

DOMINICAN REPLUBLIC



The Dominican Republic is a Spanish speaking country located just east of Cuba - in the heart of the Caribbean. Known for it's beautiful beaches, Punta Cana is the most popular resort area on this island. La Romana is becoming a new resort area, with sheltered beaches and a more colonial experience. Although Dominican Republic doesn't have extensive tour/excursion opportunities, this island is for you if you are a beach lover, content to stay on the resort or venture out on limited adventures. An avid traveler may enjoy getting into the colonial cities, but it's only recommended for savvy & experienced travelers.

APPROXIMATE FLIGHT TIMES TO PUNTA CANA

Canada Cities

- Vancouver • 7.4hrs
- Edmonton • 6.75hrs
- Calgary • 6.65hrs
- Winnipeg • 5.5hrs
- Toronto • 3.75hrs
- Halifax • 3.6hrs

TIME ZONE: Eastern Standard Time (EST)
ELECTRICITY: 110 volts
LEGAL DRINKING AGE: 18 yrs old

CLIMATE

- Temperatures range from 77 - 80 F (25 - 27 C), and can fall to 66 - 74 F (19 and 23 C) during the winter
 - The rainy season varies but sporadic rain showers are more common in the months of May and June, and from September to November.
 - Hurricane season (June-November) does affect this region.
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CURRENCY

- Dominican Peso
 - Most hotels and tourist attractions will take US dollars.
 - Credit Cards are accepted at most major attractions, but for local shopping you will need Pesos.
 - Canadian dollars are not accepted.
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EXPERIENCE THE COUNTRY

- tour colonial cities
 - try Dominican cigars, Dominican coffee & Dominican Cocoa (chocolate)
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FOODS TO TRY

- fried plantains
 - mangu : green plantains, boiled and mashed with eggs, fried cheese or salami for breakfast
 - locrio de pollo : rice with Dominican style chicken
 - cassava bread
 - mofongo : plantain mash with fish or meat
 - queso de hoja : type of string cheese
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ENTRY / EXIT REQUIREMENTS

The following generally applies to Canadian/USA residents.

- all visitors must possess a valid passport
 - visitors must be in possession of a tourist card \$10 USD payable in cash only on arrival
 - a departure tax of \$20 USD payable in cash to customs prior to departing the country
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CANADA CONSULATE OFFICE

Consulate General of the Dominican Republic

121 Richmond Street West, Suite 301

Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5H 2K1

p: (416) 369-0403

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LEGAL MARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS

The legal marriage requirements for Dominican Republic are subject to change without notice. Maritime Travel cannot control the decisions of government officials in Dominican Republic, and we cannot be responsible for changes that might affect the legal status of any destination wedding ceremony.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: none required

MEDICAL TESTS: none required

WAITING PERIOD: none required

WITNESSES: 2

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

The following information is from the local Consulate office.

The following documents must be sent to the Dominican Republic Consulate

1. Photocopy of valid Passport.
2. Original long-form Birth Certificate
3. Original Statutory Declaration of Single Status
4. If previously married (divorced or widowed), original Divorce Certificate or Death Certificate or a notarized photocopy. If the bride to be is divorced or widowed, by law she must wait ten (10) months before she remarries
5. Passport: Required for identification purpose only

LANGUAGE OF DOCUMENTS:

Birth Certificate, Statutory Declaration of Single Status, Divorce Certificate and Death Certificate require translation into Spanish and legalization by a Dominican Republic Consulate.

ESTIMATED PROCESSING FEES:

Legalizations: USD 100.00 per document / Translations: USD 40.00 per document

CIVIC CEREMONY: will be married by a Judge and need to pay legal fees for ceremony. Only one judge per region so Judge may not be present for your actual ceremony time (conducted by resort wedding coordinator in that instance) and may see the judge later that night to sign the paperwork.

RELIGIOUS CEREMONY: Catholic ceremonies are recognized when planned in coordination with your home church

SAME SEX MARRIAGE: not recognized

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HOTELS

PUNTA CANA AREA HOTELS

- Barcelo Beach Resort
- Barcelo Bavaro Palace Deluxe
- Barcelo Punta Cana
- Barcelo Dominican Beach
- Bavaro Princess All Suites Resort
- Be Live Grand Punta Cana
- Breathless Punta Cana
- Caribe Club Princess Beach Resort
- Catalonia Bavaro
- Dreams Palm Beach
- Dreams Punta Cana
- Excellence Punta Cana
- Grand Bahia Principe Bavaro
- Grand Bahia Principe Punta Cana
- Grand Palladium Bavaro
- Grand Palladium Palace
- Grand Palladium Punta Cana
- Hard Rock Hotel Punta Cana
- Iberostar Grand Bavaro
- Iberostar Bavaro
- Iberostar Punta Cana
- Luxury Bahia Principe Ambar
- Luxury Bahia Principe Esmeralda
- Majestic Colonial
- Majestic Elegance
- Melia Tropical Caribe
- Memories Splash Punta Cana
- NOW Larimar
- Occidental Grand Punta Cana
- Ocean Blue & Sands
- Paradisus Palma Real
- Paradisus Punta Cana
- Punta Cana Princess All Suites
- Riu Bambu
- Riu Naiboa
- Riu Palace Bavaro
- Riu Palace Macao
- Riu Palace Punta Cana
- Royal Suites Turquesa
- Royalton Punta Cana
- Sanctuary Cap Cana
- Secrets Royal Beach
- Tropical Princess Beach Resort
- Zoetry Agua Punta Cana

PUERTO PLATA AREA HOTELS

- Bluebay Villas Doradas
- Grand Bahia Principe San Juan
- Iberostar Costa Dorada
- Confresi Palm Beach Spa & Resort

LA ROMANA AREA HOTELS

- Iberostar Hacienda Dominicus
- Grand Bahia Principe La Romana
- Luxury Bahia Principe Bouganville
- Dreams La Romana

SAMANA AREA HOTELS

- Grand Bahia Principe Cayacoa
- Grand Bahia Principe El Portillo
- Luxury Bahia Principe Cayo Leventado
- Luxury Bahia Principe Samana