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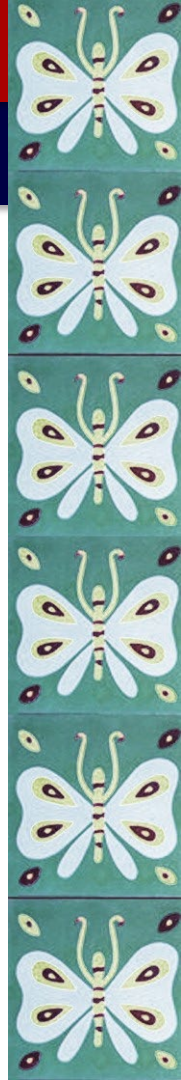


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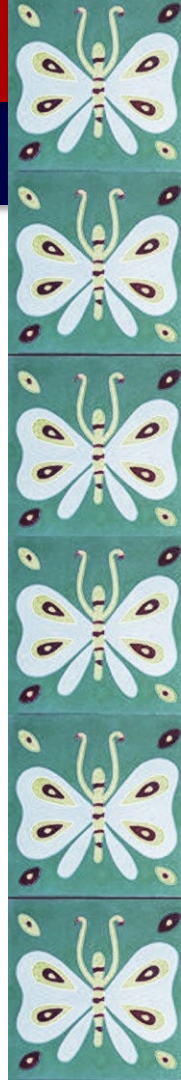
Why DR?

- Easy residency (with help of a specialist)
- The Caribbean at its most affordable
- Sophisticated, European-influenced capital
- European-influenced beach town
- Best of “island life”
- Eclectic and diverse villages and towns



At A Glance

- **Residency**
 - Self Sufficiency – Proof of monthly \$1,500 pension/\$2,000 rental income
 - Golden Visa (Real Estate Investment) – Investment \$200,000
- **Health Care**
 - Affordable but generally poor quality outside Santo Domingo
 - Private system is recommended
- **Ease of Access**
 - Daily flights from U.S., Canada, Europe and Latin America
 - Domestic airlines –reasonably priced.
 - Road quality varies



Country Pros

- Best value in the Caribbean
- Easy residency – in theory
- Established expat communities
- European influence
- White-sand beaches
- Easy access to the U.S. and Canada

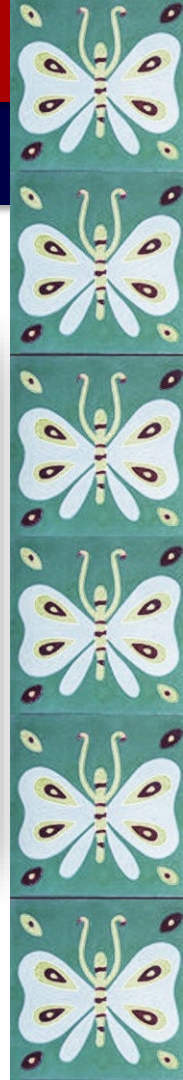
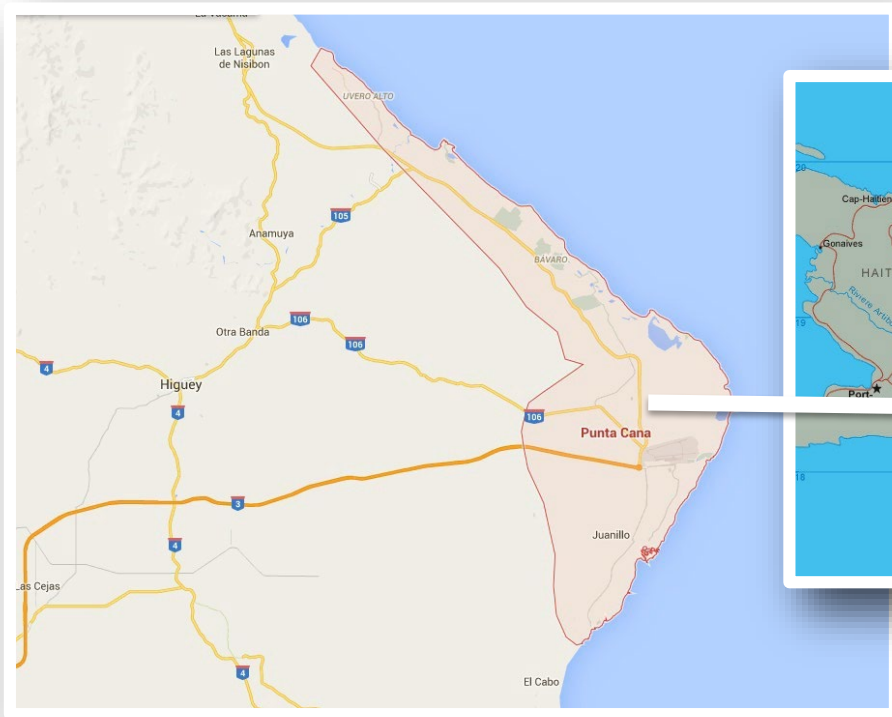


Country Cons

- Developing-world infrastructure
- Poor service standards
- Limited food selection—imported goods expensive
- ATMs unreliable
- Necessary to learn some Spanish



Punta Cana





Punta Cana Pros

- High end living options
- Great beaches...in the resorts
- Easy access - International airport (PUJ)
- Services expats expect...in the resorts
- English is spoken more

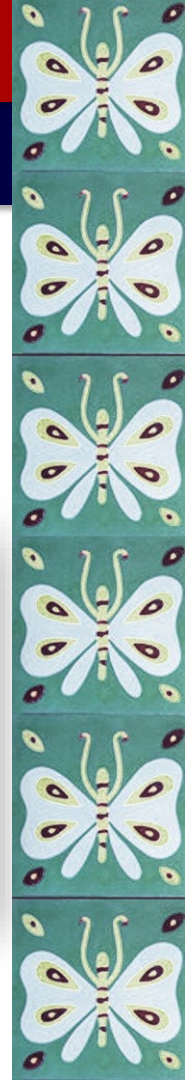
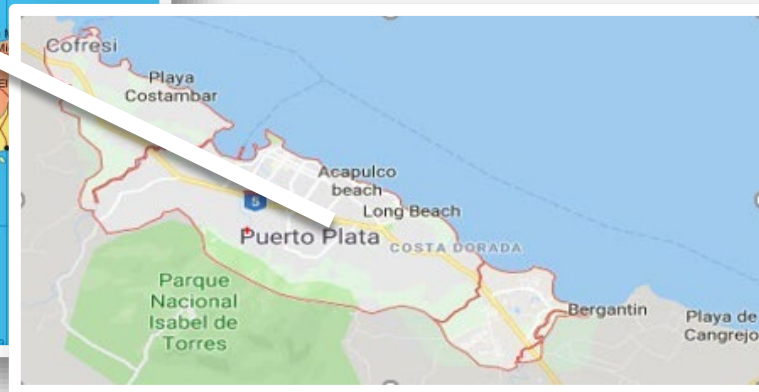


Punta Cana Cons

- More expensive than other areas
- All-inclusive resorts control the beach access and life in general
- Further from Santo Domingo (about 4hrs drive)



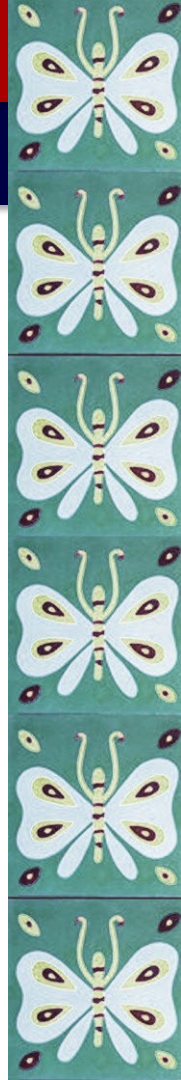
Puerto Plata





Puerto Plata Pros

- Big city - many services and products are available.
- The airport (POP) has flights from the US, Canada, Europe, and Russia. English speaking services easily available. Cheaper property.



Puerto Plata Pros

- Many tourists, good for business. Big festivals.
- English speaking services easily available.
- Cheaper property.

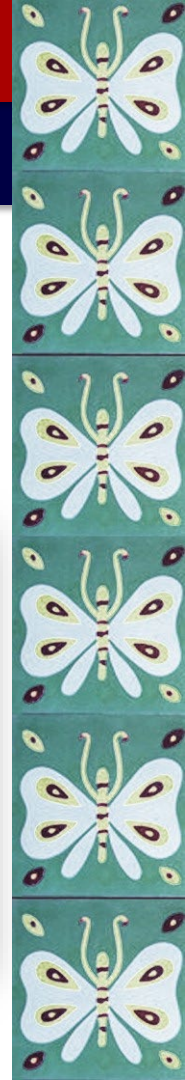
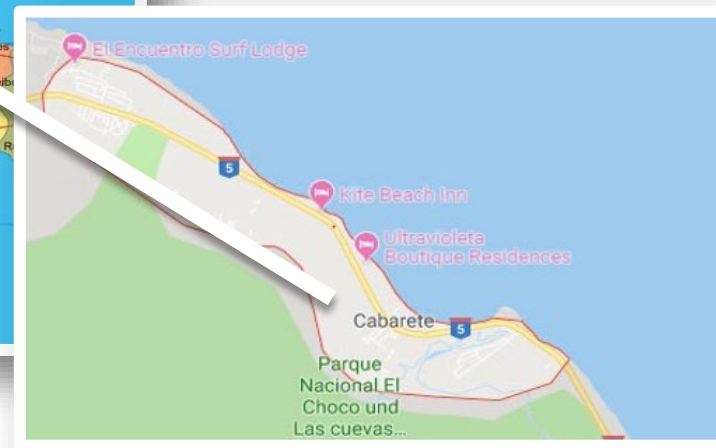


Puerto Plata Cons

- Busy, lots of traffic, pollution. An industrial town, more stressful.
- Rocky beaches crowded because of the small “public areas”.
- Can be dangerous at night.



Cabarete





Cabarete Pros

- Many English speakers, several activities available like excursions, cultural trips, shops and night clubs. Good for young people.
- Perfect for kite surf people.
- Other towns close.



Cabarete Cons

- The town has one street where everything is, it is very busy, people drive very fast, no speed bump, not secure at night.
- Only one beach. Enclosed beach (large hotels in front of the beach, not easy to access).

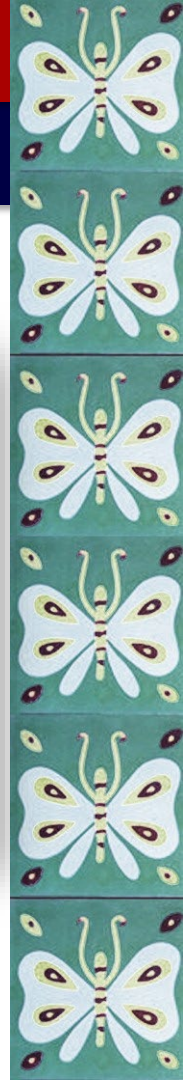


Cabarete Cons

- Famous for kite-surf this means a lot of wind and it is not so pleasant to relax when the sand whips your body because of the strong wind.
- The ocean is not flat in the afternoon.



Las Terrenas





Las Terrenas Pros

- International community – expats and services
- Quality construction
- Beaches are accessible
- Convenient banking
- Sense of community
- New Hospital and 2 clinics





Las Terrenas Cons

- Expensive to get to unless you own a car
- Traffic – small, crowded streets...
especially on holidays
- Gringo priced services
- Isolated



Other Options

- Don't like beaches and oceans?
- Chose mountain/country living instead
- Jarabacoa, Constanza, Monción... endless possibilities.





Other Options Pros

- Cooler temperatures
- Clean air
- No traffic, easy country living



Other Options Cons

- Remote/isolated
- Must have vehicle
- Must learn language



Noteworthy

- Everything can be delivered to your door
- Bribes
- Roads – good and bad
- Hurricanes – get pushed aside
- Value of the peso



Noteworthy

- Expect the unexpected
- Taxes can be shared
- Reset your watch and attitude
- Caribbean weather (not tropics)





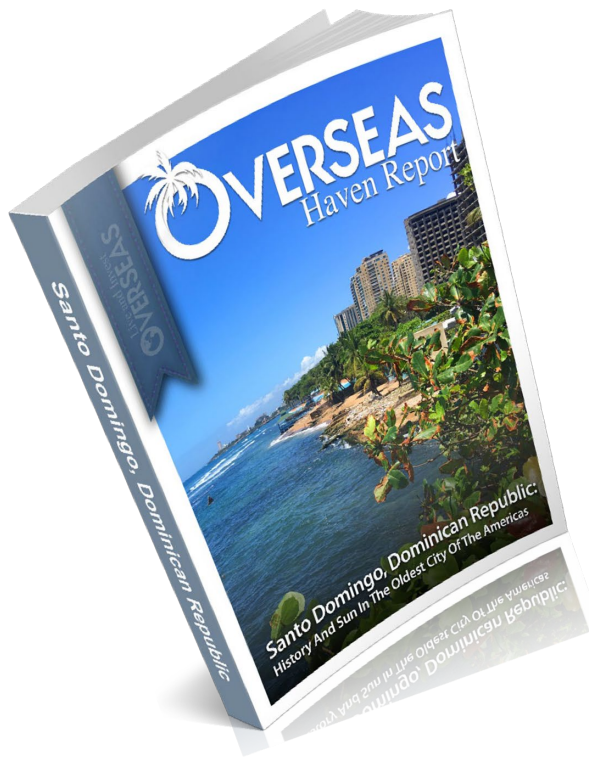


Grading DR

- English Spoken – C
- Health Care – B
- Climate – A
- Infrastructure – B+
- Accessibility – B+
- Safety – B
- Culture – C
- Recreation – A
- Taxes – A
- Schools – C



Recommended Resources



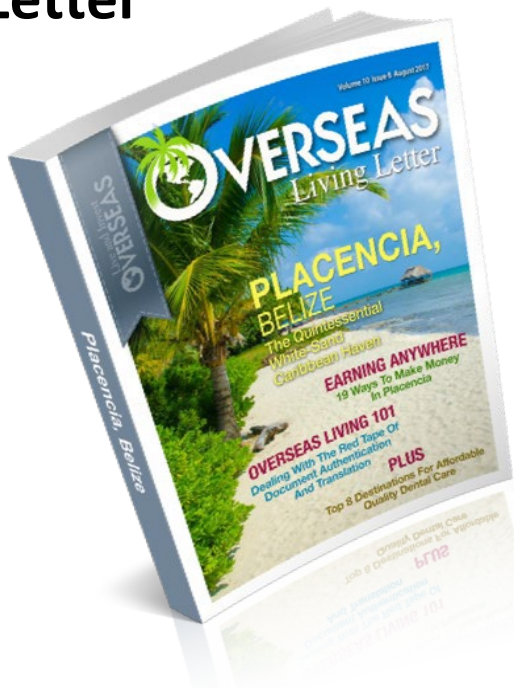
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