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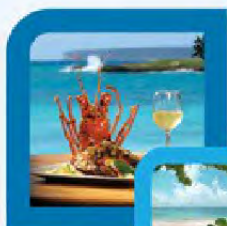
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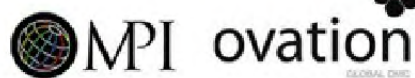
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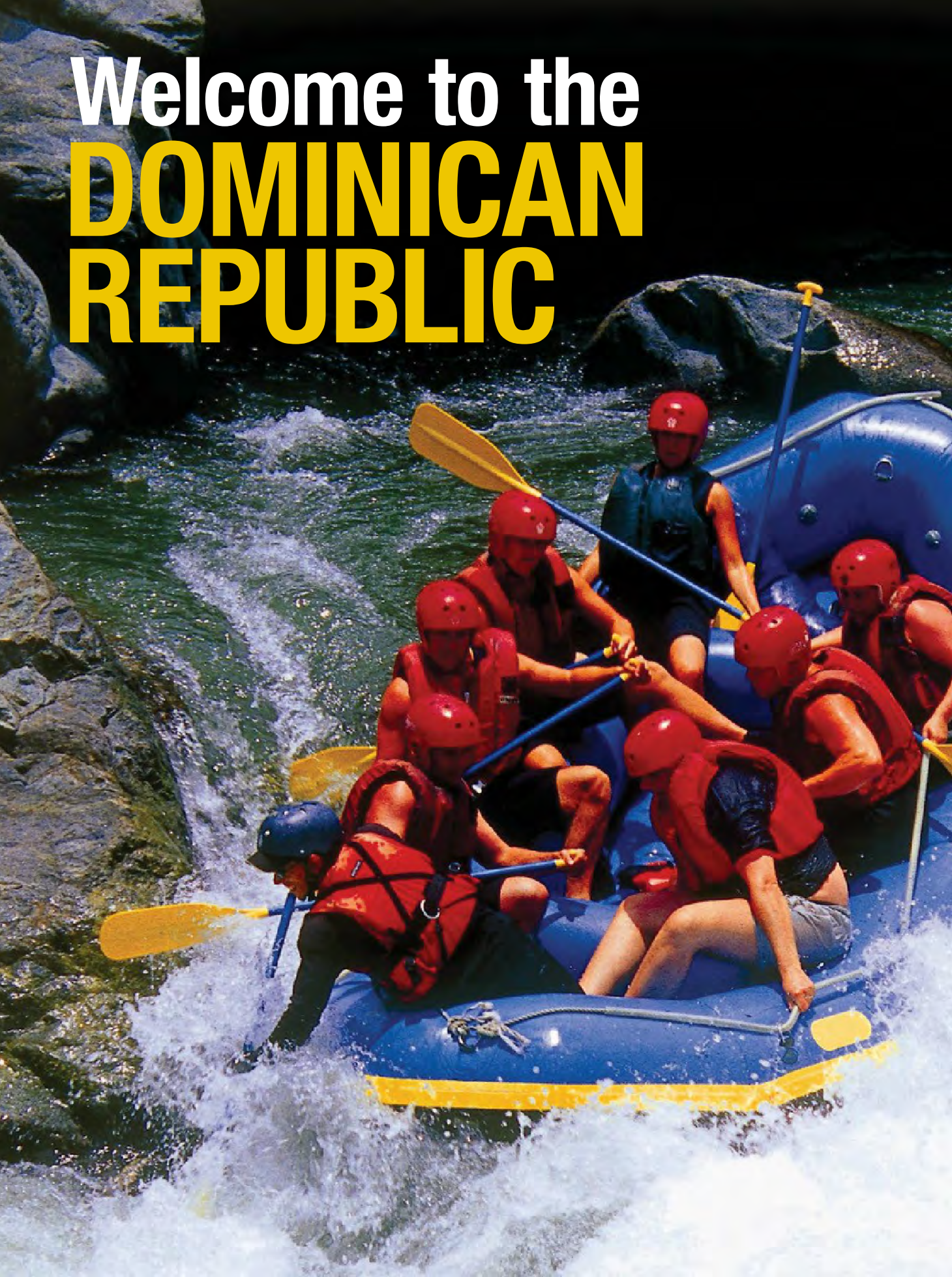
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Welcome to the **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**





*Left: White water rafting on the Yaque del Norte River, Jarabacoa
Below: Damajaqua Cascades (27 Waterfalls), Puerto Plata*

There are miles and miles of alluring beaches, breathtaking views on land and underwater, where colorful coral reefs create lasting impressions. And meeting planners now have the option to plan day trips through it all. Thanks to the new four-lane Coral Highway (Autopista del Coral), all roads lead to the Dominican Republic. The highway, which officially opened in November 2013, connects the famous resorts of the eco-rich La Romana region to the luxe beaches and resorts in Punta Cana. Not only does the highway offer stunning ocean views, but trips from the capital city of Santo Domingo to Punta Cana have been cut in half—estimated from four hours to two. Likewise, the drive from La Romana to Punta Cana International Airport has been cut down to around 40 minutes.

Convenient day trips can depart from Punta Cana to La Romana and the capital in one easy swoop. Highly picturesque, the Coral Highway has three bridges that cross over the Chavón, Santa Clara and Duey rivers.

“Visitors can now enjoy more of our rich culture during their stay. Those on our East Coast can leisurely travel to see the famous 16th century artist’s village Altos de Chavón in La Romana, spend the day in Santo Domingo exploring the Colonial City, and return to their hotel on the East Coast all in the same day,” says Magaly Toribio, marketing advisor for the Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism.

As the second-largest Caribbean nation, the Dominican Republic has everything to offer groups—magnificent nature, delicious gastronomy, historic museums, world-class shopping and tropical waters teeming with marine life. And when it comes to access, it is one of the closest international destinations for Americans to visit.





Regional Rundown

We've divided the planner into different regions to help organizers easily access what might best suit their group. Is it the all-inclusive resorts and beaches of Punta Cana or the historic hotels of the Colonial City at Santo Domingo?

THE REGIONS

■ **East** – Punta Cana and Bávaro. Luxury big-brand hotels offering exquisite beaches, world-class golf and a wide range of water sports. Also home to Cap Cana, Uvero Alto and Macao.

■ **North** – Puerto Plata and Samaná. Groups will find ecological bliss in this haven for eco-tourists. Shops and arts and crafts abound, and if you time the trip right, Puerto Plata is a haven for festivals and celebrations. Also home to Sosúa and Cabarete.

■ **South** – Santo Domingo, La Romana and Bayahibe. The capital city of Santo Domingo shines with the Colonial City, plus dazzling new hotels, restaurants and nightlife. Historical beauty, award-winning golf courses, and eco-escapes create exciting excursions.

■ **Central** – Santiago, Jarabacoa and Constanza. Nature takes center stage here with hiking that offers groups the opportunity to explore small towns and experience stunning landscapes.

"Attendees delight at the chance to come to the Dominican Republic. They know they are guaranteed the right atmosphere to do work, but they are also assured that they'll have plenty of fun," says Magaly Toribio, marketing advisor, Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism. "Yes, come for the meeting, but there is plenty more to enjoy— from the beaches and golf to culture and eco-adventures, the Dominican Republic has it all."

Surrounded by nearly 1,000 miles of coastline, the Dominican Republic has few rivals that can claim the spectrum of geography, which includes the Caribbean's highest mountain, Duarte Peak at 10,417 feet high, and the Caribbean's largest saltwater lake and lowest elevation, Lake Enriquillo, with a surface area of 145 square miles and falling 148 feet below sea level.

The explorer Christopher Columbus discovered the island on Dec. 5, 1492, during his first voyage to the New World. By a 1508 royal edict, King Ferdinand of Spain named it the Island of Santo Domingo. Since then, it has developed into a diverse and luxurious destination with some of the best beaches in the world and the best golf courses.

The International Association of Golf Tour Operators named the Dominican Republic the "No. 1 Golf Destination in the Caribbean and Latin America." It also has the largest marina in the Caribbean, Cap Cana. With its privileged proximity in regards to the Caribbean, the marina is close to the Mona canal, one of the five major fishing destinations in the world.

AN INVESTMENT IN MEETINGS

Planners find many conveniences for hosting groups in the Dominican Republic. Many of the resorts are all-inclusive and the one-price concept works well so budgets can stay intact and there are no surprise costs at the end of the trip.

Airlift for groups is also convenient with eight major international airports—Las Américas, La Romana, Punta Cana, Gregorio Luperón, Cibao, El Catey, La Isabela and María Montez—serving the major beach tourism regions and the two large metropolitan areas of Santiago and Santo Domingo. Major carriers fly direct from all across the globe. U.S. carriers flying to the Dominican Republic include American Airlines, Delta Airlines, JetBlue, Spirit, United Airlines, AirTran and US Airways. Canadian carriers include Air Transat, Air Canada, American Airlines, Delta Airlines, Sunwing, United Airlines, US Airways and WestJet. European airlines are Air Europa, Air France, British Airways, Condor and Eurasian Aeroflot and Transaero airlines. In Latin America, Avianca, Copa, GOL, TACA, LAN and Air Caraïbes airlines also have frequent flights.

There are plenty of convention and hotel meeting spaces throughout the Dominican Republic, including a new convention center at the Paradisus Palma Real in Punta Cana, which opened in December 2013. The Barceló Bávaro Convention Center at the Barceló Bávaro Beach resort and Hard Rock Hotel have some of the largest and most modern meeting facilities. In the capital city of Santo Domingo, there are large, non-hotel convention spaces that can hold up to 8,000 guests.

International and local hotel brands account for more than 65,000 hotel rooms throughout the Dominican Republic.

"Whatever a group is looking for they can find it in the Dominican Republic," says Marianela Pina, director of congresses and incentives, M.I.C.E. director for the Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism. "Big, medium and small meeting spaces offer the opportunity to create a totally customized event. And, this is a place where planners can create unforgettable experiences by having attendees enjoy two or three totally different environments in one day."



Dominican Republic



East: Punta Cana & Bavaro

- Punta Cana International Airport serves Punta Cana, Cap Cana, Bavaro, Macao, Uvero Alto, Cortecito and Higüey

South: Santo Domingo, La Romana & Bayahibe

- Las Américas International Airport serves Santo Domingo, Boca Chica, Juan Dolio, La Romana and Bayahibe
- La Romana International Airport serves La Romana and Bayahibe
- La Isabela International Airport serves Santo Domingo

North: Puerto Plata & Samaná

- Gregorio Luperón International Airport serves Puerto Plata, Cofresi, Cabarete and Sosúa
- El Catey International Airport serves Samaná Peninsula

Central: Santiago, Jarabacoa & Constanza

- Santiago International Airport serves Santiago, Jarabacoa and Constanza

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East: Punta Cana
& Bávaro





Left: Juanillo Beach, Punta Cana

Stretching along the vast East Coast of the Dominican Republic, where the Atlantic meets the Caribbean Sea, the region of Punta Cana consists of more than 40 miles of wide white sands. Along the areas of Punta Cana, Bávaro and Macao, breathtaking beaches are consistently ranked as some of the world's best.

What's attractive to meeting and incentive planners about Punta Cana are the varied experiences attendees will find satisfying. Many resorts are just feet from the sea, providing no shortage of private places for groups to relax in the shade under a canopy of palm fronds, and endless opportunities for adventure to keep everyone active and entertained. Punta Cana is also known as a world-class golf destination, offering three of the most picturesque and challenging oceanside courses in North America. Serious golfers will have many "bucket list" courses to choose from, designed by some of the sport's most famous architects.

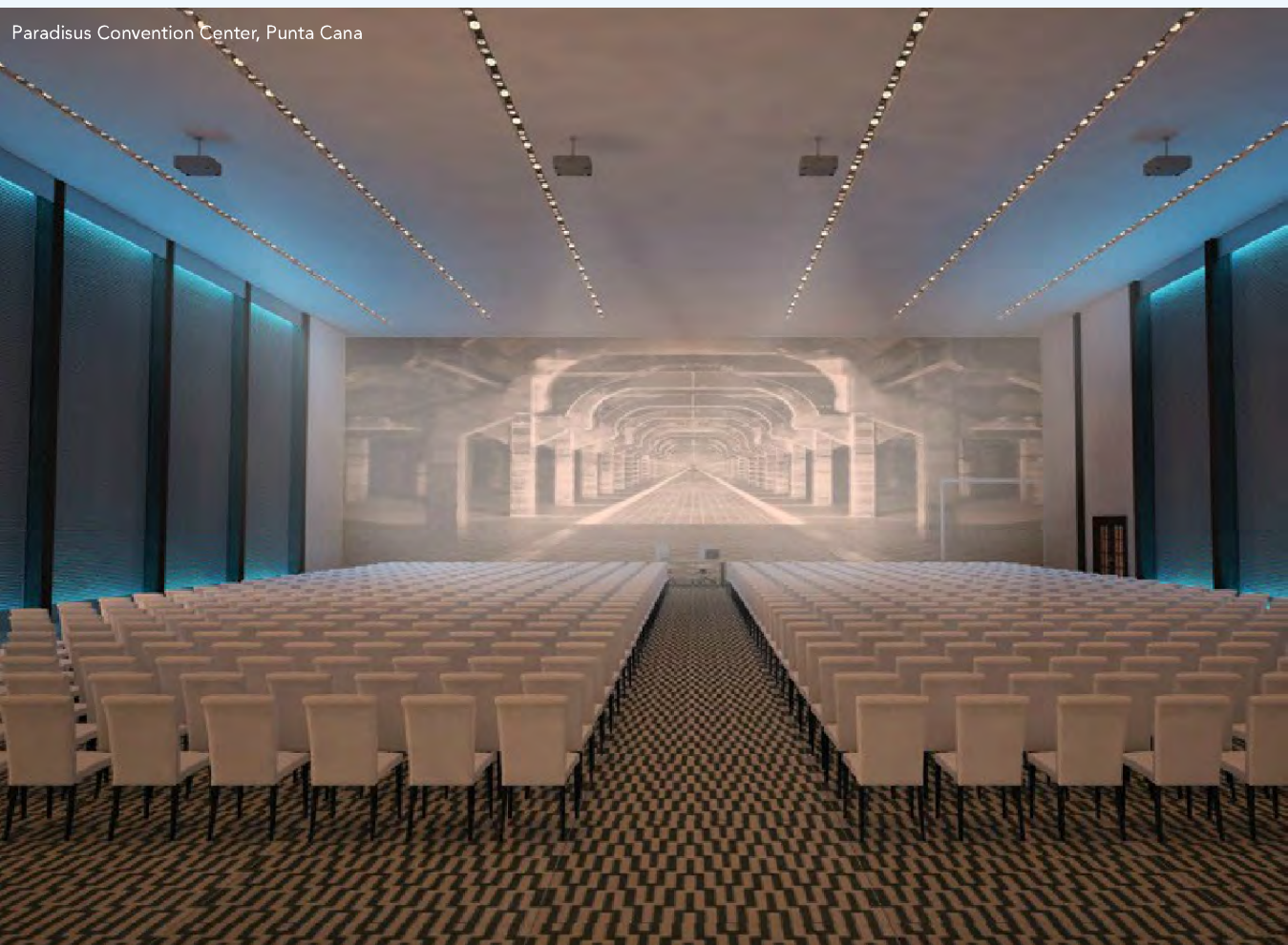
Accommodations are plentiful and planners can find the perfect hotel or resort to suit any group. The East region boasts over 35,000 hotel rooms with many brands that clients will recognize. Lining the beaches, a wide range of big, mostly all-inclusive properties represent the largest selection of group-friendly resorts on the island, including a handful of new and recently renovated conference hotels with voluminous, high-tech meeting space. There's also a growing array of new ultra luxury resorts offering both European plan and all-inclusive pricing models (*See Hotel Listings on page 34*).

Punta Cana International Airport is well equipped to handle large groups arriving at once as mass travel to the island. There is no shortage of Destination Management Companies (DMCs) to assist planners with transit to hotels, conference centers and day trips on the Coral Highway (Autopista del Coral)— the new Punta Cana-La Romana four-lane roadway.

LAND & SEA ADVENTURES

The wide range of resorts in Punta Cana take full advantage of their prime oceanfront locale with a long list of beach- and water-based activities easily organized for groups. Spend a day on the water windsurfing, snorkeling, banana boating, glass-bottom boating, kayaking, kiteboarding, parasailing and sailing. In beautiful Bávaro, a unique reef experience yields up close encounters with nurse sharks and other marine species.

Due to the confluence of the Atlantic and Caribbean, there is great deep sea fishing out past the reefs. Charter a fleet of boats and issue a team challenge as groups set out to hunt for Atlantic blue marlin, yellowfin tuna, sailfish, wahoo, white marlin and a host of other big game fish. At the Marina at Cap Cana, fishing doesn't get any better than this because of the abundance of blue marlin in the 100- to 300-pound range, and



Paradisus Convention Center, Punta Cana

What's New

Punta Cana

- MINItours launched sightseeing tours via its MINI Cooper Convertible line. Groups can tour the East Coast's Punta Cana, Altos de Chavón, Bayahibe and Boca de Yuma with the top down in their Minis. The day-long tours include lunch and beverages. DMCs and hotel concierges can book the MINItours.
- AirTran Airways has added a direct flight from Chicago Midway International Airport to Punta Cana International Airport, and Frontier Airlines has been approved by the Civil Aviation Board to begin five new routes to Punta Cana International Airport from Chicago, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Cleveland and Philadelphia.
- Paradisus Palma Real Convention Center opened in Punta Cana in December 2013. The 18,000-square-foot facility was designed by architect Alvaro Sans, who is known for creating eco-resorts and green-friendly buildings. Grand Palladium Punta Cana also recently unveiled its convention

center, which is equipped to host up to 700 pax.

- Club Med Punta Cana has opened the Caribbean's first L'OCCITANE Spa, a \$1.5 million upgrade located within the 74-acre resort.
- The \$180 million Extreme Park opens in Punta Cana in 2014, with indoor and outdoor attractions, an amphitheater, sun, sand and snow as well as artificial mountains for snow sports. Planners can book Extreme Park for teambuilding and group activities.

Higüey

- The Dominican Republic's largest church, Basilica La Altagracia, now has an on-site museum showcasing its Catholic history and culture. The museum has six exhibits, an auditorium, an audiovisual hall, laboratory and gazebo. Also in Higüey, the municipality has refurbished and remodeled its iconic Victorian-style houses creating a destination attraction for those interested in architecture, history and culture.

the good chance that someone in the group will nab one. Here, every season is fishing season.

On land, horseback riding, buggy adventures, canopy ziplines and teambuilding ATV tours are some of the most popular. Many tour companies and DMCs arrange daily pickup at the resorts to take groups on tour— no need for planners to figure out how to get the group to and from adventure sites.

The first outdoor adventure park in the Dominican Republic, Bávaro Adventure Park, is close to the Bávaro and Punta Cana hotel zones. Groups can soar over 39-foot trees on a zipline or fly like a bird on a three-person flight simulator that hovers 65 feet high above ground. Segways, hot air balloons, and a bungee trampoline are other adventurous possibilities.

In Bávaro, Runners Adventures' Monkey Land recently opened on a sprawling farm in the Anamuya mountains, taking visitors on experience-guided interactions where they encounter small squirrel monkeys. For nature lovers in the group, there are botanical gardens; a trek through the eastern mountain range yields colorful villages and a visit to a typical Dominican Republic home, where guests can sample staples of the land such as coffee, cocoa and tropical fruits.

ADVENTURE TOURS

Local tour companies such as Bávaro Runners Adventures offer a wild array of high-adrenaline adventures off the beaten path. The most popular land activity is the half-day zipline tour in the



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Eco Opportunities

Ecotourism activities abound on the East Coast. Groups can commune with nature or participate in activities that will leave a lasting legacy in the Dominican Republic after the group has departed.

Community activities, which can be set up through local DMCs help to improve schools in Juanillo, Verón and Barrio Nuevo. Voluntourism opportunities include painting school buildings, updating play areas, and supplying students with school supplies, sportswear and footwear.

The public elementary school Escuela Básica Verón II is always open to volunteers eager to assist in improving the lighting system and doors, installing needed fans in classrooms, and sprucing up the backyard play area.

Another example of a CSR group project includes the ongoing creation of a sports arena for children in Pueblo Bávaro, between Punta Cana and Bávaro. DMCs have worked with corporate groups to help raise funds for the purpose of leveling the old playing field in Pueblo Bávaro. Their combined efforts made way for a new baseball field, tennis court, gym and club house for the community.

There are many examples of voluntourism opportunities for groups who want to give back. Local DMCs and the Ministry of Tourism can assist planners in finding the right fit. It always ends up a win-win for everyone.

Meeting planners can connect with DMCs in Punta Cana to schedule trips to the Puntacana Ecological Foundation, which maintains the Indigenous Eyes Ecological Park and Reserve, a 1,500 acre private reserve. Some of the rarest animals in the world, such as the Ridgway's Hawk, is found only on the island of Hispaniola. Only 300 of these spectacular birds remain in the wild. The reserve also has an iguana habitat and twelve freshwater lagoons, five of which are perfect for a cool swim.

Groups can also explore the trails of the reserve on a guided Segway Eco Tour, which ends with a refreshing dip in the freshwater lagoon, known locally as Yauya. Scape Park at Cap Cana has programs that take group activities and teambuilding to a whole new level. Get the group working together as they take on the Dominican Republic's terrain in an Adventure Buggy.

Left: Teambuilding safari tour, Bávaro Runners Adventures

Taino Anamuya Mountains. Groups of up to 70 people make the 45-minute trip via massive, open-air 4x4 safari trucks.

The experience consists of 16 platforms connected by 12 zip lines, including the two longest in the Caribbean. While flying over the rugged landscape, tree canopy and winding river far below, participants are treated with jaw-dropping views.

Another popular group tour is a full-day Culture Tour to explore all of Punta Cana's cultural richness. Starting early in the day, groups will drive through the sugarcane and tobacco fields to visit both a sugar processing factory and a cigar-making facility. On a Jeep safari, attendees can drive their own 4x4 through sugar plantations, local villages, mountains, and eucalyptus jungles. Many planners create an Amazing Race-like experience with this 4x4 excursion that ends with a soiree on the beach.

Goodwill tours can also be organized as part of the Jeep safari for companies that make giving back to the community a priority for incentive winners and corporate programs. Tour companies can help meeting and incentive planners organize a volunteer or donation session where attendees interact with school children and their teachers.

For those who'd rather experience the landscape using a different mode of transportation, horseback riding along the magnificent Macao Beach can be arranged to really connect with the natural surroundings.

“The powerful formula of the Dominican Republic is based on a great diversity of 4 and 5 star hotels available for different budgets, pristine beaches with excellent weather during the whole year, a dedicated and trained workforce, creative DMCs and great flight connectivity.”

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MANATI PARK

Manati Park is a nature-infused amusement park located just a few minutes drive away from the bulk of Bávaro's beachfront hotels. The Bávaro eco-themed attraction examines the early history of the island and some of its most colorful animal species in a lush exotic setting. Dolphins, flamingos, crocodiles, parrots, sea lions, turtles and iguanas are the main draw. Some of the flamingos are the first ever on-island based in captivity.

Planners can organize private functions to swim with dolphins, or arrange exclusive educational tours behind the scenes to see how the exotic plants and that offers insight into life before European settlement. Resident staff in native Taino garb practice the handicrafts of their ancestors, and onlookers can purchase wooden jewelry and small decorative household items that the Taino people created more than 1,000 years ago.

HISTORIC HIGÜEY

A visit to the bustling city of Higüey, the capital of the province, is a requisite stop for history aficionados. Step into a *colmado* (grocery store) and purchase Santo Domingo coffee or Dominican rum. Browse the colorful open-air market of meats, fish and

produce, and find a bench in the park to take in the scene.

Higüey is home to the stunning, mid-century modernist *Basílica Catedral de Nuestra Señora de la Altagracia*, where the beloved Virgin Mary painting brought over the Atlantic by the early Spaniards is an attraction. The shrine attracts thousands of pilgrims every year on Virgin of La Altagracia Day (January 21).

Also include a stop at the House Museum of Ponce de León, a small palace built 500 years ago by the famous Spanish explorer, south of Higüey on the road to La Romana. The conquistador settled in the two-story home, now turned into a museum showcasing medieval architecture.

GRAND GOLF AND SPA RESORTS

With more than a dozen world-class golf courses, Punta Cana offers the greatest collection of fairways in any one region in the entire Caribbean, many of them stretching along the sea. For groups, all of the courses are attached to large, all-inclusive and European plan hotels with full-service meeting spaces and professional spa/wellness centers.

Punta Espada at Cap Cana, La Cana and Corales golf clubs are oceanside courses. Punta Espada, a Jack Nicklaus



La Cana Golf Course, Punta Cana Resort & Club



Signature golf course, has eight holes along the Caribbean Sea. It is the only course in the Dominican Republic that is home to a Senior PGA Championship tour stop. The 27-hole La Cana Golf Course at Puntacana Resort & Club is open to registered guests at Tortuga Bay, Westin Puntacana Resort & Club, Puntacana Hotel and Four Points by Sheraton. Outside guests pay a la carte rates. The P.B. Dye-designed golf course has 14 oceanview fairways and was declared the No. 1 course in the Caribbean by *Golf Magazine*. In 2010, the resort unveiled the gorgeous \$35 million Corales Golf Course perched atop huge coral formations that lean over the sea. Also, its Six Senses Spa is considered among the top three most luxurious in the country.

The Meliá Caribe Tropical All Inclusive Beach & Golf Resort hosts the Cocotal Golf and Country Club, designed by Spanish golf champion José "Pepe" Gancedo. For executives or incentive winners, private or group lessons are offered at the onsite Silver Sands Golf Academy.

MEETING SPACE

When it's time to get down to business, hotel meeting space abounds. The two largest convention centers in Punta Cana are the Barceló Bávaro Convention Center with space for up to 5,000 pax (a total of 21 meeting rooms) and the Paradisus Palma Real Convention Center with 18,000 square feet of multifunctional and flexible space. Secrets Sanctuary Cap Cana has a 30,000-square-foot conference center. The Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Punta Cana, has 65,000 square feet of flexible meeting space.

Additional non-convention center meeting space accounts for more than 400,000 square feet available on the East Coast for meetings, conferences and exhibitions.

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South: Santo Domingo, La Romana & Bayahibe



Amphitheater in Altos de Chavón, La Romana

Along the Dominican Republic's southern shore lay vast sugar cane fields surrounding some of the Caribbean's most beautiful resorts and beaches of La Romana and Bayahibe. Fishing villages line the coast from Bayahibe to the capital city of Santo Domingo. Within an hour east of Santo Domingo, groups can get the flavor of the capital's beach town, Boca Chica, where weather is usually perfect for a day of sailing. Further east, Juan Dolio is a slow-paced escape from the energetic city, with a quiet main street for shopping and dining.

The beauty of the Southern Coast for groups is its convenient location with access to so many different types of island experiences. In a single program planners can combine the spectacular beaches of Bayahibe and Boca Chica, offshore island journeys for Robinson Crusoe-type escapes, and the cultural

wonders of Santo Domingo's Colonial City. Plus, access is easy. The drive from La Romana is now 40 minutes to and from Punta Cana because of the new four-lane Coral Highway (Autopista del Coral), and traveling to majestic Santo Domingo from Punta Cana is now an estimated two-hour drive.

SANTO DOMINGO

Due to its strategic location at the mouth of the Ozama River where it empties into the Caribbean Sea, Santo Domingo is the birthplace of the Americas where Christopher Columbus and his family members established the first European city in the New World. The Las Americas International Airport, located about 30 minutes from the business district on the eastern outskirts, makes airlift easy.

The Colonial Zone, a UNESCO World Heritage site, will delight history buffs who can walk the cobblestone streets once strolled by Spanish conquistadors. The oldest part of the city, it has 16 square blocks laid out in a grid system. Commonly called La Zona, it has many claims to Colonial Era fame, including America's first cathedral, hospital, palace, paved street, university, monastery and more. The area is very pedestrian friendly, bustling by day and very much alive at night with a selection of pubs, restaurants and small theaters. Another good way to see the historic city is the Chu Chu Colonial, a train that makes a 45-minute tour every hour, with audio guides in English, Spanish, Italian, French and Russian. The train can accommodate groups of up to 64 people.

Of course, as a capital city, there are numerous venues in Santo Domingo to accommodate groups large and small. International conferences in the city take place in and around the Caribbean Seaside Boardwalk ("El Malecón" in Spanish), a broad esplanade and one of the most attractive streets in the city. With an impressive view of the Caribbean Sea and beautiful palm trees, the major business hotels all front the long boulevard with panoramic views.



Dining in the Colonial Zone

There is no city in the Caribbean with more restaurants than Santo Domingo. Restaurants are quite used to accommodating groups so plan an outdoor dinner meeting on one of many restaurant terraces. From regional Dominican dishes to flavorful international cuisine, planners will find a selection that will please all palates.

One of the most memorable restaurants, which can host up to 250 pax outdoors or 135 pax indoors, is the famous Mesón de la Cava. The restaurant is situated in a natural lime stone cave, created millions of years ago by waves when the coastline hugged the cliffs. Pirates and buccaneers once used the cave as a hideout. The outdoor La Terraza, has exotic, tropical vegetation and terraces that can be adapted as a theater stage for presentations.

In the Colonial Zone, Pat'e Palo European Brasserie is a restaurant that attracts groups who want a glimpse of the city's history as told through stunning architecture and rich European cuisines with a Latin American twist. The restaurant is located at the entrance to Plaza of Spain facing Columbus Palace inside

a 500-year-old naval officers' home. For authentic cuisine and lively merengue dance and music by performers in traditional dress, El Conuco is a favorite choice for planners and a frequent recommendation from concierges. Santo Domingo's Chinatown is also an attraction, mostly because of its streets lined with life-sized bronze statues, and Dim Sum and Peking Duck that dominates menus. A traditional arch donated by the People's Republic of China welcomes, while another arch, donated by Taiwan, is at the exit.

Or have a catered dinner at one of the several cultural venues and auditoriums perfectly suited for group events:

- 1,500 pax: Teatro Nacional, part of the Plaza de la Cultura
- 1,200 pax: Casa San Pablo
- 1,200 pax: Plaza de España at the Colonial City, UNESCO World Heritage
- 723 pax: Banco Central
- 700 pax: Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña
- 500 pax: Museo de Historia y Geografía
- 555 pax: Escuela Nacional de Bellas Artes

- 400 pax: Conservatorio Nacional de Música
- 300 pax: Instituto Cultural Dominicano Americano
- 250 pax: Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de la Escuela de Diplomacia
- 250 pax: Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE)

Also available for private rental is the National Botanical Gardens & Parks, the largest of its kind in the Caribbean. The park attracts thousands of birds that make their homes among its greenery, 48 pools with more than 40 species of aquatic plants, a pavilion with exotic cacti, and an arboretum with 1,500 trees. A train takes guests on a 40-minute tour that can be broken up by stopping at the halfway point— the scenic Japanese Garden, with its Torii, or gateway to heaven, which embellishes the entrance to woods of araucarias and bamboo shoots.

The Alcázar de Colón, the Cathedral of Santa María la Menor, Museum of Royal Houses, the National Botanical Garden, the Malecón, fortress Ozama and the Palace of Fine Arts are now on the list of Treasures of the World Cultural Heritage. The International Bureau of Cultural Capitals (IBOCC) created the list and chose the sites based on educational value and appeal to visitors, while seeking to establish new tourist routes where visitors learn history.

THE BEACHES OF SANTO DOMINGO

Boca Chica Beach: The powdery white sand and calm waters of Boca Chica Beach are located 20 miles east of Santo

Domingo and two miles east of Las Americas. Groups can charter a yacht or sailboat in the full-service Marina Zar-Par.

Guayacanes Beach: 8 miles east of Boca Chica, the absence of large resorts adds to its small village appeal.

Juan Dolio Beach: About 2 miles east of Guayacanes, a large expanse of shoreline allows for a relaxing day at the beach. There are also resorts that sell one-day passes for those who aren't staying on the property. High-rise beachfront residences share sea views with small hotels and all-inclusive resorts. Juan Dolio also has two challenging 18 hole par 72 courses at Metro Country Club's Los Marlins Golf Course and the Gary Player-designed course at the Guavaberry Golf & Country Club.

LA ROMANA AND BAYAHIBE

Resting along the azure Caribbean Sea, tropical forests, beautiful beaches and ancient caves abound along these stunning resort and beach destinations. Choose La Romana-Bayahibe for group diving excursions since this is the place with the widest selection of dive sites in the Dominican Republic. Teams of instructors and guides organize diving trips from the all-inclusive resorts and planners can work with guides to create exotic underwater excursions combined with a wonderful picnic on the beach— lobster included.

Wreck diving through the modern-day St. George ship and the re-created galleon Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, and cave diving at El Chicho Cave offer groups much adventure.

Boats depart from the Bayahibe harbor for a 45-minute ride to Saona Island. Imagine the ideal beach with blaring white sand and tangled palm trees. Saona has enough space for 300 people to snorkel in the surf without feeling cramped. The coral-rimmed Catalina Island rests just 1.5 miles offshore from La Romana. The island offers quite a few diving options including Casino Point Dive Park, Ship Rock, Farnsworth Banks, Lover's Cove, Long Point, Blue Caverns, Yellowtail Point, Bird Rock, and Sea Fan Grotto. This is where attendees get a close up view of paradise.

ON LAND

The Dominican Republic is the land of baseball and this is the place to check out future stars. Plan your group outing between October and January to see a Los Toros game at the Francisco Micheli Ball Park in La Romana. Baseball fans in the group know the stats: there were 95 Dominicans on the recent

What's New

Bayahibe

- Viva Wyndham Dominicus Resort is offering a beach-front trapeze school. Groups learn teambuilding skills while hanging upside down 25 feet above the ground.

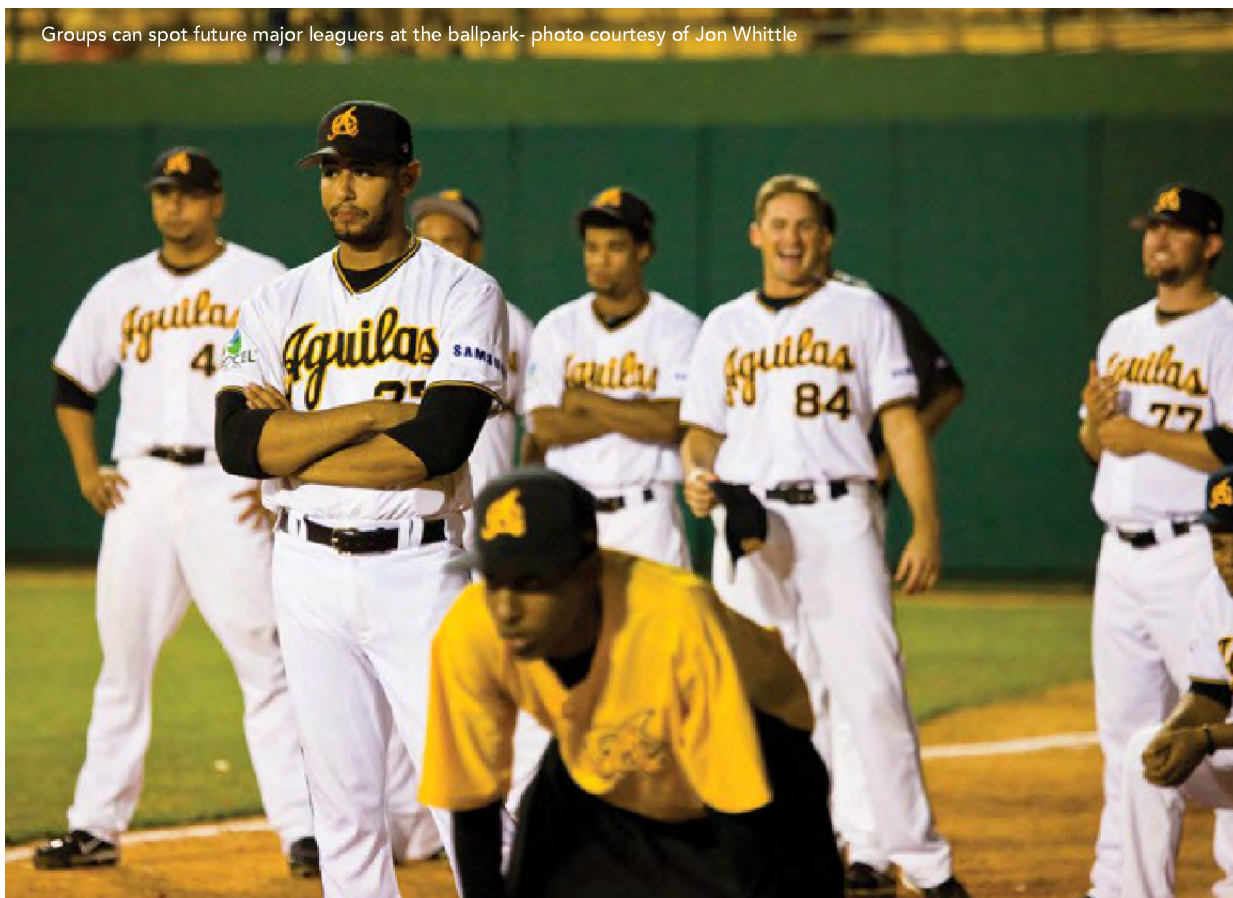
Santo Domingo

- The Santo Domingo Metro opened its second line in the northern part of the city, making attractions more accessible. Stops include commercial centers such as the Agora and Sambil Malls, as well as the nearby Plaza de la Cultura, the National Theatre and the Malecón.
- JetBlue has added a new flight to Santo Domingo's Las Americas International Airport from Massachusetts' Worcester Regional Airport.
- The 245-room Meliá Santo Domingo Hotel underwent a \$6 million renovation and reopened in December as the Sheraton Santo Domingo Hotel.
- Aquamundo, Santo Domingo's new aquarium in Sambil Mall, features 1,500 species of colorful and exotic fish, turtles, eels, stingrays and sharks. Aquarium guides accompany visitors. Groups can request private tours.

“From the welcome and farewell dinners, to the full day Saona tour, which included a private catamaran and buffet on the island, and accommodations at a four-star all-inclusive resort, our clients couldn't have been happier with their stay in the Dominican Republic!”

Marcio Torres, DMC Brazil

Groups can spot future major leaguers at the ballpark- photo courtesy of Jon Whittle



roster of 856 players among U.S. Major League Baseball teams. Also, less than 30 minutes from La Romana, the city of San Pedro de Macorís is where Sammy Sosa, Robinson Cano and Alfonso Soriano earned their stripes. San Pedro is home to a slew of American big league scouting camps, and groups are invited to watch dozens of games taking place almost at all times in different ball fields.

La Romana also is home to La Flor Dominicana's cigar factory, the largest handmade-cigar factory in the world. The factory rolls over 300 brands of cigars, including Montecristo, Romeo y Julieta, H. Upmann and Don Diego. Behind-the-scenes group tours offer a glimpse of the entire process of how their favorite cigar is made, from the drying of the leaves to the final inspection. Afterwards, everyone can smoke one of their favorite stogies while sipping fine Dominican rum and brandy. Cigar lovers will delight in a tour of La Flor Dominicana's farm in La Canela.

Take the group on a horseback trail ride or plan a donkey polo teambuilding exercise at the Casa de Campo Equestrian Center. Right next to Casa de Campo is Altos de Chavón, a recreated 16th century Mediterranean plaza that is perfect for hosting large gala events. Built as a center of culture for the Dominican people, local artisans handcrafted the stone pathways, decorative ironwork, furniture and enchanting buildings. A 5,000 seat amphitheater is available for corporate rental.

Eco Opportunities

Los Tres Ojos National Park, Cave of The Three Eyes, offers groups unparalleled eco-adventures through magnificent limestone caves and fresh springs. Further east in La Romana is La Cueva de las Maravillas, another series of brilliant caves with Taíno drawings encrypted on the inner walls.

Take the group on a catamaran trip to Isla Saona, just off the Southeast coast of the Dominican Republic, nestled in the National Park of the East. Stretching 42-square miles, Isla Saona is the country's largest off-shore island. Opportunities abound for birdwatching, manatee and shark spotting. Bottle-nose dolphins are also abundant.

At 35 meters below sea level, Lake Enriquillo is the deepest point in the Caribbean, and is one of the many stunning areas that make up the Jaragua-Bahoruco-Enriquillo Biosphere Reserve, a UNESCO biosphere reserve. Must-see sites include the flora-filled Jaragua National Park and Bahía de las Aguilas, a striking beach made up of fine white sand and beautiful coral reefs. Colorful flamingos, wild iguanas, and other exotic reptiles and birds make their home here.

Artful & Authentic

Central: Santiago, Jarabacoa & Constanza



The Central region is home to the second-largest city in the Dominican Republic. Santiago, also known as the “heart city,” is located in the center of the heavily forested Cordillera Central mountain range. Much like Santo Domingo, Santiago has a vibrant cultural area in its downtown business corridor, Calle El Sol, where groups can find the energy of the city in boutiques, restaurants and nightclubs, and culture in the city’s art galleries and museums.

The charming mountain towns of Jarabacoa and Constanza surround Santiago and are within an hour’s drive. Santiago’s Cibao International Airport offers easy airlift to the central region.

Active and plentiful coffee and tobacco plantations, growing two of the Dominican Republic’s most important exports, are scattered throughout the city. For groups interested in agricultural tourism and sustainability, this is the place to get lost in Mother Earth. The Cordillera Central mountain range and Cibao Valley create some of the most dramatic geography and ecological diversity in the Caribbean Basin. Lush plains undulate

below the highest peak in the Caribbean, Duarte Peak, towering to a height of 10,417 feet. Groups can hike or ride mules on trails that pass forests of pine and tropical ferns. Three, four or five day excursions that include dinner and camp-style accommodations are also available.

SANTIAGO STYLE

The rich, fertile fields of Santiago produce some of the best cigars in the world from the best locally grown tobacco. There are many cigar factories that are perfect for day tours. The Museo del Tabaco exposes groups to the history of the industry and the cigar-making process and is a must-see for cigar aficionados.

The Centro León Cultural Center, developed by the Eduardo León Jimenes Tobacco Company, is the world-class cultural center for the Dominican arts because of its permanent exhibitions, seasonal programs, and one of the largest and most important art museums in the Caribbean. Planners can host

Left: Making memories in Santiago in front of the Monument to the Heroes of the Restoration War.

Right top: Whitewater rafting in Jarabacoa

Right bottom: Horseback riding in Jarabacoa

smaller events here among a replica of the León family's first cigar factory. The centuries-old and family operated Tabaquería Carbonell factory also offers tours.

Santiago has wonderful restaurants that take advantage of the panoramic views, while offering groups some of the best locally inspired dishes in the Dominican Republic.

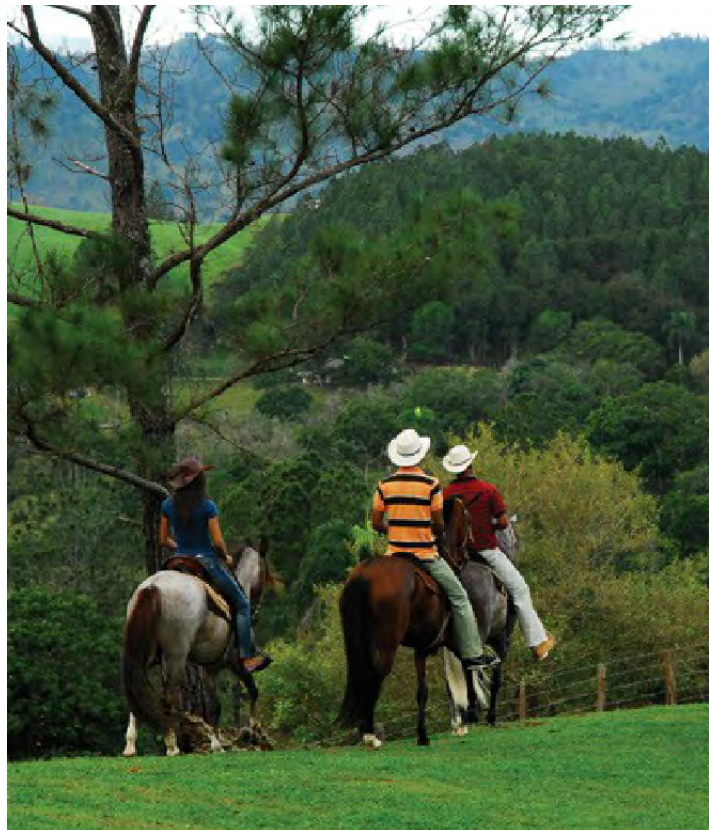
Nearby La Vega is one of the liveliest places in the country, and the center for one of the most popular cultural excursions: Carnaval. Planners can book trips around Carnaval in February, which dates back to the time when the first European settlers arrived in the 1500s. Locals trot out colorful masks and costumes that they have worked on all year in themes revolving around the victory of good vs. evil. Groups will find carnivals throughout most provinces in the country in February, a month that celebrates Dominican independence, but El Carnaval de la Vega remains the biggest of them all.

MOUNTAIN MAJESTY IN JARABACOA

Recognized as the birthplace of the country's ecotourism industry, Jarabacoa is the main gateway to the peaks of Cordillera Central: Pico Duarte, La Pelona and La Rusilla, known by locals as the Dominican Alps. Although Jarabacoa temperatures average around 45 degrees F in the winter, it nearly always has a pleasant spring-like temperature from 60 to 75 degrees. As the "the city of eternal spring," Jarabacoa is known for having the perfect growing weather for strawberries and flowers.

Lodge-style resorts with moderate conference facilities often serve as a base camp for outdoor adventures in Jarabacoa. Many tour groups specialize in the adrenaline pumping whitewater rafting that is, by far, the most popular group event throughout the entire central region. Planners can create exhilarating river rafting trips with various tour companies. Some of the more impressive tours include a pass through a 12-foot vertical drop nicknamed Mike Tyson, and the Cemetery, where boulders stand straight up in the air. There's also the Salto de Baiguate waterfall with a towering drop into a pool of water where attendees can take in a swim in the warmer months. Groups will "ooh" and "ahh" as they head to the waterfall along the edge of a ravine that offers amazing views.

Nature has been generous to the western part of the Central region where two National Parks— the J. Armando Bermúdez and José del Carmen Ramírez— are in the midst of the Cordillera Central. The twelve most important rivers of the Dominican Republic originate here. For attendees who are avid bird watchers, tour guides can point out some of the more than 250 species in Hispaniola that make the parks their home.



FARM TO TABLE IN CONSTANZA

Summer cabins and small hotels are the hallmarks of Constanza, a scenic agricultural village that is nearly 19 miles wide in an area that is embedded in the Caribbean's most fertile valley. Groups interested in agriculture and farm-to-table trends will find much to study here in this splendid valley that is 4,000 feet above sea level.

Gastronomy is also an adventure since the town has its own unique cooking style, including a staple here that's a must try — celery stalk purée. Group gatherings with home cooking at some of the small inns and hotels are unforgettable food experiences and can easily be arranged in advance. Innkeepers and restaurant owners are eager to set up cooking classes to show off the produce and poultry from one of the best farming districts in the Dominican Republic.

Some of the more interesting teambuilding and eco events have been create-a-meal gatherings where attendees harvest their own fruits and vegetables, then join together to prepare the meal from what they've collected.

Constanza also has the highest falls in the Antilles, the Aguas Blancas falls, located at a height of 5,500 feet, with two falls streaming down from an impressive height of 272 feet. The Ebano Verde Scientific Reserve, which stretches between the towns of La Vega, Jarabacoa and Constanza, is the source to understand native plants that can be found throughout the nation. It also has the El Arroyazo Spa that originates within the forest area. Falling in between waterfalls and rapids, the water has formed a large swimming pool surrounded by huge rocks. In the pool, visitors can bathe in the cool water. The reserve features more than 600 species of plants and flowers. Groups can hike the area that has informational plaques and signs along the path. There are several restaurants that surround the nature preserve. Tour groups can plan day trips here from Santiago and Santo Domingo.



Riding around the Santiago Monument



Rappelling next to a waterfall in Jarabacoa

Eco Opportunities

Jarabacoa is considered the country's ecotourism birthplace and the ideal spot for groups to explore the beautiful La Vega Province on horseback. Called the "city of eternal spring," the town's steady climate provides ideal weather for outdoor group activities. In Constanza, adventure abounds in eco-tours.

Hiking is also one of the draws to the Central region. In Jarabacoa, a 131-foot-high magnificent waterfall, the Salto de Jimenoa Waterfall, offers spectacular views of the open canyon below, which is surrounded by verdant flora and marvelous rock formations. Duarte Peak, at 10,417 feet, is the highest mountain peak in the Caribbean. The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources has built a few roadhouses for those who need to camp out on the way to the summit.

For those seeking a softer option to climb, the valley of El Tetero, is a jewel that crowns the Cordillera Central, where crystalline water streams flow down and through the woods in this Caribbean paradise.

Other impressive peaks here are within the Cordillera Central mountain range in Jarabacoa, and offer some of the country's most satisfying outdoor excursions and views.

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North: Puerto Plata and Samaná



Rich culture and history mingle with nearly 50 miles of Atlantic Ocean coastline on the northern shores of the Dominican Republic. Christopher Columbus named Puerto Plata, which means “Silver Port” in Spanish, when he arrived here on his voyage to the Americas and the Island of Hispaniola in 1492. Today, groups arrive to Puerto Plata by way of Gregorio Luperón International Airport, the major gateway to the North region.

This area is quite different in many ways than any other in the Dominican Republic because of its landscape, which is rimmed by majestic mist-swept mountains. For planners who want their groups to experience adventure in a quaint location, this is the place. Warm waters and perfect trade winds make this area a hot spot for water sports and kiteboarding. Preserved Victorian homes and public buildings boast gorgeous 19th and early 20th century architecture to create an idyllic town center.

Beauty over the waters of the adventure capital of the Caribbean, east of Puerto Plata, comes in the form of more than 100 brightly colored billowing sails that can be seen dancing in the sky on Cabarete beach. At night, host a bayside bonfire on Cabarete beach and take advantage of the live concerts, which provide a free and exciting experience found nowhere else in the Caribbean. During the day, exotic land excursions like mountainbiking, ATV riding and kayaking are great group activities, but what gives attendees an out-of-the-conference-room experience to remember are adventure tours through the 27 Waterfalls at Damajagua. Thrillseekers slide down waterfalls into crystal mountain pools after an easy hike up to the top of the falls.

Puerto Plata is also known as the Amber Coast since a very valuable reservoir can be found here, which experts say is the most transparent amber found anywhere in the world. The Amber Museum is housed in an early 20th century Victorian

Left: The Atlantic Ocean provides plenty of recreation in Puerto Plata.

Right: The freshest catch from local waters

home known as Villa Bentz. The picturesque spot is postcard-perfect for group get togethers and guided tours.

While Victorian architecture abounds in Puerto Plata, the only remnant of colonial architecture is the Fort of San Felipe. Completed in 1577 by Spaniards who were trying to protect Puerto Plata from pirates, it is the oldest standing structure in the province. For those who want a bird's-eye view of Puerto Plata, a thrilling 10-minute cable ride takes passengers up 2,656 feet through misty clouds to the top of Mount Isabel with spectacular views along the way. At the peak, riders can view a smaller replica of Rio de Janeiro's famous Christ the Redeemer statue.

Midway between Cabarete and Puerto Plata is the town of Sosúa, where catamaran day trips off Sosúa Beach are definite crowd pleasers. Life revolves around the beach here, where restaurants are housed in rustic tiki huts, and attendees can kick back and enjoy this classic Caribbean resort hideaway.

Most meeting activity, however, takes place on the outskirts of Puerto Plata in Playa Dorada, a self-contained complex that has a choice of ten resorts (most are all-inclusive), a shopping mall, movie theater, restaurants and nightlife, plus plenty of event and meeting space. Situated on 250 acres, Playa Dorada is surrounded by 13-miles of soft sandy beaches. Three of the hotels in the Playa Dorada complex have casinos where gamers can play using Dominican pesos or U.S. dollars. For outdoor play, the Robert Trent Jones-designed Playa Dorada Golf Course is considered one of the most prestigious 18-hole golf courses in the world.

Three miles west of Puerto Plata is Ocean World Adventure Park, Marina & Casino, which offers on-site catering, a conference room, theater, disco with capacity for 400 pax and a marina deck that can comfortably host an event for 450 pax. After meeting or meal time is over, take advantage of teambuilding activities, which can include scuba diving with dolphins in a man-made dolphin habitat. Groups will learn leadership and management skills through the Dolphin Trainer for a Day program. There's also the Snorkel Reef, where attendees can explore a coral reef aquarium filled with lobsters and exotic fish such as angelfish, puffers and butterfly fish. Gamers can enjoy table games and slot machines at the casino on the second floor of the building.

PERFECT PENINSULA

To the east of Puerto Plata is the Samaná Peninsula, the Dominican Republic's breathtaking paradise. Off-the-beaten path, the peninsula itself is a natural gem that remains one of the country's most unexplored regions, making it a haven for ecotourism.

Boat trips to view the jagged coastline with its sheer cliffs, ziplining above the trees, sunsets, waterfalls and humpback



What's New

Puerto Plata

- The Gregorio Luperón International Airport now has seven boarding gates and a large food court.
- Ocean World Adventure Park, Marina & Casino opened a Triple Twister waterslide, located next to the park's dolphin lagoon. The view at the top of the coaster is reason enough to give it a try.

Samaná:

- Las Terrenas Fishermen's Village recently reopened after a fire closed it in May 2012. There's a bounty of restaurants that have been rebuilt and the place to get a true Samaná specialty dish, *pescado con coco*, or fish in coconut sauce.
- Taíno Park, the Caribbean's largest historical cultural park, has more than 25 historical stagings and an hour-long guided tour, available in six languages. 200 pieces of Taíno art made from clay, stone and wood are on display and a nearby shop offers locally-made products with profits going toward developing the area.
- JetBlue added twice a week direct flights between New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport and El Catey International Airport in Samaná.

Whale watching at Samaná Bay



Eco Opportunities

January through March is an exceptionally exciting time in the Dominican Republic when up to 5,000 whales migrate to the Northeast Coast and Samaná Bay's warm waters. Established in 1966, the Marine Mammal Sanctuary has received international acclaim.

"We work hard to preserve the Dominican Republic's nine distinct ecological zones so that visitors can have incredible eco-adventures and witness nature's wonders," says Magaly Toribio, marketing advisor for the Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism.

Samaná Peninsula interiors are a sight to see with mountains that reach up to 2,100 feet. Groups can ride in mule packs along steep paths surrounded by tropical vegetation, coffee and cocoa plants. Once groups reach the top of the spectacular El Limón Waterfall, adventure seekers can plunge into the water below.

Also in Samaná is Los Haitises National Park where mangrove swamps, islets and caves invited exploration. Hiking, mountain biking or horseback riding through the subtropical forest are highlights. The park also boasts impressive caves once inhabited by the Taino Indians who left behind ancient cave drawings and pottery on the dusty cavern floors.

Temperate weather and perfect trade winds make Cabarete Bay the kiteboard capital of the world. This is the place for watersports like kiteboarding, cascading, surfing, boogie-boarding and more. Located half an hour east of Puerto Plata, this is a great destination for planning a day-long excursion of outdoor group activities. Just 30 minutes from Puerto Plata in the Northern Corridor mountain range is one of the Dominican Republic's best-kept secrets. The 27 Waterfalls of Damajagua will get attendees' adrenaline pumping as they hike to and from each waterfall, jumping from the tops, and swimming and sliding their way back to base camp.

whale watching are just some of the attractions. The peninsula's beaches are some of the most secluded.

While the Samaná Peninsula is renowned for its nature and adventure, Las Galeras and Las Terrenas are two charming towns that cater to tourists with beachfront stores and restaurants. As a Mediterranean-influenced town, Las Terrenas is the most developed area, featuring a mix of restaurants, bars, shopping and nightlife to satisfy group members looking for something other than the beach.

The city also offers a variety of accommodations to fit any budget, from small boutique hotels to deluxe all-inclusive resorts. But if it's the beach they want, there's no lack of it at Las Terrenas— 18 miles of untouched beach is ready to be explored.

What attracts planners most to Samaná are the months of January to March, when 3,000 to 5,000 whales migrate to the warm crystalline waters of the Bay of Samaná for mating



season. Group excursions are plentiful and life here is built around the watching of the mighty humpback whales.

Horseback riding is another popular option, especially a trip that guides riders to the top of the El Limón Waterfall, considered the most spectacular of the Dominican Republic's many waterfalls. For spectacular views of mountains, Samaná Bay and Cayo Levantado—a six-square-mile, palm-lined island—groups can zip line for more than 1,000 feet between platforms. Planners can book a three-hour-long group tour that includes the zip line experience with expert trainers, refreshments and fresh Dominican-grown fruit.

The region is well known for its agriculture, yielding plump, sweet fruit and some of the best coffee in the world. It is also home to the largest coconut plantation in the Caribbean. Because of its location surrounded by the sea on its northern, southern and eastern coasts, some of the freshest lobster,

shrimp, octopus, prawns and fish such as golden snapper, sea bass, tuna, marlin and kingfish can be found here. Group dinners don't get any better than this. Local cooking uses ingredients that have been a staple of Samaná cooking for years; seafood flavored with coconut, ginger, cassava and fruits, dominate. Of course, the dishes taste better when grilled for a gathering on the beach and it's an unforgettable experience when attendees bond over dinner by the natural light of a starry sky.

The peninsula is more accessible than ever now with new and improved highways— an estimated two-hour commute from Santo Domingo, perfect for a day trip. The new Boulevard Turístico del Atlántico extends to Las Terrenas with scenic views along the northern coast. Furthermore, Samaná is a port of call for cruise lines and offers two local airports, El Catey International and Arroyo Barril, which serve the province of Samaná with commuter flights.



Kiteboarding at Cabarete

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|-------------------------|---|-------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| BARAHONA | Casa Bonita Tropical Lodge | 12 | 20 | 476-5059 | www.casabonitadr.com | | ✓ |
| BOCA CHICA | Don Juan Beach Resort | 225 | 200 | 523-4511 | www.donjuanbeachresort.com | ✓ | |
| | Hotel Be Live Hamaca | 697 | 1500 | 523-4611 | www.belivehotels.com | ✓ | |
| JUAN DOLIO | Barceló Capella | 497 | 200 | 526-1080 | www.barcelo.com | ✓ | |
| | Coral Costa Caribe | 416 | 1070 | 526-2244 | www.coralhotels.com | ✓ | |
| | Embassy Suites Hotel By Hilton at Los Marlins Golf Resort | 125 | 400 | 688-9999 | www.losmarlins.embassysuites.com | | ✓ |
| LA ROMANA & BAYAHIBE | Casa de Campo | 165 | 500 | 523-3333 | www.casadecampo.com.do | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Dreams La Romana | 751 | 750 | 221-8880 | www.dreamsresorts.com/la-romana | ✓ | |
| | Gran Bahía Príncipe La Romana | 400 | 180 | 412-1010 | www.bahia-principe.com | ✓ | |
| | Iberostar Hacienda Dominicus | 502 | 300 | 688-3600 | www.iberostar.com | ✓ | |
| | Hotel Be Live Canoa | 532 | 230 | 682-2662 | www.belivehotels.com | ✓ | |
| | Viva Wyndham Dominicus Beach | 663 | 250 | 686-5658 | www.vivaresorts.com | ✓ | |
| | Viva Wyndham Dominicus Palace | 330 | 250 | 686-5658 | www.vivaresorts.com | ✓ | |
| SANTO DOMINGO | BQ Santo Domingo | 139 | 500 | 535-0800 | www.bqsantodomingo.com | | ✓ |
| | Barceló Santo Domingo | 217 | 1500 | 563-5000 | www.barcelo.com | ✓ | |
| | Hotel Plaza Naco | 175 | 500 | 541-6226 | www.hotelplazanaco.com | | ✓ |
| | Courtyard Santo Domingo By Marriott | 143 | 73 | 685-1010 | www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sdqcy-courtyard-santo-domingo | | ✓ |
| | Dominican Fiesta Hotel & Casino | 286 | 2850 | 482-8939 | www.fiestahotelgroup.com | | ✓ |
| | Hilton Santo Domingo | 228 | 700 | 685-0000 | www3.hilton.com | | ✓ |
| | Holiday Inn Santo Domingo | 179 | 150 | 621-0000 | www.ihg.com/holidayinn | | ✓ |
| | Hotel Nicolás de Ovando | 104 | 250 | 685-9955 | www.accorhotels.com | | ✓ |
| | Hotel Crowne Plaza Santo Domingo | 196 | 1000 | 221-0000 | www.ihg.com/crowneplaza | | ✓ |
| | Magna 365 | 245 | 750 | 221-6666 | www.hotelmagna365.com | | ✓ |
| | Occidental El Embajador | 278 | 600 | 221-2131 | www.occidentalhotels.com | | ✓ |
| | Quality Hotel Real Aeropuerto Santo Domingo | 124 | 150 | 549-2525 | www.realhotelsandresorts.com | | ✓ |
| | Renaissance Jaragua Hotel & Casino | 300 | 1200 | 221-2222 | www.marriott.com/sdggw | | ✓ |

| CENTRAL REGION | HOTELS | ROOMS | MEETINGS MAX CAPACITY (APPROX) | TELEPHONE (AREA CODE 809) | WEBSITE | ALL INCLUSIVE | EUROPEAN PLAN |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| JARABACOA | Rancho Olivier Bed & Breakfast | 10 | 150 | 687-0864 | www.grupoolivier.com/ranchoolivier.html | | ✓ |
| CONSTANZA | Rancho Constanza | 13 | N/A | 682-2410 | www.ranchoconstanza.tripod.com/id19.html | | ✓ |
| | Hotel Alto Cerro | 68 | 300 | 530-6192 | www.altocerro.com | | ✓ |
| SANTIAGO | Aloha Sol | 103 | 150 | 583-0090 | www.alohasol.com | | ✓ |
| | Helios Aparta-Hotel | 57 | N/A | 570-7434 | www.facebook.com/HeliosApartaHotel | | ✓ |
| | Hodelpa Centro Plaza | 85 | 50 | 581-7000 | www.hodelpa.com | | ✓ |
| | Hodelpa Garden Court | 133 | 300 | 612-7000 | www.hodelpa.com | | ✓ |
| | Hodelpa Gran Almirante | 154 | 700 | 580-1992 | www.hodelpa.com | | ✓ |
| | Hotel Platino | 91 | 80 | 724-7576 | www.hotelplatinord.com | | ✓ |



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|-------------------|---|-------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| BÁVARO-PUNTA CANA | Barceló Bávaro Beach & Convention Center | 391 | 1200 | 686-5797 | www.barcelobavaroach.com | ✓ | |
| | Barceló Bávaro Palace Deluxe | 1366 | 1200 | 686-5797 | www.barcelobavaropalacedeluxe.com | ✓ | |
| | Barceló Dominican Beach | 732 | 350 | 221-0714 | www.barcelodominicanbeach.com | ✓ | |
| | Barceló Punta Cana | 798 | 350 | 476-7777 | www.barcelopuntacana.com | ✓ | |
| | Breathless Punta Cana | 750 | 900 | 551-0000 | www.breathlessresorts.com | ✓ | |
| | Caribe Club Princess Beach Resort & Spa | 665 | 350 | 687-7788 | www.princess-hotels.com | ✓ | |
| | Catalonia Bávaro Beach, Golf & Casino Resort | 711 | 250 | 412-0000 | www.cataloniabavaroahotel.com | ✓ | |
| | Dreams La Romana | 751 | 974 | 221-8880 | www.dreamsresorts.com | ✓ | |
| | Dreams Palm Beach | 500 | 300 | 687-5747 | www.dreamsresorts.com/palm-beach | ✓ | |
| | Dreams Punta Cana | 620 | 300 | 682-0404 | www.dreamsresorts.com/punta-cana | ✓ | |
| | Excellence Punta Cana | 452 | 300 | 685-9880 | www.excellenceresorts.com | ✓ | |
| | Gran Bahía Príncipe Ambar | 528 | 30 | 552-1444 | www.bahia-principe.com | ✓ | |
| | Gran Bahía Príncipe Bávaro | 864 | 300 | 552-1444 | www.bahia-principe.com | ✓ | |
| | Gran Bahía Príncipe Punta Cana | 708 | 300 | 552-1444 | www.bahia-principe.com | ✓ | |
| | Grand Palladium Bávaro Resort | 1823 | 150 | 221-8149 | www.palladiumhotelgroup.com | ✓ | |
| | Grand Palladium Palace Resort Spa & Casino | 268 | 500 | 227-0908 | www.palladiumhotelgroup.com | ✓ | |
| | Grand Palladium Punta Cana Resort & Spa | 397 | 500 | 227-0908 | www.palladiumhotelgroup.com | ✓ | |
| | Grand Paradise Bávaro | 1029 | 250 | 221-2121 | www.granparadisebavaro.com | ✓ | |
| | Hard Rock Hotel Punta Cana | 1790 | 2000 | 687-0000 | www.hardrockhotelpuntacana.com | ✓ | |
| | Hotel Bávaro Princess All Suites Resort & Spa | 808 | 450 | 221-2311 | www.hotelbavaroпрincess.com | ✓ | |
| | Iberostar Bávaro Resort | 1803 | 450 | 221-6500 | www.iberostar.com | ✓ | |
| | Meliá Caribe Tropical | 1248 | 1000 | 221-1290 | www.melia.com | ✓ | |
| | Natura Park Beach Eco Resort & Spa | 510 | 200 | 221-2626 | www.blauhotels.com | ✓ | |
| | NH Real Arena | 658 | 850 | 221-4646 | www.nh-realaarena.com | | ✓ |
| | Now Larimar | 730 | 868 | 221-4646 | www.nowresorts.com | ✓ | |
| | Occidental Grand Punta Cana | 852 | 300 | 221-8787 | www.occidentalhotels.com | ✓ | |
| | Ocean Blue and Sand | 708 | 400 | 476-2326 | www.hotelocceanbluesand.net | ✓ | |
| | Paradissus Palma Real | 554 | NA | 688-5000 | www.paradissus.com | ✓ | |
| | Paradissus Punta Cana | 694 | 450 | 687-9923 | www.paradissus.com | ✓ | |
| | Sanctuary Cap Cana | 176 | 550 | 562-9191 | www.sanctuarycapcana.com | ✓ | |
| | Secrets Royal Beach | 465 | 868 | 221-4646 | www.secretresorts.com | ✓ | |
| | Sirenis Cocotal Beach Resort Casino & Spa | 416 | 400 | 688-6490 | www.sirenishotels.com | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Sivory Punta Cana | 55 | 144 | 333-0500 | www.sivorypuntacana.com | ✓ | |
| | The Royal Suites Turquesa By Palladium | 372 | 500 | 227-0908 | www.palladiumhotelgroup.com | ✓ | |
| | Tortuga Bay Boutique Hotel | 30 | 250 | 959-2262 | www.puntacana.com | | ✓ |
| | Tropical Princess Beach Resort | 330 | 350 | 687-7788 | www.princess-hotels.com | ✓ | |
| | VIK Hotel Arena Blanca | 494 | 40 | 221-6640 | www.vikhotels.com | ✓ | |
| | Westin Punta Cana Resort & Club | 200 | NA | 959-2222 | www.westin.com | | ✓ |
| | Zoetry Agua Punta Cana | 96 | 100 | 468-0000 | www.zoetryresorts.com | ✓ | |

Cruisin'

Shipboard Excursions

Taking the group for a cruise at sea is a surefire way to show off the beauty of the Dominican Republic, bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on its northern coast and the Caribbean Sea on its southern coast. Groups can indulge in single or multi-day excursions on the water. Cruise itineraries to nearby islands add to the experience.

Two major seaports in Santo Domingo and La Romana welcome cruise ship passengers, while docking facilities at Samaná Bay and Cayo Levantado make for a day of outdoor relaxation or adventure. Cruise lines departing from and arriving to the Dominican Republic are Carnival Cruise Lines, Royal Caribbean International, Celebrity Cruises, Norwegian Cruise Line, Costa Cruise and Princess Cruises. Most of the major cruise lines feature shipboard spaces for meetings and board retreats. Groups flying into the Dominican Republic for land-based meetings can be booked on pre or post cruise itineraries for easy trips to nearby islands. At the Port of La Romana and Sans Souci in Santo Domingo, groups can board MSC Cruises, Pullmantur Cruises, Costa Cruise and TUI Cruises.

SOUTH COAST (CARIBBEAN SEA) PORT OF SANTO DOMINGO

Two large terminals, about a ten-minute drive from the world-famous Colonial City, make it easy to organize large group tours.

Don Diego Terminal: Completed in 2006, the contemporary terminal features two cruise reception areas and an entrance hall with an information center, access to an international and local telecommunications center and a currency exchange. There are areas designed specifically for tour bus parking to accommodate large groups.

Sans Souci Terminal: The Caribbean's most modern terminal to date was completed in early 2009 and is able to handle nearly 4,000 passengers plus crew. The terminal welcomes today's largest world-class ships and boasts a ground level for baggage handling and disembarking, a mezzanine level that accommodates immigration and customs, duty-free stores and an Internet and information center.

PORT OF CASA DE CAMPO, LA ROMANA

Situated on the Chavón River along a modern platform and harbor terminal, the Port of Casa de Campo has capacity for two large cruise ships. Just 15 minutes from the port is Altos de Chavón, a re-created 16th century Mediterranean village built by local artisans, which has boutique shops, upscale restaurants, a church and an archaeological museum.



A cruise ship at the Casa de Campo port, La Romana.

Nearby Catalina Island is the second docking area at the port. Vessels stay at anchorage and groups can be transported to the island to enjoy a beach day and buffet lunch.

NORTH COAST (ATLANTIC OCEAN) SAMANÁ DOCKING FACILITIES

Samaná Bay is nestled against the peninsula to the north and the Dominican Republic's mainland to the south, making the peaceful bay ideal for cruise ship anchorage. In the winter, ships make pilgrimages here, hosting groups that come to witness thousands of migrating humpback whales.

For a day excursion, there's nearby Cayo Levantado, a private island that was once inhabited by pirates; today, it boasts one of the country's best beaches. The Cayo Levantado Dock can receive four boats per arrival, where pathways lead visitors to facilities that include beautiful green parks perfect for picnicking. The island includes a covered buffet with seating for up to 1,500 pax and every location offers an ocean view. For activities, planners can set up a sea lion encounter or have the group experience the private island by kayak, pedal boat or parasail.

PORT OF MAIMON, PUERTO PLATA

Amber Cove Terminal: The newest state-of-the-art cruise terminal began production in 2012 and will be able to accommodate up to 8,000 passengers daily. Located just west of Puerto Plata, the new port is expected to be the Caribbean's most modern. Expected completion is 2015.

Destination Management Companies

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Off-Site Meeting Venues

Here are some other venues for those who want or need to go beyond the resort.

SOUTH

Santo Domingo Venues

Sansouci Convention Center
Capacity: 8,000
809-685-9337
www.sansouci.com.do

Sambil Mall

Capacity: 1,800
809-234-5678
tusambil.com

Galeria 360 Shopping Mall

Capacity: 400
809-540-2525
www.galeria360.com

Agora Mall

809-472-2076
Capacity: 700
www.agora.com.do

Santo Domingo Auditoriums Banco Central

Capacity: 700
809-221-9111
www.bancentral.gov.do

Caribbean Cinemas

10 cinemas with 77 movie halls
Capacity: 44 to 351
809-688-8710
caribbeancinemasrd.com

Casa San Pablo

Capacity: 1,070
809-518-0104
809-476-9163

Casa de Teatro

Capacity: 220
809-689-3430
www.casedeteatro.com

Centro Cultural BanReservas

Capacity: 70
800-396-9665
www.banreservas.com.do

Centro Cultural de las Telecomunicaciones

Capacity: 144
www.cct.gob.do
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Cinemateca Dominicana

Capacity: 420
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com

Conservatoria Nacional de Música

Capacity: 250
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Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo

Capacity: 162
809-685-9966
www.funlode.org

Instituto Cultural Dominicano- Americano

Capacity: 300
809-535-0665
www.icda.edu.do

Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores/Cancillería (Ministry of Foreign Affairs/ Chancellery)

Capacity: Conference Hall, 800;
Auditorium, 250
809-535-6280
www.serex.gov.do

Museo de Arte Moderno

Capacity: 96
809-221-4141
www.cultura.gov.do

Museo de Historia Natural

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Palacio de Bellas Artes

Capacity: 618
809-682-1325
www.bellasartes.gov.do

Teatro Nacional

Capacity: 1,590
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Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo

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bookstore, 380
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Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña

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CENTRAL Santiago

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NORTH

Puerto Plata

Dominican Amber Museum

Capacity: Contact venue
809-586-2848
www.ambermuseum.com

EAST

Higüey

Casa Ponce de León

Capacity: Contact venue
809-551-0118

More information on non-resort
Dominican Republic venues can
be found here:
www.godominicanrepublic.com/
en/conventions-incentives

Things to Know

From entry requirements to tax breaks, consult this handy guide.



Punta Cana Airport

AIRLIFT

The Dominican Republic is connected to all corners of the globe through very convenient flight connections. The principal routes are serviced by the most prestigious carriers in the airline industry.

U.S. carriers flying to the Dominican Republic include American Airlines, Delta Airlines, JetBlue, Spirit, United Airlines, AirTran and US Airways. Canadian carriers include Air Transat, Air Canada, American Airlines, Delta Airlines, Sunwing, United Airlines, US Airways and WestJet. European airlines are Air Europa, Air France, British Airways, Condor and Eurasian Aeroflot and Transaero airlines. In Latin America, Avianca, Copa, GOL, TACA, LAN and Air Caraïbes airlines also have frequent flights.

There are eight international airports in the Dominican Republic, serving the major beach tourism regions and the two large metropolitan areas of Santo Domingo and Santiago.

- Las Américas International Airport (SDQ)— serving the capital city of Santo Domingo, Boca Chica and Juan Dolio.
- La Romana International Airport (LRM)— serving the Casa de Campo resort and golf meccas and Bayahibe hotels.
- Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ)— serving the Punta Cana/Bávaro resort region.
- Gregorio Luperón International Airport (POP)— serving the Puerto Plata resort region.
- Cibao International Airport (STI)— serving the city of Santiago and the interior mountain towns of Jarabacoa and Constanza.

- El Catey International Airport (AZS)— serving the Samaná Peninsula.
- La Isabela Airport (JBQ)— serving Santo Domingo, Boca Chica and Juan Dolio with domestic flights with some international flights to other Caribbean islands.
- Maria Montez International Airport (BRX)— serving Baharona.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Motor coaches and vans are arranged by local destination management companies (DMCs) and are the usual mode of transportation for groups. Major rental car companies are represented and have become more plentiful since the addition of the Coral Highway (Autopista del Coral). Hiring a car and driver or taking a taxi are additional options. Use only taxis in the tourist system — taxis outside the airport and resorts. If you go out, keep the taxi company's card and call the same company to pick you up. Taxis are not metered, so negotiate the fare before you get into the cab.

DMCS

Dominican Republic has many DMCs that operate throughout the entire country. Most meeting and incentive planners use them to arrange off-site day trips and transfers. A list of DMCs is available on page 38.

LANGUAGE SPOKEN

Spanish is the official language of the Dominican Republic. However, almost all hotel and tourist destination employees speak English, French, German and Italian.

MONEY

The Dominican peso (RD\$) is the official currency of the Dominican Republic, although American and Canadian dollars, as well as euros, are accepted in many areas. You can find out the exchange rate at www.xe.com. Major credit cards and travelers' checks are accepted at many of the country's tourist locations. ATMs are located in most resorts. Many planners negotiate their prices in U.S. dollars with resorts, DMCs and other Dominican Republic vendors.

TAX BREAKS

Under the terms of the Tax Information Exchange Agreement with the Caribbean Business Initiative, business meetings held in the Dominican Republic are tax-deductible for all United States citizens.



Carnivals and friendly faces in the Dominican Republic.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism is very active on social media platforms. You can follow Facebook, Twitter, Google+, YouTube, Instagram and Pinterest at www.GoDominicanRepublic.com. You can also find the new Go Dominican Republic App in the App Store and Google Play.

TIME

The local time zone is Caribbean Eastern Time (GMT-0400). In the winter, the Dominican Republic is an hour ahead of Eastern Standard Time in the United States; daylight saving time is not observed in the Dominican Republic.

TIPPING

Some all-inclusive resorts include tipping, although it is generally expected for services not included in the resort. A cash tip of 10 to 15 percent cash for lead service workers is the norm.

WATER

Most restaurants and resorts serve purified and bottled water.

WEATHER

The Dominican Republic enjoys a tropical climate year-round. A typical day could have full sun or a combination of sun and clouds with annual temperature ranges from 66° to 93°F (19° to 34°C). November through April is the coldest season; May through October is the hottest.

ELECTRICITY

Operates at 110 volts/60 Hertz, the same as North America.

TELEPHONE

To call the United States and Canada, dial the area code and telephone number. Several cell phone companies offer service in the Dominican Republic. Local area codes are 809, 829, 849. Before traveling, tell groups to contact cell phone providers about international rates and roaming charges. To call Europe and Latin America, 011 is the international prefix. You must then find the international code to dial the country. For instance, the international code used to dial Germany is 49, while 7 is the international code for Russia.

PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

All foreign visitors entering the Dominican Republic must have a valid passport issued by their country. Citizens of some countries may enter with only a valid Tourist Card, but a passport is required in order to obtain the card. Countries with this agreement to require only the Tourist Card include, but are not limited to, the United States, Canada, Great Britain and members of the European Union. See requirements for obtaining the Tourist Card, below.

TOURIST CARD

When entering the Dominican Republic, and prior to entering the immigration line, visitors are required to purchase a Tourist Card for US\$10. It must be paid for in cash using American or Canadian dollars or euros. No coins or other currency, including Dominican pesos, credit cards or checks, are accepted. The Tourist Card is paid for and collected at the airport and can be purchased online at <http://dgii.gov.do/tarjetaTuristica/EN/about/Paginas/default.aspx>.

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