

# PUNTA CANA



**Dominican Republic**  
**Has it all**

# WELCOME TO PUNTA CANA



*Photo of the cover page: Juanillo Beach*



The sophisticated East Coast of Dominican Republic attracts vacationers from around the world who come to explore and savor the natural treasures and luxuries of Punta Cana. Nestled across 100 miles (160 kilometers) of the world's best beaches lapped by turquoise waters and dotted with swaying palm trees, Punta Cana is Dominican Republic's most lavish and popular destination.

Your inspiration begins at touchdown, where the picture-perfect coastline beckons with a seemingly endless strip of frost-white sand shelving into reef-protected lagoons of irresistible peacock blues and greens. These silvery sands stretch virtually unbroken for 40 miles (64 kilometers) and are the reason for Dominican Republic's astonishing assemblage of all-inclusive hotels and convention centers.

Punta Cana's beaches and resorts may be its biggest draw, but its world-renowned golf courses and entertainment, like swimming with dolphins, explore caves, refresh in natural springs and zip lining through the exotic vegetation, promise to capture your imagination and refresh your soul.

To the north of Punta Cana is the equally luxe resort area of Bávaro. Together, Bávaro and Punta Cana feature Dominican Republic's largest hotel and resort infrastructure. Year after year, this region, where the Atlantic meets the Caribbean Sea, has been the venue for international fishing competitions and has also become the number one golf destination in the Caribbean, among the top in the world.

The following guide to Punta Cana includes descriptions of the amazing attractions, golf courses, beaches and more that await you.

# PUNTA CANA



KEY			
	Resort or Town		Surfing
	Point of Interest		Fishing Charter
	Highway		Kitesurfing
	Road		Diving / Snorkeling
	Crossing		Shipwreck
	Entrance		Cave
	Toll Station		Spring
	Bus Route		Zipline
	Gas Station		Excursion
	International Airport		Carnival
	Heliport		Equestrian Center
	Marina or Port		Golf Course
	Boat launch		Beach
	Beach		Blue Flag Beach
	Sailing		Shopping
	Cruise Port		Bar / Disco / Club
			Hospital



- Higüey (Basílica La Altagracia, Museo)
- La Romana (Altos de Chavón, Cueva de las Maravillas)
- Santo Domingo (Ciudad Colonial)





## FACTS

Dominican Republic occupies the eastern two-thirds of the large island of Hispaniola, which it shares with the Republic of Haiti, and is the second largest country in the Caribbean, comprising an area of 19,292 square miles (49,967 square kilometers). The country has a population of 10.5 million and enjoys sunny tropical weather all year. The average year-round temperatures are 78°F to 88°F (25°C to 31°C). The cooler season is November through April, while it is warmest from May through October.

**TIME:** The local time zone is Eastern Caribbean Time (GMT-0400). The Dominican Republic does not observe daylight savings time.

**CAPITAL CITY:** The Dominican Republic's historic and sophisticated capital city, Santo Domingo, is the oldest city of the New World. Santo Domingo's Colonial City was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1990.

**LANGUAGE:** Spanish is the official language; however, most employees in hotels and tourist destinations speak relatively good English, French, German, and Italian, among other languages.

**CURRENCY:** The Dominican peso (RD\$) is the official currency.

**GETTING HERE:** Dominican Republic currently has eight international airports throughout the country, including: Las Américas International Airport (SDQ) in Santo Domingo, Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ), La Romana International Airport (LRM), Gregorio Luperón International Airport (POP) in Puerto Plata, El Cibao International Airport (STI) in Santiago, and El Catey International Airport (AZS) in Samaná. Maritime ports that regularly receive cruise ships in the country include Santo Domingo Port (Sans Souci and Don Diego terminals), La Romana Port (east and west docks, Catalina Island and Casa de Campo Marina) Punta Cana (Cap Cana Marina), Puerto Plata (Amber Cove) and Samaná Bay facilities (Cayo Levantado).

**DOCUMENTATION:** Most visitors arriving in the Dominican Republic—including those from the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, the European Union, Mexico, many South American countries and Central America (see the full list of countries on our website)—only need a passport with a minimum validity equivalent to the duration of their stay to enter the country. The cost of the 30-day tourist card, paid separately in the past, is now included in the airline ticket for all visitors.

**VISAS:** Any person, regardless of their nationality, can visit Dominican Republic if they are a legal resident of, or if they have one of the following valid visas in their passport: United States, Canada, United Kingdom or Schengen. Travelers who do not have a passport or visa from countries listed above will need to apply for a visa. To issue a visa, the passport needs to have a validity of at least six (6) months. If you need to apply for a Tourist visa, please visit this website to find your Dominican consulate abroad: [www.consuladord.com](http://www.consuladord.com)

**ELECTRICITY:** Sockets operate at 110 Volts/60 Hertz, the same as North America. If needed, adapter plugs are available at most hotels.

**TAXES:** Dominican hotels and restaurants collect an additional 28 percent of their published prices (18 percent sales tax + 10 percent service charge).

**MEDICAL PRECAUTIONS:** Due to the strength of the Caribbean sun and the climatic conditions of the area, it is recommended that vacationers always wear sunscreen and mosquito repellent when outdoors and drink filtered water throughout the day to avoid dehydration. For emergencies, contact 9-1-1, our National Care System for Emergency and Safety. [911.gob.do](http://911.gob.do)

**DRINKING AGE:** The legal drinking age in the country is 18 years old.

**HOTELS:** For information about Dominican Republic hotels and accommodations in Punta Cana region, visit [www.GoDominicanRepublic.com/hotels](http://www.GoDominicanRepublic.com/hotels), and the Association of Hotels and Tourism [www.asonahores.com](http://www.asonahores.com)

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## LOCAL TRANSPORT

As the second largest country in the Caribbean, Dominican Republic offers a wide range of activities which can be a short or long distance away from one another. Many options exist for traveling on well-maintained highways to nearby attractions and also to more distantly located excursions.

**GROUND TRANSPORT:** Taxis are available at most hotels and tour operators are more than willing to provide additional options for getting around. Visitors should also check with their hotel for any recommendations.

**BUSES:** Air conditioned motor coaches and vans arranged by local tour operators are available from most hotels. Also, daily service is available between Punta Cana/Bávaro and Santo Domingo with the company Expreso Bávaro. [www.expresobavaro.com](http://www.expresobavaro.com)

**CAR RENTALS:** Car rental offices and facilities can be found at the airports. Renters must be 25 with a valid driver's license.

**AIRPORT:** Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ), the country's largest and most popular airport, serves the Punta Cana and Bávaro regions. Many hotels are only a 10 – 35 minute taxi ride from the airport. [www.puntacanainternationalairport.com](http://www.puntacanainternationalairport.com)





## BEACHES

Playa El Cortecito

The main draw to the luxurious and exotic area of Punta Cana are the pristine beaches that stretch more than 40 miles (64 kilometers) and border the meeting point between the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. The multi-shaded blue waters are complemented by pristine white sands and create lasting impressions for all beach goers.

**PUNTA CANA BEACH:** Punta Cana is any beach lover's dream with its glorious white sand lined with palms and lapped by turquoise waters. Punta Cana's sands stretch for 3 miles (4.8 kilometers) of the best beaches of the region.

**PLAYA BLANCA:** This beach is part of Puntacana Resort & Club's gated community, but admission is free. You can visit the popular Playa Blanca Restaurant or book kitesurfing lessons at The Kite Club. For those looking to brush up on their skills, professional kitesurfing and SUP surfing instruction is offered

at this extensive white sand beach by certified Puntacana Resort & Club staff.

**PLAYA JUANILLO:** Juanillo at Cap Cana offers miles of pristine, white sand beaches with turquoise waters so clear that it is often referred to one of the best beaches in Dominican Republic. A wide selection of tropical food and drinks and formal events and concerts are available at Juanillo as well as beach activities such as volleyball, snorkeling, kite surfing, and kayaking.

**CABEZA DE TORO BEACH:** Cabeza de Toro Beach's "Blue Flag" European certification guarantees that the beach is always in fantastic shape and therefore is a popular beach for tourists. Cabeza de Toro Yacht Club is a departure point for fishing trips and fishing tournament sites.



**PLAYA BÁVARO:** This beach has the European certification “Blue Flag”. The most developed section of the East Coast resort strip, Bávaro, is dotted with hotels, restaurants and gift shops right on the beach. The area is one strip of sparkling white sand that extends 30 miles (48 kilometers) surrounded by coral reefs. Most of this stretch of beach is walkable and is the perfect place to book beach activities, ranging from parasailing to speed-boat riding.

**PLAYA UVERO ALTO:** Located at the northern-most end of Punta Cana, this fine bronze-colored sand beach allows you to either enjoy open areas with large waves or calm waters protected by reefs, depending on the part of the beach you visit. This beach has the European certification “Blue Flag”.

**PLAYA MACAO:** Declared by UNESCO as one of the best beaches in the Caribbean, Macao is a public beach located 20 to 30 minutes away from most hotels. Surfing classes are available if the conditions are appropriate and various shacks serving refreshments and food can be found along the beach.

**PLAYA EL CORTECITO-LOS CORALES:** With no access restrictions, El Cortecito Beach and Los Corales, in the heart of Bávaro, is like a small fisherman’s village where you will find beautiful beaches, restaurants, bars, supermarkets, shopping centers and many gift and craft shops nearby. Like Playa Bávaro and Playa Macao, this beach has the European certification “Blue Flag” and many sea excursions depart from this beach.

**PLAYA ARENA GORDA:** Another east coast beach proudly holding Blue Flag certification status, Playa Arena Gorda is flanked on either side by all-inclusive resorts. Its thick, white sands and turquoise waters make it a favorite spot for long walks, swimming, or simply lounging on the sand all day. Lifeguards are present in the area, and you’ll find an onsite restaurant for snack breaks.



# ATTRACTIONS

**CAP CANA HARBOR & MARINA:** The largest world-class marina in the Caribbean, Cap Cana Harbor & Marina is designed to be the most advanced and modern marina in the area where just beyond the docks you can experience some of the best angling in the Caribbean. In addition to its luxury transportation amenities, the marina is equipped with meteorological buoyancy services unique to the Caribbean. When operating, the buoy measures wind and sea conditions, which are transmitted to the crews. Other facilities include government authorities such as harbor officials and customs departments, wireless internet and courtesy shuttle services. It hosts major international sport fishing tournaments. [www.capcana.com](http://www.capcana.com)

**PUNTACANA RESORT & CLUB MARINA:** The full-service marina is located at the Puntacana Resort & Club. With two docks and mooring for 43 yachts up to 70-feet (21 meters) LOA, the marina is well-liked by big game fishermen and is one of the

most popular areas to hold billfish tournaments in Dominican Republic. The established marina includes a swimming pool, restaurant, cable television, telephone, laundry facilities, ice bags and drinking water. [www.puntacana.com](http://www.puntacana.com)

**INDIGENOUS EYES ECOLOGICAL PARK:** The southern end of Punta Cana harbors more than 500 species of exotic plants and trails that snake along 12 natural lagoons, each with a unique name from the native Taino language. The park has 1,500 acres (600 hectares) set aside as conservation land and is owned and managed by the Puntacana Ecological Foundation. The reserve is also categorized as a “transition zone sub-tropical forest” due to the flora and fauna exhibiting characteristics of both the dry and humid sub-tropical forests. The Park is open daily to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and offers tours with tour guides. [www.puntacana.org](http://www.puntacana.org)



**DOLPHIN ISLAND PARK:** Located between the beach and coral barrier of Bávaro, Dolphin Island Park takes visitors swimming with the delicate and graceful sea animals in the midst of their natural habitat. Trained professionals boat visitors out to a platform where they can snorkel, swim and take pictures with dolphins, stingrays and sea lions. [www.dolphinislandpark.com](http://www.dolphinislandpark.com)

**MANATÍ PARK:** Tropical birds, reptiles and animal entertainment shows are dispersed throughout this 80-square-mile (210-square kilometer) attraction, centered in magnificent gardens abundant with orchids and tropical plants. The park and its exhibits feature an insight into Dominican culture, folklore and artistry of the Taino Indians, the island's inhabitants at the time of the Spanish conquest. Children can also approach animals and have a personal relationship with some of the most intriguing creatures such as dolphins and non-venomous snakes. [www.manatipark.com](http://www.manatipark.com)

**MARINARIUM:** The Marinarium is the perfect tour for lovers of the wonders hidden in the marine world. It is an experience that allows you to enjoy and rediscover the beauty of coral reefs, as well as swimming with nurse sharks and stingrays. Excursions set off from the company's Cabeza de Toro base. [www.marinarium.com](http://www.marinarium.com)

**SEAQUARIUM:** This underwater walking adventure tour lets visitors get up close and personal with sea creatures. Discover colorful tropical fish, friendly sting rays, amazing corals, sunken objects and more with the help of a guide, special breathing helmet and your own two feet. [www.seaquariumpuntacana.com](http://www.seaquariumpuntacana.com)

**SCUBA DIVING:** Conditions for diving in Punta Cana are often difficult due to strong currents, the open sea and the unprotected coastline; as a result, there are few coral reef habitats. For experienced divers, it is still an area of interest with impressive walls, white sandy sea bottoms, rays and schools of fish. Also it is home to the remains of several ships, some sunk by hurricane winds, others intentionally to create new marine habitats, and an underwater museum featuring over 20 sculptures representing Dominican Republic's indigenous legacy, created by the award-winning artist Thimo Pimentel.



Indigenous Eyes Ecological Park



**BÁVARO ADVENTURE PARK:** Ideal for those seeking an adrenaline rush, Bávaro Adventure Park offers nature-friendly and sustainable activities such as ziplining, a climbing garden, a Segway circuit, paintball, a bungee trampoline, a Jurassic Park and if you want to fly, a flight simulator takes you to the sky to enjoy a panoramic view of 360 degrees. Discover spectacular sunken pirate ships and so much more! The park operates to meet world-class standards and provides guests with knowledgeable international and multilingual staff, each with the proper certification. Bávaro Adventure Park is located near the hotel zone of Bávaro and Punta Cana and opens every day from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. [www.bavaroadventurepark.com](http://www.bavaroadventurepark.com)

**SCAPE PARK:** Located at world-class Cap Cana, Scape Park includes the top tourist, athletic, cultural and entertainment activities within the property. The area's design and architecture create a versatile array of landscapes that provide attractions for travelers of all ages. Activities here include a zipline ecotour, adventure buggies, Hoyo Azul Natural Lagoon, Las Ondas cenote, water activities, horseback riding and more. The park's latest attraction, the Cave Expedition, takes visitors on a hike up the El Farallon Cliff and into the vast underground network of chambers and tunnels below. Open every day from 8:30 a.m. at 5:30 p.m. [www.scapepark.com](http://www.scapepark.com)

**AQUA PARK:** This water sports park delivers fun for all ages around a large, beautiful natural lake in Bávaro. It's the perfect spot for families with kids of all ages. Teens can enjoy a hands-on introductory wakeboard lessons in "Wake Lake" and the little ones can splash around for supervised fun in "Play Lake." Groups can purchase day or half day passes which both include transportation to and from the park. [www.aquaparkdr.com](http://www.aquaparkdr.com)

**DEEP-SEA FISHING:** The waters around Punta Cana and Bávaro feature some of the best places in the world for sport fishing and they are catalogued as among the five best areas for fishing for billfish and marlin. This is why the annual tournaments attract international participants during the summer months. In late October, the waters are sufficiently calm for fishing for mahi-mahi, mackerel, swordfish, blue marlin, barracuda, sea bream, and many more.



**SPAS:** Whether it is for a girlfriend getaway, a romantic trip for two or a stress-relief holiday from the hustle and bustle, a visit to Punta Cana, Cap Cana and Bávaro’s all-inclusive resorts and spa facilities is an ideal way to decompress. The world-class properties specialize in some of today’s hottest and most luxurious spa services.

**SHOPPING:** Visitors can embrace the lifestyle of the rich and famous in Punta Cana or seek out Dominican Republic souvenirs at local shops. Upscale boutiques can be found at places like Puntacana Village, Blue Mall, Palma Real Shopping Village and San Juan Shopping Center, while local vendors and shops can be found scattered along beaches, such as Plaza Bibijagua at Bávaro Beach. Traditional Dominican products like amber, larimar, ceramic dolls, handmade wooden fish with recycled parts, chocolate, coffee, rum, cigars, macadamia nuts, merengue music and more can be bought from these local stands.

**NIGHTLIFE:** Effervescent nightlife and world-class gambling can be found at most resorts throughout the region, and are a great way to unwind after a day filled with adventure. You can experience the nightlife of Punta Cana like a local at one of many discos and nightspots, such as Oro, and Kviar. Enjoy an evening visiting the internationally famous Coco Bongo. Also at the Puntacana Village, and in Sanctuary Town in Cap Cana, you can find a large variety of bars and restaurants, which can be lively or laid back to suit your style. Partygoers can also enjoy a mystical night of dancing and animation in an unparalleled location at Imagine Nightclub, a club dispersed throughout a network of caves spanning 115,500 feet (35,000 meters).

**RESTAURANTS:** Punta Cana offers a wide selection of restaurants ranging from family-friendly to romantic, many of them by the beach. Popular options include Poseidón, La Yola, Little John, Playa Blanca, Capitán Cook, Jellyfish, Huracán Café, and Noah among others, as well as a variety of places to enjoy at the Puntacana Village, Sanctuary Town and Blue Mall with the new and popular Bachata Rosa restaurant. This interesting restaurant and pop music bar present a diverse menu with Dominican and international fusions and with a decoration that reflects the themes of the songs of one of its owners, the famous Dominican singer and Grammy Award winner, Juan Luis Guerra.



Amber





*Basilica of Nuestra Señora de la Altagracia*

**HIGÜEY:** Located less than an hour away from the resort area, Higüey was founded in 1494 by Spanish colonist Juan de Esquivela. A city deep in history, Higüey was originally one of the Taino Kingdoms that occupied the land and is a great way to better understand the Dominican way of life. However, it is now a bustling and fun city. In its streets buildings and houses of Victorian and modern styles predominate. Higüey is home to the Cathedral Basilica Our Lady of Altagracia, Patroness of the Dominican Republic, as well as the Basilica Museum that reflects the Catholic history and cultural expressions of the Dominican people in their piety to the Virgin Mary. The museum is open from Tuesday to Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**BOCA DE YUMA:** Situated an hour southwest of Punta Cana, this hidden paradise remains a humble village surrounded by beautiful beaches. Boca de Yuma is an authentic fishing village that used to be a favorite hangout for pirates, most notably Roberto Cofresí. High coral bluffs surround the bay that is home to a fleet of small colorful fishing boats and wildlife such as iguanas, pelicans and seabirds.





## EXCURSIONS

Montaña Redonda, Miches

The delightful attractions around the Punta Cana region are at your fingertips. For these tours and more, please contact your hotel's tour desk or representative.

**INLAND SAFARIS:** Jeep, truck and 8-wheel military truck in-country safari tours are offered at all resort hotels. These high vehicles take you inland across rivers and rough terrain using one of several routes, usually traveling through jungles and sugarcane plantations, stopping for a refreshing swim in a river or at an unspoiled beach, enjoying a Dominican food buffet, listening to typical "perico ripiao" music, visiting a small village with a stopover at the local "colmado" (grocery store), and taking an inside peek into a country home for a cup of home-brewed Dominican coffee.

**CARIBBEAN PIRATES:** The perfect show for the whole family, Pirates of the Caribbean style. Enter an authentic pirate village, board the pirate vessel, and celebrate with a spectacular feast and a pirate toast with rum. Transportation

is available and complimentary from most hotels. [www.oceanadventures-puntacana.com](http://www.oceanadventures-puntacana.com)

**BEACH BUGGY & QUAD ADVENTURES:** Macao beach territory, to the north of most Punta Cana resorts, is chosen for the many beach buggy, quad adventure (4-wheel ATV motorbikes) and other off-road excursions that put the tourist behind the wheel. The beach buggy vehicle provides the smoothest ride of those that take you inland through rugged territory.

**ZIP LINE & CANOPY TOURS:** Fly across the magnificent Anamuya River, where a nature guide will lead the way in this adventure to unlock the secrets of the Taino Anamuya Mountains. Get an adrenaline rush as you ride the zip lines through exuberant vegetation to explore sugarcane fields or hike into the real jungle following the Anamuya River. [www.runnersadventures.com](http://www.runnersadventures.com)  
[www.canopyadventurezipline.com](http://www.canopyadventurezipline.com)



**AEROSTATIC BALLOONS:** The Dominican Republic is home to the only hot air balloon rides in the Caribbean and one of the most amazing experiences in the country. Visitors can enjoy the dazzling colors of dawn from new heights and be amazed by stunning landscapes with unique views of Punta Cana and Bávaro. The one-hour trip shows long sugarcane plantation fields, cattle, towering mountains and panoramic views of the Caribbean Sea. [www.dominicanballoons.com](http://www.dominicanballoons.com)

**MONTAÑA REDONDA:** Known to be a fun and exciting tour ideal for nature lovers. The ride to the top of the mountain reveals incredible landscapes that create the illusion that you can reach and touch the sky with your hands. On the top are several swings, hammocks and even brooms to add more fun when taking pictures. Also a cafeteria and a mini-market perfect for an afternoon snack and relaxation in a unique setting. When descending from the Montaña Redonda, visitors arrive at the Natural Reserve of Laguna El Limón, which joins El Limón Beach, offering breathtaking views and a ride to the main ranch where refreshments await. [www.montanaredonda.com](http://www.montanaredonda.com)

**HORSEBACK RIDING:** Several hotels feature horseback riding excursions that take tourists into the hillsides of the region. Ask your hotel concierge where the nearest horseback riding excursion is and he or she will likely connect you with an experience you'll never forget.

**MACAO SURF CAMP:** Macao Surf Camp at Macao Beach is the best place for anyone looking to learn how to surf. The camp provides learners with step-by-step lessons that are targeted on improving your individual technique. The Classes are available daily from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m <http://macaosurfcamp.com>

**ISLA SAONA:** Saona Island, separated from dry land by the Catuano Channel, is the most popular excursion taken by tourists visiting the Punta Cana area. Part of the Cotubanamá National Park, Saona Island's unspoiled beaches, lush palms and turquoise water make it one of Dominican Republic's most enchanted regions. Boat tours depart from neighboring town Bayahib.

**CIGAR TOURS:** Visitors are invited to witness the pride of the experienced men and women creating handcrafted cigars. On this



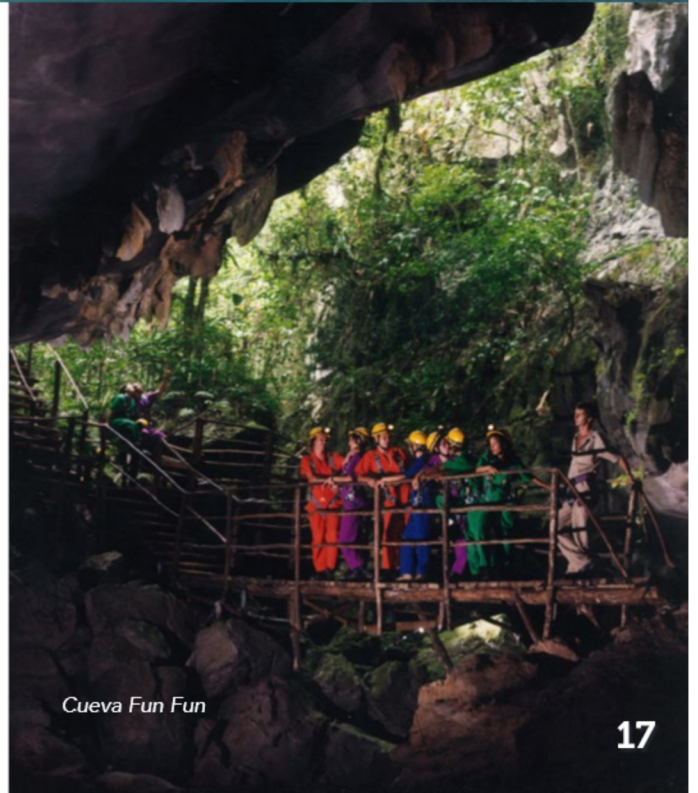




Isla Saona

tour, you can learn about the tobacco aging vaults, the preparation process, including the formulation of tobacco blends, witness the Dominican hand-rolling technique, and experience the packaging procedure. Following the tour, guests are welcome to explore the exclusive cigar shop which offers the best selection and prices for premium Dominican cigars, including La Flor Dominicana, the most recognized Dominican premium cigar in the last decade. Various tours are offered here, including the largest premium hand rolled cigar factory in the world. For more information. Open every day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. [www.cigarcountrytours.com](http://www.cigarcountrytours.com)

**CUEVA FUN FUN:** Thrill seekers can rappel down into a mysterious cave and explore sections of its underground caverns that are joined by a 4-mile (7 kilometers) long subterranean river flowing within. Be sure to look at the walls, as they are decorated with displays of cave paintings by the Tainos. Visitors can ride to the cave on horseback and can even descend 55 feet (16 meters) into the entrance of Los Haitises National Park. It is a full day excursion. [www.cuevafunfun.do](http://www.cuevafunfun.do)



Cueva Fun Fun



**HELICOPTER TOURS:** Discover the beauty of Punta Cana from the air, taking in panoramic flight views of the exotic landscapes. A truly unique and unforgettable experience.

**MONKEY LAND:** The Monkey Land excursion commences with a walk through stunning botanical gardens decorated with medicinal plants, flowers and native fruit trees. The guided tour continues with feeding and interacting with dozens of squirrel monkeys in their natural environment. Although trained, the monkeys are easily amused by shiny materials such as cameras and jewelry. At the end of the excursion, visitors will enjoy organic coffee, cacao and tropical fruits at a typical Dominican village. [www.runnersadventures.com](http://www.runnersadventures.com)

**OCEAN SPA DR. FISH:** Indulge in one-of-a-kind pampering with Dominican Republic's Dr. Fish Ocean Spa. The three-hour excursion provides a new level of relaxation with Bio Pilates, floating mattresses, a foot detox, massages, stretching and more on a sailing spa boat. The highlighted service is the Dr. Fish experience, which includes a foot exfoliation by tiny Garra Rufa fish. The fish remove the foot's dead skin, leaving your feet soft and rejuvenated. Roundtrip transportation, snacks and refreshments are included. [www.oceanadventures-puntacana.com](http://www.oceanadventures-puntacana.com)



*Dr. Fish Ocean Spa*

**PUNTA CANA CARNIVAL:** Visitors and locals alike celebrate the Punta Cana Carnival at the Boulevard 1ro de Noviembre each February. The annual parade features carnival troops from throughout the country, costumed characters and live performances. It showcases more than 1,000 carnival characters from 15 of the island's provinces. Be one of the hundreds of spectators who gather to watch and join the parade. [www.puntacana.com](http://www.puntacana.com)

**DOMINICAN ANNUAL TOURISM EXCHANGE (DATE):** This annual event celebrated in March by the National Association of Hotels & Tourism was created to provide a professionally organized business exchange where International Wholesalers, Tour Operators, Incentive Groups, Airlines, and Buyers can meet and conduct business with the Dominican Republic's leading tourism suppliers. DATE is the main event of the Dominican tourism industry. [www.asonahores.com](http://www.asonahores.com)

**PGA TOUR EVENT:** More than 132 professional players come together at the Punta Cana Resort & Club Championship, Corales Golf Club, designed by Tom Fazio, with the opportunity to earn points for the FedEx Cup. Punta Cana Resort and Club will be the host in charge of the PGA TOUR organization, the main American professional golf circuit for men. [www.puntacana.com/coraleschampionship](http://www.puntacana.com/coraleschampionship)

**ASONAHORES TRADE SHOW:** Annual event celebrated in September to promote goods and services offered by hotels and restaurants suppliers. The aim is to strengthen existing and foster new business relationships within the industry. The program of the fair is enriched with tastings, cooking contests, auctions, launches and lectures on topics of interest related to the hospitality industry. [www.asonahores.com](http://www.asonahores.com)

**GRAND GALA OF CHRISTMAS CAROL:** For more than 10 years, thousands of people from the East region attend this concert held at the Cathedral Basilica Our Lady of Altagracia in November, to receive Christmas with the melodies performed by the National Symphony Orchestra. This is the most important cultural event in the province of La Altagracia, held as a contribution of Grupo Punta Cana to the community and with the support of the Bishopric of Higüey. [www.puntacana.org/community/culture](http://www.puntacana.org/community/culture)

**DR GOLF TRAVEL EXCHANGE:** Held in Punta Cana, DR Golf Travel Exchange displays all facilities and advantages that Dominican Republic offers in golf tourism through its unique courses and workshops - allowing a meeting between the national hotel sector and international tour operators, travel agents and trade press in different media. [www.drgolftravel.com](http://www.drgolftravel.com)

For an updated list of events in the country visit:  
[www.godominicanrepublic.com/en/events](http://www.godominicanrepublic.com/en/events)



Muses of Punta Cana in Carnival

# GOLF



**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**  
**IACTO**  
**AWARDS**  
GOLF DESTINATION  
OF THE YEAR  
LATIN AMERICA  
& CARIBBEAN  
**2019**

Often referred to as the Golf Mecca of the Caribbean, the glittering east coast boasts 189 holes of golf all easily accessible from a wide range of luxe ocean-front resorts spread across some of the world's top beaches. This enchanting region continues to be the premier destination for travelers who seek challenging upscale golf on the world's most memorable courses designed by Nick Price, Jack Nicklaus, Tom Fazio, P.B. Dye and José (Pepe) Gancedo. With Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ) just minutes from the area's courses, visiting golfers can tee off soon after landing and can even play golf on their departure day if on an afternoon flight:

**THE LAKES BARCELÓ GOLF COURSE**

[www.barcelobavarogolf.net](http://www.barcelobavarogolf.net)

**HARD ROCK GOLF CLUB AT CANA BAY**

[www.hardrockhotelpuntacana.com](http://www.hardrockhotelpuntacana.com)

**CAP CANA: PUNTA ESPADA GOLF CLUB**

[www.puntaespadagolf.com](http://www.puntaespadagolf.com)

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IBEROSTAR BÁVARO GOLF CLUB**

<http://golf.iberostar.com>

**CATALONIA BÁVARO RESORT: CABEZA DE TORO GOLF CLUB**

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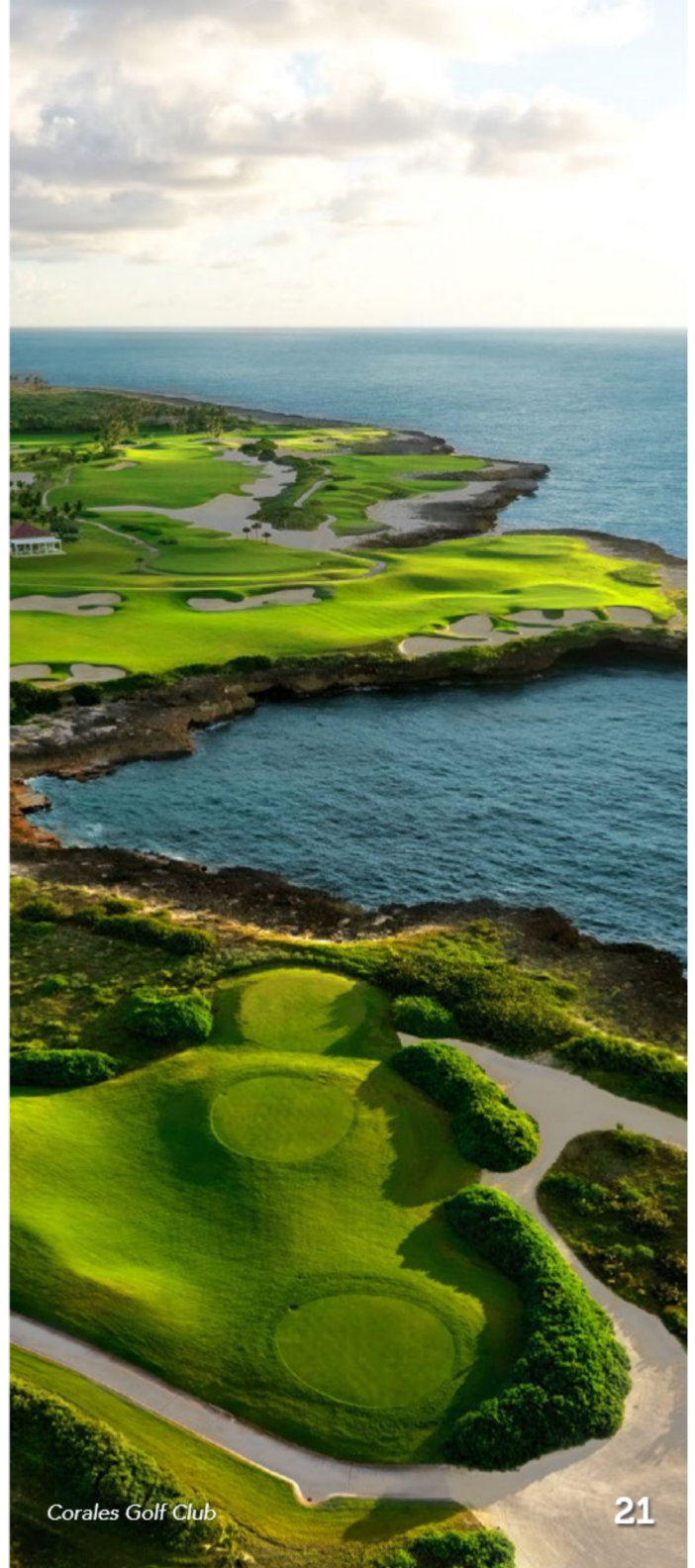
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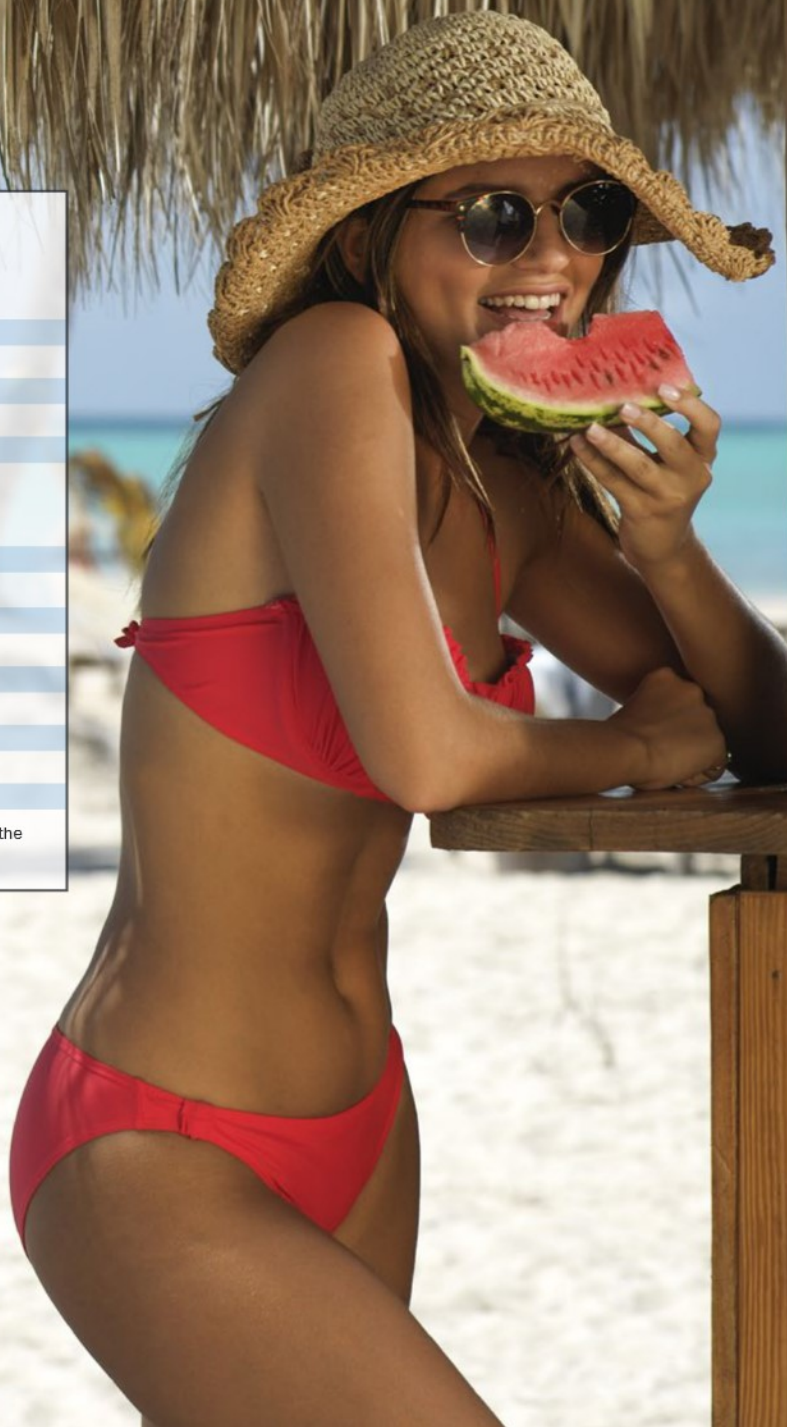
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Punta Cana	10 Minutes
Cap Cana	15 Minutes
Cabeza de Toro	15 Minutes
Bávaro	25 Minutes
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Uvero Alto	40 Minutes

Punta Cana to other regions:

Bayahíbe	45 Minutes
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Juan Dolio	1 Hour 25 Minutes
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Santo Domingo	2 Hours 15 Minutes
Samaná	4 Hours
Jarabacoa	4 Hours 30 Minutes
Puerto Plata	5 Hours 30 Minutes
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## KEY

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- Point of Interest
- Cruise Port
- International Airport
- Domestic Airport
- Beach
- Protected Area/Park
- Golf Course
- Whales
- Highest Peak



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