your choice of restaurant is in the modern Naco-Winston Churchill (Polígono Central) area or the Colonial City, be prepared to discover the largest and finest selection of restaurants of any Caribbean city. Several of the larger hotels feature casinos.

Dominicans dine late, as you will notice, with restaurants filling up with those enjoying happy hours around 6pm and patrons usually coming for dinner around 9pm. After-dinner activities abound for an evening spent on the town. Begin with an outing to the National Theater or Palacio de Bellas Artes, with their weekend-to-weekend schedule of cultural events and world-famous performers. Join the city’s youthful population that conglomerates at the fashionable clubs of the Naco-Winston Churchill-Piantini (Polígono Central) area, primarily along the Av. Gustavo Mejía Ricart and adjacent avenues and streets. Check out the JW Marriott’s



trendy Vertygo 101 Lounge & Bar, a platform with a glass floor built over Winston Churchill Avenue from where guests and locals alike can observe the city skyline.

The small theaters, bars, lounges and cafes of the Colonial City (“La Zona” for the younger crowds) stay open until late especially on weekends. Lulú Tasting Bar and Lucía 203 are known for their regular weekly live performances. Also in the Colonial City, there are free Thursday evening jazz performances at the steps leading from Calle El Conde to the Port of Santo Domingo, Friday and Saturday live music performances facing the Alcazar. On Sunday, there are Latin music live shows by Bonyé at the San Francisco Ruins. The Casa de Teatro culture center has varied nightly performances.

If merengue, salsa and bachata are what you’re looking for there is Jet Set Discotheque, across from where Presidente beer is manufactured, with its frequent Monday merengue and Latin music live performances.

Or on the eastern side of the Ozama Bridge, in the so-called Zona Oriental, large dance halls feature live popular group bands on holiday evenings and weekends along the Venezuela Avenue. You will note the many “colmadoes”, which are small grocery stores that have evolved into open-air bars since the popularization of the newer, larger supermarkets that have opened in those areas. Casinos welcome tourists late at night in several city hotels.

See www.dr1.com/calendar for a listing of ongoing events.

BOCA CHICA & JUAN DOLIO

One beach after another, great restaurants, centrally located for visiting multiple destinations, near the capital city, strolls along the coastline, golf mecca, horseback riding, baseball town, Cueva de las Maravillas...





Southeastern regional coastal strip featuring the beaches of Boca Chica, Caribe (Embassy), Guayacanes and Juan Dolio, all within a less than 20 minutes drive from each other. Several golf/residential communities have developed in the Guayacanes-Juan Dolio area. The golf courses and beaches attract many residents from the nearby capital city of Santo Domingo, bringing a boom of good restaurants from Boca Chica to Juan Dolio.

Getting there

The closest airport is Santo Domingo's Las Américas International Airport (SDQ), a 10-minute drive west of Boca Chica, 20 minutes from Juan Dolio. But the La Romana International Airport (LRM) is less than an hour's drive on the new toll highway.

See Santo Domingo and La Romana sections for flight information.

Getting around. Due to the multiple attractions, tourists staying in hotels in this area should consider renting a car to get around this 40 km coastal area. This will allow day trips to Santo Domingo or La Romana and to the many beaches that embellish this strip. Otherwise, low-priced minibuses make commuter stops along the highway. Of course, there are hotel taxis available 24 hours a day.

ATTRACTIONS

Beaches

The seaside area is made up of four stretches of public beach – Boca Chica, Playa Caribe

(Embassy), Guayacanes and Juan Dolio, with many small hotels, residences, apartments, restaurants and shops. The four beaches differ, however.

Boca Chica Beach waters range from shallow to a strip of around two meters deep for boaters and sailboat athletes before getting to the coral reef. It is a very popular beach for day-trippers from Santo Domingo. It is best known for its fried-fish, Boca Chica style, seasoned with a mix of salt, garlic and oregano.

Santo Domingo Yacht Club. Located in nearby port area of Andrés, this club has hosted several world sailing championships. To this day, Boca Chica is a prime area for learning to sail on weekends and during the summer. Laser, Sunfish and Optimist instructors use the yacht club as base.

By contrast, Playa Caribe (Embassy) is about small waves in the morning that become big waves apt for surfing and body boarding as the afternoon advances. The large Los Delfines Water Park, with its many slides and dolphin swimming attraction, is located on the north side of the highway to the beach.

Guayacanes and Juan Dolio are two side-by-side but non-continuous beaches that sit on generally placid waters surrounded by a coral reef that separates the beach from the Caribbean Sea. High-rises mark the area providing owners with lovely views looking into the Caribbean over the

BOCA CHICA & JUAN DOLIO

extended Juan Dolio beach. Guayacanes, less developed, is still for long strolls along the coast.

Scuba diving

Visitors can enjoy the water sports program that includes the opportunity to scuba dive at nearby La Caleta Underwater National Park, site of the Hickory and El Limón wrecks. La Caleta clear waters are popular training area for open water athletes. Masters swimmers and triathlon athletes regularly meet there for swims between the fixed buoys from 7-9am on Sundays.

Golf

Two public courses surround residential communities.

Los Marlins Golf Course. Metro Country Club, Autovía del Este Km. 27, Juan Dolio, San Pedro de Macorís • Tel 809 526-3315
• Year opened: 1995 • 18 holes par 72. Resort/residential golf community located near Juan Dolio beach. Designed by Charles Ankrom.
proshop@groupmetro.com

Guavaberry Golf & Country Club. Autovía del Este, Juan Dolio, San Pedro de Macorís • Tel 809 333-4653 • Year opened: 2002. 18 holes par 72. Championship course designed by Gary Player that sensitively blends into the landscape bordering a tropical forest and nature preserve with coral rock formations.
guavaberrygolf.com.do

Baseball

Professional baseball of the Estrellas Orientales at



the Tetelo Vargas Ball Park in San Pedro de Macorís. This city is the hometown of Sammy Sosa, Alfonso Soriano and Vladimir Guerrero. Several Dominican MLB stars regularly take action with their winter season teams.

Caving

La Cueva de las Maravillas. Halfway between San Pedro de Macorís and La Romana, Cueva de las Maravillas (Cave of Marvels) is the first natural cavern that was opened to the general

public in the Dominican Republic. For its design, the Bienal Miami + Beach bestowed upon it the Landscape Architecture-Public Award. Definitely worth a visit, the cave's 240-meter footpath takes tourists to a majestic journey underground, where the imagination is set loose and 500-year-old pictographs come to life.

The stalagmites and stalactites appear like the notes of an orchestra playing on the grand stage



of an enormous theater hall. The cave boasts a unique collection of approximately 500 rupestrian paintings created by the pre-Columbian inhabitants of the island.

Rancho Capote & Cueva Fun Fun operate one hour away from San Pedro de Macorís, up in the hills of Hato Mayor, where adventure lovers can book an excursion to this cave and its seven kilometers of underground trails. Experience the dark, depths of the earth, its giant corridors and cave art on the walls leading to the subterranean

river. The guided excursion begins with a ride on horseback and a walk through the jungle, followed by the cave adventure and ending with a well-deserved lunch.

Other sports

East Park Sports Complex. Boca Chica is a good choice for sports tourists headed to events at the venues at the Parque Mirador del Este. These were built for the 2003 Pan American Games.

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Shopping

Boca Chica and Juan Dolio are areas dotted with numerous small gift shops. San Pedro's Jumbo supermarket is about 20 minutes east, and is where to stock up on good rum, beer and groceries. While in San Pedro drive around and observe the collection of precious architecture from early 20th Century, a boom era for the port city. Golf and beach developments offer attractive investment opportunities for those seeking second vacation homes or apartments.

Barceló Rum Historical Center

The Centro Histórico Ron Barceló (CHRB) in the city of San Pedro de Macorís is an easy trip from Santo Domingo, Boca Chica, Juan Dolio, Guayacanes or La Romana. The museum tells the history of rum-making in the Dominican Republic, its role in Dominican culture and gives insights into the rum manufacturing process.

Rum is sold on site at the Barceló Export Import (BEICA) company's rum aging and warehousing installations in San Pedro de Macorís. The tour includes rum tasting. Closed Thursdays and weekends.

Nightlife

The evening activity centers on the restaurants in the Boca Chica, Guayacanes and Juan Dolio areas. The popular eateries are traditional Boca Marina and El Neptuno in Boca Chica, El Sueño and Deli Swiss in Guayacanes, and Mesón Español in Juan Dolio. The good food extends the beach fun into the evening for many who drive in from Santo Domingo.



LA ROMANA & BAYAHIBE

Golfer's paradise, yachting, horseback riding, weekend cyclists, tennis fans, hunters and skeet shooters, miles of beach, Altos de Chavón, Cotubanamá Park (Park of the East), Saona and Catalina excursions, scuba diving...





Casa de Campo positioned La Romana on the travel map as a tropical golfer's paradise in the 70s. Over the years, the destination has added more worldclass golf courses. To complement the golfers, yachtsmen and water sports buffs join horseback riders, weekend cyclists, tennis fans, hunters and skeet shooters alike who all enjoy mingling with the Dominican Republic's jetsetters.

Visitors meet up with their friends who have migrated to their homes in La Romana to escape the stress of big city life. The city was originally built around and maintained by the large sugar mill years before tourism became the mainstay in this region. Even now, the seasonal production of sugar fills the air with the sweet smell of molasses and the design of the La Romana International Airport (LRM) mirrors a sugar cane mill, as a reminder of the days when sugar was king.

La Romana and the nearby beach towns of Bayahibe and Dominicus have just the right mix of right-on-the-beach resorts, small restaurants and shopping to make for comfortable visiting and living.

Bayahibe (Dominicus) beaches are only a 30-minute drive away from La Romana city, and are where most hotel rooms are located.

Getting there

Tourists arriving at La Romana International Airport, whether headed to La Romana city, Casa de Campo, the Bayahibe or Dominicus areas, are less than 20 minutes from their hotel.

This airport is served by scheduled flights from:
United States: American Eagle (Miami), JetBlue (New York).

Canada: Air Canada (Toronto), Air Transat (Montreal), Sunwing (Toronto), WestJet (Toronto).

Caribbean: Seaborne (San Juan).

Europe: Air Berlin (Dusseldorf), Alitalia (Rome), Blue Panorama (Milan, Rome), Condor (Frankfurt).

There are also charter flights to Milan and Rome (Neos Air, Meridiana Fly), Poland (Lot), Brazil (Gol), St. Croix and St. Thomas (Hummingbird), Curacao (Insel Air) and Paris (Air France).

Getting around

Taxis may be taken to La Romana city, Casa de Campo and Bayahibe. Car rentals are also readily available and enable tourists to take advantage of what the area and environs offer. There is scheduled bus service from La Romana city to Santo Domingo every half hour for most of the day, and several times a day to Punta Cana.

A new expressway puts Santo Domingo less than an hour and a half away and Punta Cana about an hour from La Romana.

ATTRACTIONS

Altos de Chavón. Altos de Chavón is a re-created 16th century Mediterranean village that overlooks the mesmerizing Chavón River and is one of the leading attractions of the La Romana area. Nevertheless, those that are not staying at Casa de Campo need to take a tour, purchase a day pass, attend a concert at the amphitheater or have a reservation or invitation by a Casa de Campo owner or business to enter the gated premises.

Altos de Chavón was declared a working artists' village by its creators who dedicated it to the fine and applied arts when it opened in 1981. Its cobblestone streets and quaint architecture overlooking Chavón River conceal charming shops, fine restaurants, intimate bars, artisanal workshops, a church, an archaeological museum and a university that specializes in design and is affiliated to Parson's School of Design in New York.

Mainly on long weekends, leading national and international artists will perform at the 5,000-seat amphitheater that is part of Altos de Chavón.

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Casa de Campo Marina. This marina, residential and shopping precinct was designed to evoke Portofino, Italy. It is located where the mouth of the Chavón River opens into the Caribbean Sea. This is the place where the Dominican Republic's rich-and-famous meet, play and host their international jet-set companions.

Beaches

Bayahibe town and beach. This is a laid-back fishing town and beach with its nearby collection of small hotels, restaurants and shops. Bayahibe is the site from where many excursions to the nearby Saona and Catalina islands are launched. The town lies 10 minutes from Dominicus Beach resorts and less than half an hour from Casa de Campo or the city of La Romana.

Dominicus town and beach. Catering for the local residents and the occasional tourists that stray from the all-inclusive resorts, a handful of casual restaurants and shops dot the Dominicus beach strip. This is a prestigious BlueFlag beach. There is an unrestricted access to Dominicus beach between Viva Wyndham Dominicus Palace and Iberostar Hacienda hotels.

Catalina Island. Catalina is an around 15 km² uninhabited offshore wildlife reserve located 8 km south of La Romana, easily accessed by sea. Tourists visit for the snorkeling and scuba diving. Trips can be booked to visit the Living Museum of the Sea for viewing remains of the 17th Century sunken ship of legendary Captain William Kid. For

the least adventurous, glass bottom boats take tourists out to observe the submarine world.

Saona Island. Located in the Cotubanamá National Park (Park of the East), the excursion to Saona Island is the most popular all-day trip taken by tourists visiting the southeastern or eastern coast. The ride along the shallow coastline is one of the fine points of reaching this palm-studded paradisiacal island, whose 115 km² area makes it the largest in the Dominican Republic. Also of interest is a visit to Palmilla (a natural pool) with its shallow crystalline waters and underlying sea stars that span a large area on the way. Saona is the living image of the best of the Caribbean with its many fine, white-sanded beaches and the small picturesque community of Mano Juan.

The Cotubanamá National Park (Park of the East). 420 km² flora and fauna reserve, it is also a major archaeological center for Taino Indian culture. Botanists have counted 539 flora species there, while 144 types of birds are also known to make the park their home. Hikes can start from Bayahibe and Boca de Yuma towns. A certified Ministry of Environment guide is required.

The Padre Nuestro Ecological and Archaeological Trail, equidistant from Bayahibe and Dominicus, makes it easy to appreciate the tropical vegetation along a 2 km hike into areas populated by the Taino Indians hundreds of years ago.

Scuba diving

The area is well known for the dive operations located at the resorts and in the Bayahibe and Dominicus towns. Observe the marine life at the underwater sanctuary created by the sunken St. Georges cargo vessel off the Viva Wyndham Dominicus Beach. Thousands of colorful sea creatures make scuba diving a major attraction for those vacationing in the area.





The Living Museum of the Sea with its Captain Kidd shipwreck site is a leading attraction for snorkeling and scuba divers in the Caribbean. Indiana University and Dominican archaeologists have worked together to create the underground attraction that showcases the Cara Merchant, the ship Captain William Kidd commandeered and then abandoned in 1699 as he raced to New York in an ill-fated attempt to clear his name of piracy charges. The Captain Kidd site is the only pirate ship ever discovered in the Caribbean and one of only three discovered in the Americas. It is located off Catalina Island.

Golf

The Teeth of the Dog. Casa de Campo, La Romana • Tel 809 523-8115 • Year opened: 1971 • 18 holes par 72. Award-winning championship course fronting the Caribbean on seven holes. casadecampogolf.com

The Links. Casa de Campo, La Romana • Tel 809 523-8115 • Year opened: 1975 • 18 holes par 72. Championship course within the resort-residential community of Casa de Campo. casadecampogolf.com

Dye Fore. Casa de Campo, La Romana • Tel 809 523-8115 • Year opened: 2003 • 27 holes par 72. The holes run parallel to the Chavón River with a breathtaking view of mountains, Altos de Chavón

artists village, Casa de Campo Marina and the Caribbean Sea. casadecampogolf.com

Playa Nueva Romana Golf Club. Playa Nueva Romana • Tel 849 879-5575 • Year opened: 2013. 9-hole, par 3 executive course. Part of the Grand Bahía Príncipe hotels residential development. playanuevaromana.com/golf-en

Family activities

With its great variety of sports, activities and outdoor excursions, the La Romana, Bayahibe and Dominicus area is family-oriented. Take PADI certification diving courses, learn to windsurf, SUP paddling, kayak or canoe, take a banana boat ride, go fishing, horseback riding, zipline, 4-wheel motorcycle riding and much more.

Visit the Cueva de las Maravillas, the cave between San Pedro de Macorís and La Romana.

Shopping

La Romana town, Altos de Chavón and shops in the Casa de Campo and Dominicus and Bayahibe beach areas sell many locally-made arts and crafts. Jumbo or Plaza Lama in La Romana city are good places to stock up on good Dominican rum and cigars, or buy Dominican marmalades or sweets.

A 1 km Discover Bayahibe route takes tourists around the flora and cultural heritage of the town

with its early 20th Century church, Indian burial site, and the national flower, the Rose of Bayahibe cactus forest, with plenty of opportunities for shopping at small workshops.

Visit Arte Cuseco, for arts and crafts made at the community workshop in Benerito.

El Artístico Shop. Eclectic and inspiring art work creations made of recycled iron are sold at this shop that is located on the main La Romana city road.

Cigar Country factory tours can easily be booked with their duration and details depending on the interest of the cigar aficionado.

Nightlife

The nights are when the entertainment staff of the hotels show their artistic talents.

Altos de Chavón. Some of the world's best perform on the Chavón amphitheater stage, especially on long weekends. From December to April, you might be able to catch a Kandelá tropical music extravaganza with more than 50 performers on stage.

La Romana city features many restaurants, discos, liquor stores and beer bars cater to residents. In Bayahibe, the restaurants and the colmadones or open bars are where people linger in the evening.



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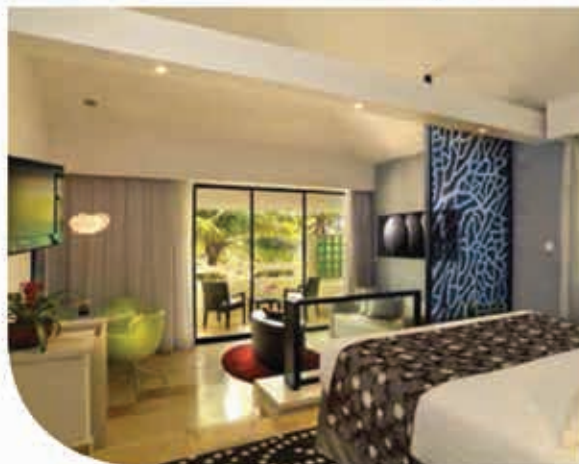
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Punta Cana is a 50km eastern coastal stretch that runs from Uvero Alto to Cap Cana. Tourist businesses cater to people of all ages who are primarily in search of rest, relaxation and water fun. All-inclusive resorts prevail in this area, making vacations very carefree. Because of the lovely beach settings, weddings are frequently held at resorts.

Most hotels attract families by offering onsite child-friendly facilities for their guests and visitors with day passes. There are many water and adventure parks spread out throughout the Punta Cana area.

The area has gone upscale. Most of the older hotels in the area have renovated to offer larger plush facilities, seeking to accommodate discerning baby boom tourists and the affluent young that seek the ultimate in comfort in the Caribbean. Award-winning boutique hotels and luxury accommodations pamper those seeking privacy.

Getting there

Punta Cana International Airport is the preferred port of entry. Area hotels are a 5- to 30-minute drive away. Scheduled and charter flights effective through April 2015 are:

United States: American Airlines (Miami), Frontier (Chicago, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, St. Louis), Delta (Atlanta, New York), JetBlue (Fort Lauderdale, New York), Southwest (Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago) Suncountry (Minneapolis), United (Newark), US Airways (Charlotte, Philadelphia), Xtra Airways (Pittsburgh).

Canada: Air Canada Rouge (Montreal, Toronto), Air Transat (London, Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec, Saskatoon, Thunder Bay, Toronto), Sunwing Airlines (Bagotville, Calgary, Edmonton, Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec, Regina, Saskatoon, Sept-Îles, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg), West Jet Airlines (Ottawa, Toronto).

Caribbean: JetBlue (San Juan), Seaborne (San Juan), Sunwing Airlines (St. Lucia), XL Airways France (Bahamas).

Europe: Air Berlin (Dusseldorf, Munich), Air Europa (Madrid), Air France (Paris), Arkefly (Amsterdam, Warsaw), British Airways (London), Condor (Frankfurt, Munich, Vienna), Edelweiss Air (Zurich), Jetairfly (Brussels), Nordwind Airlines (Moscow), Thomson Airways (London), Thomas Cook Scandinavia (Copenhagen), Transaero (Moscow), Travel Service (Prague, Azores), Tuifly Germany (Hamburg), XL Airways France (Marseille, Lyon, Paris), Wamos Air (Madrid).

Latin America: Copa (Bogotá), Aeromexico (Mexico City), Avianca (Bogotá, Lima), Gol (Belo Horizonte, Brasília, Caracas, Sao Paulo), Aerolíneas Argentinas (Buenos Aires, Caracas), Copa Airlines (Panamá), Lan Perú (Lima).

Take note that several of these regular and charter flights may be seasonal. There are also domestic charter flights, including regular flights on Monday, Friday and Sunday by Mas from La Isabela International Airport (JBQ) on the outskirts of Santo Domingo.

Getting around

The new Boulevard Turístico in Punta Cana makes traveling all around the area easy and fast. To the north the highway leads to the beaches of Miches and the Caño Hondo access to Los Haitises National Park. Next are the beaches of Uvero Alto that cater to adults seeking quiet vacations, and Macao that is for surfers. Nearby is the Punta Cana Hard Rock Hotel with its active schedule of live evening performances. Most hotels are located in Arena Gorda, Bávaro, El Cortecito, Cabeza de Toro areas at the center of the East Coast hotel strip. The Puntacana/Cap Cana area is located to the south. The central express highway leads to the Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ), handling

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the most air traffic in the Dominican Republic. PUJ has the highest variety of flights in the Caribbean and Central America.

There is an express bus service from Punta Cana to Santo Domingo. There is also service to La Romana, with a stopover in Higüey.

Most visitors will take advantage of the excursions offered at the hotels, for which transportation is provided. Taxi service is available at hotels and car rentals can be obtained for those wanting to tour the area independently. The locals get around using low cost public transport minibus and van service that is also available for tourists but must be taken outside the resorts.

ATTRACTIONS Beaches

The main attraction of this area is its beaches that border the meeting point of the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. The turquoise waters of the ocean and the contrasting white sands of most eastern beaches create a lasting impression that entices visitors to spread the word about Punta Cana.

Beaches with access from the outside roads are: Cabeza de Toro, Bávaro, El Cortecito and Macao. With some exceptions, there are no restrictions for tourists walking along one hotel beach to another, although there are frequent patches of undeveloped land tracks between.

Cap Cana (Juanillo). Cap Cana hotels and residences development. This is where the Jack Nicklaus signature Punta Espada golf course is located.

Punta Cana. The beachstrip where the area got its

start. White sands and calm waters are protected by an eight-kilometer reef that runs parallel to Punta Cana. Location for Club Med, Puntacana Resort & Club including the Tortuga Bay hotels. There is snorkeling at its coral and tropical fish aquarium and kitesurfing at Playa Blanca.

Cabeza de Toro. This area of white sands and all-inclusive resorts is adjacent to the Cabeza de Toro Yacht Club (an affiliate of the Santo Domingo Yacht Club) that is used for summer fishing tournaments. Public access.

Bávaro. Area dotted with the largest number of resorts. White soft sands, coral-reef protected waters. This is the most developed area in the eastern beach strip. Jellyfish stands out as a beach and popular restaurant.

El Cortecito. Public beach area. Restaurants on or near the beach serve seafood. Lots of souvenir shops with arts, crafts and water sports rentals are in the area.

Arena Gorda. Northern beach location of the larger resort complex of the chains Riu, Iberostar, Bahía Príncipe, Princess, Meliá-Paradisus, Barceló. Macao. An open beach that is now famous for its surfing school. Watch the surfers as they take the waves.

Uvero Alto. Punta Cana's most northern beach. Sands are fine, but light bronze-colored. Depending on the area, the beach may border an open ocean with fun, swelling waves (for adults and good swimmers), or it may be more calm and closed in. This area caters primarily to adults-only hotels.

Excursions

Along the East Coast, many hotels and private

operators on the beach offer: catamaran boat rides, speed boats a la James Bond, flying boats, glass bottom boats for marine life observation, sport fishing, double-decker party boats, restaurant dining at sunset on the sea, parasailing, snorkeling and scuba diving. There are also boat taxis that can take you from one hotel to another via the beach. This is all in addition to banana boating, kayaking, windsurfing, sailing, and beach volleyball that are offered onsite at the hotels. There are many ways to enjoy Punta Cana and excursions on four-wheel bike rides, buggy rides, jeep safaris, monster trucks. Helicopter and balloon rides will give you a privileged view of the area.

Snorkeling. Area snorkeling excursions take groups out to The Aquarium (east of Club Med) and towards the reef off El Cortecito beach.

Tennis. The Oscar de la Renta Tennis Center has eight clay tennis courts and is open from 8am to 8pm all year round. The center is located in the Hacienda area of the Puntacana Resort & Club.

Manatí Park. A 130,000m² recreational area offering permanent exhibitions of birds and reptiles and dolphin swims. The park also puts on a show with parrots and dancing horses. A sister area, Dolphin Island Park is located on the ocean off Bávaro Beach and is also for swimming with the dolphins.

Bávaro Adventure Park. Head to this tropical jungle turned into one of the most sophisticated adventure parks in the Caribbean. Zip line, skywalker, flight simulator, Segway, climbing garden, zorbing, bungee jumping, paintball, mountain bike pump track, dinosaur land, and more make this a dream for young adventurers and those young at heart. The park also arranges for swimming in Cabo Engaño beach.



Scape Park at Cap Cana. Choose from zip line, buggie rides through jungle, and a dip in the Hoyo Azul lagoon. The park will also arrange for horse-riding, kayaking, windsurfing, paddle boarding, Sun Fish and Hobie Cat sailing on the beach.

Bávaro Runners Zipline Adventure. Experience the thrill of flying. The exhilarating adventure takes you flying across the magnificent Anamuya Lagoon. Your tour consists of 16 platforms and 12 ziplines, including the two longest lines in the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean, stretched across the length of the mountain range for over 3 km.

Punta Cana Ecological Reserve. Short trails meander through tropical forest settings where visitors can see unusual plants and rare and endangered animals. Living exhibitions display the wide web of Caribbean biodiversity, showcasing bird and insect life, the native iguana and Dominican farm animals, worm and bee farms. Also part of the reserve, The Indian Eyes Park stroll



can end with a cooling dip in one of the 11 lagoons after a winding stroll through deep green tunnels of over 500 species of exotic plants. Segway Eco Tours offers guided visits to the project and nearby beaches. The Reserve is 10 minutes from the Punta Cana International Airport. Advance reservations are required for guided tours and visits to the science facilities.

Downtown Punta Cana. Since 2015, Coco Bongo Night Club offers all the acrobatic shows and disco attractions that made a name for the club in Cancun, Mexico. Its restaurant strip is the place to go for those out on the town after 2am.

Culture

City of Higüey. Higüey is the capital of the province La Altagracia and where most of the Dominicans who work in the east coast beach strip live. There the Basílica de la Altagracia that honors the spiritual protector of Dominicans, the Virgin of La Altagracia, stands tall in tribute to the religious



fervor of the Dominican people. On site is the Altagracia's Museum with its collection of historical, artistic, traditional and sacred objects from the 17th through 20th centuries. A visit to the museum is recommended prior to visiting the Basilica for a better understanding of the religious cult of the Dominican people to Our Lady of Altagracia.

The country's faithful pay homage to the Virgin with an annual pilgrimage to Higüey every January 21, with a National Symphony Orchestra concert scheduled for the previous Wednesday. Thousands of faithful participate in the celebration of the dedication of the bulls to the Virgin. As part of this summer event, an outstanding Paso Higüeyano horse and livestock show takes place from 14-16 August.

Ponce de León house-museum. Located in San Rafael de Yuma, a detour south of the route that leads to Higüey, this plantation home of medieval architecture is now a museum. The setting brings



visitors back to 1505 when Ponce de León lived there with his wife and three daughters and commanded the east of the country for the Spanish colonizers, thriving on a wood export business. He set sail from the picturesque Boca de Yuma bay in 1508 to colonize Puerto Rico where he was named governor. Later in 1513, he traveled to the Bahamas and conquered Florida for Spain. Those who travel a bit further south from the museum out to Boca de Yuma may enjoy catch-of-the-day fish dishes, bachata dancing, sea views and cave exploring.

Punta Cana Underwater Park. 12 sculptures depicting characters and customs of Igneri and Taino Indians, the inhabitants of the area at the arrival of the Spanish conquistadors, make up this cultural attraction in the Punta Cana area. Thimo Pimentel, the Dominican Republic's leading ceramist, masterminded the park. The sculptures are located 50 feet deep. The Puntacana Ecological Foundation backs

the exhibition as a way to stimulate coral and small fish growth in the area as these make their homes on or around the statues.

Family activities

Most hotels in the area cater to families and offer special facilities for children. There are water parks at the Gran Bahía Príncipe Turquesa, Gran Palladium Punta Cana, Memories Splash Punta Cana and Sirenis Cocotal resorts. The Barceló Bávaro Palace Deluxe offers a large children's area, the Flintstones Theme Park is popular at the Meliá Caribe Tropical, Dreams Palm Beach's offers pirate boat children's activities, and the well-known Club Med Punta Cana children's circus training program, including Creactive Playground starting in June 2015. Day passes may be available to combine facilities available at the different hotels.

Spas

In line with its focus on rest and relaxation, several resorts in Punta Cana offer some of the country's best spas with excellent facilities off and on the beach.

Golf

If golf is an essential part of your vacation, consider booking at one of hotels that own their golf course or among the multiple properties that offer golf packages at the nearby courses.

Golf courses in the area, from south to north are:

Punta Espada Golf Course. Cap Cana, La Altagracia • Tel 809 469-7767 • Year opened: 2006 • 18 holes par 72. First Jack Nicklaus golf course built in the Dominican Republic. This course has eight holes along and over the sea. puntaespadagolf.com

La Cana Golf Course. Punta Cana, La Altagracia • Tel 809 959-4653 • Year opened 2001 • 27 holes par 72. PB Dye's challenge features 14 holes with views of the Caribbean Sea, and four playing along the briny itself. It incorporates the inland 9-holes of Hacienda, the scenic 9-hole Tortuga and Arrecife courses along the Caribbean Sea. It is part of the Puntacana Resort & Club. puntacana.com

Los Corales Golf Course. Punta Cana, La Altagracia • Tel 809 959-4653 • Open 2010 • 18 holes par 72. Membership course at The Puntacana Resort & Club. puntacana.com

Catalonia Caribe Golf Club. Cabeza de Toro, La Altagracia • Tel 809 321-7058 • Year opened: 2006 • 18 holes par 72. Alberto Solá designed the Caribe Golf Course where the fair greens amidst palm trees and the lush tropical foliage give the golfer

a feeling of playing in the Caribbean. Part of the Catalonia Bávaro Beach, Golf & Casino. cataloniacaribbean.com

Cabeza de Toro Golf Club. Cabeza de Toro, La Altagracia • Tel 809 412-0000 Ext. 7027 • Year opened: 2000 • 9 holes. Designed by Alberto Solá. It has five lakes and shade trees. Part of the Catalonia Bávaro Beach, Golf & Casino. cataloniacaribbean.com

The Lakes Barceló Golf Course. Bávaro, La Altagracia • Tel 809 686-5797, Ext. 1860 • Year Opened: 1991, renovated 2010 • 18 hole par 72 course. Original design Juan Manuel Gordillo, renovation by PB Dye. Alternating holes surrounded by vegetation or bordering lakes for enjoyment of players of all levels. barcelobavarogolf.net

Cocotal Golf & Country Club. Bávaro, La Altagracia • Tel 809 687-4653 • Year opened: 2000 • 27 holes par 72. Serene lakes and swaying coconut trees surround this challenging golf course in the Palma Real residential community. Designed by Jose “Pepe” Gancedo. Located at the Cocotal Golf & Country Club residential area that is next to the Palma Real Shopping Village. Affiliated to the Melia Caribe Tropical and Paradisus Palma Real resorts. cocotalgolf.com

Punta Blanca Golf Course. Bávaro, La Altagracia • Tel 809 468-4734 • Year opened: 2006 • 18 holes par 72. An inland golf course, easily accessible to Bávaro hotels. This is a Nick Price signature course where wetland areas with large waste bunkers and big lakes naturally built into the tropical vegetation provide a challenge for golfers. punta-blanca.com

Hard Rock Golf Club. Macao, La Altagracia • Tel 809 687-0000 Ext. 4654 • Year opened: 2010

• 18 holes par 72 • Design by Jack Nicklaus and Mark Meijer that perfectly integrates nature and shoreline. hardrockhotelpuntacana.com/amenities/golf.aspx

Iberostate Bávaro Golf Club. Arena Gorda, La Altagracia • Tel 809 221-6500, Ext. 1609 • Year opened: 2009 • 18 holes par 72 • Designed by PB Dye • Undulated fairways, ponds and tropical settings characterize this course at the Iberostar hotel and residential development. iberostate.com/en/playa-bavaro

Nature and culture trips

A dozen companies offer safari-type adventures into the countryside, taking tourists on jeeps, four-wheel motorbikes, buggy convertibles, monster trucks, and many other adventure vehicles. You may fancy observing a tropical wilderness, visiting a countryside home, examining tropical crops, going for a dip in a fantastic secluded beach or for a swim or tubing in a cool river. A Dominican countryside lunch, which gets great reviews from tourists, is usually included. Horseback riding is also popular in Punta Cana, and the option of riding on a deserted white-sanded beach, which makes for great photographs, is also available.

Shopping

All Punta Cana hotels offer a selection of arts and crafts in their gift shops. Artisans visit most hotels one or two evenings a week selling their wares. Beach plazas sell similar items.

Shopping plazas outside of the hotels also dot the main roads, with the largest collection of shops found in Bávaro, El Cortecito and Punta Cana Village. Several large gift shops line the entrance into the city of Higüey from the East.

The largest area shopping centers are the San Juan Shopping and the Palma Real Village Shopping Mall easily reached by the Boulevard Turístico.

Meetings

Punta Cana features the largest and most modern meeting facilities in the Dominican Republic at the Punta Cana Hard Rock Hotel in Macao, Barceló Bávaro Convention Center, the Meliá Palma Real Paradisus Convention Center, and the smaller Bahía Príncipe Convention Center and Gran Palladium Convention Center. Most hotels in the area feature smaller facilities for meetings and conventions.

Nightlife

Most area resorts feature small, onsite casinos, show areas, nightclubs or discos that cater exclusively to their guests. In many cases, public access to the resorts for the day/evening is available for a fee. Several discos at the hotels are open to the general public (tourists, hotel guests and local employees).

New for 2015 is the Coco Bongo Disco-Show, the Mexican disco-show that has come to DownTown Punta Cana after successes in Cancún and Playa del Carmen in Mexico. Popular throughout the years are Latin music shows at Fantasy Disco (IFA Villas Bávaro) and the Barceló Bávaro Palace Deluxe, to be followed by nights of dancing at their discos.

Pachá Discotheque (Riú Hotels), Mangú Discotheque (Occidental Grand Hotel) and Areito (Caribe Club Princess). Jewel Disco and Hard Rock Café (Palma Real Shopping), Oro (Hard Rock Punta Cana), Imagine (near the Cocoloco-Riú crossing), and Punta Cava (Puntacana Village) are for meeting with friends and enjoying live shows and contemporary beats. Expect electronic music at Onno's and frequently at Playa Blanca (Puntacana Resort & Club), Hurricane Café (Bávaro Beach) and Jelly Fish Restaurant also known for their full moon parties. There are movie houses at Palma Real and San Juan shopping malls showing first-run films. The Pub del Teatro is for real theater at Cap Cana.

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For whale-watchers, delicious fish in coconut sauce, coconut tree-lined sands, beach after beach, tropical forest-covered mountains, boat trips, El Limón waterfall, mangroves park, scuba diving, jeep safaris, horseback excursions, ziplining, wave riding...





The peninsula of Samaná on the northeast coast creates the magical bay of Samaná, which attracts whale-watchers from around the world to observe the fantastic conclave of hundreds of humpbacks in mid-January to the end of March. Samaná is a land where Europeans, who first came as tourists, have opened innumerable small hotels and restaurants. Samaná is also the place to enjoy Dominican specialties, such as the delicious fish in coconut sauce. Sandy coves and white sand beaches run side by side with unexplored patches of tropical jungle, making unforgettable memories of paradise.

Getting there

The expressway from Santo Domingo to Samaná links Santo Domingo's well-served Las Americas International Airport (SDQ) to Samaná. The two-hour drive is an option for those who enjoy the freedom of a rented car.

El Catey International Airport (AZS) is served by Jet Blue (New York), and from Canada by Air Canada (Halifax, Montreal, Toronto), Air Transat (Montreal, Quebec, Toronto), and West Jet (Toronto). There are charter flights by Travel Service from Prague, effective through April 2015.

The Arroyo Barril Airport (AZS) is located on the Samaná peninsula itself, half an hour from most of the Samaná tourist destinations. The airport is 20 minutes from Las Terrenas or Samaná city.

Getting around

It is probably easiest to rent a car and drive on the toll roads to get to Samaná City, Las Terrenas or las Galeras beach destinations in Samaná from Santo Domingo in around 2 hours.

Caribe Tours provides daily bus service from Santo

Domingo on the expressway (2 hours) or via San Francisco de Macorís (a 3-1/2 hour trip). Caribe Tours travels to the town of Sánchez from where a half-hour separate bus or taxi trip is required to get to Las Terrenas, on the northern side of the peninsula. The Sánchez bus continues on to Samaná city, from where a bus or taxi can be taken to get to Las Galeras (less than half an hour).

Línea Santiaguera provides daily bus service from Santiago to Las Terrenas and Samaná city but makes several stops on the way (5 hours).

Those tourists planning to take the whale-watching trip should consider staying overnight at one of the city hotels, many of which are within walking distance from the whale-watching boats departure point.

Once at the chosen Samaná beach destination, there are mini-vans available to get around. The cheapest mode of transport (although the least safe) is by motoconcho (motorcycle taxis).

ATTRACTIONS

Beaches

Cayo Levantado. Robinson Crusoe-evoking out island with white sands and small coves. Samaná city's marina is the departure site for whale-watching excursions and the 20-minute boat trips to Cayo Levantado for a day on the beach.

Las Galeras. Las Galeras is a quiet fishing village located where the road from Samaná ends. It is a popular starting point for boat trips to Playa Rincón. Playa Rincón, rated by many as one of the top three beaches in the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean, features almost 3 km of coconut tree-lined sands. There are adjacent coves for private swimming, all framed by the lush tropical

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forest-covered mountains and best accessible by boat that can be arranged in **Playa Grande beach** at the end of the Las Galeras road. Enjoy this lush and solitary drop of paradise before it becomes a major tourism center. El Cabito and El Monte Azul are two restaurant-bars that promise good food with out of the ordinary views of the striking Samaná coastline.

Las Terrenas area

Las Terrenas. A more shallow, all year long waveless long beach, allowing some snorkeling and multicolor sunsets. Waterfront restaurants compete with the beach as the major attraction of the area. Sections of the beach are known as Playa El Portillo and Playa Popy and feature small hotels and many restaurants, including the Pueblo de Pescadores, on the beachside and northside of the road that crosses through.

Cosón & Playa Bonita. Located at the west end of Las Terrenas, with a different road access. The ocean can become rough at certain times of the year but for those who enjoy jumping waves, these beaches will provide all the fun. The less known far western side of Playa Bonita, from where a view of Cosón can be seen, is a quiet, shallow swimming pool. There are many restaurants in the area, and vendors that will sell barbecued and fried fish right on the beach.

Natural attractions

The Bridge to Nowhere. A walkway links the mainland to a small cay, about an hour's walk to and from for a close encounter with Samaná Bay, included on the list of the Most Beautiful Bays of the World.



El Limón waterfall. Located halfway between Las Terrenas and Samaná, El Limón is a must for those visiting Samaná. Start as early in the morning as possible in order to reach the top before the blazing sun of noon is at its peak. This excursion is not recommended if it has been raining the previous day due to muddy trails. Travelers have the option of riding up by horse, or hiking for about an hour up 300 meters through mountainous tropical vegetation. Several access routes that spring from different paradors and trails with varying degrees of difficulty are used to get to the waterfall. Once there, travelers may award themselves for the extraordinary effort with a dip under the 40-meter cascades that plummet into a very deep swimming pool of crystal clear waters. Nearby in Juana Vicente, a zip line adventure tour can be taken with Zip Line Adventures El Limón.

Ziplining in El Valle. 12 zip lines, of varying length take eco adventurers flying through a forest and



El Lulú waterfall in El Valle, between El Limón and Playa Rincón. There is now even a tree-house village in the area for those seeking closer encounters with nature.

Los Haitises National Park. Think of it as National Geographic brought to life. This excursion to the largest estuary in the insular Caribbean (with an area of 740 km²) brings tourists face to face with thick mangrove forests, tropical birds, beguiling scenery and the opportunity to explore caves. The tour will bring guests by boat in and out of the pristine keys scattered off the coast. To reach Los Haitises from Samaná, a ferry boat must be taken to Sabana de la Mar. From there a short ride by land to the Ministry of Environment's post near Caño Hondo is taken to obtain one of the authorized guided boat tours.

Lunch at the award-winning Caño Hondo ecolodge and restaurant in the area is recommended for

delicious Dominican food and great photo-taking.

Whale-watching. Whale-watching in the Bay of Samaná occurs from January 15 to March 30, when whales migrate to the warmer Caribbean waters to mate and raise their calves. Excursions depart daily from the Port of Samaná and outskirts of Sabana de la Mar to observe the whales at sea. A whale observatory is located atop a hill at Punta Balandra at the north exit of the city of Samaná. A whale ribs mark the entry to the observatory site that is on the road to Las Galeras.

See-the-countryside excursions. Four-wheel quad, buggy or jeep safaris and horseback excursions can be contracted to visit the various beautiful deserted beaches or explore the lush mountains with their outstanding views.

Scuba diving

Several scuba diving or snorkeling tours take tourists to several easily accessible dives. For serious divers, Las Galeras is best. There are also simple snorkeling sites, such as the Las Galeras underwater park maintained by Kaio, a Japanese resident off Grand Paradise Samaná Beach Resort.

Family activities

Samaná's offerings of shallow beaches provide fun for the entire family, to swimmers and paddlers alike. Teenagers will also love Samaná for the adventures on the quads, boat tours and wave-riding beaches.

Golf

Playa Grande. Km. 9 Carretera Río San Juan-Cabrera, María Trinidad Sánchez •Tel: (809) 582-0860 • Year opened: 1997, renovation, reopening

2016 • 18 holes par 72. The "Pebble Beach" of the Caribbean, with 10 holes interacting with the Atlantic Ocean.

playagrande.com/#golf

Culture

Samaná city. By the south side, at the peninsula's midpoint lies the city of Samaná, which claims an unusual history. It was settled by two shiploads of freed American slaves around 1824. The downtown section of the city features a protestant church built back then now known as La Churcha.



In the city there is the small CEBSE Whale Museum that tells the story (in Spanish) of the giant humpback whales that travel from the far north to breed in the warm Caribbean waters. A gigantic female humpback skeleton is one of the main attractions.

Pueblo Príncipe. This is a recreation of the Victorian-style architecture of the first part of the 20th Century with shops and small eateries. It fronts the Av. Marina (Malecón), the boardwalk of Samaná City.

Shopping

Souvenir shops at Pueblo Príncipe and the Av. De la Marina, the sea-fronting boardwalk and marina from where the boat trips depart to observe the whales or travel to Sabana de la Mar, on the southern side of the San Lorenzo Bay.

Shopping is best in Las Terrenas on or off the main street that runs down to the beaches. Shopping is varied because of the influence of local European settlers who sell their own designs of fashion and crafts.

Nightlife

Beach restaurants and discotheques carry on all night long bringing together locals and tourists. There are several venues for merengue, bachata and salsa music located along the main street (Juan Pablo Duarte Avenue) as well as adjacent to the Las Terrenas beach-fronting road. Facing the ocean in Las Terrenas, Pueblo de los Pescadores is a must-go place, with many restaurants and bars to choose from. Samaná's nightlife also caters to the young set that works in the tourism industry and that is happy to hang out in the "centros cerveceros" and "colmadones".

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MONTECRISTI, LA ISABELA, LUPERÓN, COFRESÍ, PLAYA DORADA, PUERTO PLATA, SOSÚA, CABARETE, PLAYA GRANDE, RIO SAN JUAN, CABRERA

Beach towns, relaxed lifestyle, majestic coastal mountains, amber, Victorian houses, Brugal rum, San Felipe Fort, botanical gardens, Ocean World Park, golf, ziplining, windsurfing, kiteboarding, sailing, great photography...





Nestled by more than 125 kilometers of Atlantic shore (from Montecristi to Playa Grande) the north coast is a thriving assortment of beach towns, resorts and communities. There, Dominicans and thousands of foreigners from dozens of countries have settled over the past 100 years enticed by the relaxed lifestyle and encounters with nature. The land of rich deposits of the lustrous semi-precious amber, the north ocean-side region is cradled by a chain of majestic coastal mountains. It was here that Columbus landed on his first voyage of discovery, and it is here where visitors will discover the same natural beauty and turquoise waters that enchanted the Genovese adventurer more than 500 years ago.

Getting there

Puerto Plata's Gregorio Luperón International Airport (POP) is the most frequent choice of entry for tourists heading to Cofresí, Maimón, Luperón, Puerto Plata, Playa Dorada, Sosúa, Cabarete, Cabrera and Playa Grande hotels, all of them located at 10- to 45-minute drives from the airport.

Puerto Plata's Gregorio Luperón International Airport (POP)

This airport offers scheduled service effective through April 2015:

United States: American Airlines (Miami), United (Newark), JetBlue (Boston, New York).

Canada: Air Canada (Halifax, Montreal, Toronto) and Air Transat (Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec, Toronto), Sunwing (Montreal, Toronto), West Jet (Toronto).

Caribbean & Central America: InterCaribbean (Providenciales, San Juan).

Europe: Air Berlin (Dusseldorf, Munich), Condor (Frankfurt, Munich), XL Airways (Paris).

There are charter flights from the Canadian cities of Halifax, Hamilton, Ottawa, Quebec, St. Johns,

Toronto (Air Transat, Canjet, Sunwing). The European cities of Amsterdam (Arkefly), Helsinki (Finnair), Gothenburg and Stockholm (Novair), Copenhagen, Gatwick, Manchester and Stockholm (Thomsonfly), and Prague (Travel Service) are also served by charter flights.

These destinations are also served by flights arriving at the Cibao International Airport in Santiago, approximately an hour south of Puerto Plata city. Flights serving Santiago from the USA: American Airlines (New York and Miami), Delta (New York), JetBlue (New York), Spirit (Fort Lauderdale), United (Newark).

Central America: Panamá (Copa).

Caribbean: Jet Blue (San Juan), InterCaribbean (Providenciales).

By sea

Amber Cove. Carnival Corporation cruise port at Maimón, 10 minutes west of Puerto Plata city, set to open in October 2015.

Ocean World Marina. This is a full service marina located in Cofresí Beach. It is part of the Ocean World Adventure Park & Marina complex. Services offered include internet service, concierge services for booking hotels, restaurants, tours or taxis, fuel dock, electricity supply, 24 hour security, laundry, dockside water, among others.

Luperón marina. The natural harbor is considered one of the safest hurricane holes in the Caribbean for cruising yachts and sailboats. Several businesses offer services to visiting yachts and sailboats.

Getting around

Caribe Tours and Metro (with less stops) are two bus companies with service to Puerto Plata several

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times during the day from Santo Domingo and Santiago. Both provide daily service to Sosúa. Travel is easy along the north coast as the main highway runs parallel to the ocean, with good roads for most of the stretch. Consider renting a car to see it all. Minibuses and vans commute several times a day between the principal tourism destinations, transporting hotel employees and Puerto Plata residents, as well as savvy tourists. In addition to minibuses there are publicos or conchos, the shared taxis that can be waved down and also go for bargain prices. Expect some cramming at peak hours (so even consider buying two fares). There are motoconchos, but note that while popular because of their low costs, these motorcycles are the least safe of all modes of transportation.

ATTRACTIONS

Puerto Plata City

A tour of Puerto Plata is a cultural one. Its renovated city park square frequently hosts city events for the enjoyment of locals and visitors.

The around 150 Neoclassical and Victorian-style houses that date back to the late 19th and early 20th centuries, especially those that surround the central park of the city are the city's highlight. Note the San Felipe Cathedral, the Club de Comercio, Ayuntamiento, Club Fe en el Porvenir and the central park gazebo.

Located in a 1919-built mansion, the Amber Museum shows one of the best amber collections of the world. Its exhibit of a mosquito encased in amber was used in the Steven Spielberg film Jurassic Park. See a 42.5-centimeter lizard fossil, or the biggest bio-inclusion feather fossil in the world, a 6-by-2 centimeter fossilized right-wing of a bird estimated to date 25 to 30 million years.

Casa Museo Gregorio Luperón. Located in the historic center of Puerto Plata, this is a Victorian-style house with 18th century décor and memorabilia that tells the story of General Gregorio Luperón, the historical figure who led the war to restore Dominican independence from Spain.

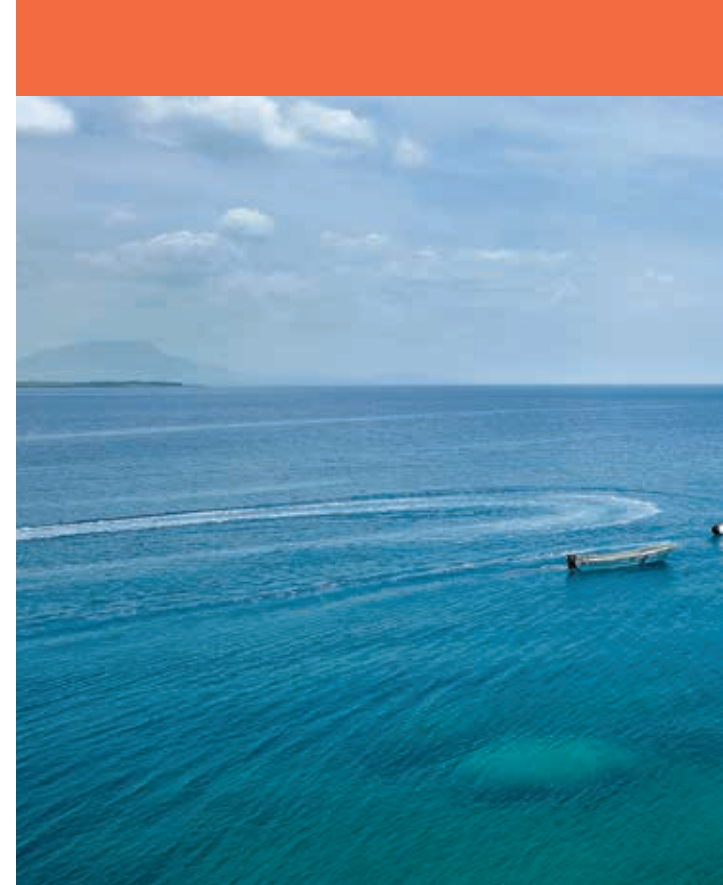
Casa de Arte Camilo Carrau, located in a restored Victorian-style house in downtown Puerto Plata, offers exhibits of the best of Puerto Plata artists, plus photographs of Puerto Plata in the age of the splendor of its Victorian-style architecture.

On one of the adjacent alleys connecting Beller and Kennedy streets, the **Callejón Doña Blanca** donated by the Rainieri family (of Punta Cana fame) recreates the historic walkway that led to the first hotel in Puerto Plata, the Hotel del Comercio.

Follow the sea-bordering Puerto Plata Malecón all the way down to the **San Felipe Fort**, Lighthouse and amphitheater at La Puntilla. There is a bicycle trail along the Malecón. Note the Checo Merette mural dedicated to the humpback whales that every year cruise by the Puerto Plata waters.

The 2,000 square meter San Felipe Fort is the oldest standing edifice in Puerto Plata and was built to defend the city from English, Dutch and French pirates in 1577. As of 1821, it was turned into a courthouse and jail. It was restored in 1974. San Felipe Fort overlooks the statue of General Gregorio Luperón, hero of the 1863-1965 war that returned the rule of the country to Dominicans from the Spanish.

Across from the fort is the lighthouse, built 1879 and restored in 2002 with a grant from the World Monuments Fund that valued this 24.4-meter-high rare cast iron tower, only one of very few still standing in the Americas.



Adjacent to the fortress and the lighthouse, an amphitheater and restaurants, are set with live shows for the enjoyment of locals and tourists. Pedestrian areas on streets with lovely Victorian houses are underway with restaurants and shops being added as new attractions for the city of Puerto Plata.

The Brugal Rum Factory tour on the way east to Playa Dorada is your opportunity to observe part of the manufacturing process of the world's third largest producer of sugar cane rum. The tour ends with a rum tasting and the opportunity to purchase the finer quality rums.

Isabel de Torres Botanical Gardens. It is worth taking an early morning off from beach time to visit the city's botanical gardens. Hike, or ride up the 800-meter mountain on board an Italian-made



cable car. The eight-minute trip up to the botanical gardens puts tourists at a privileged vantage point to leisurely observe a large span of the north coast. The national park is a natural scientific reserve with subtropical vegetation and 15 small brooks and streams amidst multiple trails to observe enormous ferns, overgrown flowers, fire-red gingers and giant hibiscus peaking through the rain forest's shield.

Puerto Plata city beaches. Puerto Plata is one of the few cities in the Dominican Republic to have a city beach and a ocean-fronting bike lane that takes you to it. Long Beach is popular with locals right off the Malecon of Puerto Plata for a dip at any time. There is also a public beach with soft waves serving the Cofresí and Costambar residential communities and surrounded by restaurants and Ocean World Park. Playa Dorada and Costa Dorada beaches cater

to tourists staying at the resorts and residential communities in these areas.

Ocean World Adventure Park & Marina. Puerto Plata's darling for a day and night outing. Located 15 minutes west from Puerto Plata city, this hands-on zoo and marine park, features adjacent full-service marina and discotheque and dining facilities that take advantage of its spectacular location overlooking the multi-tonal blues of the Atlantic Ocean. There is a terrace-restaurant and nightclub with the performances of the Bravissimo Las Vegas-style Latin music show. The park features one of the world's largest custom-made dolphin lagoon, swimmable aquarium, sea lion encounters, shark interaction pool, tiger-feeding area and birds' area, in addition to a large man-made beach.

Costa Dorada and Playa Dorada are beaches and hotel areas that have been awarded the European Blue Flag certificate for high water quality and environmental standards.

Nature and cultural excursions

Damajagua. Located half an hour south from Puerto Plata, between the Altamira tunnel and the town of Imbert, this ecotourism attraction is a combination of cascading and plummeting down waterfalls. The excursions can be booked at the inland visitor's center of the Professional Association of Damajagua Guides, a short distance inland from the main road. There is the option to hike one hour up the mountain and then begin the three-hour downward trek. The shorter half-day version, usually offered at the hotels, calls for climbing up and down only the first seven falls with the assistance of the acrobatic guides.

La Isabela National Park. Located about a two-hour drive from Puerto Plata, and 14 km west of Luperón, this is a must stop for those who have the

time and are into history. This is where Christopher Columbus built the first settlement in the New World in the 15th century. A small museum area houses relics from the days of the discovery. On site is the house Columbus built for himself at the site with its panoramic view of the area. Remains are still standing of what is believed to have been the church where the first mass in the New World was given. Nearby is the site of the commemorative church on a hilltop with lovely stained glass windows of Dominican artist Rincón Mora. Lunch and a swim can be had at the adjacent beach.

Maimón to Luperón Beaches. A new cement expressway under construction from Maimón to Luperón will open up visitation to previously unknown beaches that are located to the west of the Amber Cove cruise ship terminal. Meanwhile, enjoy Playa El Castillo and Playa Cambiaso beaches, and the lovely calm waters at La Playita a short trek to the east of Cambiaso.

Sosúa town and beach. The Dominican Republic's quintessential beach town, Sosúa is located 25 kilometers east of Puerto Plata and five kilometers east of Puerto Plata's airport. Thousands of North American and European expatriates have retired here, giving the city a sense of cosmopolitan community. The bars, restaurants, and shops cater to the thousands of tourists that come attracted by its one-kilometer U-shaped sheltered long beach.

Sosúa Beach offers good scuba diving and snorkeling tours, and work is advancing on the beach's underwater park. Sosúa Beach can get crowded, especially on long weekends, Sundays and major holidays. In town is the Sosúa Synagogue, where an adjacent museum pays tribute to the first Jewish settlers of the town that arrived to Puerto Plata fleeing the Nazis in

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Germany. Nearby, and also in El Batey area, is the small but popular Alicia Beach.

Castillo Mundo King. Open daily from dusk to dawn (it is not connected to the Sosúa electrical grid), the Castillo Mundo King is an eclectic but outstanding display of mega art creations in steel and stone collected and designed by its eccentric German owner Rolf Schulz and Haitian artists. This is an out of this world tribute to his perceived contacts with UFOs. Schulz lives on the premises and enjoys telling the story of his creation. Makes for great photography. Up the Camino Llibre in Sosúa.

Cabarete beach town. The Caribbean's windsurfing, kiteboarding and laser sailing mecca. Just a 15-minute drive east from Sosúa. Ranked by the Professional Windsurfing Association, the Professional Kite Riders Association and the International Laser Class Association as tops among the leading destinations for the sports. Major competitions take place during the summer when the waves and winds are the best.

Nearby El Encuentro Beach is tops in the country for surfing. Since 2015 is the attraction of booking dives to sea wrecks not far from shore.

Cabarete suffers a metamorphosis at night. From a focus on active water sports and other activities such as skateboarding besides the beach, horse-riding tours, 4 wheelers, boat rides on the little river, excursions into the mountains, the same beach converts into a long restaurant strip attracting tourists and residents from the entire north coast for an evening of fun under the stars. Tourists will find their greatest challenge is deciding where to dine.

Yoga Temple. Yoga fans are welcome to participate in regular morning and afternoon yoga

classes at the Natura Cabana Yoga Temple in Perla Marina, a short drive from Sosua and Cabarete.

Monkey Jungle. Located 9 km up the El Choco road between Sosúa and Cabarete, this park is home to squirrel monkeys. This is also a botanical garden, a place to go for jungle hikes, zip line adventures and cave visits. A 7-station gun range is also part of the operation.



Yasika Adventures. Zip line excursion. A half-an-hour drive from Puerto Plata along the Carretera Turística. Views of the city and the coastline from the 10 platforms high above the ground.

Playa Grande, Río San Juan and Cabrera. Upscale residential communities are located in this area that is about an hour's drive from Puerto Plata's Gregorio Luperón International Airport (POP) or El Catey nearer to Samaná (AZS). Playa Grande beach's natural setting makes for great photography, long walks on the beach and wave jumping on a quiet ocean day. There are good facilities for parking, eating on the beach, and spending the day there observing the awesome scenic view of the mountains as they wrap around the coast.

Laguna Dudú. There is for short ziplining and bathing in the cool waters of the Dudú lagoon, near Playa Grande beach. This is a prime site for underwater caving, but the dives need to be arranged with a professional diving center. There are facilities on site for family outings.

Santiago. Those staying in Puerto Plata should program a day trip to Santiago, an hour south, especially to visit the Centro León. This very active cultural center is a platform devoted to the promotion of contemporary art and a space for creating awareness of the diversity of Dominican culture, customs, identity and natural resources, as it seeks to promote and preserve these values for future generations.

Take note that from the last week of October to the first week of February, winter professional baseball is played with all Caribbean passion at the Cibao Ball Park. Overnights are possible in one of the city's hotels or a taxi driver can be hired to join you at the ball park and drive you back to your out of town hotel late at night.

Montecristi. The country's most western province is land of small hotels and small restaurants offering delicious goat dishes catering to the trickle of tourists that head out this way. Late 19th century architecture still can be seen surrounding the town square where the Clock Tower stands proud. The El Morro landmark cannot be missed as it rises 242 meters above sea level. Boat tours can be arranged through the network of inland waterways or to the cluster of out islands, Los Cayos de los Siete Hermanos. Coral reefs near the keys offer outstanding snorkeling.

Punta Rucia's Paradise Island. Known as Cayo Paraiso or Cayo Arena, this white sand bar with surrounding coral reef is a snorkeler's dream. The excursion includes a ride through mangroves on the way back and lunch at Punta Rucia beach.

Book a morning and afternoon for this tour. It takes about two hours each way by vehicle from Puerto Plata. Small hotels in the area will book your own sand bar visit with one of the local boat owners, or arrange for a scuba diving outing.

Golf

Los Mangos Golf Course. Calle Principal, Costambar, Puerto Plata • Tel 809 970-7750 • Year opened: 1986 Redesign: 2001 (José Torres) • 9 holes par 35. Play among tropical fruit trees in this community golf course now primarily being used by Costambar residents and guests at Cofresi hotels.

Playa Dorada Golf Course. Playa Dorada, Puerto Plata • Tel 809 320-3472 • Year opened: 1976 • 18 holes par 72. Flat, conditioned course with exceptional greens surrounding Playa Dorada resort complex. Robert Trent Jones signature. playadoradagolf.com

Playa Grande Golf Course. Km. 9 Carretera Río San Juan-Cabrera, María Trinidad Sánchez province • Tel 809 582-0860 • Year opened: 1997, under renovation • 18 holes par 72. Robert Trent Jones-designed. Rees Jones renovated. The course is famous for its 10 holes interacting with the Atlantic Ocean and known as "The Pebble Beach of the Caribbean." playagrande.com/#golf

Shopping

Check out the supermarkets (La Sirena and José Luís) in Puerto Plata, for interesting local products, such as quality rums, tropical fruit marmalades, yuca bread (casabe), cigars, among others. Stroll down the streets of the old city and gaze through the gift shops to get an idea of what is available and prices.

Taste the tropical sherbets and creamy ice creams at popular Helados Bon on Beller street, a few steps up from the restored Central Park. Bon ice cream is also sold in Sosúa (Charamicos) and Cabarete (right on the main road). Italian ices are also sold in the Victorian-style blue house in front of the park. Check out the buys at the historic center gift shops, including Amber Museum.

The city market, up on the hill, is an area with lots of craft shops that supply others. These same artisans take their wares to the hotels, rotating at different hotels where once a week they will sell directly to the tourists.

Playa Dorada Plaza is an option for a selection of handicrafts and items that are popular with tourists, especially with those staying in the Playa Dorada beach area.

Hotel stores stay open until late, allowing for night-time shopping before dinner.

The beach towns are dotted with small shops selling variety of beach and water sports ware, goods and crafts.

Nightlife

Puerto Plata. In the city for dining, La Parillada Steakhouse at the rotonda off the stadium is a tradition. Lucia in Casa Colonial is for fine dining and great atmosphere. Check out to see if there is anything going on at the Central Park of Puerto Plata or the Malecón. Signs are posted on light posts all around town.

Ocean World's Bravísimo Latin music show is the big ticket in town, which includes admittance to the Lighthouse Disco. At Playa Dorada, Hemingway's Bar and Coco Bongo in Playa Dorada Plaza are popular.

Repeat tourists will have ventured out on weekends into the city of Puerto Plata's dance-bars, such as the Rancho Típico, to share salsa, bachata and merengue music with the locals at the many dance-bars in town. Befriend a taxi driver who will take you to and back from one of the local dance-bars.

In Sosúa, there is Waterfront and Las Palmas for dining. Likewise, a stroll through Sosúa will easily tell which lounge-bar-disco is popular at the moment.

Head out to Cabarete, where the decision is hard as the entire beach strip is lined with restaurants. Check out their menus that are posted outside.

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The geographical center, up in the Caribbean Alps, pine trees, river-rafting, canyoning, parapenting, mountain biking, quad-riding, horseback riding, mountain trekking, hiking, bird-watching, waterfalls, hanging bridges, cascades, freezing lows, carnival...





The two inland cities of Constanza and Jarabacoa are the jewels in the crown of the Central Mountain Range, which comprises the tallest range in the Caribbean and is sometimes referred to as the Caribbean Alps. For a complete change of pace, the crisp air and alpine vegetation is every bit as enthralling as the beaches. Framed against intensely blue skies, they offer cooling respite from the coastal heat and an awesome visual panorama that unfolds in every direction.

Getting there

Jarabacoa and Constanza are located in the middle of the Dominican Republic, and are less than two hours from the Puerto Plata International Airport (POP) and the Las Américas International Airport in Santo Domingo (SDQ). Santiago's Cibao International Airport (STI) is the closest, about one hour drive from Jarabacoa and 1.5 hour from Constanza, both in the central province of La Vega. Constanza has its own airfield (COZ) for chartered or private flights.

Caribe Tours buses travel to Jarabacoa several times a day from Santo Domingo. Jarabacoa is equidistant from Puerto Plata and Santo Domingo at about 130 kilometers from each. From the city, taxis or minibuses will take you to your final destination. Consider renting a SUV when touring this sprawling area. Jarabacoa is arrived at via a well-paved road lined with pine trees, around 500 meters above sea level.

Access to Constanza is by the well-paved albeit winding roads from Jarabacoa, or the main Duarte Highway. Those who venture up to its heights are rewarded with the feeling of having discovered a

Caribbean slice of Switzerland that lies at around 1,200 meters above sea level.

ATTRACTIONS

Staff at the small hotels in the area can assist you with booking extreme sports such as river-rafting, cascading, canyoning, parapenting, mountain biking, quad-riding, horseback riding, mountain trekking, in addition to less taxing hikes and bird-watching excursions.

River-rafting expeditions lead to an adrenaline rush as the boat plows through the cool waters (wet suits are provided) of the Yaque del Norte River. A reservation should be made the previous day with the tour operator or through the hotels in the area, as most of the excursions start early in the morning. Jarabacoa is the place to be for rafting.

Waterfalls abound in this region, but a couple of them outshine the rest. The Salto de Jimenoa feeds the Jimenoa River's hydroelectric dam. A visit here makes an exciting morning or afternoon outing. Another outstanding waterfall in the area is Aguas Blancas, which, at a height of 1,800 meters and a vertical drop of 87 meters, is promoted as the Caribbean's tallest cascade. This attraction lies 10 kilometers south of Constanza.

Mountain biking. Rancho Baiguarte and Rancho Jarabacoa offer routes of varying degrees of difficulty for mountain biking, some passing by the waterfalls.

Horse ranching is popular in Jarabacoa, and some

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of the finest horses in the country are bred and kept there. The proud owners gather frequently for trail rides, and the annual Rancho Baiguarte horse rally, that takes place during Easter Week, is a national institution.

Japanese heritage. In the center of the town, facing the Iglesia María Auxiliadora (Jarabacoa) is a small Japanese garden, framed by its Torii gate. It commemorates the legacy of the Japanese immigrants that established a farming colony in the 1950s.

Coffee plantations. Take time to visit the Industria de Café de Monte Alto or the sustainable coffee plantation of author Julia Alvarez in Los Dajaos. In Los Dajaos, inland from Jarabacoa, visits are also possible to the aromatic plants farm of José Cruz. Nearby is the Bamboo Cathedral, an amazing area where giant bamboo vines form church-like domes.

Mountain trekking

Reachable by car/4 wheel SUV:

Ebano Verde Scientific Reserve. Located in Arroyazo on the Constanza main access road, this scientific reserve at its highest point reaches 1,565 meters. It features the Fernando Domínguez Visitors Center from where walks into the tree-named green ebony forest can be taken. The trails through the 37 square kilometers of the reserve to observe more than 687 plant species are well-kept and the trees are labeled. A chilly river bath can be part of the adventure.

Valle Nuevo Scientific Reserve

Considered the geographical center of the

Dominican Republic. Some 17 kilometers from Constanza by way of San José de Ocoa, this is the highest plain in the Caribbean at more than 2,450 meters in height. It is believed to have once been covered by a glacier during the Pleistocene Epoch (11,000 to 1.8 million years ago). There you will find rustic cabañas where visitors can stay and get a feel for the Caribbean mountains, without the hardship of the hike. Note that temperatures may drop below 32°F (0°C) in winter and spring and you will want to dress accordingly.

Reachable on foot or by mule:

Duarte Peak. Located in the Armando Bermúdez National Park, Duarte Peak is the crown jewel of the Caribbean. The Hispaniola Trail takes visitors through mind-boggling scenery of tropical forests, endemic coniferous pine, mountain broadleaf and cloud forests.

At 3,087 meters, Duarte is the tallest mountain in the Caribbean and several routes will lead you to this apex. The shortest and most popular route is that of Jarabacoa-Manabao-La Ciénaga by car. At the Ministry of Environment campsite, the trip is arranged for the following day, with mules hired to carry the supplies or exhausted hikers. From there, it is a two-hour hike to the Los Tablones resting station, with its small crystalline river where you may stock up on water. From there on, only those in good physical shape are advised to continue.

This route usually goes through La Laguna on to the height known as “Repentance Hill” and then to the Compartición parador. Travelers have the option of camping at Compartición or continuing on to the parador built near Valle de Lilís, less

than an hour’s walk from coveted Duarte Peak. On average the temperatures will range from 54°F (12°C) to 70°F (21°C), dropping in the high areas to below 32°F (0°C) in the early morning hours during any time of the year.

At the designated resting spots, usually near watering areas, the Ministry of Environment has posted signs to indicate the amount of distance covered and how much is left to go.

Golf

Jarabacoa Golf Club. Quintas de Primavera, La Vega province • Tel 809 782-9883 • Year opened: 1984 • 9 holes. Built amid pine trees, this course has a mountain setting.
jarabacoagolf.com/club/en

Culture

Every Sunday throughout the month of February, the most popular of the Dominican carnival parades take place in the city of La Vega, the provincial capital that lies half an hour from Jarabacoa and Constanza. The Bonao carnival parades, about half an hour south from La Vega, or the Santiago carnival, half an hour to the north, get excellent reviews too.

Mass with Gregorian Chants takes place Sundays at the Monasterio Cisterciense in Pinar Quemado. On site the priests sell natural remedies and just-baked breads.

Shopping

City of artists. Jarabacoa prides itself on offering works of art not to be found anywhere else. Several artists of national and international acclaim have



moved to Jarabacoa, inspired by the beautiful natural scenery. Several small art galleries sell their work.

Jarabacoa and Constanza are one of the country's primary farming districts and are known for their flower and strawberry farms. Road stands also sell arepas (corn bread) and cepa de apio (celery root), a local specialty made into a puree.

Consider shopping for that Caribbean mountain

vacation home. Jarabacoa has become a prime destination for retirement living, as you are in the Caribbean, but with the natural air-conditioning turned on at night.

Nightlife

Most of those who travel to Jarabacoa and Constanza do so for intense days of outdoor activity. By the time the evening rolls around, these people just want to relax. Thus, each town offers a handful of good restaurants. Beer bars and

discotheques stay open until late, mainly catering to crowds of domestic tourists that venture to these mountain areas at peak travel times during the year.

The exception to this will be night-time events organized during peak domestic travel times, such as Easter, when outdoor shows will cater to the vacationing crowds.

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Biodiversity, striking natural attractions, the largest lake, spectacular panoramic highway, mountain paradors, dry forests archaeological sites, pink flamingos, lazing American crocodiles, iguanas, magnetic hill, larimar, bird watching...





Located on the southwestern coast, the Barahona-Pedernales area is the tourism destination with the greatest biodiversity in the country. Today domestic travelers and international connoisseurs of nature are its most frequent visitors.

The striking natural attractions of this region make it an incomparable eco-tourism destination. This region has the largest lake in the Caribbean, the Enriquillo Lake. There are panoramic highways with vistas along the coast, mountain scenic viewpoints, scorching hot dry forests that lie not far from pine tree forests. At the same time, it is one of the most significant fruit-producing areas in the country.

Getting there

People generally travel to the southwestern destinations by land. Small private planes or chartered flights can be booked into the María Montez International Airport (BRX) in Barahona.

Barahona is a 3-hour drive from Santo Domingo, the capital city of the Dominican Republic. Add another hour to get to Pedernales from Barahona. Road paving is very good for most of the journey. Domestic flights can also be arranged into the Cabo Rojo (CBJ) landing field in Pedernales.

Getting around

Public transportation in Barahona is offered by minibus, public cars/concho or the perilous motoconcho. To properly visit this area, it is best to have the mobility of a SUV or a vehicle at one's service because of the long distances between one attraction and another.

ATTRACTIONS

Las Caritas. This archaeological site is located on the north side of the Enriquillo Lake. If you drive by on a weekend, there may be tour buses or cars parked on the road to indicate the site of the carvings in the rocks atop the pronounced cliff. There is a trail that leads to smiling and sad faces

etched into history. Visitors to the Enriquillo Lake environs should stock up on lots of drinking water as this is an area of blazing sun and heat.

Enriquillo Lake. The largest in the Caribbean, it has an approximate area of 265 square kilometers. It is also the Caribbean's lowest point, which is found at 40 meters below sea level. The name Enriquillo honors the first successful insurgent against the Spanish conquistadors. The high salt content at this inland phenomenon has created a barren, seemingly lifeless environment that is inhospitable to humans, but ideal for lazing American crocodiles, friendly iguanas and graceful pink flamingos.

A trip around Lake Enriquillo all the way to Jimaní (on the Dominican border with Haiti) and then returning back eastbound on the southside will bring travelers pass the impressive salt and gypsum mines at Las Salinas. Start out early and set aside a full day for touring the lake and its environs.

Cabritos Island. Upon arriving to Barahona, check availability of boat excursions to visit this 12-kilometer inner islet that is home to hundreds of reptilian residents. Arrive early in the day to book the seven-kilometer tour to Cabritos and observe the iguanas, crocodiles and flamingos before the burning sun takes over.

The guides can make sure the crocodiles come close enough to your boat for you to peer into their eyes. Expect the excursion to take at least two hours, including a quick hike across the island. Be sure to bring drinking water and sun block.

El Cachote. One hour from Paraíso, this hilltop hamlet and its winding paths filled with tropical exuberance is a great attraction for eco-tourists. The forest and its coffee farms are often covered by a dense humid air mass. Visitors can observe a variety of exotic birds, tropical flora including

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bromeliads and wild orchids and a crystal clear mineral water spa. The paths can be covered on foot or by horseback. This is an area to go with 4x4 SUVs.

A hiking and mountain biking trail leads from Cachote to Platón in Paraíso. Visitors will marvel at the lushness and variety of vegetation and the views. Mountain-biking enthusiasts can reach Polo from Cachote, following an inland trail.

Larimar. Located 10 km from the city of Barahona, in the Barahona mountain range, the larimar mines leave an impression on all visitors. Observe the hard work of the miners, and the risks they take to extract the semi-precious stone from deep down in the earth. Once this reality is known, the purchase of the jewel will have a renewed value for the buyer. The story of this stone is told at the Museum-Workshop in Bahoruco province. There larimar jewelry can be purchased from the people who work the stone. The color of the stones mirrors the multi-toned coastal waters of Barahona itself.

Cueva de la Virgen (Garganta del Diablo) in Barahona. A trail following Bahoruco River (entrance to Casa Bonita lodge) passes through lush vegetation, shallow streams and takes visitors inland to this cathedral-like cave now officially known as Cave of the Virgin, but called “Throat of the Devil” by the locals for its impressive rock walls and gushing waters.

Laguna Rincón. Known as a refuge for biodiversity, the Scientific Reserve of Rincón Lagoon is 47 km², and is the largest body of fresh water in the DR. It is sometimes called the Cabral Lagoon because it is located 1 km to the northeast of that small town. It can be accessed through the Polo-Cabral crossing on the Cabral-Duvergé highway. There are trails for flora and fauna observation, including the lotus and water lilies as well as ducks, pigeons and flamingos. Boat trips can be arranged, with a day in advance.

Polo and the Magnetic Hill. Cool off on the way back to the city of Barahona by heading south on the Cabral-Polo Panoramic Highway. Sightseers will marvel at its Polo Magnético, where parked cars seem to travel backwards up the hill on their own without any human assistance. Polo is located amid the forests of the Bahoruco mountain range, the home of some of the country’s best coffee plantations. There are hiking and biking trails through coffee plantation areas.

Barahona. The region’s most important city and provincial capital, Barahona is a port city at the end of a magnificent horseshoe-shaped bay that is framed by rugged mountains. Because of its salt and gypsum mines and numerous discos, Barahona is known as the town “that works hard and plays hard.”

At the city’s entrance from the main highway, the Parque Litoral María Montez is park and boardwalk by the beach. Picnics, skateboarding and bicycling, shows, beach and sailing area.

Barahona - Enriqueillo Panoramic Highway.

Small hotels readily abound and are easily accessible from this highway that heads south from the city of Barahona along the coastline. This is perhaps the most splendidly scenic highway in the Caribbean, exceptional in its views of a multi-colored sea, untamed stretches of dense forest, sparkling rivers and towering green mountains. Visitors may glimpse the simple ways of traditional village life along the route. Wave to the residents and they will smilingly wave back.

Also found along the way are the pebble beaches of Quemaito and San Rafael, with its natural pools that are filled by tumbling mountain spring water. Check out Villa Miriam, a private home that charges a small fee for admission to its pools set amidst river cascades and lush vegetation.

Next is Paraíso, an aptly named “paradise” of intense turquoise waters in a calm and crystalline bay. The views upon approaching the small town of Enriqueillo and its rough-watered beach, where

a nearby small cemetery at Ojeda overlooks three shades of blue, are simply spectacular. Los Patos, known as “the shortest river in the world,” is where cool river waters meet the warmer waters of the Caribbean Sea. Now with new enhanced restaurant facilities, Los Patos continues to be a favorite with wave surfers.

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Jaragua National Park. Named in honor of an Indian chieftain, this park extends over 1,374 square kilometers and includes some of the best Caribbean beaches, including Bahía de las Aguilas. This area is reached after passing the town of Enriqueillo, when the highway takes a gradual turn to the west as it goes inland.

Discover the ecological marvels this park has to offer by journeying a little further into the country’s southwestern corner to the province of Pedernales. One of the Caribbean’s best areas for birdwatching is found here at the Oviedo Lagoon. Boat trips can be arranged at the Ministry of Environment Center, but these are best booked for observation at dawn.

Drive on the Panoramic Highway to the Pelempito Drop (Hoyo de Pelempito). Marvel at how the flowering cactus and dry forests along the highway from Oviedo to Pedernales are replaced in less than half an hour with tropical pine forests when turning north inland into the Bahoruco Mountain Range, with its heights of more than 2,000+ meters. The rest stop built by the government is situated at a height of 1,165 meters with an observatory that features several mountain trails. The natural depression, bordered by heights of up to 1,800 meters, entails a 700-meter drop. Temperatures here range from 32°F (0°C) in the morning to 77°F or 25°C at noontime.

Cabo Rojo. Lovely white-sanded beach en-route to Pedernales, not far from Bahía de las Aguilas. There is a revamped airfield, across from the beach. A popular Cabo Rojo Challenge, open



waters swimming competition has been held there annually in June.

Bahía de las Aguilas. Accessed primarily by boat or by jetting down an angular road, this area is in striking contrast to the abundant greenery of the Bahoruco Mountain Range although both are located within the same Jaragua National Park. The protected beach of Bahía de las Aguilas surprises everyone with its crystal-clear waters. It is best to drive there or take the boat trip in the afternoon to avoid the too hot mid-day sun. There are no palm trees on these white sands, where turtles nestle beside tranquil waters and a dry forest, exemplifying the flora and fauna that has existed even before the Spanish settlers arrived. It is part of the Jaragua-Bahoruco-Enriquillo Biosphere Reserve.

In Pedernales city, small hotels and other basic accommodations are available. Local restaurants serve freshly-caught small lobsters, crab and conch dishes.

The Caribbean's largest wind parks are in Juancho, a coastal area of Pedernales. Los Cocos and Quilvio Cabrera giant wind turbines, at 125 meters, as tall

as the highest building in the capital city, can be seen from afar.

Oviedo Lagoon. Visitors will need at least half a day to visit this hyper-saline water lagoon that is ranked as one of the best places for bird watching in the Caribbean. It has a 27 km surface area. Its inner part has 24 rocky keys and mangrove swamps where colonies of iguanas live and migratory and endemic birds nest. It is best to go the previous day to arrange a boat excursion for shortly after dawn.

Other southern attractions. Popular stops on the way back to Santo Domingo from Barahona are Baní and San Cristóbal. The Baní Dunes are worthy of a visit, but make sure it is at dawn or dusk to avoid the blazing sun that shines on the vast expansion of sand. In Baní many stop to purchase Dominican sweets on the highway, or will visit the Centro Cultural Perelló, the regional cultural center with its permanent and temporary exhibitions, the museum of Cuban history in honor of the hero Máximo Gómez, or the Salinas dunes and windsurfing area. The Dominican Republic's wine-growing vineyards can be observed at the Ocoa Bay agri-tourism and residential development

outside of Palmar de Ocoa in Azua. Great views and tastings can be arranged. San Cristóbal is home to the Pomier Caves, the most important in the Caribbean.

Scuba diving

Scuba diving off the coast of Pedernales is considered one of best scuba diving sites in the Caribbean, but there are no dive shops, divers need to bring their own filled tanks and guides.

Shopping

Barahona is a busy city but its shops still primarily cater to locals. It has not yet awakened to the foreign tourist trade. Its Litoral María Montez is a park and boardwalk that borders the northern coastal stretch of the city, and makes strolls pleasant during the day or evening.

Nightlife

Night time activities are at discos that play loud Latin and Dominican music and beer bars in the cities of Barahona and Pedernales. Several restaurants in town offer dining on seafood, stewed goat or other Dominican favorites, for mingling and restoring forces for the next day.

SANTIAGO

The “heart city,” industrial and farm production center, culture, gastronomy, carnival, cigars, grassroots merengue, university city, medical tourism...





The first city in the Americas to be given the name of Santiago, it was founded in 1495 by Bartolomé, brother of Admiral Cristóbal Colón. In 1508, the court of Spain named the city Santiago de los Caballeros, in honor of its 30 founding noblemen. It is the country's second largest city, with more than 600,000 inhabitants. It is also known as "the Heart City" for its central geographical location.

Getting there

The Santiago International Cibao Airport (STI) is located 20 minutes south of the city center. It is served by the following airlines through 15 April 2015:

USA: New York (Delta, JetBlue), Newark (United), Boston (JetBlue), Miami (American), Fort Lauderdale (Spirit).

Central America: Panamá (Copa).

Caribbean: San Juan, Puerto Rico (JetBlue), Providenciales (InterCaribbean)

Santiago is less than an hour's drive from Puerto Plata International Airport (POP) and less than two hours by highway from Santo Domingo. Caribe Tours and Metro buses travel on the hour to Santiago from La Vega, Puerto Plata, Samaná and Santo Domingo with connections to other major cities nationwide.

ATTRACTIONS

The Monument to the Héroes of the Restoration was built in 1944 by dictator Rafael Leonidas Trujillo to commemorate the 100th anniversary of national independence. Until his death it was known as Monument to the Peace of Trujillo.

Today, a museum displays photos of the War of Restoration 1863-1865, the battle Dominicans

fought against the Spanish army for the restoration of the republic. This 70-meter high tower, located at the highest point in the city, is partially covered by marble. People flock to enjoy the views and artistic performances, especially in the evenings.

Historic center. The European neoclassicist style can be observed in the Palacio Consistorial, built by a Belgian architect from 1892 to 1895. The Victorian era left its mark on Santiago's heritage with several city center residences built in this elegant style.

Centro Cultural León. It opened in 2003 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the E. León Jimenes company, then the country's leading beer and cigar manufacturer. Its permanent exhibition, Identity, Genesis and Path is recommended for an insight into the roots, heritage and cultural identity of the Dominican people.

The center constantly holds temporary exhibitions and events. The permanent exhibitions include rolling cigars by hand, located in a replica of the original factory on the premises, across a garden.

Centro Cultural de Santiago. Santiago city's fine arts center with exhibitions of painting and sculpture, and drama, ballet and concerts.

Hospital Metropolitano (HOMS). Medical tourism has boomed now with the modern facilities at the HOMS, centrally located in Santiago. Annual medical check-up programs are popular. City dentists are also in much demand by foreigners who seek quality services at competitive prices.

PUCMM. Santiago is a university city. The leading campus is from the Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra right in the city.



Estadio Cibao. To be at a Cibao Stadium baseball game between hometown Aguilas Cibaenas and any visiting team is reason enough to visit the city. The stadium is centrally located and easily reached by taxi. One option is to invite the taxi driver to the game. Games begin at 7:30pm from mid-October to the end of January, if the Aguilas makes the round robin, which they frequently do.

Golf

Las Aromas, Santiago Golf Club.

Santiago de los Caballeros • Tel 809 626-1288.

Opened: 1978 • 18 holes, par 70. Located in the hills of the outskirts of Santiago, with lovely panoramic views of the city and the Yaque del Norte River. lasaromasgolf@gmail.com

Bonao

One hour south of Santiago on the Duarte Highway. This city is known for its culture.

Visit the Plaza de la Cultura Cándido Bidó, a museum-art gallery, with many large murals by the late artist.

The Casa Museo Cristian Tiburcio is described as the reincarnation of Gaudí in the Caribbean. Cristian Tiburcio took his family home and converted it into an eclectic museum where every wall, staircase, window, the bathroom, bed and even the kitchen cabinets have become colorful works of art.

Típico Bonao and Miguelina's are two popular places to stop for tasting Dominican food on the highway. On Sundays in February, the Bonao Carnival competes with the carnivals of Santiago and La Vega for the carnival crowds. For hikers,

there are the Ministry of Environment Jima River trails, off from Duarte Highway at the Cruce de la Ceiba. There are three waterfalls where bathing is allowed.

There is golf in Bonao. The Bella Vista Golf Club is a short and flag course designed by Les Ferber, an assistant to the legendary Robert Trent Jones Sr. 9 holes, par 27. Opened: 1978. Tel 809 296-0470

Salcedo

Less than an hour's drive from Santiago. An hour to the northeast, the road to Salcedo is lined by large murals painted on fences, walls and gateways leading into and out of the city. In addition, the draw of the town is the Museo de las Hermanas Mirabal that honors the memory of the three heroic sisters murdered by order of dictator Trujillo in 1960. 25 November celebrates the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, commemorating the brave women.

Carnival. On Sundays in February, men parade dressed in the traditional costume of a fantasy creature that combines a court jester's outfit with a duck's face and long cattle horns. Other carnival characters include troupes commemorating the first battle between the Indians and the Spanish colonizers, death, and many more. The processions parade from the Las Carreras Avenue to the Santiago Monument.

Santiago discos are busy as it is a university town. Alcoholic drinks are sold at nightspots only to midnight on weekdays, with crowds making the most of weekends when the curfew is extended to around 2am at many establishments.

Shopping

Larger shopping centers include Multicentro La

Sirena, Supermercado Nacional, Jumbo, Pricemart, Bella Terra Mall, Calle del Sol, Colinas Mall and Plaza Internacional.

Cigars

The cigar capital of the Dominican Republic is Santiago, where most of the factories are based. They include Fuente (Arturo Fuente, Diamond Crown, Fuente Fuente OpusX, Maximus, Hemingway, Cuesta-Rey, Don Carlos), Matasa (Fonseca, Cubita, José Benito, Casablanca, Licenciados, La Primera, Royal Dominicana, Ricos Dominicanos), La Aurora and Tabadom Holding (Davidoff).

Gastronomy

Like any big city, Santiago has a long list of

restaurants with variety of cuisines. Take note that while in the rest of the country roast suckling pig is only served for the Christmas holidays, in Santiago it is standard fare all year round.

Nightlife

The Gran Teatro Regional del Cibao is for fine arts presentations and leading national and international performers, the Gran Arena Cibao is for more popular performances and sports.

On the outskirts of Santiago on Av. Las Caobas, the Rancho Típico Las Colinas is one that still books grassroots merengue groups that play with the traditional "güira," accordion and congos, and where the dancers are the true performers.



Hotel Directory

In order to simplify the search of your destination within the Dominican Republic, use our color-coded squares method: In the previous page you'll find the Dominican Republic map, in it each region has a particular color assigned; find out about the hotel offer in that region matching the colored squares to those in the following chart and further hotel ads. You can also find out about where to go, things to do, golf courses and other interesting subjects using the editorial pages at the beginning of this publication.

Directorio de Hoteles

Para simplificar la búsqueda de su destino en la República Dominicana use nuestro método de colores asignados por regiones: El mapa de la República Dominicana, en las últimas páginas, tiene cada región con un color específico asignado, busque los cuadrados con el color de la región de su interés a través de cada página para que sepa dónde ir en dicha región, cosas que hacer, los campos de golf, reuniones, y mucho más. En el Directorio de Hoteles, busque la oferta hotelera.

Hotelverzeichnis

Um Ihnen die Suche eines Zielgebietes in der Dominikanischen Republik zu erleichtern, haben wir den jeweiligen Regionen Farben zugeordnet: Auf der Landkarte der Dominikanischen Republik, welche auf den letzten Seiten zu finden ist, wurde jede Region in einer spezifischen Farbe dargestellt; suchen Sie einfach das Farbfeld der Region Ihres Interesses in den einzelnen Seiten, und erfahren Sie, wohin Sie in dieser Region fahren können, welche Aktivitäten, Golfplätze, Konferenzeinrichtungen, etc. es gibt. Im Hotel-Verzeichnis finden Sie das entsprechende Hotel Angebot.

Annuaire des Hôtels

Pour simplifier la recherche de votre destination en République Dominicaine, ayez recours à notre système de couleurs assignées par région: vous trouverez la carte de la République Dominicaine sur la page antérieure, avec chaque région illustrée par une couleur. Lorsque vous aurez décidé de la région qui vous intéresse, recherchez les tableaux qui offrent la même couleur que la région que vous avez choisie dans le sommaire et l'annuaire des hôtels afin d'obtenir également des informations sur l'offre hôtelière de la région. Vous trouverez aussi plus de détails dans les articles situés au début de cette publication, respectant toujours les mêmes couleurs.



	ROOMS	DESTINATION	POOL	TENNIS	GOLF	MEETINGS MAX. CAP.	RESTAURANTS	CASINO	GYM	HANDICAPPED FACILITIES	SPA	BUSINESS CENTER	INTERNET ACCESS	BEACH ACCESS	TOURS	TELEPHONE	WEBSITE
SANTO DOMINGO																	
Aladino Apart-Hotel	50	City				Terraza	1		•			•	•			809-567-0144	www.hotelaladino.com.do
Antiguo Hotel Europa	50	City				25	1						•		•	809-285-0005	http://antiguohoteleuropa.com/
Aparta Hotel Drake	48	City											•			809-567-4427	http://www.apartahoteldrake.com/
Aparta Hotel Drake Bolivar	25	City	•										•			809-682-0033	http://www.drakebolivar.com/
Aparta Hotel Roma	43	City				Terraza	1		•				•			809-685-2022	apartahotelroma2.com.do
Apart-hotel Plaza Colonial	128	City	•			Terraza	1									809-687-9111	www.plazacolonial.net
Barceló Santo Domingo	216	City	•			1500	2	•	•	•	•	•	•			809-563-5000	www.barcelo.com
Boutique Hotel Palacio	45	City	•			50	1		•				•			809-682-4730	www.hotel-palacio.com
BQ Santo Domingo	137	City	•			400	2		•	•			•	•	•	809-535-0800	www.bqsantodomingo.com
Courtyard Santo Domingo By Marriott	143	City	•			80	1		•	•		•	•			809-685-1010	www.marriott.com
Dominican Fiesta Hotel & Casino	282	City	•	•	•	2800	2	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	809-562-8222	www.palladiumhotelgroup.com
Gran Hotel Reina Ysabel	16	City											•			809-687-2880	http://www.granhotelreinaysabel.com/
Hilton Santo Domingo	228	City	•			700	1	•	•	•		•	•		•	809-685-0000	www.hilton.com
Hodelpa Caribe Colonial	50	City				8	1			•			•		•	809-688-7799	www.hodelpa.com
Holiday Inn Santo Domingo	179	City	•			150	1		•		•	•	•			809-621-0000	http://www.holidayinn.com
Hostal Primavera, La Mansión	37	City				10	1						•			809-686-5562	
Hostal San Francisco de Asis	30	City				25	1			•		•	•		•	809-685-0101	www.hostalsanfranciscodeasis.com
Hotel Acuarium Suite Resort	51	City	•			70	1						•			809-766-0188	www.acuariumsuitresort.com
Hotel Crowne Plaza Santo Domingo	196	City	•	•		1300	1	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	809-221-0000	www.crowneplaza.com/santodomingo
Hotel El Señorial	22	City					1			•		•	•			809-687-4367	elsenorial.net
Hotel Maison Gautreaux	21	City				40				•			•			809-412-7837	www.maisonhautreaux.net
Hotel Mercure Comercial	96	City					1			•			•		•	809-688-5500	www.mercure.com
Micro Hotel Condo & Suites	20	City					1						•			809-368-1100	microhotelcondosuites@hotmail.com
Occidental El Embajador	279	City	•	•		600	3	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	809-221-2131	www.occidentalhotels.com
Plaza Florida Suites	32	City				20			•	•			•			809-412-1212	www.plazafordidasuites.com.do
Quality Hotel Real Aeropuerto Santo Domingo	124	City	•			150	1		•	•		•	•			809-549-2525	www.realhotelsandresorts.com
Radisson Hotel Santo Domingo	199	City	•			450	2		•	•	•		•		•	809-541-6226	www.radisson.com/santo-domingo-hotel-do-10124/domsddr
Renaissance Jaragua Hotel & Casino	300	City	•	•		1,200	2	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	809-221-2222	http://renaissance-hotels.marriott.com/
Sheraton Santo Domingo	245	City	•			1200	1	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	809-221-6666	www.sheraton.com
The City Inn Hotel y Casino	50	City	•			800	1	•		•			•			809-483-3313	www.auroradelsol.com
Hostal Nicolas de Ovando M Gallery	97	City	•			50	1		•	•	•		•		•	809-685-9955	www.mgallery.com
BOCA CHICA																	
Be Live Hamaca	696	Beach	•	•		1500	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		809-523-4611	www.belivehotels.com
Calypso Beach Hotel	40	Beach	•										•		•	809-523-4666	www.calypsobeachhotel.com
Don Juan Beach Resort	222	Beach	•	•		200	3		•	•	•		•	•	•	809-523-4511	www.donjuanbeachresort.com
SAN PEDRO DE MACORÍS (JUAN DOLIO)																	
Coopmarena Beach Resort	210	Beach	•			600	2			•		•	•	•	•	809-526-2121	coopmarena@gmail.com
Coral Costa Caribe	416	Beach	•	•		500	4	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-526-2244	www.coralhotels.com
Hodelpa Garden Suites	125	Beach	•	•	•	400	2		•	•		•	•	•	•	809-688-9999	http://www.hodelpa.com/
Hotel Playa Esmeralda	44	Beach	•				2			•			•	•	•	809-526-3434	playaesmeralda_gerencia@hotmail.com
Sybaris Suites	60	Beach	•			50	1		•	•	•		•	•	•	809-541-8282	www.sybarisresidences.com

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LA ROMANA - BAYAHIBE																	
Bahia Principe Luxury Bouganville Don Pablo Collection	244	Beach	•	•	•		2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-412-1010	www.bahiaprincipe.com
Be Live Collection Canoa	871	Beach	•	•		350	6		•	•	•		•	•	•	809-682-2662	www.belivehotels.com
Casa de Campo	225	Beach	•	•	•	500	6		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-523-3333	www.casadecampo.com.do
Catalonia Gran Dominicus	415	Beach	•	•			8		•	•	•		•	•	•	809-616-6767	www.hoteles-catalonia.com
Dreams La Romana	751	Beach	•	•		750	7	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	809-221-8880	www.amresorts.com
Gran Bahía Principe La Romana	400	Beach	•	•	•	200	4	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	809-412-1010	www.bahiaprincipe.com
Hotel Bayahibe	26	Beach				70	1						•	•	•	809-833-0159	www.hotelbayahibe.net
Hotel Olimpo	51	City											•			809-550-7646	www.olimpohotel.com
Iberostar Hacienda Dominicus	502	Beach	•	•		300	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-688-3600	www.iberostar.com
Viva Wyndham Dominicus Beach	538	Beach	•	•		250	5		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-686-5658	www.vivaresorts.com
Viva Wyndham Dominicus Palace	330	Beach	•	•		250	4		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-686-5658	www.vivaresorts.com
BÁVARO - PUNTA CANA																	
The Westin Punta Cana Resort & Club	200	Beach	•	•	•	300	7		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-959-2222	http://www.puntacana.com/
Barceló Bávaro Beach	589	Beach	•	•	•	5000	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-686-5797	www.barcelo.com
Barceló Bávaro Palace Deluxe	1402	Beach	•	•	•	5000	11	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-686-5797	www.barcelo.com
Barceló Dominican Beach	732	Beach	•	•	•	400	9	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-221-0714	www.barcelo.com
Barceló Punta Cana	798	Beach	•	•	•		7	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-476-7777	www.barcelo.com
Bávaro Princess all Suites Resort, Spa & Casino	808	Beach	•	•		450	9	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	809-2212311	www.princess-hotels.com
Be Live collection Punta Cana	820	Beach	•	•		320	7	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-686-9898	www.belivehotels.com
Blau Natura Park Eco Resort & Spa	524	Beach	•	•	•	200	4		•		•		•	•	•	809-221-2626	www.blauhoteles.com
Breathless Punta Cana Resort & Spa	750	Beach	•	•		750	11	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-551-0000	www.breathlessresorts.com
Caribe Club Princess, Beach, Resort & Spa	355	Beach	•	•		350	6	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	809-687-7788	www.princess-hotels.com
Catalonia Bávaro Beach Golf Casino & Resort	688	Beach	•	•	•	250	11	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-412-0000	www.cataloniacaribbean.com
Catalonia Royal Bávaro	278	Beach	•	•	•	250	4	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-412-0000	www.cataloniacaribbean.com
Chic Punta Cana	319	Beach	•	•			5	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	809-468-0404	www.chicpuntacana.com
Club Med	544	Beach	•	•	•	1800	3		•	•	•		•	•	•	809-686-5500	www.clubmed.com
Dreams Palm Beach	500	Beach	•	•		300	6	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-687-5747	www.amresorts.com
Dreams Punta Cana Resort & Spa	620	Beach	•	•		350	7	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	809-682-0404	www.dreamsresorts.com
Eden Roc at Cap Cana	34	Beach	•		•	60	3		•	•	•	•	•	•		809-469-7469	www.edenroccapcana.com
Excellence Punta Cana	464	Beach	•	•		220	10	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-685-9880	www.excellence-resorts.com
Four Points by Sheraton	124	Beach	•	•	•	100	7		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-959-4444	http://www.puntacana.com/
Gran Bahía Principe Turquesa	502	Beach	•	•	•	600	7	•	•		•		•	•	•	809-552-1444	www.bahiaprincipe.com
Grand Bahía Principe Bávaro	744	Beach	•	•	•	600	7	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	809-552-1444	www.bahiaprincipe.com
Grand Bahía Principe Punta Cana	756	Beach	•	•	•	600	7	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	809-552-1444	www.bahiaprincipe.com
Grand Palladium Bávaro Resort & Spa	2000	Beach	•	•		500	13	•	•		•		•	•		809-221-8149	www.palladiumhotelgroup.com
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Punta Cana	1784	Beach	•	•	•	7000	9	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-687-0000	www.hardrockhotelpuntacana.com/
Hotel Bávaro Princess All Suites Resort, Spa & Casino	808	Beach	•	•		450	9	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-221-2311	www.princess-hotels.com
Hotel Paradisus Palma Real	729	Beach	•	•	•	1700	9	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-688-5000	www.paradisus.com/
Hotel Paradisus Punta Cana & Resort	736	Beach	•	•	•	1800	12	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-687-9923	www.paradisus.com/
Hotel Whala! Bávaro	151	Beach	•				3		•	•	•		•	•	•	809-688-1612	www.whalabavaro.com
Iberostar Bávaro Resort	616	Beach	•	•	•	450	7	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	809-221-6500	www.iberostar.com

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BÁVARO - PUNTA CANA																	
Iberostar Dominicana	490	Beach	•	•	•	450	7	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-221-6500	www.iberostar.com
Iberostar Grand Hotel Bávaro	274	Beach	•	•	•	120	7	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-221-6500	www.iberostar.com
Iberostar Punta Cana	427	Beach	•	•	•	450	7	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-221-6500	www.iberostar.com
IFA Villas Bávaro Resort & Spa	652	Beach	•	•			7		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-221-8555	www.ifahotels.com
Luxury Bahía Príncipe Ámbar Don Pablo Collection	892	Beach	•	•	•	600	6	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-552-1444	www.bahiaprincipe.com
Luxury Bahía Príncipe Esmeralda Don Pablo Collection	570	Beach	•	•	•	600	4	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-552-1444	www.bahiaprincipe.com
Majestic Colonial	658	Beach	•	•	•	600	7	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-221-9898	www.majestic-resorts.com
Majestic Elegance	597	Beach	•	•	•	600	6	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-221-9898	www.majestic-resorts.com
Meliá Caribe Tropical	1138	Beach	•	•	•	1000	13	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-221-1290	www.melia.com
Memories Splash Punta Cana	525	Beach	•	•		216	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-221-2121	http://www.memoriesresorts.com/en/resort/splash.aspx
NH Punta Cana	66	Beach	•	•		20	1		•	•	•	•	•	•		809-285-6500	nh-hotels.com
Now Larimar Punta Cana	720	Beach	•	•	•	900	9	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		809-221-4646	www.nowresorts.com
Occidental Grand Punta Cana	852	Beach	•	•		300	10		•		•	•	•	•	•	809-221-8787	www.occidentalhotels.com
Ocean Blue & Sand by H10 Hotels	708	Beach	•	•		400	7	•	•	•	•	•	•			809-476-2326	www.oceanhotels.net
Punta Cana Princess All Suites Resort & Spa	270	Beach	•	•			5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-687-5000	www.princess-hotels.com
Royalton Punta Cana Resort & Spa	485	Beach	•	•		216	11	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-221-2121	http://www.royaltonresorts.com/
Sanctuary Cap Cana by Alsol	176	Beach	•		•	550	5		•	•	•	•	•	•		809-562-9191	www.sanctuarycapcana.com
Secrets Royal Beach	464	Beach	•	•	•	900	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		809-221-4646	www.secrestsresorts.com
Sirenis Punta Cana Resort Casino & Aqua Games	810	Beach	•	•		400	7	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	809-688-6490	www.sirenishotels.com
Sirenis Tropical Suites	382	Beach	•	•		400	9	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-688-6490	www.sirenishotels.com
Sivory Punta Cana	55	Beach	•	•		110	3		•		•	•	•	•	•	809-333-0500	www.sivorypuncacana.com
The Golf Suites	38	Beach	•		•	58	2			•	•	•	•		•	809-552-8888	www.thegolfsuites.com
Tortuga Bay Punta Cana Resort & Club	30	Beach	•	•	•	300	7		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-959-8229	http://www.puncacana.com/
Tropical Princess, Beach Resort Spa & Casino	310	Beach	•	•		350	4	•	•		•	•	•	•		809-687-7788	www.princess-hotels.com
VIK Hotel Arena Blanca	447	Beach	•	•		80	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-221-6640	www.vikhotels.com
Vista Sol Punta Cana	471	Beach	•	•		300	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		809-221-2728	www.vistasolpuncacana.com
Zoetry Agua Resort & Spa	96	Beach	•			200	4		•		•	•	•	•	•	809-468-0000	www.zoetryresorts.com/
PUERTO PLATA																	
Barceló Puerto Plata	585	Beach	•	•		180	7			•	•	•	•	•	•	809-320-5084	www.barcelo.com
Bluebay Villas Doradas	245	Beach	•	•	•		4		•	•	•	•	•	•		809-320-3000	www.bluebayresorts.com
Hotel Boutique Casa Colonial Beach and Spa	50	Beach	•			50	2		•	•	•	•	•	•		809-320-3232	www.casacolonialhotel.com
VH Gran Ventana Beach Resort	506	Beach	•	•	•	250	4		•	•		•	•	•	•	809-320-2111	www.vhhr.com
Be Live Collection Marien	584	Beach	•	•		550	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		809-320-1515	www.belivehotels.com
Iberostar Costa Dorada	516	Beach	•	•		450	4		•	•	•	•	•			809-320-1000	www.iberostar.com
Blue Jack Tar	75	Beach	•	•	•	100	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		809-320-3800	http://www.bluejacktar.com/es/
Grand Paradise Playa Dorada	424	Beach	•	•	•	450	3	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	809-320-3663	www.amhsamarina.com
Puerto Plata Village	315	Beach	•	•		550	3			•	•		•	•	•	809-320-4012	www.puertoplatavillage.com
SOSÚA																	
Casa Marina Beach (AMHSA)	300	Beach	•			60	5				•	•	•	•		809-571-3690	www.amhsamarina.com
Casa Marina Reef (AMHSA)	378	Beach	•			60	5				•	•	•	•		809-571-3690	www.amhsamarina.com

	ROOMS	DESTINATION	POOL	TENNIS	GOLF	MEETINGS MAX. CAP.	RESTAURANTS	CASINO	GYM	HANDICAPPED FACILITIES	SPA	BUSINESS CENTER	INTERNET ACCESS	BEACH ACCESS	TOURS	TELEPHONE	WEBSITE
SOSÚA																	
Natura Cabana	11	Beach	•				2			•		•	•	•		809-571-1507	www.naturacabana.com
Sosúa By The Sea Boutique Beach Resort	89	Beach	•				1		•	•		•	•	•		809-571-3222	www.sosuabythesea.com
CABARETE																	
Sea Horse Ranch	110	Beach	•	•			1		•			•	•			809-571-3880	www.sea-horse-ranch.com
Velero Beach Resort	58	Beach	•			20	1		•			•	•	•		809-571-9727	www.velero beach.com
Villa Taína	57	Beach	•			80	1		•		•	•	•	•		809-571-0722	www.villataina.com
Viva Wyndham Tangerine	273	Beach	•	•		250	3		•	•	•		•	•	•	809-571-0402	http://vivaresorts.com/
COFREÍ																	
Lifestyle Holidays Vacation Resort	1120	Beach	•	•	•		29	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		809-970-7777	www.lhvcresorts.com
DAJABÓN																	
Villas Codevi	74	Mountain					1		•	•		•		•		829-745-6187	www.villascodevi.blogspot.com
RÍO SAN JUAN																	
Grand Bahía Príncipe San Juan	941	Beach	•	•	•	800	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-226-1590	www.bahiaprincipe.com
SAMANÁ																	
Luxury Bahía Príncipe Cayo Levantado	268	Beach	•	•	•		6	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-538-3232	www.bahiaprincipe.com
Grand Bahía Príncipe Cayacoa	295	Beach	•	•	•		5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-538-3131	www.bahiaprincipe.com
Luxury Bahía Príncipe Samaná	109	Beach	•	•	•		2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-538-3434	www.bahiaprincipe.com
Gran Bahía Príncipe El Portillo	582	Beach	•	•	•		6	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-240-6100	www.bahiaprincipe.com
Hotel Villa Serena	21	Beach	•	•	•	50	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-538-0000	www.villaserena.com
Grand Paradise Samaná	370	Beach	•	•	•	150	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-538-0020	www.amhsamarina.com
Balcones del Atlantico	26	Beach	•	•	•	150	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-682-0954	http://www.balconesdelatlantico.com.do/
Vista Mare	38	Beach	•	•	•	125	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-538-2051	http://www.xelitervistamare.com/
The Peninsula House	6	Beach	•	•	•		1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	809-847-7540	thepeninsulahouse.com
SANTIAGO																	
Aloha Sol	103	City				150	1	•		•		•	•			809-583-0090	www.alohasol.com
Hodelpa Centro Plaza	84	City				50	1	•	•	•		•	•			809-581-7000	www.hodelpa.com
Hodelpa Garden Court	138	City	•			300	1		•	•		•	•			809-612-7000	www.hodelpa.com
Hodelpa Gran Almirante	155	City	•			700	2	•	•	•	•	•	•			809-580-1992	www.hodelpa.com
Hotel Platino	91	City				100	1	•		•		•	•			809-724-7576	www.hotelplatinord.com
SAN FRANCISCO DE MACORÍS																	
Hotel las Caobas	53	City	•	•		500	2	•		•	•	•	•			809-290-5858	lascaobas.reservas@gmail.com
BARAHONA																	
Casa Bonita Tropical Lodge	74	Mountain	•	•		20	1			•		•		•		809-476-5059	www.casabonitadr.com
JARABACOA																	
Rancho Olivier Bed and Breakfast	10	Mountain	•			90	1			•	•	•	•		•	809-687-0864	https://www.facebook.com/hotelranchoolivier
Jarabacoa River Club & Resort	45	Mountain	•			300	2			•		•		•		809-574-2456	www.jarabacoariverclub.com



Tortuga Bay

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Tortuga Bay at PUNTACANA Resort & Club is an exclusive destination located on the Eastern coast of the Dominican Republic. Featuring 15 luxury villas; equivalent to 35 Suites, and designed by renowned fashion designer Oscar De la Renta--Tortuga Bay offers luxury, privacy and impeccable personalized service.

At PUNTACANA Resort & Club you will enjoy 3 miles of pure white sand beaches, 1,500 acres of precious land, home to an ecological reserve, 15 crystal water natural springs, Six Senses Spa, ocean-front golf courses designed by PGA legends Tom Fazio and P.B. Dye, 9 restaurants, tennis courts, marina and beach club, fitness center and conference room.

The Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ) offers direct flights from most capital cities of the world. The airport is conveniently located five minutes away from the resort. Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ) is owned and managed by PUNTACANA Resort & Club; therefore allowing guests of Tortuga Bay to receive VIP service and assistance with Immigration and Customs.

Tortuga Bay is a Caribbean jewel that combines Dominican hospitality, elegance and exclusivity in style alongside a family and environmentally-friendly environment.





Sublime Samana Hotel & Residences

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Caressing the crystal-clear waters of the Samaná Peninsula, Sublime Samana Hotel & Residences, is an exclusive collection of 26 private suites and casitas nestled on the country's most dazzling beaches. The spacious private suites and villas offer unwavering luxury with open floor plans that allow for a peaceful immersion with the wondrous sights and sounds of the ocean setting. The Beachside Grille offers delectable dishes in a casual open-air waterfront setting, while Bistro offers a fusion of French and Mediterranean cuisine in an intimate atmosphere. For a complete escape, Sublime offers a serene spa experience where relaxing massages, body treatments, and facials may be enjoyed.

Meeting space: Sublime Samana offers event and meeting facilities able to accommodate small groups of 15-30, to larger groups up to 300 people.

Activities in the area: Enjoy miles of golden sand beaches and water sports including paddleboarding, windsurfing, kayaking, snorkeling, and scuba diving. Nearby explore Los Haitieses National Park, take a whale watching tour, or hike to the exquisite El Limón Waterfall.



Viva Wyndham Tangerine

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Lies in the middle of the hottest windsurf and kitesurf location in the western hemisphere. It is an all-inclusive resort located on the Sosua- Cabarete road on the northwest coast of the island with 110 meters of private beach, offering the perfect setting for an action packed getaway. It is 20 minutes Puerto Plata International Airport and just 3 minutes from Cabarete downtown. The hotel has 2 pools with children's area, 2 Jacuzzis, 2 bars, kid's club, discotheque, theater, diving center, spa, fitness center with trainer and stores. The all-inclusive package includes: all meals and snacks, unlimited drinks (domestic & intl. brands), unlimited non-motorized sports, daily activities program, nightly entertainment, taxes & tips. • **Rooms** 273 rooms: Superior, Jr. Suites and Suites. • **Dining facilities** 1 restaurant buffet: La Bahia and 2 a la carte restaurants: Viva Mexico and La Vela. • **Meetings** Capacity for 250 pax. • **Activities** Included in the package are non-motorized water sports, a variety of daily and nightly activities and introductory dive lessons. • **Available at extra charge** Kite boarding, scuba diving, fishing, horseback riding, and a complete program of land and water excursions.



Viva Wyndham Dominicus Palace

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All-inclusive resort located on an extended white sand beach, surrounded by tropical gardens and just steps away from its sister property, Viva Wyndham Dominicus Beach. It is 11 miles from La Romana International Airport, 62 miles from Punta Cana International Airport and 72 miles from Las Americas International Airport. The hotel has 1 pool, Jacuzzi, 3 bars including a snack-bar, kid's club, discotheque, theater, diving center, spa, fitness center with trainer and stores. The all-inclusive package includes: all meals and snacks, unlimited drinks (domestic & intl. brands), unlimited non-motorized sports, daily activities program, nightly entertainment, taxes & tips. • **Rooms** 330 rooms: Superior, Premium and Couple Retreat. • **Dining facilities** 1 buffet restaurant: La Yuca and 3 a la carte restaurants: Viva Café, Il Palco y Bambú. As an added value, guests can also dine at the restaurants at the sister property, Viva Wyndham Dominicus Beach, FREE of charge: La Roca, La Pizzeria, Viva México, "25" and Atlantis (with extra charge) • **Meetings** Capacity for 250 people. • **Activities** Included in the package are non-motorized water sports, archery, a variety of daily and nightly activities, trapeze lessons and introductory dive lessons. **Available at extra charge:** scuba diving, banana boat rides, fishing, snorkeling tours, horseback riding, and a complete program of land and water excursions.



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All-inclusive resort located on an extended white sand beach, surrounded by tropical gardens. It is 11 miles from La Romana International Airport, 62 miles from Punta Cana International Airport and 72 miles from Las Americas International Airport. The hotel has 4 pools two of them with children's area, 4 bars, snack-bar, kid's club, discotheque, theater, diving center, fitness center with trainer and stores. The all-inclusive package includes: all meals and snacks, unlimited drinks (domestic & intl. brands), unlimited non-motorized sports, daily activities program, nightly entertainment, taxes & tips. • **Rooms** 538 rooms: Bungalows, Standard, Superior and One Bedroom Suite. • **Dining facilities** 1 buffet restaurant: La Terraza and 5 a la carte restaurants: La Roca, La Pizzeria, Viva México, "25" and Atlantis (with extra charge) • **Meetings** Capacity for 250 pax. • **Activities** Included in the package are non-motorized water sports, archery, a variety of daily and nightly activities, trapeze lessons and introductory dive lessons. **Available at extra charge:** scuba diving, banana boat rides, fishing, snorkeling tours, horseback riding, and a complete program of land and water excursions.



VIK Hotel Arena Blanca & VIK Hotel Cayena Beach

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This newly refurbished medium size all inclusive resort is situated on one of the best portions of the famous white sand Bávaro Beach, surrounded by lush tropical gardens and coconut palm trees. In sharp contrast to the mega resorts of the area, this is a smaller size-charming and relaxing resort with boutique ambiance and personalized service. It offers numerous activities, a choice amenities perfect for any traveler. VIK-Spa, Wellness & Fitness Center by "ETRA", Tower OB Casino and White Sand Golf & Country Club on site (www.golfreservationcenter.com) Only 30 min transfer from the Int'l Airport of Punta Cana. • **Rooms** 447 Rooms in the resort part of VIK Hotel Arena Blanca (incl. DBL Garden and DBL Ocean View Rooms, Front Ocean Suites, Family Suites) and 45 Cayena Deluxe Ocean Suites at the premium-boutique part of the property; VIK Hotel Cayena Beach, right on the beach, offering deluxe sea view accommodations, just steps away from the beach 2 gourmet restaurants with stunning ocean view, 2 bars with premium all inclusive, exclusive reception with a lounge-bar, swimming pool with swim-up bar, wireless internet and room service until midnight for all those that like more privacy and "pampering" service. • **Dining** Offering 24 hours All Inclusive service (all meals, snacks and unlimited local beverages). 4 Restaurants (no limitations and no reservation policy) and 4 Bars at VIK hotel Arena Blanca in addition to the 2 Restaurants and 2 exclusive Bars at the VIK hotel Cayena Beach, known for its great culinary experience and excellent variety of food and drinks. • **Features** Daily activities, two tennis courts, "Pelicano Watersport Center", offering sailboats, windsurfing, kayaks, snorkeling equipment, and diving (additional charge). Kids club (ages 4-12), nightly entertainment, discotheque "Fun Pub" (free admittance & drinks), Internet service (included at Cayena, additional charge in VIK Hotel Arena Blanca), ATM machine and various gift shops on the property. Credit Cards: All Major



Dominican Fiesta

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The Dominican Fiesta Hotel & Casino is located in the elegant residential zone of the city of Santo Domingo, across the Park "Mirador del Sur". With its 40,000 M2 of land it is conveniently located in a secure and central area. Its convenient location is only a few minutes of distance from Malls, the Colonial zone of Santo Domingo and Airports and the principal and most beautiful beaches. • **Rooms:** This hotel has 298 rooms, 50 belongs to the modern and elegant Executive Club, located in the highest level of our Hotel with an extraordinary panoramic view of the Caribbean Sea and the City; our comfortable Deluxe rooms, are located in the 5th and 6th floors with internet Wi-Fi included. All of our rooms are fully equipped. • **Facilities:** In our restaurant our customers can enjoy an excellent national and international cuisine. In addition we also have bars, snack bars, sports bars, business center, beauty parlors, stores, casino and a gym, spa and also one of the best sports areas a Hotel can offer.



Palladium Hotels

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Our hotels are located in the first line of the Sea in Bávaro Beach. All the hotels are located surrounded by an extended plantation of coconut trees and exuberant tropical vegetation. Also having a beach of white sand, protected by a coral reef. • **Rooms:** All the rooms are totally equipped with King size beds or double beds, air conditioned, roof fan, box of electronic security, complete bath & hydromassage bathtub, hair blower, iron board and telephone. Internet connection DSL and WiFi. All rooms have a mini bar with refreshments, sodas, beer, water, and also coffee and tea; cable TV, and balcony. • **Dining Facilities** The complex also has a wide gastronomic variety, including 11 restaurants. We have cuisine with specialties cooked directly in front of our customers. 3 restaurants in front of the beach; 5 restaurants offering Asian, Spanish, Italian, International and Mexican food a la carte. • **Activities:** Our premises also offers 3 lobby-bar, 5 pool bars, 3 beach bars, 6 kiosks across the beach line, 2 amphitheatres, discotheque, cocktail bar, sports-bar and Casino. Also our customers can enjoy 5 spacious pools, Mini-Club Fort Fiesta for the kids, sports areas, gym with spa, sauna, Jacuzzi and steam baths. Also available: kayak, windsurfing, and diving at extra-charge.



Paradisus Palma Real Resort

Playa Bávaro, Punta Cana • www.paradisus.com



The Paradiseus Palma Real is located on the beachfront of the idyllic Bávaro Beach, one of the most beautiful beaches in the world, in Punta Cana (Dominican Republic). The natural beauty of the setting, the stunning tropical gardens, a climate of eternal summer all year round unite with a passion for service in this luxurious hotel to allow Paradiseus Palma Real to offer guests the most magical moments and unforgettable experiences. Paradiseus Palma Real is a deluxe luxury all inclusive hotel in Punta Cana of 596 Suites providing a YHI Wellness Center, Royal Service, fine dining, 3 pools, casino and other services. The Paradiseus Palma Real is a luxurious all inclusive resort, ideal for couples and adults, but also for business travelers. In each and every one of the guestrooms even the smallest details have been carefully designed to offer a personalized experience and guarantee your full satisfaction. Paradiseus Palma Real had expanded the meeting facilities with the addition of 18,000 square feet in the new Palma Real Convention Center. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology and production capabilities second to none in the Caribbean, Palma Real can now accommodate even larger groups due to growing demand.



Paradisus Punta Cana Resort

Playa Bávaro, Punta Cana • www.paradisus.com



Located right on the idyllic Punta Cana Beach (Dominican Republic), the Paradiseus Punta Cana Resort is the perfect choice for a Caribbean vacation thanks to its eternal summer climate, its beautiful beach, its extensive and comfortable facilities, its lush gardens and tropical mangroves, its wide range of activities and entertainment, and the quality of its services. Paradiseus Punta Cana Resort is a luxury hotel in Punta Cana of 694 suites which offers an exclusive Royal Service, a Yhi Spa with a fully equipped, cutting-edge gym, 5 swimming pools, fine dining in any of 12 restaurants and 10 bars, golf course, casino, Teatro Nova, red lounge, a magnificent convention centre, as well as an adventure park with a batting area, archery, bikes and a climbing wall.



Royalton Punta Cana



Your All-In Luxury™ vacation starts in the lush tropical paradise of Bavaro Beach, Punta Cana. A warm reception and chilled cocktail set the tone for a week of extravagance. After a day of indulging in our 24 hour unlimited reservation-free dining, international drink service, and partaking in our activities, sports, and entertainment program, guests will appreciate the comfort of our modern and spacious rooms. From Luxury Rooms to the Diamond Club Luxury Presidential Jacuzzi One Bedroom Suites, all rooms offer DreamBed™, designed exclusively for Royalton Resorts and modern amenities like rain showers, 24 hour room service, and Free Wi-Fi.



Lifestyle Holidays Vacation Resort



It is a large but intimate hotel complex located in the Cofresi Beach Area, it is also conveniently located 30 minutes from the Puerto Plata International airport (POP). Our hotel complex has 1,120 units which features a wide selection of accommodations designed to meet and exceed your customer's expectations. We offer Superior & Jr. Suites along with one and two bedrooms apartments; we also offer luxurious two bedroom penthouse units, Presidential suites, long with breathtaking three to six bedroom Villas all equipped with their own private pool. **Divided in six properties:** Lifestyle Tropical Beach Resort & Spa, Lifestyle Crown Residence Suites, Cofresi Palm Beach and Spa Resort, Royal Suites, Presidential Suites by Lifestyle & Lifestyle Crown Villas. In our website www.lhvresorts.com you will find detailed information of all of the benefits and the various facilities offered at our complex.



Memories Splash



A new concept in all-inclusive resorts offering unparalleled service, deluxe accommodations, and one of the largest water parks in the Caribbean. Guests enjoy complimentary access to the water park's wave pools, water slides, splash pads, and spray ground, right on the resort property. Unlimited à la carte dining and international beverage service combined with top rated entertainment and friendly staff make this resort perfect for adults or family vacations. All Inclusive Features Our guests enjoy 24-hour all inclusive features such as: • Unlimited reservation-free dining plus 24-hour snacks • Unlimited international drinks • Free Wi-Fi throughout the resort • Unlimited free calls to North America and most of Europe • Non-motorized water sports • Daily activities and nightly entertainment • Introductory scuba lessons in pool • In-room mini bar restocked regularly • Sports Event Guarantee™ at SCORE Sports Bar



CHIC Punta Cana



CHIC Punta Cana by Royalton Luxury Resorts offers an All Exclusive™ experience where day merges into night and guests can enjoy heavenly indulgences 24 hours a day. On the white sands of Punta Cana's coveted Uvero Alto beach, CHIC Punta Cana serves up premium cocktails, masterfully crafted food, superior entertainment, and an elegant yet relaxed ambiance. Luxury Dining Guests may choose from five à la carte restaurants, a buffet restaurant, a café, a grill as well as 24-hour room service. Luxury Accommodations This adults-only resort boasts 323 luxurious Junior Suites, Master Suites and Presidential Suites with breathtaking views of the ocean or tropical gardens. All-In Connectivity™ Stay in touch with Free Wi-Fi throughout the resort, unlimited in-room long distance calling to North America and most of Europe using the Royalton App, USB recharge stations, and Bluetooth speakers in room.

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PUNTACANA RESORT & CLUB

Puntacana Resort & Club is home to the Caribbean's ultimate beach and golfing experience, with 3 miles of magnificent white sand beaches and 45 holes of championship golf, set on 15,000 acres of land. Accessibility, via our very own Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ), privacy, unparalleled personal service and understated elegance, defines the uniquely Dominican experience of staying at Puntacana Resort & Club, and makes it a favorite among international leaders and world renowned personalities.

The Westin Puntacana Resort & Club

The Westin Puntacana Resort & Club located at Puntacana Resort & Club's magnificent Playa Blanca beach, just minutes away from the airport, guests will enjoy all of Westin's signature amenities. This new 200 ocean-view room hotel features restaurants, meeting and wedding facilities, an expansive outdoor pool, beachside grill, lobby bar, Don Queco cigar bar with hand rolled cigars, children's club and walking trails.





Catalonia Bavaro Beach Golf & Casino Resort

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5 stars hotel resort with 24 hours all inclusive services, with exclusive white sandy beach, situated at 20 km from Punta Cana International Airport. • **Accommodations:** 711 Junior Suites and Privileged Suites, full-equipped with air-conditioned, ceiling fan, safe box included, terrace, LCD cable, minibar, coffee maker, sitting area, Free WIFI Internet. The new Privileged Junior suites tastefully decorated and very close to the beach, with plasma TV, pillow menu, bathrobes and slippers, 24 hours room service, private check-in lounge and others amenities. • **Restaurants:** 4 themed restaurants (no reservation needed) including: italian, japanesse, steak house and mexican. Also pizzas, crepes and 2 international buffet restaurants. 5 bars and disco with beverages included until 2:00 am. • **Activities:** Swimming pool of 2,000mts2 with jacuzzi and separate children's pool. Day and night activities program with our animation team, water no-motorized sports, 2 tennis courts, 2 golf courses, paddle, basketball, gym, beach volleyball, soccer, waterpolo, petanque, darts, table tennis, billiards and archery. Commercial center with boutiques, drugstore and gift shops. Convention rooms, wedding and honeymoon plans.



Catalonia Royal Bavaro Resort

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Exclusive 5 stars resort, with fine white sandy beaches, crystalline waters and coconut trees. All Inclusive resort exclusively for adults, located in Bávaro Beach, Punta Cana. The Royal customers have access to all installations of Catalonia Bávaro Beach Golf & Casino, so it allows enjoy two hotels in one. • **Accommodations:** 255 Superior Junior Suites, Deluxe, Honeymoon and Exclusive Suites with private pool. Colonial Style and full-equipped with King size-beds, air conditioned, ceiling fan, electronic safe box, terrace with hammock, minibar with soft drinks, beers and snacks, coffee maker, free WIFI Internet, plasma TV, DVD-CD player with free movies, pillow menu, bathrobes and slippers, 24 hours room service and others amenities. • **Restaurants:** 5 themed restaurants for dinner and other 8 restaurants available at Catalonia Bávaro Beach. 4 bars including piano bar with national and international beverages. • **Activities:** 2 fantastic infinity swimming pools with islands, jet and jacuzzi, Alegria Spa with sauna, gym and massage center. 2 golf courses with 9 and 18 holes. Shows at night, live music, outdoor theater, casino and disco.



Meliá Caribe Tropical

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MELIÁ CARIBE TROPICAL

Meliá Caribe Tropical, the Best Resort in Punta Cana, on Bávaro Beach. Ideal for couples, families, golfers and groups. • **Rooms:** 1,138 Junior Suites, all with A/C, fan safety deposit box (\$), living room with couch or sofa bed, Cable TV, minibar, telephone, terrace or balcony and complete bathroom with hair dryer. Access friendly facilities. • **Royal Service:** offers 156 Royal Services One bedrooms Master Suites, Royal Service Master Suite and Royal Beach Suite with personalize and private check-in/out, butler and concierge services, pillow menu, private pool and lounge with internet access, breakfast, drinks and more; just for the Royal Service guests. • **Restaurants:** 13 restaurants presenting: 10 a la carte specialties (Japanese (\$), Italian, French, Thai Fusion, Mexican, Dominican, Sea Food, American Grill and Gourmet); 3 Buffets (International and 2 Beach Grills), and 14 bars, with national and select international drinks. • **Meetings:** 13 meetings rooms for special events with 20,705 sq. ft. for up to 1,000 people. Business Center. • **Activities:** daily and nightly entertainment, Show every night. "The Flintstone Land" program for kids between 4 months to 4 years old, 5 to 8 years old and 9 to 13 years old. Special activities and an arcade with electronics games for teenagers. • **Sports:** 8 tennis courts, 10 pools, great variety of non-motorized water sports, climbing wall, aerobics and basketball platform, beach football and volleyball. • 2 Spa: with Gym, Jacuzzi, sauna and steam room, massages, hairdresser and special treatments available. • **Golf:** Cocotal Golf & Country Club, 27 holes par 72/36.



Ocean Blue & Sand

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Ocean Blue & Sand

A magnificent, 24 hours All Inclusive resort with private Jacuzzi for all suites, a gorgeous beach, plus the finest selection of themed restaurants (no reservation required) and a unique coffee house. We offer everything from a bowling alley and special sports to unforgettable weddings and customized group experiences. • **Rooms:** 580 Junior Suites Standard, 116 Privilege Junior Suites, 12 Honeymoon Suites. • **Privilege Services:** included for the Privilege Junior Suites and Honeymoon Suites, with private check in/out, butler and concierge service, pillow menu, beach lounge with internet access, private breakfast, private beach area, premium drinks. • **Entertainment:** Daily and nightly activities, live show every night, disco with drinks included, mini club for children from 4 to 10 years, teen's club, climbing wall, non-motorized water sports, 2 tennis courts, ping-pong tables and beach volleyball, Spa with gym, massages, beauty salon and special treatments.



Vista Sol Punta Cana Beach Resort & Casino

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The Vista Sol Hotel Punta Cana is located right on the famous white sandy beach of Bávaro, Punta Cana, chosen by UNESCO among the most beautiful beaches in the world. Surrounded by lush tropical vegetation, this resort is conveniently located near 3 international airports. Only a 20 minutes drive away from Punta Cana Airport, 40 minutes from La Romana Airport and, thanks to the recently inaugurated Coral Highway, 2 hours from the International Airport of Santo Domingo. The hotel operates an All Inclusive Formula. • **Rooms:** 471 rooms located over 10 buildings 214 standard rooms, 40 standard sea view, 15 duplex, 10 duplex family, 42 superior sea view, 126 superior garden or pool view and 24 Jr. suite) All equipped to cater for all your needs and to fully enjoy this internationally renowned destination. Two double beds, air conditioning, safe (\$), bathroom, hairdryer, telephone, refrigerator, flat screen TV, WiFi (\$), large terrace or balcony. • **Restaurants:** 1 buffet restaurant with theme nights, 3 a la carte restaurants: Italian, Mexican and Gourmet. Sportsbar located on the beach with two 60-inch LED TV. • **Bars:** 7 bar and nightclub with national drinks included until 2:00 am. • **Shopping:** located next to the Cortecito with typical shops. 3 minutes drive by bus to Palma Real Village Mall and 10 minutes from San Juan Shopping Center. • **Activities:** Disco, Show area with nightly entertainment, Mini Club and Mini Disco every night. Free WiFi in show area. • **Daytime entertainment** on the beach and pool area. Beach volleyball, aerobics, dance lessons, etc. • **Sports:** Motorized water sports: catamaran windsurfing etc., Tennis academy with 3 courts, gym. Golf nearby (5 minutes). • **Kids club:** Supervised activities for children age 2-12 years. • **Other facilities and services not included:** Spa, motorized water sports (banana boat, taxi boat, etc.), Laundry service, medical service etc.



Casa Marina Beach & Reef

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Casa Marina Beach and Reef are two hotels in one: The Beach and The Reef. The Casa Marina Beach is set in the town of Sosúa on a semi-private beach with more than 500 meters of beach front. The Casa Marina Reef was attractively built on a private reef transformed into a natural sun deck. As a supplement, guests of both hotels can enjoy all the services and facilities that these two hotels offer. • **Rooms:** 534 Superior rooms with two double beds, air conditioning, Flat Screen TV, telephone, full bath, safety deposit box (\$). 141 Superior rooms with one king bed, air conditioning, Flat Screen TV, telephone, full bath, safety deposit box (\$). • **Restaurants and bars:** 2 buffet restaurants, 3 'A la Carte' and 6 bars (1 with additional charges). • **Facilities y actividades:** an "All Inclusive" system, scuba diving, volleyball, day and night activities for kids and adults, 3 swimming pools, 2 kids swimming pools, 3 Jacuzzis, bicycles, ping pong, discotheque, beauty salon, massages, boat rentals, water sports, gift shop.



Grand Paradise Playa Dorada

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All Inclusive resort located at Playa Dorada complex; only 25 minutes from the International Airport of Puerto Plata and 15 minutes from Puerto Plata town. Grand Paradise Playa Dorada presents an attractive and wide offer characterized by a gorgeous beach front, a friendly staff and the best gastronomy of the area. • **Rooms:** 425 Rooms (Suites, Standard and Superior) equipped with double beds and/or twin beds, A/C, telephone, cable plasma TV, safe deposit box, bathroom, kitchenette (only Suites). • **Restaurants and bars:** 1 buffet restaurant, 2 "A la Carte" and 4 bars. • **Facilities y actividades:** "all inclusive" system, one big swimming pool, one for kids, a Jacuzzi, bicycles, windsurfing, snorkeling, aerobics classes, tennis (night \$), volleyball, ping pong, daily activities programs for kids and adults, kids club, scuba diving school, discotheque, conference room, and gift shop. Special fees for golfers in the golf course Robert Trent Jones and Playa Dorada.



Grand Paradise Samaná

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All Inclusive resort located in the Samaná Bay at Las Galeras, 45 minutes from El Catey Airport and 25 minutes from the picturesque town of Samaná. Grand Paradise Samaná welcomes visitors to a tropical resort where comfort is a priority and the natural beauty of the environment is everywhere. • **Rooms:** 178 Superior Rooms (With two double beds, air conditioning, cable TV, telephone, safety deposit box (\$), hair dryer, minibar (soft drinks) and full bath). 192 Deluxe Rooms (With two double beds, air conditioning, cable TV, telephone, safety deposit box (\$), hair dryer, minibar (soft drinks), full bath). 50 Bungalows (Living and bedroom area with mezzanine, full bath, terrace and kitchenette. Offers one queen size bed, two twin beds, telephone, cable TV, sofa-bed, minibar (soft drinks), walking closet, hair dryer, air conditioning, safety deposit box). • **Restaurant and bars:** a buffet restaurant, 2 "A la Carte", snacks and 5 bars. • **Facilities and activities:** an "all inclusive" system, 3 swimming pools, an area with a swimming pool for kids, discotheque, scuba diving school, windsurfing, volleyball, kids club, tennis, darts, ping pong, pool tables, daily animation program, late night shows, gift shop and natural aquarium*. (*) Extra Charge.



Barceló Bávaro Palace Deluxe

<http://www.barcelo.com>

Barceló Bávaro Palace Deluxe
PREMIUM

Located on Bávaro beach in Punta Cana-11 high-quality restaurants-Spacious b-room hotel rooms. The Barceló Bávaro Palace Deluxe 5-star hotel is located 1.2 miles from the seafront of Bávaro Beach. It is on the top 10 list of the best beaches in the world and is the best one in Punta Cana. The beach is protected by a coral reef that makes the sea perfectly calm. The Barceló Bávaro Palace Deluxe, a 5-star hotel in Dominican Republic, is found in this magical place and features high levels of relaxation. This is possible, because the new B-Rooms are furnished with the best beds in the market and use top technology that adds unique features such as rain-effect showers. The Bávaro Beach Palace in Punta Cana is the perfect place for gourmets, with 11 first class restaurants and different specialties. Among the options, it is possible to choose from Japanese to traditional Mexican, meat and fish dishes and other international cuisine. The place offers a huge variety of sports: golf, kayaking, windsurfing, sailing or hobby wave boats. Guests are welcomed to enjoy all the hotel facilities such as the complete luxurious U-Spa Bávaro, swimming pools, gym, the mall and the kids' miniclub. After the sun sets, enjoy the vibrant nightlife at nightclubs, casino, shows.



Barceló Punta Cana

<http://www.barcelo.com>

Barceló Punta Cana
PREMIUM

Located on the Bávaro Beach in Dominican Republic. The Barceló Punta Cana 4-star hotel is located right on the beach in the beautiful Dominican Caribbean. It is known for its crystal clear waters and is, surrounded by exotic tropical gardens. This Dominican Republic hotel features 798 elegant rooms and suites and facilities that offer the guests a relaxing comfortable stay. The best food in a Dominican Republic hotel. As part of the Barceló All Inclusive package, guests can enjoy a variety of culinary options at the Barceló Punta Cana hotel, including hotel's own 7 specialty restaurants. The best cocktails and appetizers are also served in every bar. Swimming pools with ocean views. At the Barceló Punta Cana hotel, guests can do beach water sports or take a relaxing time by the pool with the family. The hotel also features a water park for children wanting to have the time of their lives. Without a doubt, this Dominican Republic hotel is perfect for families traveling with children or for couples looking for a romantic getaway. Discover the place where boredom is impossible, featuring turquoise waters of the Bávaro beach and the tranquility of the Caribbean.



Barceló Bávaro Beach - Adults only

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Barceló Bávaro Beach **ADULTS ONLY**
PREMIUM

Right in the heart of playa Bávaro, Punta Cana-Adults only-9 a-la-carte restaurants The 5-star Barceló Bávaro Beach - Adults Only hotel is a beachfront hotel on Bávaro beach in Punta Cana, and is recognized as one of the 10 best beaches in the world. This fantastic hotel that you can only imagine in your dreams has reinvented itself after a complete renovation and is now reserved exclusively for adults. The hotel features spacious rooms with high-quality touches. 80% of them are located in front of the beach. This makes this hotel an ideal place for romantic getaways. Barceló Bávaro Beach - Adults Only also offers its guests varied, exquisite cuisine options through its exclusive Barceló All Inclusive program at its buffet restaurants Caribe, Chez Gourmet, and La Brisa, as well as 9 a-la-carte restaurants. Enjoy a wide range of facilities and daily activities where you will find plenty of options to liven up your stay, enjoy the beach and swimming pools, and play any sport that you wish. Enter the exclusive, luxurious world of the Barceló Bávaro Beach Hotel - Adults Only and let us win you over!



Barceló Santo Domingo

<http://www.barcelo.com>

Barceló Santo Domingo

Located in the center of the city of Santo Domingo, just 30 minutes from the Las Americas International Airport and only a few minutes from the historic "Colonial City", shopping malls, business centers and fine restaurants. Situated opposite the Juan Pablo Duarte Olympic Center. The Hotel Barceló Santo Domingo comprises 216 fully renovated rooms with the latest trends in décor, creating an avant-garde hotel in both infrastructure and service. You can enjoy the "B' Delicious" buffet restaurant and also the Japanese à la carte restaurant, "Kyoto", where the exquisite flavors of the cuisine are accentuated by the charming ambience. Amongst the facilities available, there is an ideal setting for a truly unforgettable celebration. The hotel also provides state of the art technology for conventions and business meetings, with capacity for up to 1,500 people.



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No por nada Coco Bongo Show & Disco ha sido elogiado por diferentes medios de comunicación tales como: **CNN** - "La discoteca que pone en ridículo la vida nocturna de las Vegas", **Los Angeles Times** - "Ambiente de alto voltaje", **USA TODAY** - "Las fiestas de año nuevo, San Patricio y Mardi Gras todo en una noche y en el mismo lugar", **Revista People** "Mas que un evento, todo un Espectáculo".



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

JANUARY

14-17. Latin America Amateur Golf Championship 2016. Casa de Campo, La Romana.

January 15 - March 15. Whale-Watching, Samaná.

Thursdays. 8pm. Jazz Nights. Escalinatas de El Conde, Ciudad Colonial.

Fridays and Saturdays. 9pm. Santo Domingo de Fiesta. Plaza de España, Ciudad Colonial.

Sundays. 5pm. a 10pm. Grupo Bonyé. Ruinas de San Francisco. Ciudad Colonial.

FEBRUARY

Carnival. All Sundays in February. La Vega, Bonao and Santiago.

21-26. PROCIGAR Festival.

23-28. Master of the Ocean 2016. Surf, Windsurf, Kite, Sup. Playa Cabarete, Puerto Plata.

Other February Events:

Larimar Championship 2016. Surfing, Bodyboarding, Longboarding. Playa Los Patos, Barahona. www.fedosurf.org

National Sancocho Festival.

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MARCH

6. Santo Domingo Carnival Parade. Malecón, Santo Domingo.

12. Punta Cana Carnival Parade, Punta Cana Village.

Middle of March. GastroFest Santo Domingo.

Middle of March. Caribbean Cigar Night. Puerto Plata. www.cigarnightpop.com

Middle of March. Trail Run & Xterra Tri Series 2016 (1/3). Samaná.

Thursdays. 8pm. Jazz Nights. Escalinatas de El Conde, Ciudad Colonial.

Fridays and Saturdays. 9pm. Santo Domingo de Fiesta. Plaza de España, Ciudad Colonial.

Sundays. 5pm. a 10pm. Grupo Bonyé. Ruinas de San Francisco. Ciudad Colonial.

APRIL

18-22. Mercedes Benz Fashion Week. Showroom Autozama, Santo Domingo.

19-21. Dominican Annual Tourism Exchange (DR DATE) 2016. Paradisus Palma Real, Punta Cana.

20-30. XIX Internacional Book Fair. Plaza de la Cultura, Santo Domingo.

Fridays and Saturdays. 9pm. Santo Domingo de Fiesta. Plaza de España, Ciudad Colonial.

Sundays. 5pm. a 10pm. Grupo Bonyé. Ruinas de San Francisco. Ciudad Colonial.

MAY

Middle of May. Trail Run & Xterra Tri Series 2016 (2/3). Puerto Plata.

May 30 to June 5. Latinoamerica PGA Tour. Los Corales, PuntaCana Resort & Club. www.pgatour.com

Fridays and Saturdays. 9pm. Santo Domingo de Fiesta. Plaza de España, Ciudad Colonial.

Sundays. 5pm. a 10pm. Grupo Bonyé. Ruinas de San Francisco. Ciudad Colonial.

JUNE

May 30 to June 5. Latinoamerica PGA Tour. Los Corales, PuntaCana Resort & Club. www.pgatour.com

7-11. 100K del Caribe. Sosúa (8km), Puerto Plata (17.5km), Cabarete (18k), Las Terrenas (44.5km) y Samaná (12 km). www.100kdelcaribe.com

Middle of June. 7th. Flowers Festival 2016. Jarabacoa, La Vega.

Middle of June. Puerto Plata Cultural Festival 2016. Puerto Plata.

Middle of June. Punta Cana Food & Wine Festival. Punta Cana 2016. www.puntacanafoodandwine.com
23-26. Bolsa Turística del Caribe (BTC),

Santo Domingo. www.btc.com.do

Fridays and Saturdays. 9pm. Santo Domingo de Fiesta. Plaza de España, Ciudad Colonial.

Sundays. 5pm. a 10pm. Grupo Bonyé. Ruinas de San Francisco. Ciudad Colonial.

JULY

Middle of July. Trail Run & Xterra Tri Series 2016 3/3. Barahona.

Fridays and Saturdays. 9pm. Santo Domingo de Fiesta. Plaza de España, Ciudad Colonial.

Sundays. 5pm. a 10pm. Grupo Bonyé. Ruinas de San Francisco. Ciudad Colonial.

AUGUST

26-27. 8pm. Merengue Festival and Caribbean Rhythms, Plaza Juan Barón, Santo Domingo

Fridays and Saturdays. 9pm. Santo Domingo de Fiesta. Plaza de España, Ciudad Colonial.

Sundays. 5pm. a 10pm. Grupo Bonyé. Ruinas de San Francisco. Ciudad Colonial.

SEPTEMBER

Middle of September. Commercial Exposition ASONAHORES 2016, Centro de Convenciones Barceló Bávaro, Punta Cana.

23-24. 8pm. Merengue Festival and Caribbean Rhythms, Malecón, Puerto Plata.

Fridays and Saturdays. 9pm. Santo Domingo de Fiesta. Plaza de España, Ciudad Colonial.

Sundays. 5pm. a 10pm. Grupo Bonyé. Ruinas de San Francisco. Ciudad Colonial.

OCTOBER

5-7. Discover Puerto Plata Marketplace, Puerto Plata. www.discoverpuertoplata.com

Middle of October. Dominicana Moda 2016, Hotel Occidental El Embajador, Santo Domingo. www.dominicanamoda.com
Middle of October. Taste Santo

Domingo 2016, Santo Domingo. www.tastesantodomingo.com

Middle of October. DR Golf Travel Exchange 2016. www.drgolftravel.com

Fridays and Saturdays. 9pm. Santo Domingo de Fiesta. Plaza de España, Ciudad Colonial.

Sundays. 5pm. a 10pm. Grupo Bonyé. Ruinas de San Francisco. Ciudad Colonial.

NOVEMBER

8-12. November. The 20th Dominican Republic Jazz Festival. Santiago, Sosúa, Puerto Plata y Cabarete. drjazzfestival.com.

Middle of November. Puerto Plata Golf Classic, Playa Dorada, Puerto Plata. www.ashonorte.com

Middle of November. Santo Domingo Destino Capital, Santo Domingo. www.cometosantodomingo.com

Thursdays. 8pm. Jazz Nights. Escalinatas de El Conde, Ciudad Colonial.

Fridays and Saturdays. 9pm. Santo Domingo de Fiesta. Plaza de España, Ciudad Colonial.

Sundays. 5pm. a 10pm. Grupo Bonyé. Ruinas de San Francisco. Ciudad Colonial.

DECEMBER

December 1 to January 6. 6pm. to 12pm. Bright Christmas "Brillante Navidad", Parque Iberoamérica, Santo Domingo.

10. National Heritage Day. Free Admission to Museums in Santo Domingo.

Middle of December. Christmas Craft Fair "Feria de Artesanía Navideña", Ciudad Colonial. www.cultura.gob.do

Thursdays. 8pm. Jazz Nights. Escalinatas de El Conde, Ciudad Colonial.

Fridays and Saturdays. 9pm. Santo Domingo de Fiesta. Plaza de España, Ciudad Colonial.

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