



Casa de Campo®

Guide



Welcome

Welcome to Casa de Campo® Resort & Villas. The resort offers activities that include three superb golf courses; the world rated, **TEETH OF THE DOG, DYE FORE** and **THE LINKS** as well as three polo fields, shooting centre, thirteen clay tennis courts, an equestrian centre with riding and jumping lessons, water sports, spa fitness centre, Minitas beach, a la carte restaurants, Altos de Chavon (artist village) and the new Casa de Campo Marina, all of which will please almost any visitor.

Golf (Ext. 3148/3419/3187) Golfers find their rhythm at Casa de Campo® masterfully designed golf courses crafted by the legendary Pete Dye, including the #1 ranked golf course in the Caribbean, Teeth of the Dog. Golfing in the Dominican Republic on the award-winning golf courses is bound to be a grand slam. Train with the pros at our world-class Golf Learning Center to play your best game on the Caribbean shoreline on our three Pete Dye masterpieces: Teeth of the Dog, Dye Fore, and The Links.

Altos de Chavon is a place like no other—a replica 16th century Mediterranean village in the heart of the Dominican countryside. Active studios for artists of every medium from pottery to weaving, silk screening, and everything in between line the cobblestone streets alongside shops and boutiques showcasing their unique creations. Altos de Chavón is also home to the renowned Altos de Chavón School of Design, which is affiliated with the Parsons School of Design in New York. Other sites include an archaeological museum, offering a glimpse into the fascinating history of the area, the St. Stanislaus Church, 5,000-seat amphitheater, and sweeping views of the Chavón River and the Caribbean Sea.

Casa de Campo Marina features 250 slips for yachts and sailboats of up to 150 feet. On its main plaza, you will find the Marina Yacht Club, restaurants, shops, banks, art galleries, pharmacy, beauty salon and a supermarket.

Equestrian Centre (Ext. 5249) Casa de Campo® extensive equestrian center is among the best in the Caribbean. And if you've never saddled-up before, our expert staff is on hand for lessons in English or Western-style riding and jumping, and even grooming techniques and rodeo stunts.

Shooting Center (Ext. 5145/8490) For an authentic in-the-wild shooting experience, look no further than Casa de Campo®. The shooting facilities include an onsite 245 acre Shooting Centre, with over 200 stations for trap, skeet and

sporting clays and pigeon rings. Casa de Campo®'s shooting center also includes a 110 ft. tower that projects sporting clays—one of the largest in the world, as well as “Rancho Peligro”, a wild bird reserve outside of Casa de Campo® where “Driven Shoots” take place.

Tennis Centre (Ext. 5939/5940) Slice, serve, and find your sweet spot under the warm Caribbean sun on one of Casa de Campo® Tennis Center's 13 immaculate fast-dry Har-Tru tennis courts—that is, if the view doesn't distract you first. Dubbed the Wimbledon of the Caribbean, the Tennis Center is the perfect place for players of all levels. With over 25 pros and junior professionals on staff beginners can learn from the best while more advanced players can brush up on their skills through private and group lessons. And with an abundance of local talent, there's always someone available to serve up a challenging game, set, and match.

Spa (Ext. 8529/5665/5666) The Spa at Casa de Campo® is the perfect place for your body and mind to relax and reset. We use Ayurvedic techniques and local organic ingredients to detoxify, regenerate, and renew. Surrender to the healing power of touch as our massage therapists melt away any tension or calm your mind with a soothing hot oil treatment. Regardless of what you're looking for, we have a treatment or service that will leaving you feeling refreshed and inspired.

Minitas Beach (Ext. 8091) Our private Minitas Beach is conveniently located right in the middle of it all, so you never have to go far for a little sun and sand. There's also plenty to do here, from a variety of water sports, to indulging in a relaxing massage in our open-air pavilion. Not to mention the quintessential Minitas Beach experience, enjoying one of our famous piña colodas served in a fresh, local pineapple. And when you're feeling like a snack, you can dine at the Minitas Beach Club & Restaurant overlooking the Caribbean Sea.



How it all Began

In 1960, Mr. Alvaro Carta fled Communist Cuba to live in Miami. In the late 1960's he was off to the Dominican Republic to operate the financially troubled South Puerto Rico Sugar Company. With the financial backing of the huge Gulf + Western empire, headed by Charles Bludhorn, Carta formed a new division known as Gulf + Western Americas. The Sugar Mill in the town of La Romana quickly became the single largest producing mill in the world and Carta began to consider investment options for the millions of dollars flowing into Gulf + Western each year. He wanted to take the money cultivated in this country and create a new industry, developing impoverished areas and improving the economic conditions of its people. He targeted the tourism industry and began looking for land to build a lavish resort with a golf course. Carta brought in famed golf course designer Pete Dye to assist him in locating the perfect spot. After drawing up plans for an area just outside of Santo Domingo, Dye asked if there were any alternate locations. Carta reluctantly suggested there was an area near the La Romana Sugar Mill that was too dry to grow sugarcane and too sparsely vegetated for cattle. Carta and Dye ventured out to take a look.

Dye started out building an Executive Course in the area to be played by the employees of the Sugar Mill. But in scouting the coastline, Dye discovered that something truly extraordinary could be created here. Over the next year, more than 300 Dominicans melded a sea-side course. The course was created by the use of manpower, instead of horsepower because the cost to import special machinery was prohibitive. The land, covered with thick underbrush, stubbly tropical trees, big boulders, and cactus was cleared by labourers who gripped their machetes and cleared the land. The crew used sledgehammers, pickaxes and chisels to crack the coral rock. The soil was carted from a mile inland, by sugarcane carts pulled by oxen and transported to the course site. The topsoil was created with cachaza, a by-product of sugarcane. The course was originally named Cajuales, referring to the beautiful cashew trees that grew in the mountains. The name was changed to the "Teeth of the Dog" when Dye heard natives refer to the sharp coral rock as, "diente del perro, (teeth of the dog in Spanish) after the canine-teeth appearance of the sharp rock edges. In the fall of 1971, the 18-hole course Teeth of the Dog, with seven holes on the Caribbean Sea was ready for play. An international airport was built at Casa de Campo® to accommodate the many corporate CEO's arriving via

private jet to vacation here. In 1974, Casa de Campo resort opened as an executive retreat for Gulf + Western and its "Teeth of the Dog" hosted the World Amateur Team Championships. About the same time, the late Indian Prince Maharajah Jabar Singh, one of the best polo players in the world, having won Spain Kings Cup six times and Frances' Deuville gold Cup three times, was invited to introduce polo at this new resort. Singh organized polo and started breeding and training polo ponies for Gulf + Western. Tennis was added as an added perk to vacationing guests. In 1976 the "Links" golf course opened for play and construction began on a village high atop a hill dedicated to be a cultural mecca to showcase the art of the Dominican Republic. In 1979, the heart of Altos de Chavon was completed. Genesis Discotheque opened Dec. 31, 1980 and two years later on August 20, 1982, Frank Sinatra inaugurated the villages' 5,000-seat Grecian style amphitheater with an HBO televised special. The Altos de Chavon School of Design opened in 1983 in affiliation with New York famed Parson School of Design.

As the global economy began to fall in the mid-1980's, Casa de Campo®, the Sugar Mill and its surrounding property was sold to a group of private investors of the Central Romana Corporation. The "tourism" dream of Alvaro Carta was about to take-on a different dimension... this time with a global impact becoming the force driving tourism development in the Dominican Republic. Native Dominican designer Oscar de la Renta, who built a home here, was asked to provide his fashion talents to design the overall original "ambiance" of Casa de Campo®. American Eagle, a division of American Airlines began daily commuter service to Casa de Campo®'s private airstrip from San Juan, Puerto Rico. Casita hotel rooms were built to supplement the private villa homes and to give guests a choice in accommodations. In 1986, the new owners brought in famed British marksman Michael Rose to create a world-class Sporting Clays facility to complement the golf, tennis, beach water sports, river and ocean fishing, horseback riding & polo already in play at this Caribbean resort. With world-class level sports and instruction, Casa de Campo® had a firm hold on the high-end and upper middle markets - endorsed by our guests interested in golf, tennis, polo, shooting, etc. In 1986, the coveted Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition was shot at Casa de Campo®. When it hit the stands in winter 1987, the resort with these amazing shots was on the map!



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In 1990, the private La Romana Country Club & Golf Course was added. Casa de Campo became an international port of call in July 1992 with the inaugural arrival of Costa Cruise Lines' Classica. Then on June 15, 1995, American Airlines flew its Inaugural jet service from Miami to Casa de Campo®. In the summer of June 1998, computer giant Microsoft introduced its long awaited Microsoft Golf '98 game featuring Casa de Campo® 's famed "Teeth of the Dog" and "Links" courses. Just a month later, (August 1998), The World Amateur Golf Championships returned to Casa de Campo® with nightly updates provided to golf enthusiasts around the world on The Golf Channel popular "Golf Central" telecast. Just before high season, on December 19, 2000, American Airlines from the USA landed a jet in an inaugural flight into the new Casa de Campo®/La Romana International Airport, just minutes from check-in at the resort! And one year later, December 2001, the Casa de Campo® Preparatory Institute by Johnson & Wales University opened in the morning and, the new Casa de Campo Marina & Yacht Club opened later that same day. It was April 2003, when Pete Dye himself cut the ribbon to his newest creation at Casa de Campo; rumored to rival the famed Teeth of the Dog, the new DYE FORE course located near the Altos de Chavon village was born. After decades of family vacationing at Casa de Campo®, famed restaurant owner Siro Maccioni joined forces with the owners and management of Casa de Campo® in winter 2007. Maccioni sent a chef direct from Le Cirque in New York (not a bad gig for an NY chef in the winter), and the new Beach Club by Le Cirque opened with Le Cirque signature cuisine and service at the resort's private Minitas Beach.

Throughout its colorful, exciting history, Casa de Campo® has received countless industry accolades for its quality facilities, staff and service. The resort continues to amaze villa owners and guests alike, with its constant evolution while maintaining a strong dedication to high quality facilities and services.

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Casa de Campo®

Dining



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Casa de Campo® has a good variety of international restaurants and bars in which you can sample Asian, Italian, Spanish and Dominican cuisine. The resort also specializes in children's menus featuring kid's entrees. Highchairs are available in selected restaurants to keep your tots happy and your dining experience a pleasure.

Dress Code: For Lunch a Relaxed Attire (bathing suits require cover-ups. Dress/golf shorts are acceptable. Sandals and shoes required. Torn jeans and cutoff are not permitted). For Dinner a Caribbean Elegance (Long pants, collared shirts and closed shoes for gentleman. Casual attire for women.

At Altos de Chavon

Restaurant La Piazzetta (Ext.5339) In a setting reminiscent of a Mediterranean medieval village, and overlooking Altos de Chavón, La Piazzetta is Casa de Campo® 's first restaurant. The space, originally decorated by Oscar de la Renta, is the perfect venue for a family meal. La Piazzetta offers a seasonally evolving selection of Italian classics as well as Italian-inspired signature dishes, including an extensive variety of fresh handmade pastas prepared in-house by our staff. *Open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays & Mondays 6 pm to 11pm. Closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays.*

Onno's Tapas Bar (Ext.2868) Onno's features an amazing array of Tapas and delicious cuisine in a casual ambiance. Omelets in the morning, tapas or tasty burgers and sandwiches for lunch. Evening menus feature fabulous salads, baguettes, sandwiches, and numerous varieties of Tapas, plus daily chef's specials - including genuine Dominican cuisine!! *Open from 8am daily - until the last person departs - regardless of the time!!*

Chilango Taqueria (Ext.5380) Chilango Restaurant — a fun, contemporary taquería situated in Altos de Chavón. With a breathtaking location overlooking Plaza Chavón and the Church, this casual and affordable spot will be just right for a no-fuss meal with the big, bold flavors of everyone's favorite Mexican street food. *Open from 12pm to 11pm.*

La Cantina (Ext.1800) La Cantina officially opened for business on December 2011, with a simple, good and reasonably priced menu overlooking the main plaza of Altos de Chavon with a relaxed atmosphere. It is a "Latin Bistro" featuring mainly Dominican and Cuban specialties like

tostones, asopao, sancocho, ceviche, pastelitos, yuca and best of all mofongo! *Open from 11:30am to 2 am*

Café Marietta (Ext.1550) A tratto-pub that offers really good brick oven pizzas (like Carbonara with 3 eggs) pastas, hamburgers, filet mignon, mahi-mahi, chicken parmigiana and Nutella Pizza! Casual dining with that magnificent views of the Chavón Plaza, the Chavón River and beyond the mountains of the Cordillera Oriental. *Open from 12pm to 1am*

Alegria Located in Altos de Chavon, Alegria serves Mediterranean cuisines with a Dominican soul! *Open from 12pm to 12am*

At Minitas Beach

Minitas Beach Club & Restaurant (Ext.5246) The beach club is immersed in a tropical beachfront landscape, offers sweeping views of the Caribbean Sea, and unquestionably one of the best sunsets on the island. Discover the expansive pool deck with its infinity pool, enjoy specialty house cocktails at the ocean-view bar or delight yourself with a memorable meal at the restaurant. *Open for lunch from 12pm to 4 pm and Dinner from 6pm to 11pm.*

At Casa de Campo Hotel

Lago Restaurant (Ext.5266) Discover our luxurious buffet at Lago Restaurant, while enjoying spectacular views of the World Famous Teeth of the Dog and the Caribbean Sea. Watch the Sunrise while enjoying fresh pastries, omelets and local garnishes for breakfast. Take time off during lunch to watch golfers wrap up on the 18th Hole while enjoying the expansive options available, including an ample of choice of made to order delicacies. *Open for Breakfast from 7am to 11pm, Lunch from 12pm to 3pm and Dinner from 6pm to 10:30pm (seasonal).*



La Caña (Ext.3000) At the heart of the Casa de Campo®, La Caña Bar & Restaurant takes its name from the sugar cane crops that surround the town of La Romana and have been the driving force of the local economy since the 1900s. The restaurant highlights and elevates local ingredients within the context of French-inspired fare. Guests congregate at the bar and lounge area on a nightly basis to enjoy the sounds of local live music as well as hand-rolled cigars and an extensive selection of Dominican rums. *Open for Lunch from 12pm to 4 pm and Dinner from 6pm to 11pm*

At La Marina

SBG Faro (Ext.5564) Featuring an exquisite international menu with a Mediterranean flair, SBG is a luxurious and elegant venue for a casual dinner, or an evening's worth of entertainment. Dine by the pool, enjoying a chic and sophisticated vibe, with an occasional DJ appearance or live band. *Open Lunch from 12pm to 4pm and Dinner from 6pm to 11pm*

Restaurant Pepperoni (Ext.2242) At Pepperoni guests are invited to dine in the formal dining room, or under a canopy outside for a slightly less formal experience. Featuring a wide variety of fare from fine imported steaks, to sushi and pasta, with top notch service provided by an impeccable staff. Pepperoni also features an extensive bar and wine menu, as can be seen at the striking "La Enoteca" bar prominently situated at the entrance. *Open from 11am to 12am.*

Shibuya Ichiban is a different proposal with an exquisite oriental flavor. It offers a casual Japanese culinary experience with touches of Peruvian cuisine. Super fresh and innovative products that attract people to get carried away and enjoy their interesting menu, it is their best cover letter. Plates that look like works of art and options such as Atarashi Nigiris, ceviche rolls, sashimis and the well-known Chahan Rice & Wasabi Pepper Steak are the delight of the restaurant's exclusive clientele, the perfect place to conclude lunch or dinner at the local bar with a Sake in your hands. *Open from 12pm to 12am*

La Casita Restaurant (Ext.2529) The shimmering waters of the Caribbean Sea have long been a source of inspiration. And at La Casita, everything we do is influenced and inspired by this great body of water. Its Spanish-

inspired dishes focused on fresh, local seafood complement perfectly with this stunning location. Dine on our famous paella in the open air and watch yachts coming and going, or simply watch as the sun sinks from the sky into the calm ocean beyond. *Open from 6pm to 11pm*

Pizzeria Ristorante Limoncello (Ext.2299) Limoncello features simple and genuine Italian/Mediterranean cuisine including homemade pasta, fresh seafood, and its' specialty: wood oven pizza. Typical Italian Trattoria in décor and featuring beautiful, handmade Amalfi coast dinnerware. *Open from 11am to 12am*

Causa (Ext.) Causa is the name of an iconic dish of Peruvian Food, but colloquially it is used in Peru to refer to a compadre and close friend. In an informal, modern environment with positive energy, Causa will offer our guests and members of the Casa de Campo community the opportunity to discover the gastronomy of Peru, one of the most varied and exquisite in the world. The gastronomic proposal focuses on three of the most recognized styles of Peruvian Food: Creole, Nikkei and Chifa. *Open from 12pm to 11pm*

El Fantastico Forneau (Ext. 1515) Best bakery in the island just opened offering fresh croissants, donuts, brownies, media lunas argentinas, Venezuelan cachitos, gourmet cafe, Frappuccino, a great selection of sandwiches, pizzas, beer, soft drinks and much more. Download their App for full menu. BEST PRICES in Casa de Campo! *Open from 7:30 am pm until 11:00pm*

Reservations are recommended on all restaurants during Christmas & New Year. Some restaurants may charge you a cancellation fee. Reservations are subject to availability.

Bars

At Casa de Campo® Hotel

La Cana Bar & Lounge (Ext.3165) For a refreshing cool mid-day drink or relaxing cocktail before or after dinner, visit the beautiful indoor/outdoor La Cana lounge in the main area of the resort! The open-air seating area invite you to sit back with your drink and enjoy the wonderful Caribbean breezes and light music in the air. *Open from 9am to 1am.*



At Altos de Chavon

Onno's Tapas Bar (Ext.5340) Soft dining music grows to a more upbeat Cabarete style as the evening progresses. Later in the evening, guests are invited to shuffle the furniture and dance on the comfortable porch!! *Open from 8am - until the last person departs, regardless of the time!!*

At the Marina

Azimut Cafe (Ext.2377) Located in the Paseo de la Marina, this sleek and adorable spot is where boat owners as well as residents and visitors to Casa de Campo® can enjoy a good Nespresso coffee like the intense Ristretto, Espresso Leggero, Espresso Decaffeinato or the Nespresso Capuccino and the fresh baked goods like croissants, brownies and panettones in relaxed and elegant surroundings. You can also stop by to watch the sunset with a glass of sparkling Prosecco. *Open daily from 8am to 12am*

La Enoteca Bar In the heart of Portofino Plaza at the Marina, La Enoteca offers the finest quality wines and liquors of the world, specialty beers and tasty light fare. Enjoy low key music and quiet conversation in a relaxing environment, or stock up on your favourite wine and take it home. Delivery service is available to your villa. *Open from Monday thru Thursday from 10am to 10pm and Friday thru Sunday from 10am to 12am*

No reservations are required in bars and lounges.

Others

Cinco Gelato Artisanal ice-creams, yummy and moist @GUILTFREECAKE, sundaes, milkshakes and coffee. *Open from from 10am to 12am*

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Casa de Campo®

Inside The Villa



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What are the staff duties?

The maid responsibility is to keep the villa clean and in some occasion cook you breakfast. The cook responsibility would be to prepare and cook your three meals of the day. The waiter would be in charge of preparing and serving drinks and help the staff with anything they need.

Can we drink the tap water?

No, most resorts have purification water systems only suitable for cooking, cleaning the dishes and brushing your teeth. We recommend using bottle water to drink and make ice. Drinking water is provided with your rental.

Can we leave the doors open when we leave the house?

No, when you leave the villa to go somewhere else please lock all doors. Casa de Campo® is a safe resort and security is provided but it is better to be safe than sorry. Please do not take out the bathroom towels or any other object in the villa. Beach towels will be provided free of charge at the beach or hotel main pool.

What is the policy on the use of air conditioning and water heater?

The air conditioning units are provided for you to use during your stay. However, we ask not leave them on for the whole day, please use it only when needed and help us in our efforts to keep our planet green. The same applies to the water heater.

What are my obligations as a guest?

a) Smoking is not permitted inside the bedrooms or bathrooms but may be done outside on the terraces, in the gardens or around the swimming pool. Please take normal precautions to prevent any damage to the property.

b) House parties, bachelor parties, prostitutes, or similar activities generally considered illegal or immoral and degrading to and abusive of the reputation of the property and the neighbourhood are not allowed at any time in the property.

d) You are responsible for any long distance telephone calls bill made from the property during their stay.

e) You are responsible for any damage to furniture, silverware, dinnerware as well as all the white bed linens of the property during your stay.

Is there anything I need to know about the use of the the swimming pool or Jacuzzi?

Your private swimming pool or Jacuzzi at the villa will used entirely by you and the members of your party at your own risk. It is your responsibility to supervise the members of your party, especially children and elderly persons, at all times in and around the swimming pool or Jacuzzi areas. Under no circumstances must any glass be used in or around the swimming pool or Jacuzzi. Breakage of a single glass may require drainage and cleaning of the entire pool or Jacuzzi, which would be at your expense. Plastic cups are provided.

What is the check out time and where it is done?

Check out time is at 1pm unless special arrangements are made in advance. If you opted to use your ID card as a charge card you must check out at the Owners Club located at Casa de Campo® Hotel in order to clear your account.

Do you have someone that we can contact for anything that we may need while we are here?

Yes. At your arrival you will meet one of our representatives who will welcome you and give you his or her details in case you need to contact us.

Where could shop for groceries?

There are two places in Casa de Campo® where you can purchase your groceries. Nacional Supermarket at the Marina (Ext. 2344) and El Mercadito in Altos de Chavon (Ext. 5292) both of these are small supermarkets. Jumbo Supermarket is the main one and is located outside Casa de Campo® in the town of La Romana town (809.556.5858). Just a 10 minute drive in a car or by taxi.



What is the electricity voltage at the villa?

Electricity is 110 volts, same as in the USA. Please be mindful when you leave your room, to turn off the lights and the air conditionings units. We always ask the villa staff to turn off the air conditioning units when you are not in the bedrooms during the daytime.

Could we take the bathroom towels to the beach?

Please do not take out the bathroom towel or any other object in the villa. Beach towels will be provided free of charge at Minitas beach and at the hotel main pool.

Outside The Villa

Where could I change my US\$ Dollars or € Euros?

No need to change your US\$ Dollars as all the amenities and restaurants in Casa accept US\$ Dollars. In case you need to change them Casa de Campo Marina has several banks that open from Monday thru Saturday as well as ATM machines at the Marina and Casa de Campo® Hotel. Banco Lopez de Haro at the Marina is the only bank able to change your € Euros. There are also banks and exchange houses in the town of La Romana.

Should I use sun block protection during the day?

Yes, the combination of sun and sea brings a lot of fun and pleasure, but some perils as well. During the summer enjoy the sea and the sun in the morning until 11am and in the afternoon after 4pm. Between 11am and 4 pm it is better to avoid the sun.

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Activities



Golf Courses

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Teeth of the Dog

Take a Bite out of Teeth of the Dog

Ranked the number one course in the Caribbean and 34th in the top 100 courses in the world by Golf Magazine, play Teeth's seven holes directly on the Caribbean Sea. The "Teeth" course attracts the best professional and amateur golfers in the world. Tricky shots include a devilish dogleg and signature Dye obstacles such as elevated greens and trick of the eye trees. Top-notch caddies are ready and eager to guide you through the terrain.

Dye Fore

"Dyed" and Gone to Golf Heaven

Of the 18 picturesque holes on the Dye Fore course, number 12 and number 15 are two of the greatest par three holes in the world. This new addition to the Casa de Campo® golf triad is said to rival the "Teeth of the Dog" course. "Dye Fore has spectacular views of the Caribbean Sea, the mountains, the Chavón River below and the Altos de Chavón artists' village," said Gilles Gagnon, Director of Golf at Casa de Campo. "Visually, the course is intimidating and the par three's are incredible."

Dye Fore Lakes

Pete Dye has done an incredible job designing and building these nine holes on a very rocky terrain. You will be tested and your nerve endings will be firing. Beautifully framed holes playing over, around well placed bunkers and four lakes. Although the greens are much smaller than we are used to on our other four golf courses, you will love it. Casa de Campo® is a special place for golf because all our courses are different and give the golfers a sense of being in four different places.

One round, you are on the Caribbean, the next round you feel like you are in the mountains, next you are looking at an ancient mediterranean civilization village and lastly this new nine have a feel of being in the desert.

The Links

Water, Water, Everywhere

The Links course, also designed by Pete Dye, has a moderately hilly track with tall bahia and guinea grass roughs as well as plenty of sand traps to keep you on your toes. Thought by some to be reminiscent of traditional British and Scottish courses, there are several lagoons and even lakes with wading birds. There are five holes where water comes into play on this course making it a challenge unto itself.

Pete Dye - Pete Dye is considered in many circles to be the most influential golf course architect of the last 50 years. And Casa de Campo® is delighted to have three of his courses on the grounds. Each is distinct from the rest yet each bears the signature Dye style and challenge. Dye's hands-on approach and organic style are superbly influenced by the traditions of the game.

Altos de Chavon

Altos de Chavón is a place like no other—a replica 16th century Mediterranean village in the heart of the Dominican countryside. Meticulously designed by Dominican architect, Jose Antonio Caro, and Italian master designer and cinematographer, Roberto Coppa, every detail of Altos de Chavón was handcrafted by local artisans. The village is a cultural center for residents, tourists, and working artists from all over the world. Active studios for artists of every medium from pottery to weaving, silk screening, and everything in between line the cobblestone streets alongside shops and boutiques showcasing their unique creations. The Art Gallery features works from noted Dominican artists, as well as artists from around the world which helps to foster a dialogue of creativity and cultural exchange. Altos de Chavón is also home to the renowned Altos de Chavón School of Design, which is affiliated with the Parsons School of Design in New York. Other sites include an archaeological museum, offering a glimpse into the fascinating history of the area, the St. Stanislaus Church, 5,000-seat amphitheater, and sweeping views of the Chavón River and the Caribbean Sea.



Amphitheater - At the center of the historic 16th century replica Mediterranean village Altos de Chavón is the stunning 5,000-seat Grecian-style amphitheater. This architectural wonder has been the setting for countless concerts, events, and performances since its inauguration in 1982 by none other than the late Frank Sinatra for the live HBO special, "The Concert of the Hemispheres." Other notable performers who have graced the stage include Sting, Elton John, Andrea Bocelli, Gloria Estefan, Alejandro Fernández, Marc Anthony, Spyro Gyra, Michel Camilo, Juan Luis Guerra, Air Supply, Julio Iglesias, Plácido Domingo, and many more to come.

Museum - History buffs and the curious alike will find lots of see at the Archaeological Regional Museum. Located in the heart of Altos de Chavón, the museum features an extraordinary collection of indigenous objects that help tell the story of the early history of the Dominican Republic. The museum holds more than 3,000 pieces, some of which have been featured in international exhibits at places like the Museo del Barrio in New York, the Petite Palais in Paris, and as part of the Quincentenary of the Discovery of America exhibit in Seville, Spain.

Shopping - Browse the numerous shops and galleries at Altos de Chavón for unique treasures you won't find anywhere else. You'll find distinct fine jewels, fashions, cigars, handcrafted and embroidered linens, and so much more. Find the perfect souvenir to help remember your vacation at Casa de Campo®, or browse for gifts for your friends and family back home. Local artists and students from the acclaimed Altos de Chavón School of Design have plenty of wares on display—and you just never know, today's purchase might be an early work from tomorrow's next rising art world star. Browse the complete listing of shops found at Casa de Campo.

Minitas Beach

The Resort Private Beach

Our private Minitas Beach is conveniently located right in the middle of it all, so you never have to go far for a little sun and sand. There's also plenty to do here, from a variety of water sports, to indulging in a relaxing massage in our open-air pavilion. Not to mention the quintessential Minitas Beach experience, enjoying one of our famous piña colodas served in a fresh, local pineapple. And when you're

feeling like a snack, you can dine at the Minitas Beach Club & Restaurant overlooking the Caribbean Sea.

But perhaps the best thing about Minitas Beach is that it's a private, unspoiled haven with a calm and relaxing atmosphere, perfect for kicking back and relaxing from the comfort of a chaise lounge chair.

The Marina

The heart of Casa de Campo® ocean playground is the Marina—the vision of Gianfranco Fini and Piero Giacosa. Inspired by the quaint seaside villages that dot the Mediterranean coastline, the Marina is more than just a place to moor, it's an entire community for sport fishermen, yachting enthusiasts, and landlubbers alike. Chase the horizon by sailboat, catamaran, or charter boat. Dive beneath the surface to snorkel dazzling underwater realms. Maybe this is your year to catch and release an extraordinary, trophy-worthy blue marlin. Race between the waves towards smaller, out islands filled with native wildlife. Your chances for unforgettable experiences are as endless as the sea itself.

La Terraza Tennis Center

The largest Tennis Center in the Caribbean

Slice, serve, and find your sweet spot under the warm Caribbean sun on one of Casa de Campo® Tennis Center's 13 immaculate fast-dry Har-Tru tennis courts—that is, if the view doesn't distract you first. Dubbed the Wimbledon of the Caribbean, the Tennis Center is the perfect place for players of all levels. With over 25 pros and junior professionals on staff beginners can learn from the best while more advanced players can brush up on their skills through private and group lessons. And with an abundance of local talent, there's always someone available to serve up a challenging game, set, and match.

The Spa

The Spa at Casa de Campo® is the perfect place for your body and mind to relax and reset. We use Ayurvedic techniques and local organic ingredients to detoxify, regenerate, and renew. Surrender to the healing power of touch as our massage therapists melt away any tension or calm your mind with a soothing hot oil treatment.



Regardless of what you're looking for, we have a treatment or service that will leaving you feeling refreshed and inspired.

Fitness Center

The gym at Casa de Campo® offers state-of-the-art fitness equipment, personal training services, and group classes. Stretch it out before a round on one of our three critically-acclaimed golf courses, hit the treadmill to get your heart rate up, or enjoy the spectacular scenery with a run through the resort. We have everything you need to make sure you keep moving.

Equestrian Center

Casa de Campo® extensive equestrian center is among the best in the Caribbean. And if you've never saddled-up before, our expert staff is on hand for lessons in English or Western-style riding and jumping, and even grooming techniques and rodeo stunts.

Private guides are available for individual or group trail rides on two of our cattle ranches. Enjoy a leisurely ride through herds of water buffalo, lakes teeming with ducks and local fauna, sugar cane fields, and our on-site horse-breeding operation. The Equestrian and Polo are directed by Fernando Arata, originally from Argentina, a professional polo player with ample experience in the field.

Polo - There are few places in the world where you can experience the thrill and the majesty of polo like Casa de Campo®. Our polo facilities—which include three playing fields and one practice field—are among the best in the world. Regular polo matches are played all year long three days a week, and from January to April, Casa de Campo® is home to the most important polo event of the region: Polo Challenge.

Jumping - Experience the thrill of soaring into the air high on the saddle of a powerful and majestic creature. We can help you leap to new heights with the basics of jumping. Available to experienced riders only, our expert staff will teach you the proper postures and special techniques you need to guide one of our well-trained horses to jump.

Trail Rides - Take a scenic trip through the beautiful Casa de Campo® and surrounding area. We offer a choice

between English or Western style rides, and even have three ponies—Anita, Juanito, and Miguelito—just for the kids.

Horseback Tour - Hacienda Higüeral is a beautiful historic ranch just 20-minutes away from Casa de Campo®. A working farm, horses and cattle are bred and raised here. Visitors can see cowboys hard at work leading the herds, and have the opportunity to explore the scenic sugar cane fields, open pastures, and peaceful lagoons.

PLEASE NOTE: Long pants and closed shoes are required to ride at the center. Children must be over 7 years of age or have prior riding experience.

Shooting Center

Over 200 Stations

For an authentic in-the-wild shooting experience, look no further than Casa de Campo®. The shooting facilities include an onsite 245 acre Shooting Centre, with over 200 stations for trap, skeet and sporting clays and pigeon rings. Casa de Campo®'s shooting center also includes a 110 ft. tower that projects sporting clays—one of the largest in the world, as well as "Rancho Peligro", a wild bird reserve outside of Casa de Campo® where "Driven Shoots" take place.

Shooters of all ages and skill levels will be delighted by the flexibility of the layout and the realistic conditions that simulate shooting wild game in their natural habitat. The course has been designed so shooters can progress from station to station in tournaments or individually for a challenging and exciting activity the whole family can enjoy.

Purdey Five Stand Shooting Facility - Our Purdey Five Stand Shooting Facility is a relatively new game to the sport, and it truly has everything you'd ever want in a fun, challenging shooting experience. Featuring a line of 5 'stands' for shooting, it's more exciting than Trap, throws a wider variety of patterns than Skeet, and is faster than Sporting Clays. Hunters have the chance to work on shots that simulate rabbit, duck and quail hunting. World-renowned Purdey is the highest standard in gun manufacturing and we are proud and excited to have this new facility available to our guests.



Water Sports

The warm, turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea and the Chavón River are your playgrounds at Casa de Campo®. From the thrill of deep-sea fishing to the serenity of kayaking through the countryside to exploring a world beneath the waves while snorkeling, you'll love what the sea has to offer.

Deep Sea Fishing - The warm waters of the Caribbean are swimming with sea life, making Casa de Campo® an ideal hub for sport fishing. Head out on a fishing excursion and reel in trophy fish like wahoo, kingfish, sailfish, barracuda, and perhaps the most famous species of all blue marlin.

Snorkeling - The Caribbean Sea is positively teeming with sea life just waiting to be observed. Snorkel in the calm, sheltered waters off Minitas Beach, or venture further offshore on an excursion to explore the pristine nearby islands of Catalina and Saona. But no matter where you decide to explore, the crystal clear waters and colorful reefs are bound to pique your interest.

Kayaking - With both the Caribbean Sea and the Chavón River at our doorstep, kayakers will find plenty of places to explore. Paddle just off Minitas Beach for spectacular seaside views and to catch a glimpse of some of the creatures that call these waters home.

For something different, take a trip up the Chavón River to explore the natural beauty of the Dominican countryside, including spectacular views of Altos de Chavón. With both single and double kayaks available, paddlers from novice to expert can enjoy this peaceful and relaxing sport.

Paddle Board - Take part in an ancient sporting tradition that was first started by the Polynesian people in the warm waters of Hawaii. Paddle surfing is a challenging activity where surfers stand on their board and use a paddle to move through the water. Test your balance and strength and feel the rush of moving through the warm Caribbean Sea.

Catalina Island

The Resort Island

Enjoy a different kind of island escape with a quick excursion to beautiful Catalina Island. Just six-square miles in size, the immaculate beaches are perfect for relaxing and the entire island is part of the Parque Nacional del Este, which means the interior is unspoiled and perfect for a leisurely stroll. But the fun isn't limited to just the land, snorkelers will want to explore the amazing reef teeming with sea life just a short swim from the pier. Kids especially will enjoy the clear, shallow waters of this must-see beach.

Night Golf

You have a chance to spend an unforgettable evening outdoors at our Night Golf Party. Multi-color LED golf balls will fill the night sky, while flying towards brightly lit targets placed all over our new state of the art driving range. Music, drinks, BBQ and animation team will complete a fun and unique experience. Test your short game by taking a part in the Chipping and Putting Contests to see if you can win a prize and get the bragging rights among your friends.

Movie Theater

Don't let others spoil film releases during your vacations! At the Marina Casa de Campo® entrance you can find a modern movie theater equipped with 3 cinemas, stadium-type seating, leather seats and digital sound. With family, children or friends, enjoy new movies every week thanks to Caribbean Cinemas.

Running Trail

A 5 km long (3.1 miles) trail that loops around the central section of the resort. The trail takes you from Casa de Campo® hotel to La Marina.



Children Programs

There are all kinds of things for both the young and the young at heart at Casa de Campo®. From sunrise to sunset families can enjoy activities like playing sports, horseback riding, relaxing by the pool, hitting the beach, and so much more. And when the kids want to spend some time with kids their own age—or when mom and dad want some alone time—we offer a variety of award-winning programs and camps in a safe, supervised environment.

Toddlers 'n Casa - A fun full or half-day program for our youngest guests, the fully supervised little ones play at the playground, enjoy art activities, puppet shows, musical games and more. Counsellor to child ratio is 1:3. Full day includes lunch; half day includes snack. Staff trained in First Aid and CPR.

Kidz 'n Casa - A supervised children's program for kids ages 4-7, Kidz Casa launches children on exciting adventures with our friendly counsellors who provide a wealth of fun activities such as beach Olympics, treasure hunt, swimming and more. Full day includes lunch; half day includes snack. Staff trained in First Aid and CPR.

Kidz Night Out - Evening programs offer a night off for you and a night out for the kids! Kidz Night Out operates seven nights a week from 6pm to 11pm and includes dinner and activities.

Casa Tweens - Not Kidz and not quite Teens, 8-12s are cool Casa Tweens! They are chatty, giggly and always active so the Casa Tweens are off kayaking, horseback riding, playing tennis and more! Fully supervised, full day program includes lunch, half day includes snack. Staff is trained in First Aid and CPR.

Bonche4Teens - A supervised area exclusively for our teen guests, the Bonche 4 Teens zone features a billiard table, air hockey, music, movies, and more. The Bonche 4 Teens program requires parental approval and a Casa de Campo® Hotel Guest Card for entry. Teens-only activities like billiards tournaments, and parties are regularly scheduled.

Bonche 4 Teens is a facility designed for all Family members especially those in ages between 13 and 17; children under 13, are required to be accompanied by a guardian or parent at all times.

Teen's Hang Out - Ages 13-17, evening program for teens to have fun with other teens within the Resort. Guided by two counsellors. This program operates seven nights a week from 7pm-12am. Includes dinner and one non-alcoholic beverage.

Family Fun Time - This program provides lots of opportunities for the whole family to enjoy time together. All Family Fun Time activities are complimentary. There is a family Palapa at the beach. Everyone will leave Casa de Campo with treasured memories. An entertainment center for the entire family with a billiard table, air hockey, board games, basketball, video games, computers with internet access, snack bar, movies, karaoke and more.

La Vecindad - KIDZ'N Casa in partnership with La Vecindad is pleased to offer an Early Education Center at Casa de Campo®. A full day program, we offer a variety of ways for your children to stay active while also learning in a fun, educational, and supportive environment. A typical day involves the Early Education Center in the morning, followed by a wide range of activities in the afternoon.

Extracurricular and recreational activities include: Crafts, Painting, Musical stimulation, Motor skills development, Tutoring, Speech therapy, Story time, Swimming lessons, Ballet classes and Tutorials in English and Spanish.

Camp Frost - The most fun you will have at the beach! Games, music, songs and sports at Minitas Beach, every Saturday, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. A great day playing olympic games, football, donkey polo, and much more. Camp Frost, the coolest camp!



Learn Spanish



Conversation

Hi! - ¡Hola!

Good morning - Buenos días

Good evening - Buenas noches

My name is John - Me llamo John.

What is your name? - ¿Cómo se llama?

Please repeat! - ¡Repita por favor!

I understand - Comprendo.

I do not understand - No comprendo.

Please do not speak fast!

¡Por favor, no hable tan rápido!

How do you say in Spanish?

¿Cómo se dice en español?

How are you? - ¿Cómo está Ud?

Where is? - ¿Dónde está?

Please, can you help me?

¿Por favor, puede ayudarme?

Thank you very much - Muchas gracias.

You are welcome - De nada.

Goodbye, see you tomorrow

Adiós, hasta mañana.

See you later - Hasta luego.

Food & Drinks

I am hungry - Tengo hambre

We are hungry - Tenemos hambre

I am thirsty - Tengo sed

We are thirsty - Tenemos sed

Do you know a good restaurant?

¿Conoce un buen restaurante?

Do you have a children's menu?

¿Hay una carta para los niños?

Do you have children's portions?

¿Hay platos especiales para los niños?

What is today's special?

¿Cuál es el plato del día de hoy?

I would like to make a reservation

Quisiera hacer una reserva.

I have a reservation - Tengo una reserva.

Water - Agua

Mineral water - Agua mineral

Milk - Leche

Coffee - Café

Coffee with sugar - Café con azúcar.

Coffee with cream - Café con crema.

Coffee with milk - Café con leche

Tea - Té

Ice tea - Té helado

Tea with lemon - Té con limón.

Soft drink - Gaseosa/Refresco

Wine/red/white - Vino/tinto/blanco.

A bottle of wine - Una botella de vino.

Ice cubes - Cubos de hielo.

A plate - Un plato

A cup - Una taza

A glass - Un vaso

A teaspoon - Una cucharita

A spoon - Una cuchara

A fork - Un tenedor

A knife - Un cuchillo

Salt - Sal

Pepper - Pimienta

Mustard - Mostaza

Oil - Aceite

Vinegar - Vinagre

Noodle-soup - Sopa de fideos.

Onion soup - Sopa de cebolla.

Seafood soup - Sopa de mariscos.

Chicken soup - Sopa de pollo

Cold vegetable soup - Gazpacho.

Cream of asparagus - Crema de espárragos.

Broth - Caldo

Charcoal-grilled steak - Churrasco.

Steak - Bistec

Roast beef - Rosbif

Boneless rib-steak - Entrecote

Sirloin - Solomillo

Meatballs - Albóndigas.

Bacon - Tocineta

Pork chops - Chuletas de cerdo

Ham - Jamón.

Spareribs - Costillas de cerdo



Roast pork - Asado de cerdo.
Salmon - Salmon

Sardines - Sardines
Cod - Bacalao
Tuna - Átun
Sole - Lenguado
Lobster - Langosta
Oysters - Ostras
Mussels - Mejillones
Crab - Cangrejo
Prawns - Gambas
Shrimp - Camarones

Food Store

Grocery cart - Carrito de compras
Cream - Crema
Cheese - Queso
Eggs - Huevos
Butter - Mantequilla
A can of - Una lata de
A kilo of - Un kilo de
A box of - Una caja de
A bottle of - Una botella de
A dozen of - Una docena de
Half a kilo of - Medio kilo de
Meat - Carne
Chicken - Pollo
Turkey - Pavo
Sausages - Salchichas
Ham - Jamón
Rice - Arroz
Corn - Maiz
Beans - Habichuelas
Almonds - Almendras
Walnuts - Nueces
Apple juice - Jugo de manzana
Orange juice - Jugo de naranja
Pineapple juice - Jugo de piña
Lemonade - Limonada
Tonic water - Agua Tónica
Fish - Pescado
Flour - Harina
Bread - Pan

Shopping

I am looking for - Estoy buscando
How much is it? - ¿Cuánto es?
Please show me - ¡Por favor muéstreme!

Here it is - Aquí está
Can you help me please - ¿Puede usted ayudarme, por favor?
I do not like it - No me gusta.
Do you have something else? - Usted tiene alguna otra cosa.
Larger - Más grande
Smaller - Más pequeño
Cheaper - Más barato
Better - Mejor
Great how much is it? - ¡Fantástico ¿Cuál es el precio?
Where can I find... - Dónde se puede encontrar...
A pharmacy - Una farmacia
A bakery - Una panadería
A shoe store - Una zapatería

Banking & Money

Where is the currency exchange?
¿Dónde hay un banco para cambiar moneda extranjera?
I would like to change - Quisiera cambiar
Travellers checks - Cheques de viajero
Where is the cashier window?
¿Dónde está la caja?
Money - Dinero
Dollars - Dólares
At what time do they open/close?
¿A qué hora abren/cierran?

Can I cash a personal check?
¿Puedo cambiar un cheque personal?
What is the currency exchange rate in dollars? -
¿A como está el cambio hoy del dólar?
What commission do you charge?
¿Cuál es el interés que usted cobran?
In bills - En billetes
In small change - En suelto
Signature - Firma
Where do I sign - ¿Dónde debo firmar?

Medical

I need a doctor - Necesito un médico.



I need a nurse - Necesito una enferma.

What is wrong? - Qué le pasa?

I feel sick - Me siento enfermo.

I have a headache - Tengo dolor de cabeza.

I have the flu - Tengo la gripe.

It hurts here - Me duele aquí.

I feel dizzy - Tengo mareos.

I feel nauseous - Tengo náuseas.

I have fever - Tengo fiebre

Stomach ache - Dolor de estómago.

I am a diabetic - Soy diabético.

I have backache - Tengo dolor de espalda.

I do not feel good - No me siento bien.

I have chest-pain - Tengo dolor en el pecho.

I have cramps - Tengo calambres.

Do I have a broken bone? - ¿Tengo un hueso roto?

I have a sour throat - Tengo un dolor de garganta.

I am allergic to... - Soy alérgico...

Help! - ¡Socorro!

Call an ambulance quickly! - ¡llame una ambulancia, rápido!

Do I need to go to the hospital? ¿Tengo que ir al hospital?

It is not serious - No es grave.

It is not contagious - No es contagioso.

Lie down! - ¡Acuéstese!

Breathe! - ¡Respire!

Open your mouth - ¡Abra la boca!

Take off your clothes - ¡Quite la ropa!

Get dressed! - ¡Vístase!

Are you going to give me a prescription? - ¿Va a darme una receta?

I need something for the flu - Necesito algo para la gripe.

I need something for a cold - Necesito algo para un resfriado (catarro).

Can you give me a prescription for this? - ¿Puede darme una receta para esto?

How many times per day? - ¿Cuántas veces al día?



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Our Services



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Airport Transfers - We will arrange your private ground airport transportation to and from your villa.

Groceries Pre-Stoking - Our pre-stoking service will delivered your selected groceries so that your kitchen is stocked when you arrive.

Meet and Greet - Our staff will meet you and your group once you arrive at the villa. We will show you around the villa, introduce you to the villa staff and ensure you have all the details you need about the villa including important contact numbers.

Reservations - We would be delighted to recommend and pre-reserve the best restaurants, golf courses, tennis facilities and spa services in advance of your travel.

Vehicle Rental - Golf carts are one of the most convenient means of resort transportation. We can provide four and six seaters electric and gasoline golf carts. We can also organize car and SUV rentals. Both services are delivered to your villa.

Bicycle & Scooter Rentals - Whether you are looking for road bikes, cruiser bikes, mountain bikes or scooter we can help.

Catering Services - Feel like a guest in your own villa rental. Our catering services offers you everything from food and drinks, table settings to waiters standing by.

Special Events - We offer ideal locations for your family reunions, birthdays, golf escapes, anniversaries or just about any special occasion that calls for an unforgettable celebration!

Yacht Charters - From relaxing a day in one of our luxury yachts to catch your next blue marlin we have it all. Visit our yacht charterspage for options.

Yoga Instruction & Spa Treatments - Ayurvedic techniques and local organic ingredients to detoxify, regenerate, and renew. Regardless of what you're looking for, we have a treatment that will leaving you feeling refreshed and inspired.

Additional Staff - All of our villas provide housekeeping services. If extra staff is needed, we can arrange it. If you required special staff such as a chef or a driver that can also be arranged.

Nanny Services - Nannies provide supervision of children in activities while parents are present whilst babysitters provide childcare so you can have a relaxing night out.

Casa de Campo® Excursions

Even though there's more than enough to see and do right on our 7,000-acre resort, sometimes it's nice to spend a day exploring your local surroundings. The Dominican Republic is a natural paradise with plenty of fascinating sites to see and Casa de Campo Resort and Villas offers several guided excursions to suit every taste and interest.

The Dominican Republic has a rich history and Casa de Campo Resort and Villas would love to introduce you to it through our excursions and guided tours. You can discover the oldest city in the new world, perfect the fine art of crafting the perfect cigar, or travel to an ancient Mediterranean village without ever leaving the country.

Catalina Island Beach Day - Experience and explore six-square miles of white sandy beaches and crystal clear waters. On the Catamaran ride over, relax on spacious sundecks and shaded lounges or dance to a merengue beat! A day of fun under the Caribbean sun, you will not soon forget.

Las Maravillas Cave - Las Maravillas Cave is the first natural museum of Rupestrian artwork in the West Indies. Our tour begins with a scenic walk though La Romana on the way to the 100,000-year-old cave. You will have a chance to learn about the cave's extraordinary geological formations and the history of the pictographs left by the Taíno Indians who lived here long before the arrival of Christopher Columbus. Please wear comfortable sport clothing and walking shoes.

Tour schedule: Thursday & Sunday 8:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (Reservations required)

Zip Line - Fly through the air on this exciting adventure! Get you heart pumping and enjoy spectacular views of the abundant flora of the Eastern Region of the Dominican Republic. Wear comfortable sport clothing.



Tour schedule: Every day except Tuesday 9:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | 1:15 p.m.–5:00 p.m. (Reservations required)

Buggies - Take the wheel and race through the Dominican countryside in your own buggy. This safe and incredibly fun experience is perfect for those aged five and up. You'll also visit an ancient cave and enjoy a refreshing dip at the beach. Wear comfortable sport clothing.

Tour schedule: Every day except Tuesday 9:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | 1:15 p.m.–5:00 p.m. (Reservations required)

Santo Domingo City Tour - Enjoy an adventure to discover the amazing history and rich culture of the capital of the Dominican Republic and the oldest city in the new world, Santo Domingo. We'll take you to cultural landmarks like museums, cathedrals, and historic sites around the city. Please wear long pants, sleeves, and comfortable walking shoes.

Tour schedule: Wednesday & Friday, 8:15 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (Reservations required)

Cigar Tour - Enjoy an adventure to discover the amazing history and rich culture of the capital of the Dominican Republic and the oldest city in the new world, Santo Domingo. We'll take you to cultural landmarks like museums, cathedrals, and historic sites around the city. Please wear long pants, sleeves, and comfortable walking shoes.

Tour schedule: Wednesday & Friday, 8:15 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (Reservations required)

Altos de Chavon - Take a guided tour of this breathtaking architectural marvel that you won't find anywhere outside of Europe. A replica 16th century Mediterranean village, local artisans hand-crafted many of the authentic details that make Altos de Chavón such an impressive sight to behold. The tour includes the history of the village as well as the chance to visit many of the artists' studios and workshops, the archaeological museum, St. Stanislaus Church, and so much more.

Tour schedule: Wednesday & Friday 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (Reservations required)



Dominican Rep.



Facts About the Country

Dominican Republic is the second largest and most diverse Caribbean country, situated just two hours south of Miami, less than four hours from New York and eight hours from most European cities. Known for our warm and hospitable people, Dominican Republic is a destination like no other, featuring astounding nature, intriguing history and rich culture.

Surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean on the north and the Caribbean Sea on the south, our lush tropical island paradise boasts nearly 1,000 miles (1,609 km) of coastline, 250 miles (402 km) of the world's top beaches, magnificent resorts and hotels, and a variety of sports, recreation and entertainment options. Here you can dance to the pulse pounding thrill of the merengue, renew in our luxurious and diverse accommodations, explore ancient relics of centuries past, delight in delicious Dominican gastronomy or enjoy ecotourism adventures in our magnificent national parks, mountain ranges, rivers and beaches.

Discovered in 1492 by Christopher Columbus, the country overflows with fascinating history, museums and exciting cultural experiences like music, art and festivals, plus uniquely Dominican specialties such as cigars, rum, chocolate, coffee, merengue, amber and larimar.

The #1 destination for golf in the Caribbean and Latin America, Dominican Republic delights visitors with 25 designer golf courses amid breathtaking coastlines with mountain backdrops and lush green fairways. With so many beautiful natural settings like romantic waterfalls, breathtaking coasts and idyllic accommodations, Dominican Republic is a top destination for weddings and romance. Many world class-resorts and hotels also cater to meetings and incentive groups who flock to Dominican Republic for excellent, friendly service and dynamic meeting venues.

Dominican Republic offers a fantastic combination of environments to capture your imagination and refresh the soul. And with eight international airports, paradise has never been easier to explore. We invite you to discover our breathtaking island sanctuary and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Facts & Figures

Capital: Santo Domingo

Total Area: 48,670 sq km. Slightly more than twice the size of New Hampshire

Climate: Maritime semitropical, with an average yearly temperature of 80 F

Currency: Dominican peso

Government Type: Democratic Republic

Independence: February 27, 1844 (from Haiti)

Language: Spanish

Phone Code: International access code - 809, 829, 849

Population: 10,349,741 (July 2014 est.)

Industries: tourism, sugar processing, ferronickel and gold mining, textiles, cement, tobacco.

Agriculture: sugarcane, coffee, cotton, cocoa, tobacco, rice, beans, potatoes, corn, bananas; cattle, pigs, dairy products, beef, eggs.

Practical Information

Climate - Because it is located in the Caribbean, the weather in the Dominican Republic is excellent all year round. During the summer, the temperature can range from 90 F (32 C) at midday to 70 F (21 C) at dawn. Temperatures can drop to a low of 65 F (18 C) in the winter. In the high mountainous areas of Jarabacoa and Constanza, the weather is cooler. In these areas, temperatures of 50 F (10 C) in the city in the early morning and below zero higher up in the mountains are not unusual.

In the tropics, although rainstorms can happen at any time of the year, rains usually fall for just short periods in the afternoon and evening. The warmest months are June through September.

Electricity - In the Dominican Republic, electric outlets are 110 volts, the same as in the United States and Canada. Because of this, visitors from other countries needing power adapters are advised to bring their own.

Opening Times - Most businesses open at 8am or 9am until 5 or 6pm on business days and until 1pm on Saturdays. Large shopping centers in the cities usually close at 9pm and open on Sundays from 9am until 8pm. Restaurants usually remain open and serve food until midnight, Sunday to Thursday, and until 2am on Friday,



Saturday and holidays. Inside the hotels, bars, discos and restaurants may remain open 24 hours a day.

Language - The official language is Spanish. English is widely spoken, and many tourist sector employees will be fluent in Italian, French, German, Russian and other languages as needed.

Money Matters - The local currency is the Dominican peso (RD\$). It comes in denominations of 1, 5, 10 and 25 peso coins and in 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1,000 and 2,000 notes. Dollars and euros can be readily exchanged in banks and authorised exchange offices across the country. There are restrictions on bringing more than US\$ 10,000 in cash into the country and any sum over this value needs to be declared on the customs form. It is prohibited to leave the Dominican Republic with more than \$10,000 US dollars or equivalent in cash. If you need large amounts of cash, it is more convenient to make a bank withdrawal when in the country. Banks are normally open from 8:30am to 4pm.

Passports, Tourist Card & Visa - Citizens and residents of the United States, Canada and most European countries can enter the country with a 30-day tourist card, which can be bought when you enter the country for US\$ 10 or €10. Anyone, regardless of nationality, may come into the Dominican Republic with a tourist card if they have any of the following valid visas in their passport: United States, Canada, United Kingdom or the European Union (Schengen). If you wish to extend your stay over 30 days you will need to pay RD\$ 2,500 between 30 to 90 days stays and RD\$ 4,000 between 90 to 120 days to immigration when you leave the country.

Tips - Restaurant bills already include a ten percent tip. It is customary to give an additional 10% for good service. Most people do not tip taxi drivers, however if you feel so inclined for good service, a tip will certainly be appreciated.

Smoking Restrictions - Smoking is not allowed in most restaurants, clubs and enclosed premises.

Clothes - Dominicans like to dress elegantly; fashion, grooming and hygiene are very important. Depending on the occasion, Dominicans will dress either casually or formally. Around hotels and resorts, it is suitable to wear light clothing such as shirts, t-shirts, shorts, swimwear or

dresses. From December through February, when the nights are cooler, you may need a light jacket. Do not

assume that the weather will always be warm because even in a Caribbean Island, warm clothes will be needed for traveling in the mountain areas, especially in the Central Mountain Range, where temperatures as low as 32 F (0 C) are regularly reported. In the mountain towns of Constanza and Jarabacoa the temperatures regularly will drop below 65C (18C) in the evenings.

Health - For a more comfortable stay, even if the day is cloudy, use sunblock as the Caribbean sun is very strong. All-inclusive hotels encourage eating and drinking, but moderation is recommended to avoid stomach upsets. Keep yourself hydrated by drinking water or natural liquids. Note that soft drinks do not count. If you feel unwell, visit a doctor. The tourist centres and all cities have health centres with modern medical services and most hotels have medical dispensaries with qualified personnel.

History

The Dominican Republic was discovered on December 5, 1492, by Christopher Columbus during his first voyage to the New World. At that time, the island of Hispaniola (as Columbus named it) was called "Quisqueya" by the Taino Indians who occupied the land. With a population estimated around 600,000, the Tainos (meaning "the good") were peaceful and hospitable to Columbus and his crew of Spaniards. Columbus himself grew a particular fondness for Hispaniola, describing it in his journal as "a beautiful island paradise with high forested mountains and large river valleys."

Columbus' admiration for Hispaniola coupled with his crew's discovery of gold deposits in the island's rivers led to the establishment of European settlements, the first of which was founded in 1493, in La Isabela. With the presence of new settlements, the Taino Indians were put into slavery and were eventually wiped out during the next 25 years. Simultaneously, the settlers began bringing African slaves to the island to ensure adequate labor for their plantations.

Columbus' brother, Bartholomew, was appointed governor of Hispaniola and in 1496, he founded the city of Santo Domingo. The capital city quickly became the representative seat of the Spanish royal court and therefore,



a city of power and much influence. However, by 1515, the Spaniards realised the gold deposits of Hispaniola had significantly dwindled. Around this time, Herman Cortes

discovered silver deposits in Mexico. Upon hearing this news, most Spanish residents of Santo Domingo departed for Mexico, leaving only a few thousand settlers behind. Because of the predominance of livestock initially introduced by Columbus, these settlers sustained themselves by providing food and leather to Spanish ships passing Hispaniola on their way to the richer colonies on the American mainland. It was during this period of time that the pirates of the Caribbean made history.

The island of Hispaniola remained under Spanish control until 1697, when the western third of the island became a French possession.

(In 1804, the western part of the island became the Republic of Haiti.) This area, which the French called "Saint Domingue", became the richest colony in the world thanks to large sugar plantations which were worked by hundreds of thousands of slaves brought from Africa. In 1791, a slave revolt broke out in Saint Domingue. For fear of losing their colony to the slaves, the French abolished slavery in 1794. With calm in Saint Domingue, the French were able to focus on overwhelming the Spanish on the island's eastern side, who later surrendered power.

In 1809, the eastern side of the island returned to Spanish rule. In 1821, the Spanish settlers declared an independent state, but just weeks later, Haitian forces invaded the eastern portion of the island and took Santo Domingo. For the next 22 years the entire island came under Haitian control. However, fuelled by their loss of political and economic control, the former Spanish ruling class developed an underground resistance group led by Juan Pablo Duarte called "La Trinitaria." After several attacks by La Trinitaria on the Haitian army, the Haitians retreated. On February 27, 1844, the eastern side of the island declared independence and gave their land the name "Dominican Republic."

The 70 years that followed were characterised by political unrest and civil war, mainly due to fights for leadership of the government by Dominican strongmen. Disputes continued with Haiti and power returned to the Spanish for a short period of time (Restoration Day celebrates the day that a national war of "restoration" began, re-establishing

the Dominican Republic's independence by 1865). Turmoil in the early 1900s led the United States to intervene. In 1916, U.S. troops occupied the country and stayed until 1924, when a democratically elected Dominican

government was put into place. However, the head of the army that was put into place during the American occupation, Raphael Leonidas Trujillo, used his power to block government reform and shortly thereafter, took total control of power in the form of a repressive dictatorship. His rule lasted until 1961 when his motorcade was ambushed and he was killed. (The anniversary of his death is a public holiday in the Dominican Republic.)

Following Trujillo's death, political unrest again prevailed. The Dominican Republic went through a series of leaders until 1965, when Lyndon B. Johnson ordered the U.S. marines to again occupy the country. A heated election in 1966, put Dr. Joaquin Balaguer, a member of the Partido Reformista Social Cristiano (PRSC), in power for a reign that lasted until 1978, when Dominicans elected Antonio Guzman, also of the PRD. Guzman died in 1982, at which time Dominicans elected another member of the D.R.P. In 1986, Balaguer was again elected, this time legitimately, and remained president until 1996 when President Leonel Fernandez (of the Party of the Dominican Liberation or PLD.) was elected. He served for four years and was replaced by Hipolito Mejia in 2000. Leonel Fernandez is again president. His earlier term began in 2004, he was re-elected in 2008, for another four years. Today's president is Danilo Medina.



Near By



La Romana

One of the country's top visitor destinations, La Romana is defined by sugar cane, golf, beaches and diving. To arrive, tourists drive past sprawling sugar cane fields. In the 1970s, the largest sugar mill in the Americas diversified and opened the resort of Casa de Campo, famous for its world class golf and the artists' village of Altos de Chavón, featuring galleries and shops. While golf put La Romana on the tourism map, most visitors today come for the beaches and the comfort of its resorts.

Bayahibe is the gateway to Saona Island in the National Park of the East, the most visited natural attraction in the country. It is the land of the rare Bayahibe Rose, a cactus-shrub that in 2011 was named the National Flower.

The Casa de Campo International Airport and the Casa de Campo Tourist Port are the main ports of entry.

Adventure and Ecotourism

Sendero Padre Nuestro - Located to the south of the mainland, the picture-perfect beaches of this 42-square mile (110 km²) island attract more visitors than all the country's other national parks combined. Hotel construction is not permitted on the island, but tourists can take day trips to enjoy the beaches. Getting there by speedboat, catamaran, or motorboat passing spectacular coastal scenery is half of the fun. Most trips leave from the Bayahibe town boat launch area. On the way, boats may stop at Palmilla beach, a very shallow area, or at the Catalinita sand bank.

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Isla Catalina - Five miles (8 km) south of La Romana, this protected and uninhabited offshore island welcomes both divers and snorkelers with coral reefs to the east and north. The Living Museum of the Sea looks out over the point where the historical wreck of the legendary Captain William Kidd of the era of the pirates of the Caribbean was discovered in 2007. The remains of the Quedagh Merchant today can be seen abandoned in the waters off Catalina Island. Archaeological experts from the University of Indiana in the United States have painstakingly documented the remains of the galleon.

Cueva Fun Fun - Located in the province of Hato Mayor, not far from La Romana, Fun Fun Cave is perfect for adventure lovers. These caves are the biggest in the Caribbean, extending about 3.7 miles (6 km) underground. You can have a thrilling experience in the darkness of its inner passages, while learning about its cave art and underground rivers.

Bayahibe

A small fishing village, Bayahibe is gaining recognition as a growing tourism destination and as an environmental benchmark for the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean. The village is composed of restaurants serving fresh seafood, dive shops, pastel-colored huts, and a few smaller hotels. Next to Bayahibe is Parque Nacional del Este, a 172-square mile national park known for its 200 caves dating from pre-Columbian time.

Beaches

Isla Catalina - Only six square miles in size and located just off the shore from Bayahibe, Isla Catalina features the best coral reef in the area, a mangrove swamp and sand dunes. Crowds of tourists come for a day of scuba diving and relaxation.

Isla Saona - Located within Parque Nacional Del Este, Isla Saona is one of the southeast coast's most popular tourist destinations. In fact, this small island was recently named one of the Caribbean's Eight Dream Beaches by Caribbean Travel & Life magazine. Powder sugar beaches, towering palms, azure water and the occasional sand bar at low tide make this one of the DR's most romantic destinations.



Playa Dominican - The first beach in the Caribbean to have Blue Flag status (an eco-label showing high honours in a beach's commitment to sustainable development), Playa Dominican is popular with scuba divers due to the presence of a large reef. Located near Bayahibe, Playa Dominican is bordered by several all inclusive resorts.

Landmarks & Culture

Casa Ponce de Leon - Located in San Rafael del Yuma, a detour south on the road to Punta Cana, the Ponce de León Museum tells the story of the courageous Spanish explorer. Of noble origins, Juan Ponce de León was a page at the court of King Ferdinand of Spain when he set out to explore the New World. He built this palatial home in San Rafael de Yuma as a base from where he set out to discover Puerto Rico and Florida. The homestead, built in the style of contemporary Castilian country mansions, also served as a fortress.

Museo Arqueologico de Altos de Chavon - The Altos de Chavón Archaeological Museum displays the indigenous culture of the island. Short, but good quality exhibits. The museum is located within the Altos de Chavón, a replica of a medieval Italian village that houses restaurants and shops and promises great views and photography.

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Diving in La Romana

La Romana-Bayahibe is considered the best choice for snorkelling and diving in the Dominican Republic because of water clarity and availability of dive sites. The La Romana, Bayahibe and Dominicanus resort areas have some of the best diving in the Caribbean located off Catalina Island National Park and the National Park of the East. Expect pristine coral reefs, walls, wrecks and great areas for snorkelling, too. The coral reefs off Bayahibe and Dominicanus beaches, and the island of Catalina and Catalinita sand bar, as well as the coastline bordering the National Park of the East are exceptional and have easy access. International diving certification programs are open to anyone over the age of 12. Also offered are dives to areas known as a natural habitat for sharks, rays and dolphins. Divers can also visit sunken cargo ships and galleons populated by flocks of colourful tropical fish. Among these are the freighter St. George and the replica of the Spanish galleon Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. A 240-foot (73 meter) steel freighter, the St. George stands upright in the sand providing a new home for marine life at approximately 120 feet (37 meters). This ship was sunk in 1999 as a dive attraction close to the resorts in Dominicanus and has accumulated marine life growth and a resident fish population. Catalina Island is a 20-minute boat ride from La Romana city. There, a wall drops from 20 to 120 feet (6 to 37 meters) with the vertical descent adorned with colourful sponges and soft corals. Right off the island, the Captain Kidd Living Museum of the Sea is where remains of the pirate's newly found ship can be observed, including 500-year old cannons. Take the Saona Island excursion to see well-preserved coral formations, sponges, sea-fans and active fish life in the National Park of the East. There is exciting cave diving in the Padre Nuestro area between Bayahibe and Dominicanus near the ecological trail route, with its many lagoons, translucent water and underwater stalagmites and stalactites.