



# Dominican Republic

## “Has it all”



## Dominican Republic:

- Country in North America.
- Population: Approx 11 Million.
- Official Language: Spanish.
- Largest Economy in the Caribbean and Central American Region.
- Most Visited Country amongst Caribbean Islands.
- Safe heaven for Retirees, WFH
- National Sport: Baseball
- Climate: Tropical – Avg 26\* C
- Currency: Dominican Pesos



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### Key Highlights:

- A perfect match of Modernization and nature.
- Pristine white sand Beaches across the country.
- Over 26 golf courses.
- Caribbean's tallest mountain peak, Pico Duarte, and the Caribbean's largest lake and lowest point, Lake Enriquillo
- Connectivity with Major Cruise carriers from USA and other Caribbean countries.
- Highest number of hotel rooms in the Caribbean region, totaling over 83,934 exclusive of other boutique lodges located in beach towns and mountainside areas

**Major Cities:**

**SANTO DOMINGO** - The Dominican Republic’s capital city, Santo Domingo is also the most modern and dynamic metropolis in the Caribbean.

La Capital—as it is affectionately called—epitomizes the pulse of Dominican culture, where the old and the new converge seamlessly from centuries old architecture and history, to large shopping malls, art galleries, an electric nightlife, and a booming gastronomy scene.

Exploring the Colonial City—the first European settlement of the Americas and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1990—is a recommended experience for all travelers. This historic neighborhood consists of a pedestrian-friendly maze of narrow streets brimming with 16th to early 20th century architectural wonders. They lead toward colonial buildings turned museums, shops, hotels, restaurants, and sidewalk cafés.





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**PUNTA CANA** - Blessed with one of the Caribbean region's longest white sand coastlines—a whopping 48 kilometers (30 miles), punctuated with sky-reaching coconut palms—Punta Cana is the land of rest and relaxation by the sea.

Here, where the Atlantic meets the Caribbean, from the northern tip at Uvero Alto to the southern at Cap Cana, all-inclusive resorts and boutique hideaways offer all the whims and comforts of modern beachfront living.

Families enjoy miniature entertainment centers and water parks for children, while couples-only enclaves boast dream wedding locations, with secluded beachside lodging for an ultra-romantic stay.

But it's not only about fun in the sun, soft sand brushing against your toes, and iridescent, clear water to swim in, go fishing, or dive for underwater life and shipwrecks. Punta Cana is also a golfer's destination, with 10 courses located all along the strip, a seaside escape with luxurious marinas and fine dining, and a wellness corner home to the country's top spas, including the only Six Senses in the Caribbean.







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**PUERTO PLATA:** The birthplace of tourism in the Dominican Republic, Puerto Plata continues to pack a mighty punch.

Its spectacular, sprawling landscape combines sea, mountains, lush valleys, rivers, and a multitude of beaches. Its fertile soil grows cacao and coffee trees, while underneath rests the world’s clearest amber.

Savvy explorer Christopher Columbus knew there was much to discover on this northern Atlantic coastline—eventually finding gold deposits—when he glimpsed it from his ship in 1492.

Drawn by the sight of clouds shimmering over Mount Isabel de Torres and illuminating Puerto Plata’s vast blue shoreline, he named the area the “Silver Port” and settled at La Isabela with a mixed community of Tainos—original inhabitants of the area—and Spaniards, built the first church and his first home in the Americas.



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**SAMANÁ:** Jutting out of the DR's northeastern shore and basking in the ocean, the nature haven that is the Samaná Peninsula is as coveted today as it was in the 16th century.

**JARABACOA:** Perched at an altitude of 529 meters (1,736 feet), this scenic mountain resort town is a favorite escape of Santiago and Santo Domingo city dwellers.

**CONSTANZA:** Boasting an average elevation of 1,200 meters (4,000 feet), Constanza is the highest altitude town in the Caribbean region.

**SANTIAGO:** Santiago de los Caballeros—named after the 30 Spanish aristocrats who followed Columbus and settled here in 1495—was the country's first capital before it suffered an earthquake in 1562.

**Altos De Chavon:** **Altos de Chavón** is a re-creation of a Mediterranean style European village located atop the Chavón River in La Romana, Dominican Republic. It is the most popular attraction in the city and hosts a cultural center, an archeological museum, and an amphitheater. The project was conceived by the Italian architect Roberto Copa, and the industrialist Charles Bluhdorn.





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## Flora And Fauna:

Approximately 6,000 species of flora and 7,000 species of fauna thrive in the DR.

**FLOWERS & TREES:** The Dominican Republic boasts an astounding 6,000 species of plants, of which 2,050 are endemic – only found in the DR.

**MARINE LIFE:** Between 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) of coastline and offshore islands, marine mammals have the ideal environment in the DR's Caribbean and Atlantic waters. Aside from Samaná's famous humpback whales—our most prized species, visiting Samaná's Bay from mid-January through mid-March—manatees and turtles also have an important presence. The endangered, herbivore **West Indian Manatee** lives in our estuaries and lagoons, particularly in the north coast, [Estero Hondo Marine Mammal Sanctuary](#).

**CROCODILES & IGUANAS:** The endangered American crocodile species live and mate in [Lago Enriquillo](#)—an intriguing saltwater lake located in the southwest of the DR

**BIRDS:** Every year, the Dominican Republic's birding reputation rises, and for good reason. Three hundred species of birds are at home here, of which 32 are endemic—including the national Cigua palmera.

## People:

Dominicans have a reputation for being among the friendliest people you'll meet.

**TAINO ORIGINS:** The DR's first inhabitants were the valiant, skilled indigenous Taino–Arawak Indians who first settled on this side of the island before Christopher Columbus and the Spaniards arrived. Today, their only remaining signs are in the caverns where they left pictographs and petroglyphs.

**IMMIGRANTS:** The Dominican Republic's welcoming nature, coupled with historical events, has resulted in several key migrant communities settling and blending into the DR's cultural makeup. Major Settlements includes: Syrians, Lebanese, Pelastenians, Japanese, Chinese, All of these groups have contributed a great deal to the growth and cultural makeup of the DR, reflected in the food, culture, and events around the country.

**DOMINICANS TODAY:** It won't take you long to meet locals, or notice the Dominican way of living. While modernism and globalization have modified the way of life in the big and small cities, Dominicans remain the same in their people-to-people interactions.

**TRADITIONS:** While certain traditions are less practiced in the cities than in the past, the importance of two major seasons remain—particularly in the countryside—and are celebrated in family: Christmas and Easter.





## Gastronomy:

There is a plethora of Dominican dishes, ranging from soups and stews to street side fried snacks, and sweet coconut desserts. Beyond the classic Caribbean rice and beans plate are staple specialties unique to the DR.

**MAIN DISHES:** Breakfast consists of a plate affectionately called “*los tres golpes*” or the three hits: **mangú**—a typically Dominican dish made of mash of green plantains, topped with red onions simmered in a vinegar sauce—fried cheese, and fried salami. You can add on fried eggs for good measure.

**Lunch:** is the main meal of the day. The typical dish is the **bandera dominicana** or Dominican Flag: a heaping plate of rice and beans—with chicken or meat, a side salad with avocado, and **tostones**—crispy, fried and flattened plantains.

**Mofongo** is a dish originating in Puerto Rico, but Dominicans make their own version of this mashed plantain dish with garlic, and either pork, or shrimp.

**STREET FOODS:** Dominicans love their street foods, particularly at night, and their frituras or fried snacks. Some of the most common picks, are the chimichurri, Yaroa, Picalonga, catibias, quipes.

## DRINKS & CIGARS

**MAMAJUANA:** Mamajuana is a must-try while in the Dominican Republic. Bottles are sold almost everywhere, from souvenir shops, restaurants, markets, and roadside. This is a potent herbal drink, made from a fermented mix of cured tree barks, herbs, red wine, and rum.

**BEERS:** A handful of beers are made in the Dominican Republic, including craft beers found in a few places around the country. The most popular brand is the world famous Presidente beer, made by Cervecería Nacional Dominicana since 1935.

**RUM:** Dominican rum is produced by several big brands, the most popular two being Brugal and Barceló



# CARNAVAL:

**Dominican Carnival –carnaval dominicano–is the most vibrant celebration of Dominican culture and identity. It’s a time when Dominicans of all ages and from all regions take to the streets, at home or in neighboring carnival cities, to enjoy parades with their families and loved ones.** Every Sunday during the month of February, colorful parades take place in every major city and region around the DR–some extending through the first week of March. La Vega Carnival is the oldest, largest, and most popular of all, followed by Santiago. The season usually launches with a vibrant indoor carnival gala show held in Santiago and culminates with Independence Day celebrations on February 27.

## Experiences:

**A perfect Blend of Luxury And Nature.**

- **Luxury All Inclusive resorts**
- **Music And Festivals (Carnival)**
- **Adventure and Eco Tourism**
- **Hiking, Fishing, Inland Safaris**
- **Water Sports: Surfing and Kitesurfing, Snorkeling, Scuba Diving**
- **Waterfalls, Wild Life spotting, Colonial Structures**





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## **Popular Itineraries:**

**Option 1: 7 Nights / 8 Days: Includes 4 Nights In Punta Cana + 3 Nights at Santo Domingo.**

**Option 2: 7 Nights / 8 Days: Includes 4 Nights In Punta Cana + 3 Nights at Jarabacoa.**

**Option 3: 9 Nights / 10 Days: Includes 4 Nights In Punta Cana + 2 Nights at Santo Domingo + 1 Night in Samana + 2 Nights In Puerto Plata.**

**Luxury Stays at Casa De Campo and other All inclusive resorts depending upon traveller preferences.**



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