

Dominican Republic



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CAPITAL

Santo Domingo

AIRPORTS

Las Americas International Airport, Santo Domingo
Gregorio Luperon International Airport, Puerto Plata
Punta Cana International Airport, Punta Cana

TIME

GMT - 4 hours

CURRENCY

50 Dominican Peso's = €2.00.
€50.00 = 1,800 Dominican Peso's

VISAS

Visitors purchase a tourist card upon arrival at the airport for US\$10

VACCINATIONS

No compulsory vaccinations required. Contact The Tropical Medical Bureau on 1850 48 76 74 for further information.

DEPARTURE TAX

US\$20.00 to be paid when leaving the island.

GETTING THERE

Scheduled airline connections ex Cork & Dublin via Amsterdam with Martinair to Punta Cana and Puerto Plata and ex Dublin via Paris with Air France to Punta Cana and Santo Domingo.

Located in the northern Caribbean, Christopher Columbus discovered the island on his first voyage in 1492. Santo Domingo, the capital, ultimately became his home and where his remains are to be visited. Here lies a historical legacy waiting to be discovered in this ancient city, where the first hospital, church, Cathedral & university were founded in the Americas.

Head north of the city towards the Cordillera Central where the mountains peak at over 10,000 feet and you enter an outdoor adventure mecca, where hiking, mountain biking, white water rafting and abseiling are on offer.

Head further north of Jarabacoa towards Puerto Plata or head east from Santo Domingo towards Punta Cana and you will discover the land that you have expected to find, of crystal white beaches lapped by azure blue waves that just go on forever. The Dominican Republic, a land waiting to amaze you.

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO

- Climb Pico Duarte - Highest mountain in the Caribbean (10,416 ft)
- Whale watching in Jan - Mar off the Samana Peninsula
- Visit Altos de Chavon Cultural Centre
- Go swimming with Dolphins
- Tour of Old Santo Domingo

WEATHER

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUG | SEPT | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| SUN (hrs) | 7 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 6 |
| RAIN (mm) | 62 | 46 | 52 | 58 | 108 | 109 | 78 | 97 | 88 | 135 | 117 | 79 |
| TEMP (°C) | 28 | 28 | 28 | 29 | 29 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 29 | 28 |



SOFITEL NICOLAS DE OVANDO ★★★★★

SANTO DOMINGO (Boutique Hotel) (Member of Leading Small Hotels of the World)

LOCATION: The Sofitel Nicolas de Ovando is located right in the heart of the colonial city of Santo Domingo just a couple of minutes walk away from the first church, hospital and university built in the New World.

THE PROPERTY: Built in 1502 and listed as a heritage site by UNESCO, the Sofitel Nicolas de Ovando is truly a unique location for any stay. Its central building was the residence of Nicolas de Ovando, the first governor in America and it is said that Christopher Columbus himself used actually stay here. In fact Columbus's mausoleum is only a short taxi ride away. Today this house is an enchanting blend of historical elegance and contemporary style offering exclusive cuisine at La Residence restaurant, tropical cocktails around the pool and rum tasting at the Cibao cigar club. The hotel also offers a fitness centre, library, snooker and a baby sitting service for those who should require it.

ROOMS: The hotel offers 104 rooms and suites with views of the garden, pool, river or street. All rooms are elegantly designed with all of the 5 star comforts one would expect such as air-conditioning, safe, hair dryer and satellite TV.

SPECIAL OFFERS: We would recommend the Sofitel Nicolas de Ovando as an excellent and alternative city break during your stay in the Dominican Republic. If possible we would suggest doing your city break over a Friday and Saturday in order to truly experience its legendary nightlife.

PRICES

Low Season price from €218.00pps (B&B)

High Season price from €238.00pps (B&B)

Prices are per person and include return transfers from your resort to the city and 2 nights accommodation on the meal plan indicated. We recommend a minimum 2 nights to explore Santo Domingo and its surroundings.



BREEZES PUERTO PLATA ★★★★★ NORTH COAST (All Inclusive)

LOCATION: This superb beachfront resort is situated along the north coast of the island, approximately 45 minutes from Puerto Plata Airport.

THE PROPERTY: Set amidst a lush landscape of palm fringed coast line Breezes Puerto Plata & Spa Resort has just emerged from extensive renovations where they have added a new conference centre and casino while updating all of the public facilities, guest rooms, and the addition of a new pool area unlike any other SuperClubs Resort! Breezes Puerto Plata & Spa Resort is the perfect choice for families (kids club for 4 - 12 years), couples and singles. If you would like to stay active on your vacation, then Breezes is the place for you. Included for your use and enjoyment are 3 lighted tennis courts, a lighted, full-court basketball court, grass soccer field, beach soccer area, beach volleyball, pool volleyball, water polo, wilderness paint ball course(not included) and 9-hole pitch and putt. Water sports fans will find the fabulous beach and crystal-clear water irresistible with kayaks and an introductory Scuba lesson complimentary. While those who enjoy good food can indulge in exquisite international cuisine in a choice of 5 restaurants, and leave your evenings free for those unforgettable Caribbean nights.

ROOMS: The hotel has 466 guest rooms and suites surrounded by a 62 acre tropical garden. All the rooms are equipped with air conditioning, telephone, iron and ironing board, hair dryer, tea & coffee maker, stocked mini-fridge, cable TV, CD player and balcony or terrace.

PRICES

Low Season price from €1199.00pps (All-inclusive meal plan)

High Season price from €1413.00pps (All-inclusive meal plan)

All prices quoted are per person inclusive of flights and transfers for a 7 night stay at the meal plan indicated.



EXCELLENCE PUNTA CANA ★★★★★ EAST COAST (All Inclusive)

LOCATION: Situated on miles of unspoiled sugary white sand and with no building higher than a coconut tree this stunning adults only resort is easily accessible from Punta Cana. (Approximately 1 hour drive).

THE PROPERTY: The resort is a romantic getaway for couples that want a different kind of vacation. Far from crowds in a forest of seven thousand palm trees on a remote stretch of Punta Cana's Caribbean shoreline, holidays are peaceful but never dull. The resort offers moonlit horseback rides on the beach, live stage shows featuring Latin American dance and music, and a casino. It provides the perfect playground during the day with two giant pools including swim-up bars and poolside meals under palapas and at night the opportunity to dine in seven different restaurants with cuisine from around the world or to enjoy a seaside candlelight dinner to put the romance in any relationship. The world-class spa and fitness centre give guests an opportunity to keep up their workout schedules and pamper their bodies.

ROOMS: This elegant colonial-styled resort has 452 beautifully appointed rooms and suites offering a choice of pool, garden or ocean views. All include their own private Jacuzzi, patio/balcony, mini-bar, safety deposit box, bathrobes, 24-hour room service and every other conceivable amenity.

SPECIAL OFFERS: **Early Booking Bonus 1:** Every booking made by 31 Oct for arrival 01 Nov 08 - 30 Apr 09 will get a 10% room discount. Bookings **MUST** be paid in full by 07 Nov 08. **Early Booking Bonus 2:** Book by 31 Jan for travel during 01 May - 31 Oct 08 and you will qualify for a 20% discount. **MUST** be paid in full by 06 Feb 09.

Free Weddings: Book a Jr Suite Ocean View or higher category room for a min 7 nights to qualify for your free wedding.

PRICES

Low Season price from €1525.00pps
(All-Inclusive meal plan)

High Season price from €1635.00pps
(All-Inclusive meal plan)

All prices quoted are per person inclusive of flights and transfers for a 7 night stay at the meal plan indicated.

PARADISUS PUNTA CANA ★★★★★

LOCATION: In one of the most prestigious corners of Punta Cana, right alongside beautiful Bávaro Beach with its fine white sand, crystal-clear water, lush vegetation and endless palm trees, is Paradisus Punta Cana. All just 22 minutes from Punta Cana International Airport and 3 hours from Santo Domingo.

THE PROPERTY: The only all-inclusive resort in the Caribbean with 10 different restaurants, 7 bars, 24 hour room service, daytime and evening activities and entertainment, a casino, a world-class spa, an ecologic walking park, and a new Action Park with bating cage, archery, bicycles and a climbing rock. The Cocotal Golf and Country Club is just minutes from the resort and features the Meliá Golf Academy with private and group lessons available for resort guests. All these services and facilities make all the difference for families, golf lovers, and couples.

Paradisus Punta Cana Resort introduces a newly-created oasis of tropical escapism - **The Reserve at Paradisus Punta Cana Resort**. A brand new resort-within-a-resort offering exclusive access to separate, sparkling new pools for kids and adults, a private lounge, and stunningly luxurious accommodations (see below).

ROOMS: The resort offers a stunning choice of accommodation for every party, 500 Suites located in 35 two-story bungalows offering ocean or garden views and luxury amenities. 80 Royal Service Deluxe Junior Suites with whirlpools in the bathroom and all the privileges and benefits that accompany Royal Service guests including access to the Royal Service Lounge, priority reservations at the spa and for water sports and butler service among others. Family Concierge Suites Luxurious family accommodation with the added amenities just for families. Finally, there are 192 oversized Paradisus Resort suites. Including our One Bedroom Master Suites and Luxury Junior Suites, each spacious, beautifully designed and elegantly appointed.

SPECIAL OFFERS: **Golf Offer:** Unlimited golf is included at the Cocotal Golf Club. Golf cart is not included in offer but is mandatory, and cost US\$2 plus tax.

PRICES

Low Season price from €1341.00pps
(All-Inclusive meal plan)

High Season price from €1924.00pps
(All-Inclusive meal plan)

All prices quoted are per person inclusive of flights and transfers for a 7 night stay at the meal plan indicated.

AGUA RESORT & SPA ***** EAST COAST

LOCATION

Located in a natural landscape of 40,000 square meters with 200 meters of private beach, white sands and crystalline waters, the Agua Spa & Beach Resort is located just 38 Kilometres from Punta Cana International Airport.

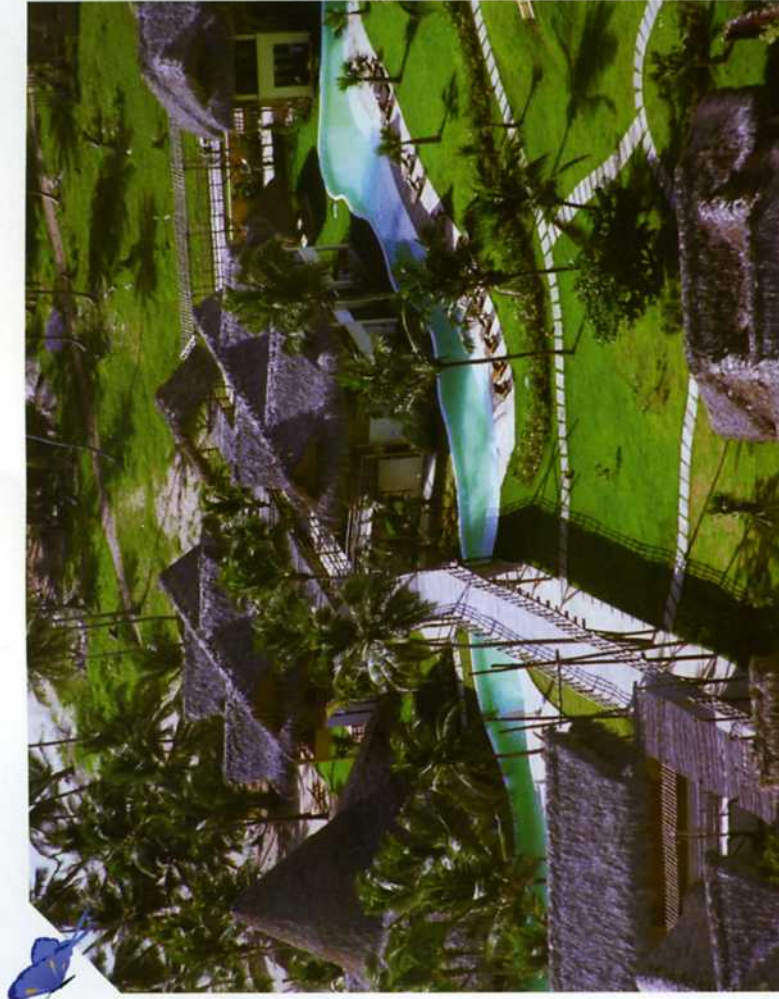
THE PROPERTY

The resort is a careful blend of Caribbean architecture including elements such as natural woods, stone, and thatched roofs evoking a sense of balance, relaxation and well-being, as well as the signature warmth and happiness of the Caribbean culture. The resort includes 3 restaurants for the ultimate dining experience: the beach grill, the main restaurant and a cosier 10-table gourmet restaurant. The Spa deserves a special mention: a world-class facility with six rooms for the most advanced treatments. Agua Resort has entrusted Phyto Mer of Brittany one of the world's cosmetic leaders to ensure an unforgettable and unique spa experience.

The resort also includes a mini-club for kids, with babysitting service. Another spectacular amenity is a professional-grade tennis court surrounded by beautiful gardens, and a private heliport for guests who prefer to be transported to the airport via helicopter. As supplementary services, the Agua Resort offers two 4x4 vehicles with a driver, private butlers and a variety of leisure activities such as deep sea fishing, horseback riding, and sailboat excursions along the coast, to name a few.

ROOMS

The resort boasts 42 luxury suites of 70 square meters each, most of which are beachfront with stunning ocean views, and private lounge-pools in select suites. It also offers 4 two-bedroom villas, measuring 300 square meters each, with a private garden and pool, and a main three-bedroom villa with a kitchenette and private pool - all exquisitely and individually styled.



PRICES

Low Season price from €1995,00pps (B&B)

High Season price from €2375,00pps (B&B)

HONEYMOON PACKAGE

Welcome champagne breakfast served in your suite, daily breakfast in Areito restaurant, romantic moonlight 3 course dinner on the beach (one night of your choice), romantic sunset cocktail and hors d'oeuvres (one night of your choice), one, 1-hour couple massage, exquisite turn down with amenities from their executive chef. Ask for pricing.