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“The most beautiful land that human eyes have ever seen”; these were the words pronounced by Admiral Christopher Columbus when he first set foot on this island, just a little more than five centuries ago.

With this new edition 2011 of the Excursion Guide, the Dominican Receptive Tour Operators Association invites you to discover and enjoy all what this country have to offer and you will confirm the America’s discoverer was right.

This guide is the best tool for you to know all about Dominican Republic, which became the core of historical events that changed to course of the New World. Its cultural and historic heritage; its beaches, rivers, flora and fauna are some of the geographical wonders given by Mother Nature to this island that unites with the hospitality and contagious joy of its people to make it a paradise in the Caribbean.

No matter where you’re staying, each corner of this island offers you many different attractions for you to discover on a nice tropical weather and always under the intense blue color sky.

From now on, just add to your travel agenda the many different routes you will find in this Guide, such as the routes of coffee and cocoa, golf, diving and many more. Join in for any of the tours described here and never restrain yourself in tasting the delicious Dominican gastronomy and let yourself go with our Caribbean rhythms: the “merengue” and the “bachata”.

The Excursion Guide offers useful information for you to make of your vacation a unique experience and make you go back home with a strong conviction that Dominican Republic really is the best option in the Caribbean.

Enjoy your stay!

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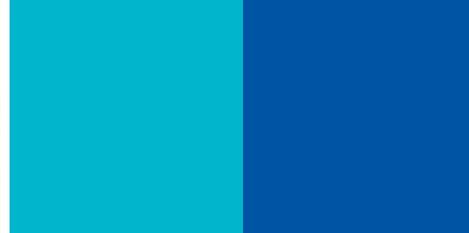
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Dominican Republic

It is located in the heart of the Caribbean where the water of the Atlantic Ocean bathes the North; the Mona Channel separates us from Puerto Rico to the East; the neighboring Republic of Haiti shares the island to the West; and the warmth and the shades of blue waters of the Caribbean shine on the South.



tions, developing a culture around these activities, until the time that history recalls as “the encounter between two cultures” when Spanish conquistadors arrived under the command of Admiral Christopher Columbus, on December 5, 1492.

In his diary, the Admiral described the island as “the most beautiful land that human eyes have ever seen.” He called it “Hispaniola” and from here, the Spanish parted to conquer the New World.

Here, the first European colony was established and its capital Santo Domingo, called The First City of America, the first cultural and social institutions of the time were originated; the first forts and churches were built; the first cathedral, the first hospital, the first monuments and the first university in America.

During colonial times three ethnic groups cohabited: indigenous or “Taino,” Africans and the Spanish, whose mixed race made substantial bequests to the national culture that, over time, acquired its own characteristics.

Until late XVI century, the island of Hispaniola was of interest to the Spanish colony for the benefits generated by its natural resources and the system of sugar plantations.

Other historical facts

For many years our country remained under foreign domination, both from

Spain and Haiti, until the 27th of February 1844, when our independence is proclaimed, and Dominicans separated from the yoke of Haiti, in a quest led by Juan Pablo Duarte and a group of heroes, where Francisco del Rosario Sanchez and Ramon Matias Mella played an important role. Today they are considered the “Fathers of the Nation”.

After gaining independence Dominican Republic was then annexed to Spain again, but it lasted only two years until, in August 16th of 1863, the brave Gregorio Luperón fought to return Dominican sovereignty in the war of the Restoration.

Several large-scale events have taken place in national life that has left indelible marks and major social and political impact, such as the cruel dictatorship of Rafael Leonidas Trujillo (1930-1961) and the civil war of April 1965. It was just after 1965 when the country began to take its first steps along the path of freedom and democracy, becoming a rule of law with a presidential system, where every four years call for free elections to choose separately presidential officials, congressional and municipal delegates.

General notes

Population: 9.3 millions of inhabitants, according to the 2010 census.

Official language: Spanish.

Religion: Predominantly catholic.

Climate and temperatures: Tropical zones with an average temperature of 28 degrees centigrade (about 82 degrees Fahrenheit)..

National Currency: Dominican Peso.

Electricity: 110V to 60 cycles (110V/60Hz).

Area Codes (telephones): 809, 829 y 849.



With a total of 32 provinces and a National District, with its capital city Santo Domingo, it comprises an area of 48.484 square kilometers that make our island the second largest in the Caribbean region.

The early days / Cradle of the New World

The island was first inhabited by the “Taino” ethnic group whose way of life was based on hunting, fishing and fruit planta-



Time Differences: The countries listed below have time differences with Dominican Republic as follows:

Country	Difference
Germany	+6
Argentina	-1
Belgium	+6
Brazil	+1
Chile	0
Canada (East)	0
Canada (Center)	-1
Canada (Pacific)	-3
Colombia	-1
United States (East)	0
United States (Center)	-1
United States (Mountain)	-2
United States (Pacific)	-3
Spain	+6
France	+6
Holland	+6
Italy	+6
Japan	+13
Russia (Moscow)	+8
United Kingdom	+5
Korea	+13
Taiwan	+12

Requirements for entering: do you need a visa or not? The answer will depend on your nationality: you can enter our country by paying 10 US Dollars for a tourist card, which is valid for a stay of up to 30 days (additional days would be paid for proportionally).

Tourists from Europe, USA and Canada are entitled to stay a maximum of 90 days without a visa, as long as they carry a valid passport and have paid for the tourist card upon arrival at international airports or seaports. There are certain nationalities that must apply for a visa and for that they can inquire directly with the Dominican consulate or a Dominican diplomatic mission in their country of origin. You can also find more information on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at www.mirex.gov.do

Traveling with pets: when traveling with your pet, you will have to present a certificate stating that it was vaccinated against rabies 30 days, or less, prior to arrival. You will also need the pet's health certificate issued within a time less than 15 days. Otherwise, you would have to leave your pet in quarantine from 8 to 30 days, which depends from the country of origin.



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Holidays

January 1: New Year's Day.

January 6: The Three Wise Men's Day.

January 21: Virgin of Grace ("Altagracia"), Day of our National Patron.

January 26: Birthday of Juan Pablo Duarte, founder of the Republic (January 26, 1813).

March – April: Good Friday, depending on the Christian religious calendar.

May 1: Labor Day.

June (3rd Thursday): Corpus Christi, catholic festivity.

August 16: National Restoration Day.



February 27: Independence Day (February 27, 1844).



September 24: Our Lady of Mercy ("de las Mercedes").

November 6: Constitution Day.

December 25: Christmas Day.

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The tour operators and their representatives wish your stay to be a pleasant experience so, when you travel back home, you will cherish the country's best image and the greatest memories of our people. Therefore, once you decided to participate in one excursion, we strongly suggest to visit the tour desk of your hotel and to purchase only from the ones offered by your representative. These are the best reasons to contract through your tour operator:

Guarantee

When you buy your excursion from the representative of your tour operator, you're guaranteed to receive the services you have hired.

If there is a cancellation or annulment of an excursion, your money will be refunded; if there is any inconvenient during the tour, the representative will be responsible for finding a solution.

Safety

Safety is an essential element to preserve the integrity of our visitors, both on the roads and in every activity on the country, until they reach their final destination.

The vehicles used, guides and services offered in each of the tours have the operating permits duly granted by the Ministry of Tourism of Dominican Republic. So, you have the assurance that

all services are provided with a trained and qualified staff.

In addition, receptive operators which are members of OPETUR are companies that, by law, have liability insurance to cover any incident that may arise. This is very important for you to feel secure during your stay, which will not happen when buying from an informal seller who wanders on the beach or around your hotel.

Trust your representative

The representative of the tour operator is also who represents the company, travel agent or wholesaler in the country you bought your holiday.

The travel agency or wholesaler in your country works directly and relies on the Dominican receptive operator, therefore the representative is the liaison and who you should trust him when buying excursions or simply to obtain the information you need.

Avoid being misled

Avoid any mistreat or unpleasant moments with a false agent or sales person roaming around the beaches and hotels and resorts. They do not have an official license, even though they have identification badges and offer to sell excursions. Avoid the "pirates" and avoid being deceived and lose money; hire only the services from a representative at the hotel's tour desk.



El consumo de alcohol perjudica la salud.



ROUTES



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BASEBALL



For all Dominicans, baseball equals passion. For being a fan of one of the six professional teams that participate in the Winter League, from October thru end of January, is just like a trade mark.

No matter the age, social class or genre, Dominicans have a favorite team. And they will never change their minds about their team, because baseball is the sport king and it always flows in the blood. It's the essence of Dominican culture.

There are several theories as of when was baseball introduced into the country, but only two are most likely true: the first one states that it started in Santo Domingo in 1891 with the arrival of Cuban brothers Ignacio and Ubaldo Alomá; and the second version confirms that the game of baseball was first played in 1886, in San Pedro de Macoris, also by Cubans that came to this town for some business issues in the sugar cane industry. There is a third theory that baseball was introduced by Americans during the military occupation in 1916; but, still remains unconfirmed.

The first baseball teams recorded in the archives were "Ozama" and "Nuevo Club"; until the year of 1907, when "Licey" was put together to compete against the first two teams, which both later disappeared.



By the year of 1923 was held the first official tournament with teams representing the cities of Santo Domingo, Santiago and San Pedro de Macoris. Later, in 1936, came the first national tournament played by traditional Dominican teams Licey, Escogido, Estrellas Orientales and Sandino, which became the Aguilas Cibaeñas.

The modern days of baseball came in 1955, during the era of dictator Trujillo, with the inauguration of Quisqueya Stadium (today, Juan Marichal Stadium), in Santo Domingo. The stadium was built to accommodate some 20,000 spectators and equipped with a modern illumination system for which the fans could enjoy the night games.



In the history of organized baseball there have been many outstanding Dominican players, including the only five time consecutive Gold Glove winner, the pitcher with more than 1,000 outings, a pitcher with 2,998 strikeouts and three CY Young awards and a player with 35 homeruns or more during 10 consecutive seasons.



We can mention some notable names of Dominican baseball player, such as Juan Marichal, the only baseball Hall of Fame inductee; Sammy Sosa, the only player ever in Major League Baseball with three seasons hitting 60 homeruns or more and fifth on the list of 600 homers or more; and Pedro Martinez, who has the merit of a 2.80 ERA (earned run average) in his career.

The names above mentioned can be complemented with dozens of other Dominican players that played their best days in Major Leagues: Felipe Rojas Alou, Tony Peña, George Bell, César Cedeño, and Ricardo

Carty are just a few of them. But, in the past few years hundreds of players have become stars of the game: Albert Pujols, Alex Rodríguez, David Ortiz ("The Big Papi"), Vladimir Guerrero, Robinson Canó, Aramis Ramírez and many others have made of Dominican Republic the country from Latin America with more players playing in organized baseball in United States.

Amongst the Caribbean countries participating in organizer baseball, Dominican Republic has been the most successful one in regional

tournaments or "Series del Caribe" (the Caribbean Baseball Series) playing against Puerto Rico, Venezuela and México, having won 18 crowns up-to-date.

In case you are visiting Dominican Republic and wish to attend one of the baseball games during the Winter League season you can access the site of "Liga Dominicana de Béisbol" (Dominican Baseball League) at www.lidom.com for all the information regarding game schedule, stadiums, and tickets. You may also visit the site of any of the teams participating:

www.licey.com
www.estrellasorientales.com.do
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The teams in professional baseball are:



Tigres del Licey
 Founded in 1910.
 City: San Pedro de Macorís.
 Stadium: Tetelo Vargas.

Founded in 1907.
 City: Santo Domingo.
 Stadium: Quisqueya.



Estrellas Orientales



Leones del Escogido

Founded in 1921.
 City: Santo Domingo.
 Stadium: Quisqueya.



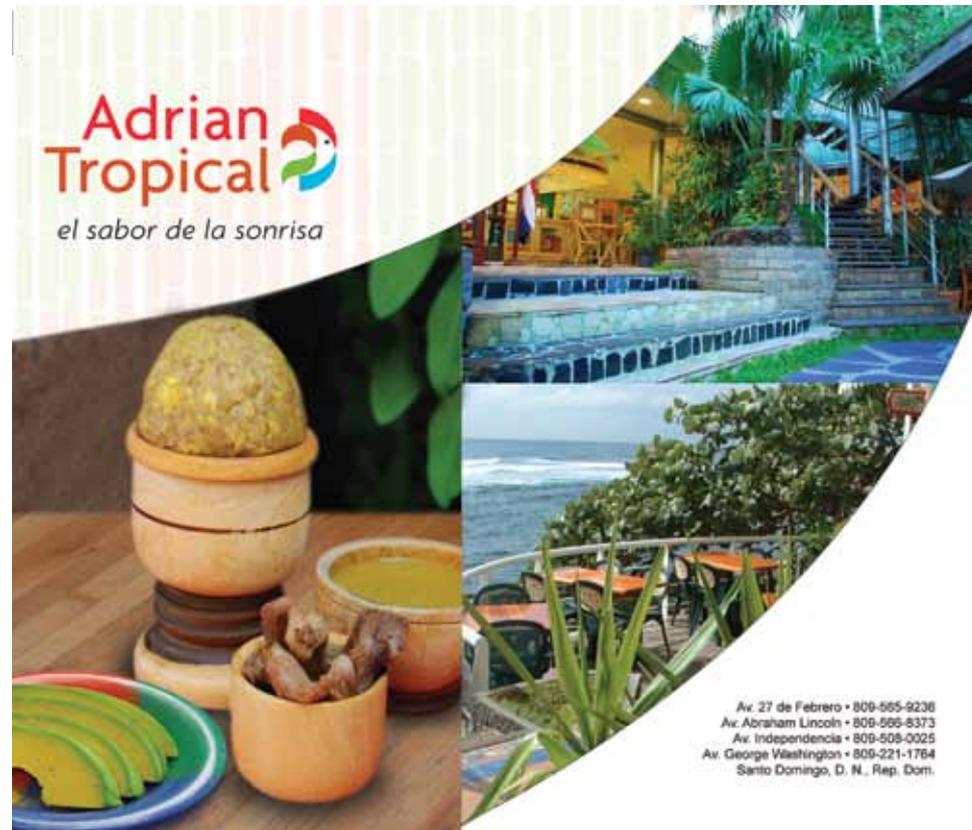
Founded in 1936.
 City: Santiago.
 Stadium: Estadio Cibao.



Founded in 1983.
 City: La Romana.
 Stadium: Francisco Micheli.



Founded in 1910.
 City: San Francisco de Macorís.
 Stadium: Julián Javier.



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DIVING



Dominican Republic is ranked as one of the Caribbean's top destinations for diving, and you really can't say less. The beauty and colors of our marine life, the crystalline waters and different sceneries to enjoy the underwater world of our Caribbean Sea are enough reasons for you to jump into your diving suit, grab all the equipment and dive straight into one of the choices we present you in our "routes for diving".

1 Santo Domingo and the south coast

The Dominican capital city offers a great option at the submarine national park "La Caleta", one of the continent's first site for diving and one of the country's best, with depths from 10 to 15 meters, with an area of 12 square kilometers that starts at the "Cueva de las Golondrinas" (or Cave of the Swallows) and extends all the way to Punta Caucedo.

"La Caleta" is a beautiful natural pool on the ocean, with a large variety of coral reefs and multicolored school of fishes, that homes a few sunken ships like the "Hickory", at 60 feet deep; other wreckages are "El Limón" and "Captain Alsina", about 100 feet; and "Don Quico", approximately 190 feet. Also, you will find many underwater sculptures from the Taino culture.



"Bahamas" is another option for you to dive into with depths that go from 60 to 120 feet; and its name comes from the beauty that reminds you of the Bahamas Islands. Also, there is a diving area called "Las siete matas de coco" ("The seven coconut trees"), which refers to the reflections on the water from the palms of seven coconut trees.

In Boca Chica are two great places for diving: the wreck of "El Catuán", at

60 feet of depth and a natural marine mountain shape coral reef named "Barracuda", a habitat for barracudas and other species.

In the Juan Dolio shores you may find the wreck of the ship "Tanya V".

2 La Romana & Bayahibe

Bayahibe is nearby La Romana and offers a magnificent marine life in which "Saint George", a 266-foot long wreck, is the star attraction, and also featuring bar-



racudas, morays, groupers and other species. You may dive in and out of the submarine cave "Cueva del Padre Nuestro".

In the surroundings of the cay "La Catalinita" there is a fantastic zone called "La Pared" (The Wall), with diving options from 15 to 140 feet in depth. At the Catalina Island there is a diving area called "El Acuario" that homes very strange species of sea horse, the famous lion fish and a rare colorful "frog" fish, very hard to find in other diving spots.

Saona Island is the final stop in the route for diving where multicolored reefs and the wreckage "Captain Kidd", not long ago discovered 20 feet deep and with its twenty war canons, are the best sites for you to dive.

3 North coast: from Samaná to Montecristi

In the Samaná peninsula, and most specific in Las Galeras, there is a famous place where only experts dive: "Cabo Cabrón". Depth

reaches 120 feet with large coral reefs and rock formation known as "Las tres puertas" (The three doors) y "La Piedra" (The stone), with stunning views and a very intense marine life.

"Las tres ballenas" (The three whales) are three rocks that dives 20 feet deep in the Portillo area; and "El Frontón", is another choice that suits perfectly well for snorkel and beginners in diving.

You will discover "Bahoba del Piñal" nearby Nagua, and a complete variety of marine species and caves, like "Lily" and "Cueva Anguila" (Eel Cave), and both in very shallow waters.

In Sosúa, closer to Puerto Plata, you should enjoy of "El Canal", a beach very suitable for snorkeling and the spectacle by colorful fish and coral reefs.

The northwest region, specifically in Montecristi, is filled of colorful reefs; however the best part of it, and not to be missed, is Punta Rucia and Cayo Arena: over 20 wreckages, including one

from the Spanish Fleet, sunk in 1563.

4 Southwest: from San Cristóbal, and farther to the West

"Las Chapas" it's a great diving spot at the beach of Najayo, near San Cristobal, with submarine channels that go from 40 to 120 feet in depth, plus the stunning reefs.

There are several options in Azua, Bani and mostly Barahona with great and wonderful spots; however, you won't regret going farther west

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Most of the resorts offer diving packages and guided tours. We strongly suggest you ask your tour operator representative upon arrival.

and reach Pedernales, one of the most beautiful sites and excellent for divers.

The spectacular beaches of "Cabo Rojo" and "Bahia de las Aguilas" will be at your feet to exhibit the captivating watercolors and their marine life: the perfect stage for a perfect dive.

Another beach with wonderful diving scenes is at "Cabo Falso", but it is only recommended for expert divers due to its strong underwater current. If you are a pro diver, we dare you to come and explore the option which offers you a

very attractive variety of caves.

These waters of the southwest also propose the crystalline waters of the Beata Island, and a place called "Los Frailes" (The Friars), formed by white rocks rising from the ocean's bottom as a haven for large size fish. Finally "AltoVelo", a small island with very active marine life in its surrounding shores, but also it's only for experts.

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COCOA



Dominican Republic is one of the leading countries in the production and exportation of cocoa, mainly the organic type of cocoa, which of top quality and special features such as aroma, texture and flavor.

In our territory there are more than 389,146 acres planted with cocoa, divided into five planting regions, some of which we invite you to visit through the Route of Cocoa.

1 Northeastern region "The path of cocoa"

This is the main producing area, some 120 thousand acres, in Dominican Republic, which generates 61 percent of the country's total exports of cocoa. You will learn about the origins, the process of planting and harvest, the preparation of various byproducts; you can also try chocolates (in drinks or bars), among other activities.

By contacting the organization Choco Club, you can walk thru the "path of cocoa" at the Hacienda Esmeralda, in the province of San Francisco de Macorís, owned by the Rizek Group, one of the leading producers and marketers of organic cocoa. Here you can walk through forests of cocoa, you may plant a tree, enjoy a delicious typical lunch accompanied by chocolates, among other attractions as part of the program.

2 Eastern Region "The route of chocolate"

This region generates 13 percent of the annual cocoa production in the country. They have organized the "Chocolate Trail" in the town of Los Botados, province of El Seibo, developed by the union of cocoa-farmers which, in addition to farming, has created this tourist route with support and supervision of the official sector.

You will visit an organic cocoa plantation where you

will receive plenty of information on the process of making chocolate, including how cocoa is planted, grown, cut, fermented and dried, and the steps for preparing a homemade jam, wines and other products by peasant families in that area.

At the end of the tour, enjoy a delicious lunch in a dining room decorated with typical elements of Dominican culture. You can also purchase various crafts from the gift shop, relax on a hammock and observe a typical kitchen on display and, if so desired, you can stay in one of the ecological cabins.

3 Seibo Province "Chocolate tour"

It's an interesting route for discovering the origin of chocolate, explore the local culture and enjoy the rich products of this fruit in the areas of Hato Mayor and the community of Vicen-



In this excursion, the cocoa production process, post-harvest management and social-environmental impact of its crop are part of the attractions, as well as enjoying lunch, tasting of chocolate and cocoa liquor.

tillo, the provinces of Hato Mayor del Rey and El Seibo, respectively, both on the east.

Part of the experience includes understanding the taste and aroma transformation of cocoa beans, enjoying a typical lunch prepared by local women of the community and various handmade products.

Accompanied by local guides you will walk through farms in the cocoa block #3, until you reach the community of Yabón, in Vicentillo, to take a glance on the pro-

duction process of marmalade and wine made of chocolate; also, you can buy some Dominican chocolate bars and crafts.

4 Central region "The route of cocoa"

In the central region of the country, 10 percent of the cocoa is harvested and it is there where you can participate in an agro-tourism journey that takes place on the farms of Rancho Santa Ana and El Dajao, in the municipality of Yamasá, province of Monte Plata.

This tour is sponsored by the "Bloque Cacaotalero" which unites the producers of the zone and with a sole purpose to promote the tour of the "brown gold": cocoa.

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COFFEE



Since the XVIII century, when it was brought to the island of Hispaniola, coffee has been an essential part of the Dominican culture, from the development of different techniques of production to the way it is brewed and how Dominicans enjoy this invigorating drink, whose taste and aroma have surpassed way beyond our frontiers to be highly recognized in the international market.

The farming of coffee requires special ecological characteristics such as height, humidity and rainfall, to achieve a product of unparalleled quality and that is mostly organic. Because of these factors, the main plantations are located on the North, Central and Eastern mountain ranges, and on the mountains of Bahoruco and Neiba as well. On a smaller scale, there are some plantations in Samaná and Yamasá.

Here are the following tours so that you know everything about the fascinating culture of Dominican coffee.

1 Route of Jamao (province of Salcedo)

The community of Jamao is a rugged, cool climate and a very nice environment. Here you could reach the coffee plantations and learn the traditional techniques for



threshing and grinding the grain, as well as taste it in a typical rural home. Here you can participate in three pathways, which are: El Cafetal (The Coffee Plantation), La Confluencia (The Confluence) and La Cueva de los Caños (The Cave of the Sewers), where guides will instruct you all about coffee

2 Route of Atabey (in Bonao, province of Monseñor Nouel)

It lies between the mountains of the region of Bonao, approximately 950 meters of altitude and with very pleasant temperature. There are three interesting choices, very different in terms of



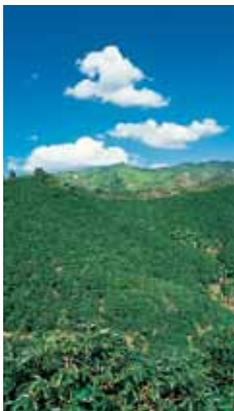
vegetation, landscape, access and time: and these are the ecological trail El Higo, El Cafetal and the scenic pathway The Candongo, allowing you to penetrate between the crops and savor of one of the best tasting coffees.

3 “La Cumbre” or “La Mansión del Café”, ecological park (province of Puerto Plata)

It's a route that combines history and culture, where you will enjoy the coffee plantations in the area, which is the stronghold of a farm with buildings from the early twentieth century and a mansion belonging to the dictator Rafael Leonidas Trujillo. It is located in the tourist route Santiago-Puerto Plata on the Northern mountain range. The tour ends with a tasting of a good organic coffee.

4 Route of Polo (province of Barahona)

In the town of Polo,



nestled in a valley on the range of “Sierra de Bahoruco”, the country produces a high quality coffee. There is a large agro-tourism project of well-developed organic coffee located between the towns of Polo and Paraiso, on the southwestern province of Barahona.

5 Route of coffee (province of Samaná)

In the foothills of the “Sierra de Samaná”, specifically in the community of El Limon, you can walk along the coffee plantations and learn about the process used to obtain the powder that we know and the delicious beverage we taste. As part of this option you will visit the Salto del Limón, a waterfall that ends in a natural pool, in addition to traditional food and local guides who will lead you along the way on horse-back riding.

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CARNIVALS



In Dominican culture, a carnival is the most popular type of celebration, the most cheerful and colorful festivity of our people.

Usually, each year these celebrations begin in the month of February, which is popularly called “carnival month”, with traditional parades taking place in all major cities each Sunday of the month. The country is wrapped in one colorful and multitudinous event in which the main characters and groups from different provinces come together and join those from the capital city, organized in dozens of spectacular carriages.

The disguise is one of the flashy features in the carnival since it usually resembles the devil or a “demon” by using an outfit with a bizarre design and brilliant colors; but it may vary according to the province where celebrated. The accessories always have religious implications and include cape artistically well elaborated, tiny round-mirrors, cowbells, and other little details.

The mask is another important feature in the carnival's costume, always created in large size and enormous horns. What complements the outfit is the “foete” (a balloon made of cow skin) which the “diablos” (demons) use to whip the spectators they find on the way or to those who mock at them.

Because of the rhythms, movements, colors and uproars in all carnival festivities, the music is definitely essential. You will listen the tunes of our music, the “me-



rengue”, on the streets with tunes, like “Baila en la calle” (Dancing on the street), “Güerembé”, “Esto se encendió” (This caught fire), “Bamboula”, “Carnaval para gozar” (A carnival to enjoy), which have become popular hymns in each carnival.

The characters are not the sole stars of the show: there also are the carriages on parade and the groups that depict part of the Dominican culture and that march and dance alongside.

The main carnival celebrations around the country are the following:

1 Santo Domingo

The dates for the carnival in Santo Domingo vary from last Sunday in February to first in March. Floats and masquerades march all along the George Washington Avenue, or “el malecon”, as it is commonly known the boulevard boarding the Caribbean Sea.

The main characters are:

“El diablo cojuelo” (The demon ‘cojuelo’), the star of the carnival who wears a very colorful outfit covered with tiny rounded mirrors, small bells, cowbells and ribbons that ridicules the medieval lords and he cover his face with a long-horned mask and parades thru many neighborhoods scaring people off with his whip.

“Roba la gallina” (Steal



the hen), this character disguises with large fake breasts and buttocks and goes begging for his little chicks, which is actually represented by the youngsters that follow the character.

“Se me muere Rebeca” (My Rebeca is dying), represents a desperate mother shouting that her daughter is very ill, begs for candies for her daughter but in the end she give them away among the children.

“Califé”, it represents a poet dressed up in a black tuxedo and who criticizes politicians using his poems.

“La muerte en Jeep” (Death on a Jeep), is represented by a skull who wears a mask and marches alongside with the demons “cojuelo”.

“Los indios” (The Indians), these imitate the first inhabitants on the island wearing feathers, arches and spears.

“Los africanos o tiznaos” (The Africans or the smudges), are characters stained with black carbon and burned car oil as way to imitate the African slaves.

2 La Vega

It is one of the oldest carnival celebrations and the most popular too. The

KARNEVAL

FEBRUARY:

Bonao
Cotuí
La Vega
Montecristi
San Cristóbal
San Juan de la Maguana
Santiago

FEBRUARY-MARCH:

Santo Domingo

MARCH:

Azua
Salcedo
Puerto Plata

MARCH-APRIL:

Cabral
Elías Piña

SEPTEMBER:

San Pedro de Macorís

For more details and up-to-date information about carnivals in Dominican Republic, please go to www.carnaval.com.do

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main characters are “Los broncos” and “Las fieras”. You may visit its website at www.carnalvegano.com

3 Santiago

This is an important festivity with expressions that portray the differences in the society of Santiago, especially in La Joya and Los Pepines, where groups like “Los lechones” and “Los pepines” were created.

4 Bonao

The carnival is the most important festivity on town, one-of-a-kind parade rich in creativity and individuality. The best groups represented are “Los charamicos” and “Los caraduras”.

5 Cotuí

This carnival portrays many colorful characters, like “El hombre medioldía”, “La litera”, “El muerto con su perplejía”, “La culebra y sus siete pecados”, “La muerte en zancos”, “El general Cocotico” and many others. However, the most outstanding is “Los platanuses”, which has inspired the birth of a new group, now called “Los papeluses”.

6 Montecristi

The carnival celebration is crowned with groups like “Toros” (Bulls) and “Civiles” (Civilians), two groups that face-off their fight at the city’s cemetery.

7 Azua

It is one of the country’s oldest celebrations where the indigenous motifs mix with other characters from fiction and fantasy. This carnival has become very popular because it also commemorates the battle of March 19th (year 1844).

8 Salcedo

This carnival is very rich in



characters and where crepe papers with bright colors are the features that identify the costumes for “Los macaraos”, the most symbolic group during the festivity.

9 Puerto Plata

“Los taimáscaros” dress up with an outfit filled with semi-indigenous symbols. Over their pants hang snail conches that represent the union between the people of Puerto Plata with the ocean, whilst on their sleeves they carry the “mysterious handkerchiefs”, a detail from African culture.

10 San Cristóbal

The groups “Los diablos cojuelos” and “Los africanos”, adorned with multicolored outfits, concur in this southern province, along with “Los indios”, “Los galeros”, “Las 21 divisiones”, “El califé”, “Los roba la gallina”, and many more.

11 San Juan de la Maguana

There is well defined mark of African culture on the variety of masks in this celebration; such is the case of “Las Tifúas” and one known as “Cocoricamo”. You may get a glimpse of it on the way out from San Juan de la Maguana to Las Matas de Farfán, a vilLocation nearby.

12 Cabral

Here, the members of the popular group “Las Cachúas”, because of their horns, wear a very beautiful and colorful mask where they do not use paint and use colored paper instead. They can also be identified by their long head of hair.

13 Elías Piña

Every year on Good Friday, “Las máscaras del diablo” (The devil’s masks) are out on the streets all dressed-up as females and with their “foetes” (or balloons made up of cow skin). The parade winds up on Easter Saturday with a “gaga dance”.

14 San Pedro de Macorís

The main character in the carnival is the presence of the “Guloyas”, a group resembling the black immigrants from neighboring English speaking Caribbean islands who settled down in this city and owners of a type of music and dance with lots of rhythm.

SHOPPING



No matter if it's to giveaway to a relative or a friend, or if you're buying for your own sake, any product or gift you're seeking for you will find it in one these great options:

1 Santo Domingo

NAME	TYPE	ADDRESS
Acrópolis Center	Commercial Centre	Ave. Winston Churchill
Americana Departamentos	Department store	Ave. John F. Kennedy
Blue Mall	Commercial Centre	Ave. Winston Churchill
Bella Vista Mall	Commercial Centre	Ave. Sarasota
Calle El Conde	Pedestrian street with shops	Ciudad Colonial
Carrefour	Department store	Aut. Duarte Km. 10 1/2
Ikea	Department store	Ave. John F. Kennedy
Jumbo	Commercial Centre	Ave. Luperón
Megacentro	Commercial Centre	Carretera Mella
Mercado Modelo	Shops with local crafts	Ave. Mella
Multicentro Churchill	Commercial Centre	Ave. Winston Churchill
Novocentro	Commercial Centre	Ave. Lope de Vega
Plaza Central	Commercial Centre	Ave. 27 de Febrero
Plaza Lama	Department store	Ave. 27 de Febrero

2 Santiago

NAME	TYPE	ADDRESS
Colinas Mall	Commercial Centre	Ave. 27 de Febrero
Centro Cuesta Nacional	Various shops	Ave. Estrella Sadhalá
La Sirena	Department store	Calle Del Sol
Jumbo	Commercial Centre	Ave. 27 de Febrero
Plaza Haché	Department store	Ave. Estrella Sadhalá
Bella Terra Mall	Commercial Centre	Ave. Juan Pablo Duarte



3 Puerto Plata

NAME	TYPE	ADDRESS
La Sirena	Department store	Ave. Malecón
Playa Dorada Plaza	Various shops	Playa Dorada
Plaza Turisol	Various shops	Ave. Gregorio Luperón

4 Bávaro & Punta Cana

NAME	TYPE	ADDRESS
Palma Real Shopping	Commercial Centre	Carretera El Cortecito
Plaza Bávaro	Commercial Centre	Bávaro
Centro Las Canas	Commercial Centre	Cap Cana
La Marina	Various shops	Cap Cana

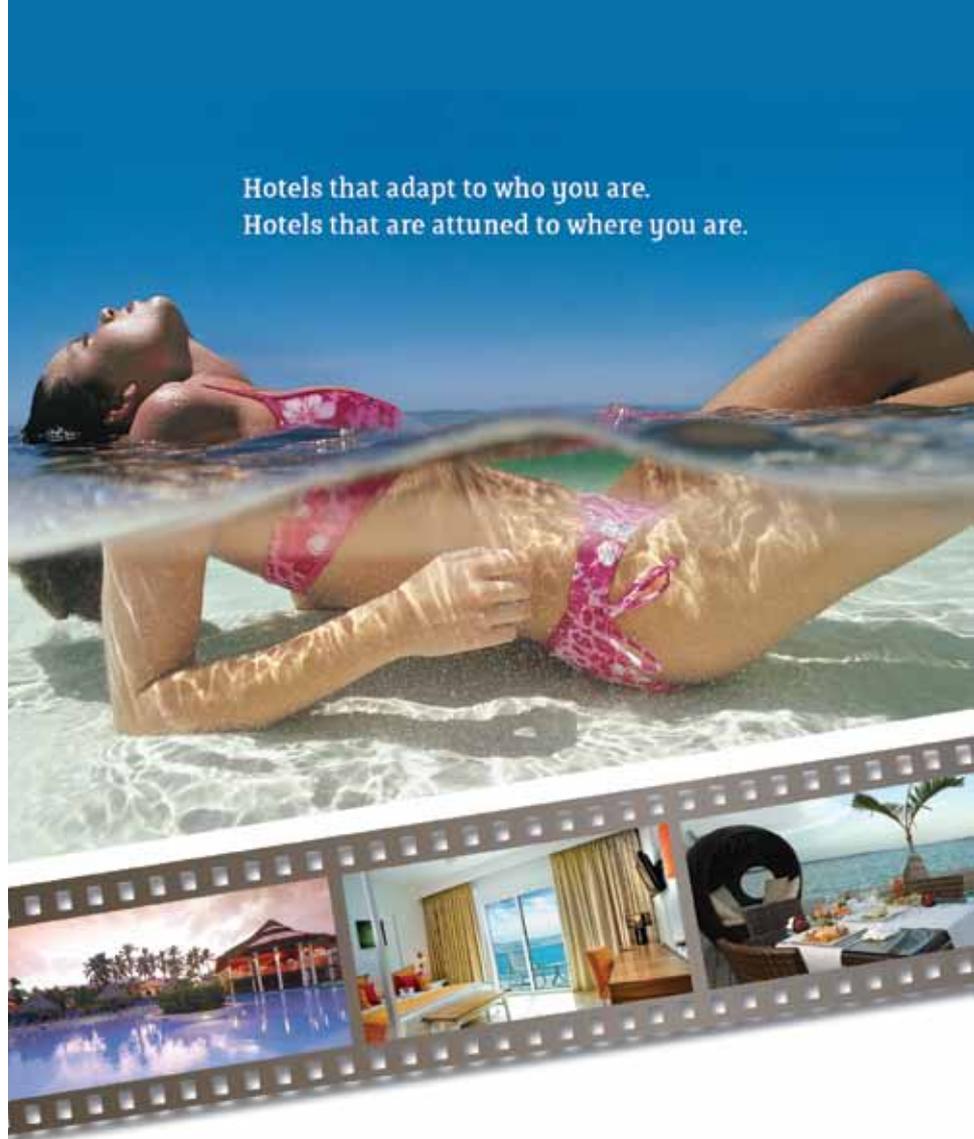


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5 La Romana/Bayahibe

NAME	TYPE	ADDRESS
Gina Bambú	Shops with local crafts	Entrada La Romana
Jumbo	Commercial Centre	Ave. Libertad
La Marina	Various shops	Casa de Campo



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ECO-TOURISM



Dominican Republic has a rich heritage of great value in eco-tourism which no other in the Caribbean can compare to, making it the ultimate scenario for ecotourism and adventure in the region: the highest elevation at Duarte's Peak and the lowest point at Lake Enriquillo, both compared to sea level.

The stunning natural wealth expressed in a thousand ways on our geography is divided into nine ecological zones or scientific reserves and fourteen national parks declared as protected areas, which occupy 18 per cent of the territory.

Therefore, ecotourism lovers will find on our island an array of exciting options and we invite you to enjoy ecotourism in the following route:

1 Eco-adventures

Dominican Republic is one of the few countries in the Caribbean with nine ecological areas. Such natural diversity plays an important role because it constitutes the perfect scenery to enjoy the exciting and extraordinary world of adventure and eco-tourism.

In the entire Caribbean region, Dominican Republic holds records for the highest peak and the lowest point below sea level: Duarte Peak stands tall 3,187 meters in the Central



Mountain range whilst Lake Enriquillo sits 42 meters below sea level, which makes it a lake with very high level of salinity.

In both, on the plains and on the mountains, there is a great variety of zones where nature speaks for itself in different ways, sometimes in extreme ways; from exuberant tropical forests to desert lands. Each zone offers the possibility to practice different eco-tourist activities and adventures that will bring the chills to anyone.

Once you make up your mind and visit our country on vacation and for ecotourism, don't miss out visiting mountain destinations

Jarabacoa and Constanza and you can go horseback riding, river rafting, or trekking; or maybe you'd wish exploring unspoiled beaches, geological depressions, lagoons, sand dunes and desert zones in the areas of Pedernales, Bahoruco, Bani, Azua and Barahona; or other great destinations for diving, windsurfing, kite-boarding, jeep safaris, waterfalls and for watching humpback whales, such as the coasts of Puerto Plata, Cabarete and Samaná.

2 Flora and fauna

If you love Mother Nature then you should be aware that the country's flora and fauna is immensely rich in genus and species.

The Dominican flora counts over five thousand plants; many are endemic species and others you may only find here in Dominican Republic. Some of the endemic plants include the royal palm and the pine tree: and amongst the native plants are tobacco, pineapple or ananas, oak tree, corn, and many others.



Instead, our fauna stands out for being the one with larger diversity in all of the Antilles. There are 254 bird species, and twenty two of them are endangered species; 1,411 species of reptiles, such as the American alligator, the Ricord iguana, the Solenodon and "jutia" type of iguanas, also endangered species; over 60 types of amphibians and mammals, like the Antillean manatee and the humpback whale.

You may find more information about Dominican flora and fauna at www.quisqueyavirtual.edu.do

3 Mountaineering

Dominican Republic is the

second largest island in the Caribbean, and along with its three mountain ranges (Central, Oriental and Northern) and five sierras (Neyba, Bahoruco, Martín García, Yamasá and Samaná) offers many choices for a great adventure, besides the stunning landscapes.

For instance, one of the sites is the beach of "El Frontón", a wonderful venue for wall climbing and which is easy to reach by boat from Las Galeras, in Samaná, north-east side of the island. Those wall climbers must hire a boat for a ride to and from the site.

The climbing to Duarte's Peak, the highest eleva-

tion in the Caribbean, is the longing of anyone young at heart and adventurous and a place where the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources has built a few roadhouses for those who need to camp out on the way to the summit.

And for those seeking a softer option to climb, the valley of "El Tetero" is a jewel that crowns the Central Mountain Range, where many crystalline water streams flow down and through the woods to remind you are in a Caribbean paradise.

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GOLF



Dominican Republic has become the number one golf destination in the region, no matter if you are a beginner or a pro. Over 20 professional golf courses, lots of them are ocean front and with beautiful coconut and palm trees, designed by great legends of the game, such as Pete Dye, Jack Nicklaus, Robert Trent Jones Sr., Gary Player, Tom Fazio, Nick Faldo, Nick Price and Greg Norman.

In all of the Caribbean, there is no other destination that offers that many options than Dominican Republic; and you, as our guest, have no need to worry to bring along your clubs, or if you still don't know how to play the game: each course offers the possibility to rent the clubs at reasonable prices and the golf pros for a quick lesson.



1 Santo Domingo

Las Lagunas Golf Club

Holes: 18
Yardage: 6.726 yards
Par: 72
Opened: 1989
Architect: Pete Dye & Jack Corrie
Location: Autop. Duarte Km. 20
Phone: 809-372-7441
www.laslagunas.com.do

Description: the name speaks for itself, a course surrounded by various lagoons and lush vegetation at merely 15 minutes from the heart of Santo Domingo. The finishing nine holes are just spectacular and

you'll surely feel the pressure when playing some of them.

Naco Golf & Country Club

Holes: 18
Yardage: 7180 Yards
Par: 72
Opened: 2011
Architect: Carlos Grullón & Ricardo Orellana
Location: Autopista Las Américas, Km. 27
Phone: 809-565-6602
Ext. 268
www.nacogolf.com

Description: the first nine holes are under construction and should be ready by late 2011, and the complete 18-hole course by 2013,

along with a real estate development and tourist villas.

Guavaberry Golf & Country Club

Holes: 18
Yardage: 7156 Yards
Par: 72
Opened: 2002
Architect: Gary Player / Warren Henderson
Location: Autovía del Este Km.55, Juan Dolio
Phone: 809-333-4653
www.guavaberrygolf.com

Description: Gary Player just did a marvelous job by integrating his design to the natural resources in Juan Dolio. The signature



hole 13, with its beautiful waterfall, and the finishing three holes were created to demand all the best of your game.

► Los Marlins Golf Course

Holes: 18
Yardage: 6396 Yards
Par: 72
Opened: 1995
Architect: Charles F. Ankrom
Location: Metro Country Club, Boulevard de Juan Dolio
Phone: 809-526-1200
www.groupmetro.com

Description: from beginners to pros, this course suits them all. Although the total yardage is not a factor, the roughs are tough and some fairways are quite narrow. 4th hole, its signature hole, is a 193-yard difficult par 3 with "out-of-bounds" to both sides of the very small green guarded by bunkers.

► Costa Blanca Golf Course

Holes: 18
Yardage: 7100 Yards
Par: 72
Opened: 2012
Architect: Greg Norman
Location: Boulevard Juan Dolio

Phone: 809-566-8645
www.costablanca.com.do

Description: it's the newest course in the Juan Dolio area, and it comes under the signature of Greg Norman (The Shark) for the Costa Blanca tourist resort. The course will stage 8 holes bordering the Caribbean Sea.

2 La Romana – Bayahibe

► Diente de Perro (Teeth of the Dog)

Holes: 18
Yardage: 6888 Yards
Par: 72
Opened: 1971
Architect: Pete Dye
Location: Casa de Campo, La Romana
Phone: 809-523-8115
www.casadecampo.com.do

Description: one of Dominican Republic's big favorite, probably because of its world famous 5th Hole-par 3 set ocean front, where the wind and the typical Pete Dye's small green make it one of the toughest to play. Golf Magazine, on the September 2009 edition, ranked the course on posi-

tion #8 on the top 50 courses of the past 50 years.

► The Links

Holes: 18
Yardage: 6650 Yards
Par: 71
Opened: 1975
Architect: Pete Dye
Location: Casa de Campo, La Romana
Phone: 809-523-8115
www.casadecampo.com.do

Description: it's one short course in which Pete Dye protected the greens with bunkers and its design resembles the Scottish style of courses, with soft hills and undulating fairways to toughen your second shots with difficult stands. Also,

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the Pete Dye's style, the greens are very small.

► Dye Fore

Holes: 18
Yardage: 7770 Yards
Par: 72
Opened: 2005
Architect: Pete Dye
Location: Casa de Campo, La Romana
Phone: 809-523-8115
www.casadecampo.com.do

Description: set on the cliffs overlooking the Chavon River, the altitude of this course brings the wind into play and it is a key factor to your game, without having mentioned the 7,770 yards that makes it one of the longest courses. The views are simple amazing and holes 12th and 15th are worth remembering.

► La Estancia Golf Club

Holes: 18
Yardage: 7382 Yards
Par: 72

Opened: 2008
Architect: P. B. Dye
Location: El Limón, La Romana
Phone: 809-689-7027
www.legr.com

Description: Architect P.B. Dye has used the natural resources from an uneven landscape to create a majestic golf course at La Estancia. There are no "gimmes", no easy holes: with some few exceptions, the greens are undulating with many breaks and Dye chose to use the grass instead of traditional sand bunkers around them.

3 Bávaro – Punta Cana

► Punta Espada

Holes: 18
Yardage: 7396 Yards
Par: 72
Opened: 2006
Architect: Jack Nicklaus
Location: Cap Cana, Punta Cana

Phone: 809-227-2262
www.capcana.com

Description: this is the first one designed by Jack Nicklaus which has been the stage to several PGA Champions Tour tournaments. According to Planet Golf this is ranked #46 amongst the 100-best courses outside United States, and the country's second best in which several holes are played along the ocean or over the water, like the 17th and par 3 signature hole 13th.

► Las Iguanas

Holes: 18
Yardage: 7200 Yards
Par: 72
Opened: 2010
Architect: Jack Nicklaus
Location: Cap Cana, Punta Cana
Phone: 809-227-2262
www.capcana.com

Description: the second design by Jack Nicklaus, with 14 holes that must be played along the shores and the wind is an enemy of your game.

► La Cana Golf Club

Holes: 18
Yardage: 7152 Yards
Par: 72
Opened: 2001
Architect: P. B. Dye
Location: Punta Cana
Phone: 809-959-4653
www.puntacana.com

Description: beautiful course, but quite challenging too! Four holes are ocean front, and number 7 has been named as "the player's purgatory"; it's a dogleg to the left with an elevated green sitting oceanfront and protected by several bunkers. The par 3 hole #12 is also known as "the green island" and it resembles the famous 17th hole at TPC Sawgrass.

► Los Corales

Holes: 18
Yardage: 7555 Yards
Par: 72
Opened: 2009
Architect: Tom Fazio
Location: Punta Cana
Phone: 809-959-2262 Ext. 3340
www.puntacana.com

Description: architect Tom Fazio's designed has nothing to envy any of the top courses around the world. Seven ocean front holes are played from the cliffs and over the water; the green on hole #7, a par 5, sits close to the ocean and with the wind against the shot; par 3, 17th, has to be played very close to the cliffs and the second shot from the fairway on final 18th hole, a par 4, has to carry or fly over the bay to reach the green.

► Catalonia Caribe Golf Club

Holes: 18
Yardage: 7360 Yards
Par: 72
Opened: 2004
Architect: Alberto Solá
Location: Cabeza de Toro, Punta Cana
Phone: 809-321-7058
www.hoteles-catalonia.com

Description: design just "links" style, with narrow fairways and the lakes become major obstacles all along the course.

► Club de Golf Cabeza de Toro

Holes: 9
Yardage: 2860 Yards
Par: 35
Opened: 2000
Architect: Alberto Solá
Location: Cabeza de Toro, Punta Cana
Phone: 809-412-0000 Ext. 7002
www.hoteles-catalonia.com

Description: lakes and lush trees define this short course.

► Barceló Golf de Bávaro

Holes: 18
Yardage: 6710 Yards
Par: 72
Opened: 1991
Architect: Juan Ml. Gordillo
Rediseño: P. B. Dye, 2010
Location: Bávaro, Punta Cana
Phone: 809-686-5797 Ext. 1835 & 1859
www.barcelo.com

Description: it has been recently re-designed by

P.B. Dye, and some extra yardage has been added to make it more challenging.

► Cocotal Golf & Country Club

Holes: 27
Yardage: 7183 Yards
Par: 72
Opened: 2000
Architect: José "Pepe" Gancedo
Location: Bávaro, Punta Cana
Phone: 809-687-4653



www.cocotalgolf.com

Description: this 27-hole professional golf course has wide fairways, but the wind is really a factor to test your skills in the game. The finishing holes 16th, 17th and 18th are the toughest.

► Iberostate Bávaro Golf Club

Holes: 18
Yardage: 6950 Yards
Par: 72
Opened: 2010
Architect: P. B. Dye
Location: Arena Gorda, Punta Cana
Phone: 809-221-6500 Ext. 1685
www.iberostate.com

Description: one of the country's newest golf courses, where P.B. Dye combined the verdant landscape with the natural rocks of the area.

► Cana Bay Palace

Holes: 18 Yardage: 7294 Yards
Par: 72
Opened: 2010
Architect: Jack Nicklaus & Mark Meiker
Location: Arena Gorda, Punta Cana
Phone: 809-635-1836
www.palaceresorts.com

Description: this is Jack Nicklaus' third design in the country, in which he respects the ecological balance of the region.

► Punta Blanca

Holes: 18
Yardage: 7174 Yards
Par: 72
Opened: 2007
Architect: Nick Price
Location: Arena Gorda, Punta Cana
Phone: 809-468-4734
www.punta-blanca.com

Description: Nick Price designed this course where the greens are undulated and surrounded by lush vegetations and natural lakes. Always keep in mind holes 13th and 15th, both par 3.

► White Sands

Holes: 18
Yardage: 6970 Yards
Par: 72
Opened: 2005
Architect: José "Pepe" Gancedo
Location: Arena Gorda, Punta Cana
Phone: 809-562-6266
www.whitesands.com.do

Description: Gancedo was able to maintain the natural landscape of the terrain, but with a defined variation in his style of the greens. The back nine holes border the White Sands residential



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area, and each area is clearly different.

► The Faldo Legacy Course

Holes: 18
Yardage: 7073 Yards
Par: 72

Opened: 2008
Architect: Nick Faldo
Location: Macao, Punta Cana
Phone: 809-731-2824
www.rocoki.com

Description: this course combines the strategic golf game with the de-

Opened: 1976
Architect: Robert Trent Jones Sr.
Location: Playa Dorada, Puerto Plata
Phone: 809-320-3472
www.playadoradagolf.com

Description: it stands out for the spectacular views of the hill Isabel de Torres, south of the course. Oak trees, sea grapes, almond and coconut trees, giant "cayenas" and the majestic flamboyant trees are everywhere in this course.

ble Beach Caribbean". The architect encrusted the course between the waves and the hills to provide a spectacular view of the ocean.

5 Santiago & Jarabacoa

► Las Aromas-Santiago Golf Club

Holes: 18
Yardage: 6001 Yards
Par: 70
Opened: 1978
Architect: Pete Dye
Location: Bella Vista, Santiago
Phone: 809-626-1288

Description: located between the hills of the Cibao Valley and the river Yaque del Norte. Pete Dye's design includes great inclinations on an uneven terrain, with elevated tees and greens. Although this is a short course in terms of yardage, the fairways are very narrow and typical Dye's small greens, and the slope 135 makes it one of the country's toughest courses to play.



lightful sceneries of the ocean, the beach, the mangroves and the hills of Macao. The challenges are too many: par 3- hole 17th has already been compared to number 7 at Pebble Beach. Faldo's design includes a dramatic ending with the shots on 18th must be performed over two covers to reach the swaying green.

4 Puerto Plata

► Playa Dorada Golf Course

Holes: 18
Yardage: 6990 Yards
Par: 72

► Playa Grande Golf Course

Holes: 18
Yardage: 7090 Yards
Par: 72
Opened: 1997
Architect: Robert Trent Jones Sr.
Location: Playa Grande, María Trinidad Sánchez
Phone: 809-582-0860
www.pgresorts.com

Description: it was Robert Trent Jones Sr. last design, and it was considered a masterpiece for the visual mix between the Atlantic Ocean, lush forests, and tall palm trees. It has also been called the "Peb-

► Jarabacoa Golf Club

Holes: 9 Yardage: 2911 Yards
Par: 36
Opened: 1978
Architect: Luis de Pool-Location: Quintas de Primavera, Jarabacoa, La Vega
Phone: 809-782-9883

Description: this is the only golf course located on a mountain tourist destination, amidst the pine trees. It's part of "Quintas de Primavera", a residential development, outside of Jarabacoa.



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MUSEUMS



Many options of museums with artworks, objects and documents of great historical value from different times of this nation, in which some portray the lifestyle of the aborigines, the legacy of the Spanish settlers, Africans slaves and other cultures. In all of the Caribbean, Dominican Republic offers more options in museums, and you may select one of the following:

1 Santo Domingo

National Museum of History & Geography

The preservation, investigation and exhibition of the historic heritage and about our national geography.

Address: Plaza de la Cultura.
Phone: 809-686-6668

Museum of the Dominican Man

this is all about pre-Columbus archaeology, anthropology, and national ethnology.

Address: Plaza de la Cultura.
Phone: 809-687-3622

Modern Art Museum

The Works in modern arts from famous Dominican artists.

Address: Plaza de la Cultura.
Phone: 809-685-2154

National Museum of Natural History

The preservation, exhibi-



tion and diffusion of our national natural heritage.

Address: Plaza de la Cultura.
Phone: 808-689-0106

Museum of the Royal Houses

A museum with history, art, archaeology and colonial ceramics from the period between 1496 and 1844.

Address: Las Damas / Mercedes, Colonial Town.
Phone: 809-682-4202

"Casa del Tostado" or Museum of 19th Century Dominican Family

Preservation, exhibition and diffusion of art heritage and decorative arts from 19th century, and early 20th century.

Address: Arzobispo Meriño /

Padre Billini, Colonial Town.
Phone: 809-689-5000

The "Alcazar de Colón"

Exhibition of many original pieces from the family of Don Diego Colon, son of Admiral Christopher Columbus, and his times as Viceroy.

Address: Plaza de España, Colonial Town.
Phone: 809-682-4750

Columbus Lighthouse

monument where lies the remains of Admiral Christopher Columbus.

Address: Boulevard del Faro, Villa Duarte.
Phone: 809-591-1492

National Pantheon

The remains of national heroes and martyrs are preserved.



Address: Las Damas No. 52, Colonial Town.
Phone: 809-689-6010

Duarte's Museum

Life stories and works of Juan Pablo Duarte, founder of our nation, are preserved.

Address: La Católica 308, Colonial Town.
Phone: 809-687-1436

Pre-Hispanic Art Gallery

Exhibition of pre-Hispanic archaeology.

Address: Allee San Martín & J. F. Kennedy, Edif. Pepsi
Phone: 809-540-7777 Ext. 235.

"Trampolín" Child's Museum

Its mission is the children's education through different exhibitions about history, geography, flora & fauna and technology in its eight permanent exhibit halls.

Address: Casa de Batidas. Las Damas, Colonial Town.
Phone: 809-685-5551

Bellpart Museum

Permanent exposition from Dominican artists from the 20th century.



Museum of the Porcelain

Many different artworks on porcelain are exhibited.

Address: José Reyes, No. 6, Colonial Town.
Phone: 809-688-4759



Museum of Numismatics and Philately

preservation, exhibit and diffusion of our national numismatics and philately.

Address: Pedro Henríquez Ureña, Central Bank.
Phone: 809-221-9111 Ext. 3665



Museum World of Amber

Artworks from amber stones are always on exhibi-

Address: Ave. John F. Kennedy / Luis Lambert Peguero, 5th floor.
Phone: 809-541-7721 Ext. 296

Museum of the Contemporary Ceramics

Many different artworks on ceramics are exhibited.

Address: Víctor Garrido Puello 130, Metropolitano Building.
Phone: 809-540-4350

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tion, as well as documents about its exploitation.

Address: Arzobispo Meriño No. 452, Colonial Town.
Phone: 809-682-3309

Larimar Museum

Pieces and jewelry made from larimar, our national Stone, are in exhibition.

Address: Isabel La Católica No. 54, Colonial Town.
Phone: 809-689-6605

2 La Romana

Archaeological Regional Museum of Altos de Chavón

Historic samples and archaeological pieces from pre-Columbus and the colonial times in the east region are in permanent exhibition.

Address: Altos de Chavón.
Phone: 809-523-8554

3 Bonao

Museum "Cándido Bidó"

Its objective is to expose the art and folklore of the Bonao community.

Address: Mella & San Antonio.
Phone: 809-525-5263

4 Santiago

Cultural Centre "Eduardo León Jiménes"

It is one of the most important cultural venue and very active with continuous expositions of arts, archaeology, historic events and many more.

Address: Ave. 27 de Febrero 146, Villa Progreso.
Phone: 809-582-2315

Museum of the Restoration

It's a monument dedicated to the patriotic deeds of the Restoration War and the period between 1844 and 1865.

Address: Calle del Sol.
Phone: 809-241-0648

Museum "Tomás Morel"

Exhibition and diffusion of local folkloric heritage.

Address: Ave. Restauración.
Phone: 809-582-6787

5 La Vega

Museum "La Vega Vieja" (Old Town of La Vega)

A historic site with pre-Columbus archaeology and from the 15th century, and the remains of the old town of Concepcion de La Vega Real.

Address: Old road to Cutupú – National Park of "La Vega Vieja".

6 Salcedo

Museum "Hermanas Mirabal"

This museum keeps the immortal remains of heroines Patria, Minerva and María Teresa Mirabal, and those of national hero Manolo Tavárez Justo. Also, documents about the heroic life of family Tavárez Mirabal are in permanent exhibition.

Address: Road Tenares - Salcedo, Km. 1.
Phone: 809-587-8530.

7 Puerto Plata

Museum "Fortress of San Felipe"

A historic monument with military pieces from 18th & 19th centuries.

Address: At the west end of the "malecón" of Puerto Plata.

Taino Art Museum

Exhibition of pre-Columbus archaeology.

Address: Plaza Arawak, 2nd Floor, San Felipe.
Phone: 809-586-7601

La Isabela Museum

The archaeological site of "La Isabela", first European settlement in the Americas, with permanent exhibition of pre-Columbus and 15th century archaeology.

Address: National Park of La Isabela, Luperón.
Phone: 809-498-3534

Dominican Amber Museum

Exposition of artworks and jewelry made of amber.

Address: Duarte No.61.
Phone: 809-586-2848

The Jewish Museum (Sosúa)

A tribute to the 700 Jews who, running from the Nazis, came to Dominican Republic as refugees in 1938. Documents and photographs are in permanent exhibition.

Address: Alejo Martínez, Sosúa.
Phone: 809-571-1386

8 Higüey

Museum "House of Juan Ponce de León"

Exhibition of documents and articles related to the life and times of Juan Ponce de León and his colonization campaigns in the east part of the island.

Address: San Rafael de Yuma.
Phone: 809-551-0118

9 Montecristi

Museum "House of Generalísimo Máximo Gómez"

an exhibition of documents and photographs of General Máximo Gómez, the hero of the Independence of Cuba, along with Cuban martyr José Martí.

Address: Ave. Mella No.39.
Phone: 809 579-2474

NATIONAL PARKS



Dominican Republic has been blessed by Mother Nature with stunning landscapes all over its territory. Some 20 protected areas are the best examples which we kindly invite you to explore following these national parks:

1 José Armando Bermúdez

This park occupies 779 square kilometers (about some 300 sq. miles) on the Central Mountain Range, with plenty of leafy pine trees, cedars and others, like the “yagrumo” and “copey”. Many endangered species are found in this park, like hogs and birds such as goldfinches, parrots, crows, woodpeckers, mockingbirds and “madame saga”.

► **How to get there:** the road from Manabao towards La Ciénaga, just passing the town of Jarabacoa, province of La Vega.

2 José del Carmen Ramírez

It is adjacent to the Jose Armando Bermudez national park, located in the southern side of the Central Mountain Range and it homes the Pico Duarte (Duarte’s Peak), the highest elevation in the Greater Antilles with 3,175 meters of altitude and the country’s best resource of water supply. From this park flow the waters of the



river Yaque del Sur and its streams.

► **How to get there:** take the road from city of San Juan de la Maguana towards the Presa de Sabaneta (the dam), heading northbound, Province of San Juan de la Maguana.

3 Nalga de Maco

At 1,900 meters of altitude, the Nalga de Maco occupies some 280 square kilometers on the westernmost part of the Central Mountain range, set between the provinces of Elias Piña and Santiago Rodríguez and very close to the border with Haiti. Normally the summit is covered by

heavy clouds and it rains daily which helps provoking the low temperatures. The national park is rich in biodiversity and lush nature, with plants, birds and endemic species, some of them in danger of extinction.

It’s also rich in water resources, specially the valley where the river Artibonito is born.

4 Montaña La Humeadora (The Smoky)

It was originally declared as “prohibited area” until the declaration as National Park in 1996. It covers a small area of 84 square kilometers on the county of Villa Alta-



gracia, province of San Cristobal, and it is definitely one of the places in the whole country where it rains the most.

5 Lake Enriquillo and Cabritos Island

Due to its unique species and a great variety of migratory birds Lake Enriquillo is one of the most important habitats in the southwest and in the entire Caribbean region; it is also the largest lake in the Greater Antilles.

Isla Cabritos is a very small island on the middle of the lake with a dry tropical forest where American crocodiles, iguanas and flamingoes inhabit.

► **How to get there:** on the road to the city of Barahona, make a right turn at the crossroads Vicente Noble and continue driving the road to Tamayo-Neiba-La Descubierta-Jimani-Duvergé.

6 Juan Bautista Pérez Rancier (Valle Nuevo)

Valle Nuevo (New Valley) lies in a region between

mountains of four provinces: La Vega, Monseñor Nouel, Azua and San José de Ocoa; it spreads for 910 square kilometers at an altitude of 2,200 meters which makes this valley the highest plains on all of the Caribbean. Plants and endemic birds, wild rabbits and attractions like the waterfall “Aguas Blancas”, the cyclopean pyramid, “Alto Bandera” and the monument in the memory of Coronel Caamaño, a national hero.

► **How to get there:** there are two routes. From the north, you must reach Constanza and continue driving southwest on the road to “La Siberia”. And from the south, the road that connects San José de Ocoa and Constanza, you head northbound and pass by the vilLocations of Sabana Larga, La Horma and La Nuez.

7 Sierra Martín García

It is magnificently rising tall on the southwest, between Azua and Barahona, from the bay of Neiba and the east banks of the river Yaque

del Sur. There are some 232 plant species from 82 different families; several rarities of endemic flower species; 62 bird species, 14 migrating and the remaining are native, including 11 endemic species.

► **How to get there:** you may access from the vilLocation of Barrero, in the

OTHER SITES OF INTEREST

The mangroves of Estero Balsa, in Manzanillo, province of Montecristi; the mangroves of Bajo Yuna, province of Samaná; the submarine parks of La Caleta, Montecristi and Punta Cana, they're all rich in coral reefs

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province of Azua; and also from a secondary route on the road that connects Azua & Barahona.

8 Sierra de Bahoruco

It's one of the richest geographical regions in the southwest, with more variety of landscapes and geological depressions, from dry to rain forests.

► **How to get there:** the road Barahona-Pedernales, you must get to the vilLocation of Oviedo and look for the path that leads to El Aceitillar.

9 Cabo Cabrón (Cape Cabron)

This natural reserve offers the most spectacular cliffs on the country, some of them over 600 meters above the sea. It's located on the northeastern tip of the island and it is part of the Samaná Mountain Range.

► **How to get there:** you may reach the cliff by boat; or, also from the beach of Rincon and taking the path to the cliff. This a great choice for adventurers.

10 Sierra de Neiba

This mountain range is also in the southwest region of the island. It covers about 1,400 square kilometers and it extends all over the provinces of Elías Piña, San Juan de la Maguana and Bahoruco; but, it has been mistreated and deforested. The highest elevations of the range are separated by the valley of Neiba, which host 39 species of reptiles, 85 of birds and some 630 different plants.

11 Los Haitises

In the indigenous language the name means “highlands” or “land of moun-



tains”. On the northeast side of the island and next to the bay of Samaná, “Los Haitises” is an ecosystem with one of the highest biodiversity in the entire Caribbean: a rich fauna, lush rain forest and several caves with rock carvings or petroglyphs of high archaeological and historical values.

► **How to get there:** the only way to get there is by boat, from Caño Hondo, some 8 kilometers from Sabana de la Mar; also, from Samaná to Caño Salado.

12 El Morro

A promontory that juts out into the Atlantic, the highest coastal elevation on the island, with 242 meters above sea level in Montecristi, northwest of Dominican Republic. It is formed by dry forests surrounded by mangroves, coral reefs and cays.

► **How to get there:** You just have to get to Montecristi, driving on the road that connects Santiago with the northwest provinces, including Montecristi.

13 Parque Nacional del Este

Está ubicado en la costa Sur oriental con una extensión aproximada de 792 kilómetros cuadrados, entre los poblados de Boca de

Yuma y Bayahibe, donde se incluyen la isla Saona y el cayo Catalinita. Dentro del parque existen cuatro tipos diferentes de manglares que constituyen un importante hábitat a diferentes especies de aves de la isla.

► **How to get there:** there are two ways: first, via Guaragua, on the road La Romana-Bayahibe; second, via Boca de Yuma. For the option via Guaragua is necessary to turn right on intersection La Romana-Bayahibe, and continue to Dominican, and finally the path that borders the beach all the way to the park. If you wish the second choice, then you must drive all the way to Boca de Yuma, some 18 kms from the intersection La Romana-Higüey.

14 Parque Nacional Jaragua

With a total area of 1,543 square kilometers, this national park homes the islands of Beata and Alto Velo, the keys of Los Frailes and Piedra Negra, the Oviedo lagoon and one of the world's most beautiful beaches: Bahía de las Águilas.

► **How to get there:** on the road Barahona-Pedernales there is a crossroads, some 5 kilometers prior to Pedernales, where you must make a left turn and head on to the beach of Cabo Rojo (a right turn will lead you to “Hoyo de Pelempito”) and continue to the fishing vilLocation of “La Cueva”, where you must pay the services of a fisherman to take you on a boat to the beach of Bahía de las Águilas. But, if you're driving a 4x4 SUV, then you may be able to drive thru a rocky and dangerous hill directly to the beach.

TOBACCO



The story of tobacco in the country dates back many centuries, since the island was first inhabited by the Tainos, who used it as part of their religious and magical-healing powers, for pleasure and also to reduce fatigue after making long walks.

Hundreds of years have passed and today Dominican Republic is the leading country in exporting tobacco worldwide. The texture, smell, color, flavor and combustion, as well as the process of cultivation and processing, are important issues on the final product since tobacco should be well planted, dried, stored and fermented, and the skill of the artisan who rolls up the leaves is also important.

The best land and the region of the country with the highest production of tobacco are in the Cibao Valley, especially in Santiago, Villa González and Navarrete, where different species are harvested and exported as cigars to United States, Spain, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Morocco and Honduras: today, over 300 million units are exported.

1 Tabacalera de García (La Romana)

The Cuban Revolution and the subsequent trade embargo by the United States forced the leading manufacturers of cigars into exile in Dominican Republic, where they began producing premium cigars with seeds and skills inherited from generations.

One of these tobacco growers was Mr. Pepe García, from the Menéndez García family, who owned the factory H. Upmann, also producers of the famous "Montecristo". Mr. Pepe García founded Tabacalera de García in 1971, the first export free zone in the country, located in La Romana.

Today, the company, a subsidiary of Altadis USA, is the world's largest manufacturer of hand-made cigars with more than 415,000 square feet of working area and 3,700 employees (60% are women) and creator of the best Dominican brands. There are over 300 varieties and 50 brands. For your knowledge, here are some names that might sound very familiar:

1. "Montecristo", the brand with the greatest prestige in the industry.
2. "Romeo & Julieta", a love story since 1875.
3. "H. Upmann", a name which represents more than 160 years of perfection.
4. "Don Diego", the classic soft and sensual.
5. "Onyx", a cigar awarded with a close-to-impossible 94 points.
6. "VegaFina", the best seller Dominican cigar in Spain.
7. "Seijas Signature" and "Mi Dominicana", brands that portrait the Dominican pride.
8. "Santa Damiana".

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To book your tour, you may call 809-556-2127, extension 2341 or send an e-mail to

tour@laspalmascigar.com, or you may contact your tour operator associate OPETUR.

You can also visit the store of Tabacalera de Garcia at:

Casa Montecristo

Altos de Chavón, Casa de Campo.

Open: daily from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Phone: 809-523-8111

Furthermore, in Santiago there are other important industries such as General Cigar, La Aurora, Tabadom Holding, Matasa, Tabaquisa and Cigar Export Corporation, which together with Tabacalera de Garcia form the association ProCigar, an institution that brings together the largest producers of cigars and which in February of each year celebrates the Tobacco Festival. www.procigar.org

We suggest you keep in mind the following options in this area to see in detail the process of making cigars from the drying of the leaves to the package:

2 Centro León (Santiago)

It has a museum and a showroom where you can see the manufacturing processes of tobacco La Aurora. The facade of the museum is a replica of the factory in 1903.

Open: Tuesdays to Sundays.

Phone: 809-582-2315 / 809-226-8412

www.centroleon.org.do

3 La Aurora (Santiago)

The tour of this factory is very unusual, so advance booking is required for coordination. It is directed mainly to tobacco makers or experts in the world of cigars.

Phone: 809-575-1903
Ext. 2501

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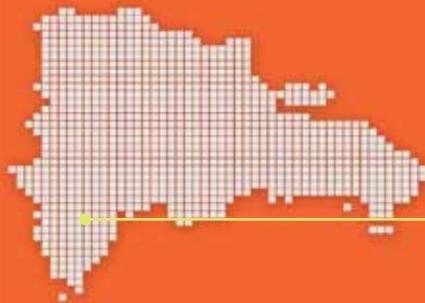


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Barahona, Bahoruco & Pedernales

Destination: Bahía de las Águilas, the Rincon and Oviedo lagoons, Hoyo de Pelempito, lake Enriquillo.

Tourist attractions: Beautiful beaches, ecotourism, national parks, geological depressions, thermal waters.

International Airport "María Montez" (BRX).



The beach "Bahía de las Águilas".

Bahía de las Águilas ("Bay of Eagles"): it is probably the most beautiful beach of them all in Dominican Republic. As part of the Jaragua national park it is located about 2 hours from Barahona and approximately 4 and ½ hours from Santo Domingo.

Laguna de Rincon ("Rincón lagoon"): this is paradise for hundreds of birds, such as our native duck and the pink flamingoes. It is very close to the town of Cabral and the magnetic pole site, just about 30 minutes from Barahona.

Hoyo de Pelempito: a 700 meters deep geological depression with a spectacular panoramic view from 1,500 meters above sea level. As part of the Sierra de Bahoruco national park, Pelempito nests a wide variety of birds and over 150 species of orchids, native plants and trees.

Laguna de Oviedo ("Oviedo lagoon"): this lagoon is also part of Jaragua na-

tional park and it is the ideal one for those who love bird watching. Over 40 different keys serve as haven to many birds, such as seagulls, pink flamingoes and pelicans; but, also to several species of iguanas "rhinoceros" and "ricord".

Lago Enriquillo ("Lake Enriquillo"): with some 265 square kilometers in extent, it's the largest lake in Dominican Republic and the entire Caribbean. It lies 44 meters below sea level, although this measurement may vary due to the evaporation process in the area, and this is the fact why the lake is even saltier than the ocean itself. Three small islands complete the natural beauty of the lake: "Cabritos", the largest and most important of the three; "Barbarita" and "La Islita", the smaller ones. The lake's flora and fauna is very rich in iguanas, type "rhinoceros" and "ricord", pink flamingoes and the largest population of the American alligator.

For more information regarding prices and duration of the excursions, please contact your representative or any member associate of OPETUR.



La Romana, Bayahibe & Dominicus

Destination: La Romana, Bayahibe, Dominicus.

Tourist attractions: Beaches, golf, events, caves, scuba diving and snorkeling.

International Airport La Romana (LRN).



Amphitheatre "Altos de Chavon".

La Romana & Cave of Wonders: You will have a stop visit at the sugar cane mill, the free zone, the market and La Romana's central park. Then, the tour continues to the Cave of Wonders ("Cueva de las Maravillas"), the first natural museum of indigenous arts in the Antilles, some 25 meters below sea level.

Cueva Fun-Fun: this is the one for a great adventure and for those young hearts. You will need to walk, ride a horse, dive down the natural wall into the cave with the help of ropes and harness and then, swim on the underground river. Colorful tunnels and gigantic corridors, stalactites, stalagmites, carved stones, indigenous artworks and lots of thrills are just waiting for you. Exciting!

Saona Island: a lovely trip sailing the blue waters of the Caribbean on board a catamaran. The excursion departs from



Local craft shops at Saona Island.

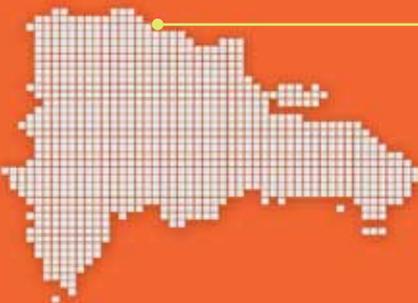


Pictographs inside the Cave of Wonders.

the beach of Bayahibe and sails along the coastlines of the East National Park (Parque Nacional del Este) and the natural reserve of mangroves; this voyage includes a refreshing swim at a natural swimming pool ("la piscina natural). A tour to remember!

For more information regarding prices and duration of the excursions, please contact your representative or any member associate of OPETUR.

Puerto Plata



Destination: City of Puerto Plata, Playa Dorada, Costa Dorada, Cofresí, Maimón, Sosúa, Cabarete and Rio San Juan.

Tourist attractions: Historic, beaches, the cable car, Ocean World water park, golf, windsurfing, kiteboarding, extreme sports.

International Airport "Gregorio Luperon" (POP).



Ocean World Adventure Park.



Tour on "buggies".

City Tour & Cable car: You will climb to the summit of the hill Isabel de Torres on a cable car ride for an astonishing panoramic view of the bay and the city of Puerto Plata, founded in 1502. Additional visits to the fortress of San Felipe, the amber museum, a guided tour of the Brugal rum factory and other points of interest.

Ocean World Adventure Park, Casino and Marina: Located in Cofresí, it's the largest and most complete entertainment park on the island. It counts with a marina, an elegant facility with restaurants, bars, a discotheque and a theatre with nightly shows and live music; also, a marine park as an unparallel habitat for dolphins, sea lions, sharks and many more species, where swimming with the dolphins has become very popular in the park. An aquarium with coral reefs, a tropical jungle, a birds' sanc-

tuary, a beach area and a gift shop wrap up the park's options.

Free style catamaran: the perfect tour to live the dream of your lifetime, lying down on the beach, fully relaxed and a blend of fresh tropical fruits whilst sailing the crystalline waters of the Atlantic Ocean on a luxurious catamaran.

Helicopter Tour: this is a wonderful flight overlooking the bay and the city of Puerto Plata and surroundings, like the hill of Isabel de Torres, the hotels and the shorelines. Plus, a visit to a desert beach for a romantic escape.

Outback Jeep Safari: an excellent choice for those wishing to get a little closer with our people when visiting the countryside and the multicolored typical villages, fruit plantations and even a mini zoo.

Paradise Island Cayo Arena: for lovers of the marine fauna in white sandy beaches and crystal clear waters, beautiful coral reefs, mangroves and some lagoons with unique flora and fauna.

White Water Rafting: enjoy of this adventure on the river Yaque del Norte and live the experience of the thrilling rapids. Also, a visit to Jarabacoa, "the town where is always springtime", on the Central Mountain Range. Minimum age: 14 yo.

Funny Bikes: driving your own 4x4-funny bike on a youthful and fun way over Dominican fields and thru sugar cane plantations and streams, visiting the huts of locals and Haitians, and getting to know part of their culture.

Tropical Jeep Safari: it's just another tour for you to enjoy all the beauty of the countryside, when driving a 4x4 SUV which will take you also to the breathtaking "28 Charcos de Damajagua" (the ponds of Damajagua), and having the opportunity to hop around 7 of them. It's quite a challenge!

Zip Lining: thrills and chills, that's what you're about to experienced once you arrive at the Yásica Adventure park, where the adrenaline will rise to maximum level when you start your "flight", hanging from a cable or "zip line" over the greenery and exuberance of the park. The adventure kicks-off with professional guides giving you the instructions about the equipments to be used (zip lining) and immediately move on the first launching platform from which you will hang above at approx. 100 feet from the ground to ride a distance between 100-300 meters and at a speed of 30 mph.

Buggies: an exciting tour, one for adrenaline boost. Come to explore Puerto Plata on top of a buggy and the guidance of a tour leader who will take you to "Los Muñoz", and through many other local villages and streams, always in close encounter with Mother Nature. You may have the opportunity to shop around



The 27 ponds of Damajagua.



Surfing in Cabarete.

some typical crafts and taste some refreshing tropical drink.

Puerto Plata Runner: on this excursion you will admire the beauty of the region's flora and fauna; it will let you share some great moments with a Dominican family, getting to know their customs and way of living in a rural environment. The many different landscapes of the Atlantic coast, the beaches and the richness of the local culture are there for you to enjoy. The tour takes you thru Cofresí, Maimón, Palo Indio, El Toro and others, until the last stop at the ranch of Puerto Plata Runners, nearby the beach.

Ponds of Damajagua: if you love ecotourism and adventure, it's time for you to dive into the crystal clear waters of the Damajagua river, a unique place that is quite a natural monument, from which a total of 27 waterfalls come together to create ponds of crystalline water in the woods. To get here the tour takes you to the town of Imbert, ten miles from Puerto Plata, where you will find this treasure that nature has kept on the North Coast. There you can enjoy a relaxing swim, explore the cool caves and large rocks that host this wonder as part of its attractions.

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Marinarium: If you enjoy swimming and love the sea world, then this is the right one for you! It's quite an experience to rediscover the beauty of the reefs, to swim with stingrays and sharks, which start with a non-stop fun cruise on the coasts nearby Bávaro and Cabeza de Toro, until the voyage takes you to its final destination, the natural pool on the ocean. It's paradise Caribbean style.



Snorkeling in Punta Cana.

Manatí Park: a great park with more than 150 species of animals, flora and a very professional animation team to help you and your family enjoy a day filled with exciting adventure, shows with sea lions, dolphins and horses. Also, a presentation on the history of the Taino people.

Road Truck Adventure: all about traditions and typical villages on the region: sugar cane fields, cocoa, banana and tropical fruit plantations, plus the distinction in getting to know a Dominican family.

Four wheels & Buggy Trails: one-half-day adventure tour riding a Yamaha motorcycle, type 250-Timberwolf, on the beach of Macao. You'll have your chances to go swimming and take some photos on the beach.

Aquatic Tours / Bávaro Splash: a fascinating adventure to enjoy the ocean, the sea breeze and Caribbean sun when

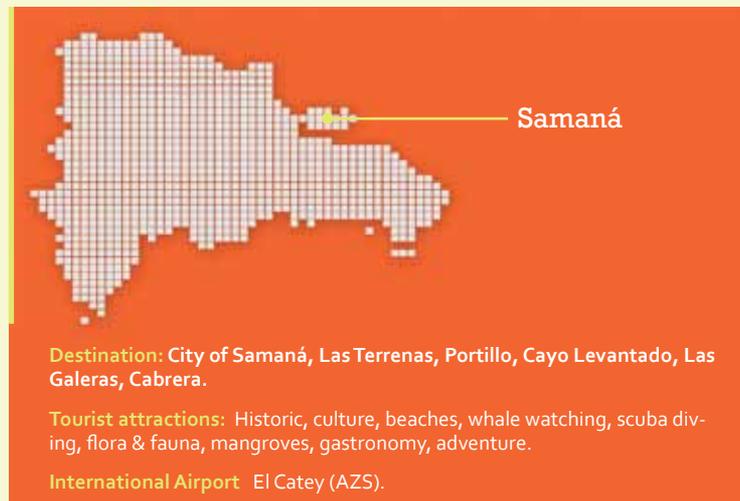
sailing on a small two-seated boat and discover the water world of multicolored and multi-shaped coral reefs.

Caribbean Festival: a unique experience with two different dives in one of the most privileged areas of Bávaro, with lots of coral reef and different shark species.

Jeep Safari: hop on and drive a 4x4 SUV through villages, sugar cane fields, hills and rivers of our countryside; you will attend to a cockfighting site and go horseback riding at the Nisibon Ranch while you caress the beach soft winds.

Horseback riding: just pick the day and time for a good horseback riding on the gorgeous beach of Macao; rediscover yourself amidst the immense forest and carry back home a great family experience.

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The bay of Samaná.

A Journey on catamaran & snorkeling: Sailing on the bay of Samaná on board a catamaran and casting the anchor at the Farola Cay ("Cayo Farola"), well known for its rich marine life. Then, with the help of a snorkel you will have time to enjoy a great variety of tropical fishes and a relaxing swim at the beach of Cayo Levantado.

Exploring caves, mangroves and a rain forest: a unique experience to explore the most important mangrove reserve in the entire Caribbean: the national park "Los Haitises". You will visit the "Isla de los Pajaros" (Birds' Island), where migrating birds reign the sky over the mangroves. Plus, some astonishing caves that take you back to pre-Columbus time, filled with Taino traditions and culture.

Cayo Levantado: do as you wish, have fun or just relax on a bright sunny day at the beach of Cayo Levantado. This journey on a speedy boat on the bay of Samaná will lead you to the beach where they will greet

you with a courtesy tropical drink, either rum or fruit punch.

Discover Samaná: a short tour to the city of Samaná and the most important historic sites, like "La Churcha", the church brought from England by pieces and later assembled and completed in 1860. Then, a visit to the whale museum where you get some information about the mysteries of the humpback whales.

Jeep Safari: come and enjoy the adventure when driving a 4x4-SUV thru the countryside of Samaná, and tasting good Dominican coffee and many tropical fruits. Also, a visit to the waterfall "El Valle" for a nice and cooling swim in a natural pool, and finally driving over the hill of "La Piña".

"El Limón" Waterfall: a horse riding adventure amidst steep paths and lush tropical forest, coffee, cocoa and a wide variety of fruit plants. This waterfall is over 120 feet of altitude and cool waters that will surely captivate your senses for its unique and spectacular beauty. Minimum age: 12 yo.

Whale Watching: every winter season the humpback whales come all the way from the North Atlantic and offer a wonderful spectacle when they look to mate in our warm waters of the Caribbean. In the period of 15th of January and 15th of March, over 300 whales have been counted on the bay of Samaná. Minimum age: 12 yo.

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Santo Domingo City Tour: This is a "must-do" excursion to admire the New World's first monuments: the Cathedral, Columbus Park, the Pantheon, Puerta del Conde, the Alcazar, and much more. Also, you will be sightseeing the modern side of the city: Plaza de la Cultura, Presidential Palace, Juan Pablo Duarte Olympic Center, Paseo de los Indios, Centro de los Heroes and the Malecón.



National Aquarium.

Colonial Santo Domingo: a short tour around the Colonial Town and the most important sites, such as "Calle Las Damas", the first street on the Americas, the "Alcazar de Colon", "Atarazana", the "Museum of the Royal Houses", the "National Pantheon", the "Ozama Fortress", the Cathedral and many other sites from 16th century. Then, you will have a good opportunity for shopping when you visit the "Mercado Modelo", cigars and amber shops.

Santo Domingo by night: a very pleasant tour riding along the Malecon and the most important avenues in the modern part of the city; a visit to enjoy the "Guácará Taina", an impressive underground discotheque for you to dance along some merengue, bachata and disco music.

Columbus Lighthouse & National Aquarium: this is one quick visit to the National Aquarium to enjoy part of the Dominican marine fauna; and the "Co-

lumbus Lighthouse", where the bones of Admiral Christopher Columbus remain.

Isla Saona: it's a wonderful voyage on the warm waters of the Caribbean aboard a catamaran. Departing from the beach of Bayahibe and sailing along the coastlines of the national park, this tour will light up your senses with the multicolored waters and a natural pool on the ocean, plus the mangrove reserve

La Romana & Altos de Chavón: a tour around the Eastern plains and the vast sugar cane fields of San Pedro de Macoris and La Romana. And a quick stop to visit Altos de Chavon, the well known "the village of the artists"

Jarabacoa: una excursión muy agradable a uno de los destinos más hermosos del país, en las montañas de la Cordillera Central, donde podrá disfrutar de los más bellos pinos del país y paisajes extraor-



Fern Pavilion, National Botanical Garden.



Horseback riding in Jarabacoa.



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Tower of Homage at the Ozama Fortress.

dinarios. Visitando el "Santuario de Las Mercedes", así como la ciudad de Jarabacoa, paseo a caballo y un refrescante baño en las aguas del Salto de Baiguate.

Shopping tour: the option for those willing to buy some local crafts like amber, our Dominican gemstone, or larimar, horn, tortoiseshell and many other products to carry back home, such as the famous Dominican cigars, rum, "mama-juana" and some CD's with merengue and bachata.

Touring the museums: all of our history and modern life come together in one

single tour when visiting the city's most important museums: Plaza de la Cultura, which includes Dominican History and Geography, Dominican Man, the National Theatre and the Gallery of Modern Arts. Also, the "Casa del Tostado", the Naval Museum of the Atarazanas, the "Alcázar de Colón".

The Zoo & Botanical Garden: all the flora and fauna of Dominican Republic in just one exciting ride on the mini train at the zoo and the Botanical Garden.

Cave of Wonders & Chavón River: a tour to a natural museum of indigenous arts of the Greater Antilles and of great archaeological value. Then, head on to La Romana for a short sail on the Chavón River, where many scenes from Apocalypse Now, Rambo and King Kong were filmed. And finally, a quick stop at Altos de Chavón, a 16th century Spanish village replica and known locally as the "village of the artists"

Santiago de los Caballeros: a tour to the beautiful "Cibao", the valley of vast crops and lush trees before reaching the country's second largest city, Santiago. You will visit the "Monumento", honoring the heroes of the Republic's restoration; the cultural centre E. León Jimenes and its exposition halls with paintings and the history of the Leon family, the country's main cigar producers. Then, sightseeing the city and 1-hour at leisure for shopping around the famous and dynamic street "El Sol". And finally stopping at "Santo Cerro", the sanctuary of Our Lady of Mercy, the site where Adm. Christopher Columbus had its first encounter against the Taino Indians.

Lago Enriquillo ("Lake Enriquillo"): come and admire the huge contrasts of vegetation and tropical climate of the southwest as you get closer and closer to the Dominican-Haitian border and the many towns surrounding the lake, like La Descubierta and the pond of sulfurous waters called "Las Barías. A large number of alligators, pink flamingoes and many endangered species of iguanas are just part of the attractions on the lake. Visit to the border with neighboring Republic of Haiti.

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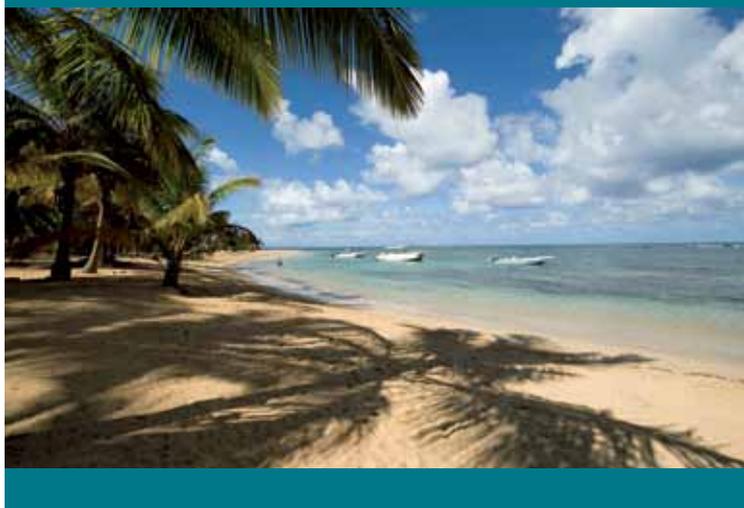


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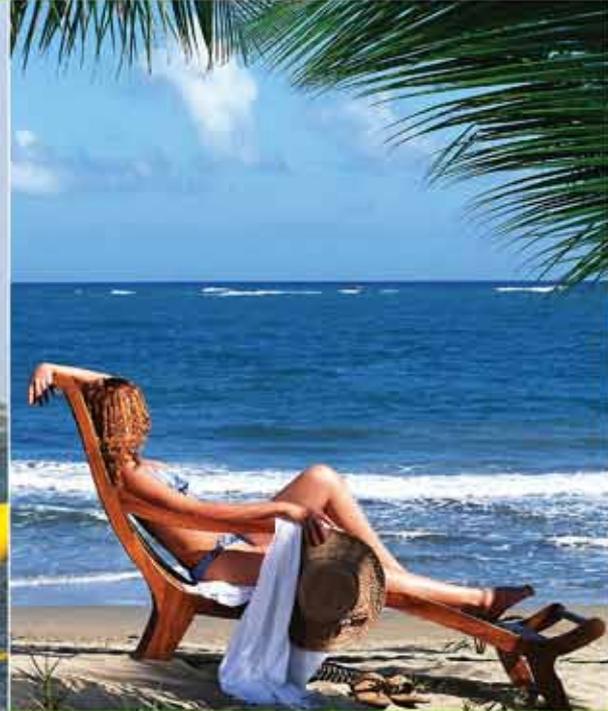
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Restaurants



SANTO DOMINGO

Restaurants	Address	Phone	Specialty
Adrian Tropical	Ave. George Washington	809-221-1764	Dominican, creole
Boca Marina	Al lado del hotel Be Live Hamaca, Boca Chica	809-523-6702	Seafood
Boga-Boga	Ave. Bolívar 203, Plaza Florida	809-472-0950	Spanish
Caffe Milano	Ave. Tiradentes 11, Naco	809-540-3800	Italian. Wine & lounge bar
Chili's	Ave. Winston Churchill, Blue Mall, Piantini	809-955-3273	American grill
Don Pepe	Manuel de Jesús Troncoso, Piantini	809-563-4440	Spanish
David Crockett	Gustavo Mejía Ricart 34, Naco	809-547-2999	Grill
El Conuco	Casimiro de Moya 152, Gazcue	809-686-0129	Dominican, creole
El Pelicano	Al lado del hotel Be Live Hamaca, Boca Chica	809-523-4611	Seafood
Fellini	Roberto Pastoriza 504	809-335-5464	Italian
Hard Rock Café	El Conde 103, Ciudad Colonial	809-686-7771	American grill
Hooters	Ave. Winston Churchill, Torre Acropolis	809-565-4668	American grill
Il Capuccino	Ave. Máximo Gómez 60, Gazcue	809-689-8600	Italian
Juan Carlos	Gustavo Mejía Ricart 7, Naco	809-368-5088	Spanish
La Briciola	Arzobispo Meriño 152, Colonial Town	809-688-5055	Italian
Lolita	Ave. Sarasota 114, Bella Vista	809-535-9556	International
Mesón De La Cava	Ave. Mirador del Sur 1	809-533-2818	International
Mesón De Bari	Hostos 302, Ciudad Colonial	809-687-4091	Dominican, creole
Mesón Iberia	Miguel Ángel Monclus 165, Mirador Norte	809-530-7200	Spanish
Museo Del Jamón	Atarazana 17, Ciudad Colonial	809-688-9644	Bar. Spanish "tapas & tablaro"
Mitre	Ave. Abraham Lincoln 1001, esq. G. Mejía Ricart, Piantini	809-472-2713	Gourmet. Wine & lounge bar
Neptuno's	Al lado del hotel Be Live Hamaca, Boca Chica	809-523-4703	Seafood

Olivo Bar Restaurant	Madame Curie No. 19-P, La Esperilla	809-566-5551	Spanish
Outback Steakhouse	Ave. Winston Churchill, Torre Acrópolis	809-566-5550	American grill
Peperoni	Ave. Sarasota 14, Plaza Universitaria, La Julia	809-508-1330	Mediterranean
Pat'e Palo	La Atarazana 25, Plaza de España, Colonial Town	809-687-8089	European Brasserie
Porter House	Ave. Abraham Lincoln 918, Piantini	809-542-6000	Grill
Rancho Steak House	Ave. 30 de Mayo, Ciudad Ganadera	809-535-4817	Grill
Samurai	Seminario 57, Piantini	809-565-1621	Japanese
Scherezade	Roberto Pastoriza 226, Naco	809-227-2323	Mediterranean
Segafredo	El Conde 54, Colonial Town	809-685-4440	Café boutique & lounge bar
Sofía	Paseo de los Locutores, Piantini	809-620-1001	International
T.G.I. Fridays	Ave. Winston Churchill, Torre Acrópolis	809-955-8443	American grill
Tony Roma's	Ave. Sarasota 29, Bella Vista	809-535-5454	American grill
Vesuvio	Ave. George Washington 521	809-221-1954	Italian
Vetros Sushi Bar	Roberto Pastoriza 210, Naco	809-563-4424	Sushi Bar
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BÁVARO - PUNTA CANA

Captain Cook	Carretera El Cortecito, Bávaro	809-552-0645	Seafood
Chez Mon Ami	Carretera El Cortecito, Bávaro	809-552-6714	French
Huracan Café	Carretera El Cortecito, Bávaro	809-552-1046	Seafood
Langosta Del Caribe	Carretera El Cortecito, Bávaro	809-552-0774	Seafood
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PUERTO PLATA - SOSÚA - CABARETE

Al Fresco	Playa Dorada, Puerto Plata	809-320-1137	Pastas, sushi & grill
Cabarete Blu	Principal 40, Cabarete	809-571-0316	Seafood
Hemingway Café	Playa Dorada, Puerto Plata	809-571-0479	Grill
Nikki Beach Club	Principal 55, Cabarete	809-571-0479	Seafood. Beach club

SAMANÁ - LAS TERRENAS - PORTILLO

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Paco Cabana	Libertad 1, Las Terrenas	809-240-5301	Seafood
La Terrasse	Pueblo de los pescadores, Las Terrenas	809-240-6730	French
Xamaná	Ave. del Malecón, Samaná	809-846-2129	Italian & international

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Bani	55	135	96	215	359	210	158	175	236	415	275	375	300	345	335	205	38	270	250	270	220	270	35	160	47	138	135	202	65	275	
Barahona	80	135	231	245	310	345	245	310	345	415	275	375	300	345	335	205	38	270	250	270	220	270	35	160	47	138	135	202	65	275	
Boca Chica	151	96	231	116	179	335	130	186	79	256	156	149	180	308	211	134	366	255	169	124	276	61	166	146	234	41	186	31	280		
Bonao	195	140	245	116	73	319	230	58	195	140	40	240	64	185	115	181	380	125	295	240	185	105	50	275	287	155	70	85	164		
Constanza	180	115	205	179	73	268	285	445	198	410	328	186	484	173	35	270	366	360	165	505	459	340	324	205	409	183	375	150	305	192	
Dajabón	265	359	310	335	319	268	445	290	35	386	265	85	290	415	320	277	480	355	60	103	385	17	280	255	345	70	290	145	410		
Jarabacoa	170	158	245	186	58	43	198	290	265	178	30	335	43	165	135	158	385	95	365	310	205	175	65	111	358	215	50	155	143		
La Romana	230	175	310	79	195	255	410	35	265	335	335	225	85	250	375	285	216	445	320	105	115	355	140	245	110	330	418	297	179	225	169
Las Terrenas	200	150	275	156	40	70	186	265	30	225	149	305	20	145	110	221	410	90	145	280	175	115	40	135	285	195	36	125	124		
La Vega	300	245	375	149	240	328	484	85	335	85	405	305	319	450	355	286	510	425	355	40	425	210	315	295	383	105	335	180	429		
Miches	225	204	300	180	64	113	173	290	43	250	145	20	319	140	105	245	435	70	480	304	170	169	35	155	342	235	20	145	118		
Monte Cristi	285	295	345	308	185	210	35	415	163	375	290	145	450	140	240	366	395	135	390	425	305	290	170	280	218	345	115	270	139		
Nagua	260	205	335	211	115	165	270	320	135	285	47	110	355	105	240	276	470	140	390	335	65	165	70	230	340	245	125	180	122		
Palmar de Ocoa	58	38	135	134	181	244	366	277	158	216	321	221	286	245	366	276	270	320	335	261	341	73	231	47	141	178	251	125	245		
Pedernales	215	270	135	366	380	340	360	480	385	445	550	410	510	435	395	470	270	500	545	490	535	300	425	280	255	400	440	335	574		
Puerto Plata	290	250	365	255	125	140	165	335	95	320	243	90	425	70	135	140	320	500	425	400	210	200	110	200	340	285	69	215	25		
Punta Cana	330	270	410	169	295	350	505	60	365	105	435	335	145	355	480	390	335	545	425	185	455	240	345	325	410	140	365	205	450		
Sabana de la Mar	270	220	355	124	240	303	459	103	310	115	380	280	40	304	425	335	261	490	400	185	400	185	290	270	358	85	310	155	404		
Samaná	325	270	400	276	185	235	340	385	205	355	48	175	425	170	305	65	341	535	210	455	400	235	135	300	410	315	190	245	155		
San Cristóbal	90	35	170	61	105	168	324	175	175	140	245	115	210	169	290	165	73	300	200	240	185	235	120	83	173	100	145	30	285		
San Fco. de Macoris	215	160	280	166	50	95	205	280	65	245	110	40	315	35	170	70	231	425	110	345	290	135	120	160	328	200	55	135	158		
San José de Ocoa	65	47	127	146	275	68	409	255	111	220	330	135	295	155	280	230	47	280	200	325	270	300	83	160	147	185	155	115	354		
San Juan	85	138	133	134	287	341	183	345	358	310	418	285	383	342	218	340	141	255	340	410	358	410	173	328	147	275	215	200	522		
San Pedro de Macoris	190	135	275	41	155	225	375	70	215	35	297	195	105	235	345	245	178	400	285	140	85	315	100	185	275	225	70	321			
Santiago	230	202	305	186	70	90	150	290	50	255	179	36	335	20	115	125	251	440	69	365	310	190	145	55	155	115	225	155	94		
Santo Domingo	120	65	200	31	85	140	305	145	155	110	225	125	180	145	270	180	125	335	215	205	155	245	30	135	115	200	70	155	240		
Sosúa	340	275	390	280	164	213	192	410	143	350	169	124	429	118	139	122	245	574	25	450	404	155	285	158	354	522	321	94	240		



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