



AUGUST 2023

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

CARIBBEAN ISLAND OF THE MONTH

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Dear Traveler,

I am happy to present the August Caribbean Island of the Month: the Dominican Republic.

Surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean on the north and the Caribbean Sea on the south, this lush tropical island paradise boasts nearly 1,000 miles of coastline, 250 miles of the world's top beaches, magnificent resorts and hotels, and a variety of sports, recreation, and entertainment options.

Here you can dance to the pulse-pounding thrill of the merengue, renew in our luxurious and diverse accommodations, explore ancient relics of centuries past, delight in delicious Dominican gastronomy or enjoy ecotourism adventures in our magnificent national parks, mountain ranges, rivers, and beaches.

I look forward to working with you to plan your next Caribbean getaway to the Dominican Republic.

Sincerely,
Your Travel Advisor

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Quisqueya, as Dominicans affectionately call their home—meaning “mother of all lands”—is a country of superlatives. This was the first permanent Spanish settlement in the Americas with the arrival of Christopher Columbus on his first voyage in 1492. Aside from choosing the DR as his sole residence in the region—a land blessed with fertile soil and gold deposits—Columbus and the Spanish Crown used the country as a launching pad for conquests across the Caribbean and United States. Today, the first city of the Americas, Santo Domingo, is the capital of the DR, and continues to thrive while preserving its history and original Spanish architecture.

Aside from historic firsts, the Dominican Republic ranks among the most diverse Caribbean countries in geography, nature, and people. Its landscape ranges from the highest peak in the region, Pico Duarte, to the lowest body of water, Lago Enriquillo. A whopping 6,000 species of flora and 7,000 species of fauna include cacti flowers, endemic hawks, and humpback whales.

The country’s cultural makeup—Taino, European, and African—includes a diverse population welcomed in the DR since the 19th century, from Jewish and Japanese communities to UNESCO-proclaimed Afro-Caribbean groups.





CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS & SIGHTSEEING

The Dominican Republic is a popular Caribbean destination with beautiful white sand beaches, crystal-clear waters, and a tropical climate. Beyond its natural beauty, the country offers rich cultural attractions, historical monuments, vibrant nightlife, cultural festivals, and countless sightseeing opportunities.

Exploring the Colonial City of Santo Domingo, visiting the Altos de Chavón Regional Archaeological Museum in La Romana, the National Museum of History and Geography in Santo Domingo, Altos de Chavón in La Romana, the Basilica of Our Lady of Altigracia in Higüey or the Amber Museum in Puerto Plata, as well as experiencing the vibrant carnival culture, are some of the interesting activities you can enjoy throughout the country.



HISTORIC CHURCHES

Dominican churches play an important role in the culture and history of the country, dating back to the days of the Spanish colonialists. Tour the most significant church in the Colonial City: the Catedral Primada de América, the oldest in the Americas, where official national celebrations take place. The Colonial City is filled with many more breathtaking, important religious sites you can reach on foot, such as Iglesia Nuestra Señora de Las Mercedes, one of two representations of the country's patron saint.



BEACHES IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

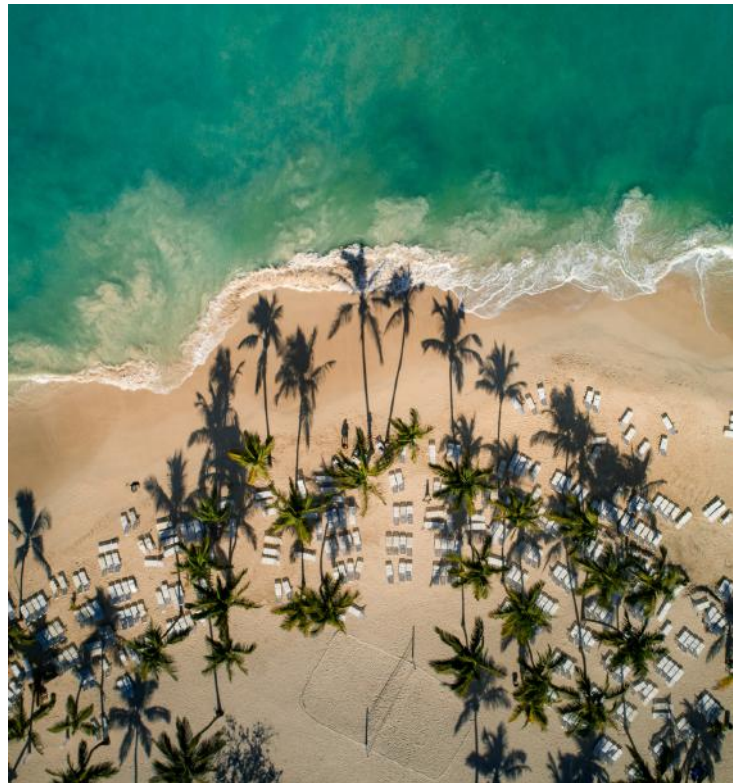
White sand beaches that seem to endlessly run into the horizon, punctuated with slim coconut trees reaching the skies: it's what the Dominican Republic is best known for. South to east, and north, you will keep busy finding your favorite plot of sand along our 1,600-kilometer (1,000-mile) sandy coastline.

Over 200 beaches—many of which remain uncrowded and undeveloped—line the Caribbean and the Atlantic coastlines, ranging from a brilliant white to a handful of black sand stretching southwest. Visit Punta Cana's world-renowned 48-kilometer (30-mile) stretch, but also consider Samaná's world-ranked beaches such as Playa Rincón.

On the north coast, you'll be spoiled for choice, from Playa Cabarete to Playa Grande, or Playa Punta Rucia. Go off-the-beaten track to Playa El Valle, or Playa Frontón—reached by boat—sure to leave you speechless.

Caribbean-facing beaches are safe year round, while our northern coastline requires more attention to weather conditions before swimming. Sundays are family beach day for Dominicans, and you'll find plenty of food and music.

Palm-studded, continuous diamond-white beaches are synonymous with Punta Cana, but the DR's stunning beaches extend countrywide.





WATER SPORTS

Discover a variety of water sports at your finger tips across the Dominican Republic.

SURFING & KITESURFING

DR is ground zero for surfing, kitesurfing, and windsurfing. Whether novice or expert, there's a Dominican coastline ideal for your preferred activity. Cabarete usually has between 250 and 300 kiteboarding-friendly windy days per year. The waves are created by a reef break, forming fast and powerful waves, perfect for experienced surfers. However, there are also some gentle waves suitable for beginners. That's why Cabarete nicknamed "Surf and Wind City" and has long been known as the "Water Sports Capital of the Caribbean."



SCUBA DIVING & SNORKELING

You'll soon realize that the DR's underwater world—a handful of which is protected as a national park—is equally fascinating as its beaches, revealing features such as coral reefs, caves, remains of galleons, shipwrecks, and a world of multicolored marine life. Explore 40-meter (131-foot) wall dives off the islands of Catalina and Saona, spot turtles and eagle rays off the remote Playa Frontón in Las Galeras, or snorkel amid colorful fish at Cayo Arena. While you can dip in our waters year round, the best time to dive is between June and September, when the waters are calm and offer good visibility—optimal conditions for immersion.



FISHING

Recognized fishing destinations in the DR include Bayahíbe, a village founded by fishermen in the 19th century, as well as Punta Cana, Puerto Plata, and Samaná, all of which offer sports fishing with the possibility of hooking marlin, barracuda, and dorado or mahi mahi, among others. Freshwater river fishing is popular in La Romana, and in Río San Juan, to catch snooker or wahoo. Reef trolling and deep sea fishing opportunities abound along the reefs of Cabarete and Sosúa.

Fishing tournaments are popular in the Punta Cana, La Romana and Bayahíbe areas, when it gets lively with beachside music, and plenty of fresh catch cooked on site. A great way to experience traditional fishing is to find the fishing cooperative in your chosen destination, and learn from the best.

RAFTING

There aren't many places to experience real river rafting in the Caribbean. But in the Dominican Republic, our high altitude mountain towns are blessed with fresh water rivers flowing down with sufficient force from high summits. A river rafting excursion along the Yaque del Norte—the longest river in the Caribbean—departing from Jarabacoa, is an unforgettable experience to be added to your bucket list of adventures around the country.

While available year round, rafting is best done during the summer months, when the water levels are sufficiently high for an authentic experience.





OUTDOOR RECREATION

Other outdoor activities are available from a leisure game of golf to a fun mountain bike adventure.

GOLFING

The Dominican Republic's award-winning courses, along and around sparkling seas, blue lakes and lush green hills, are on every golfer's bucket list.



HORSEBACK RIDING

Horseback ride across lush cattle ranches in Puerto Plata, or along Samaná's coconut-studded hills.

HIKING

Being the second largest territory in the Caribbean, and the most diverse in topography, means a plethora of hiking opportunities.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Strap on your helmet, hop on a bike, and conquer scenic mountain-flanked paths, or cave-filled trails deep inside national parks.



INLAND SAFARIS

Bump and ride past cattle, stop in villages for fresh coconut water, and tour plantations: the DR's inland safaris are a window into the country's scenic countryside.

ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

Get your adrenaline going with activities meant for the thrill-seeker in you. From ziplining through the lush greenery to paragliding over the natural beauty of the DR, you'll be sure to make exciting memories to bring home with you.

ZIPLINING

There's no better way to glimpse the DR's vast blues and greens than zipping above its lush hills and dense canopy.

CAVING

Ancient Taino caves, tucked deep inside the DR's rainforests and parks, offer the most adrenaline-filled adventures.

CANYONING & RAPPELLING

Descend into riverbeds, rappel down waterfalls, and leap 60-foot down into emerald-colored fresh water pools.

ADVENTURE PARKS

Try one of our multiple recreational parks, ideal for an all-in-one day of adventure of ziplining, hiking, or go-karting, among many options.

PARAGLIDING

Launch into the Dominican Republic's skies, soaring like a bird above cool mountain peaks, waterfalls, coastline, and villages.



FEATURED PARTNERS

An aerial photograph of a tropical beach. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, transitioning to a lighter, sandy beach. Several palm trees are scattered along the shoreline, their fronds casting shadows on the sand. The overall scene is serene and idyllic.

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LA ROMANA

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PUNTA CANA

TORTUGA BAY
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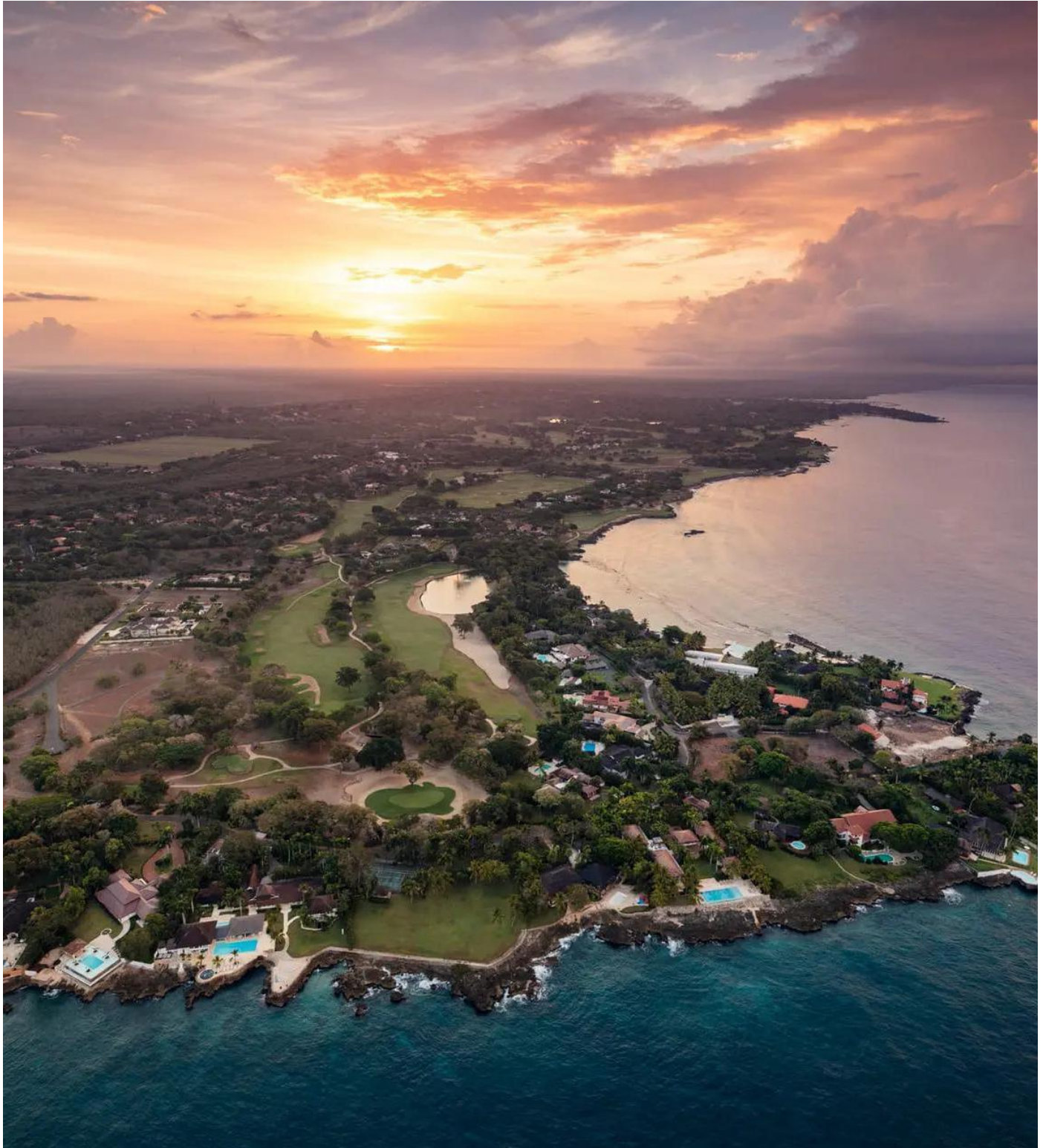
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A LUXURY COLLECTION RESORT, COSTA NORTE



CASA DE CAMPO

RESORTS & VILLAS, LA ROMANA



THE FIRST RESORT IN THE DR

Casa de Campo® Resort & Villas opened in La Romana, almost 50 years ago, as the first resort in the Dominican Republic. We have been a favorite luxury destination for discerning travelers and celebrities who relish the private gated community for its safe and exclusive setting. We are known as the best golf resort in the world. Experience the 3 Pete Dye golf courses include Teeth of the Dog®, the #1 ranked course in the Caribbean.

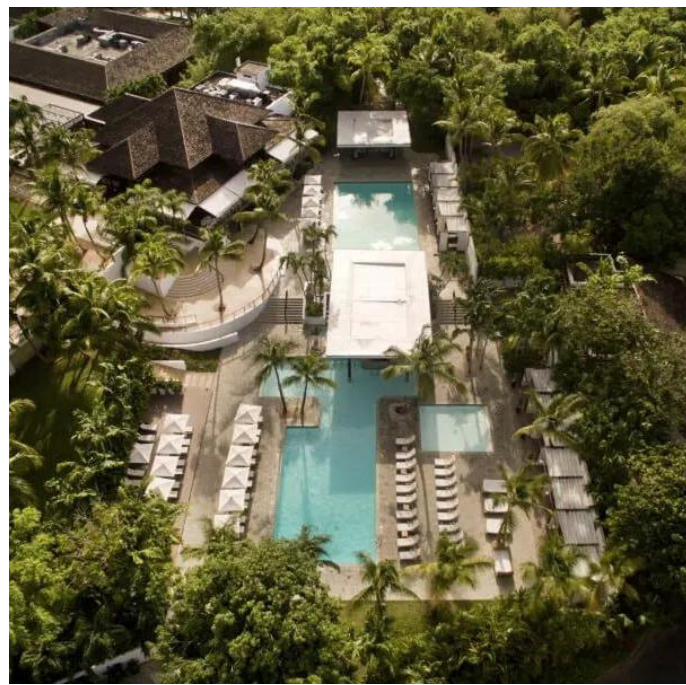
The activities are world-class — 8 outstanding restaurants including the stunning Minitas Beach Club, a Marina, Equestrian Center featuring Polo, Shooting Course, great shopping, and 3 private pristine white sand beaches. Your Casa de Campo experience awaits in La Romana for you to bask in privacy as the new luxury.

ROOMS & SUITES

Choose from the original Superior Casita Rooms to be close to the courses or the spacious Elite Suites, for when you need a little extra space. Each and every room comes equipped with luxury amenities and features.

VILLAS

Take in the spectacular surroundings of our Garden Villas, or experience the highest form of luxury—and spectacular views of the Caribbean Sea—from an Oceanfront Villa. Each villa is staffed and features a private pool, stylish living areas, and unique touches that will make your stay the most memorable experience.



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CAP CANA

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WELCOME TO PARADISE

Boasting 65 sumptuous accommodations ranging from lavish boutique villas with their own private pools to elegantly designed Beachfront suites and four recently unveiled charming Ocean Villas that offer complete privacy, Eden Roc at Cap Cana is a unique and secluded property nestled in the exclusive, beachfront community of Cap Cana at the eastern tip of the Dominican Republic.

Eden Roc Cap Cana is the Dominican Republic's only Relais & Châteaux member hotel. With an exclusive collection of more than 520 of the finest charming hotels and gourmet restaurants in 60 countries, Relais & Châteaux is a family of hoteliers and Grands Chefs sharing a passion and a personal commitment to ensure that our guests are aware of moments of exceptional harmony, an unforgettable celebration of the senses.

SUITES & VILLAS

- **Pool Suites** Choose from a variety of pool suite options including junior, one-bedroom, family, or two-bedroom suites.
- **Beachfront Suites** Offering three beachfront options, you can listen to the sound of the soothing waves from a deluxe, one-bedroom, or two-bedroom suite.
- **Ocean Bungalows** Relax beside the water in your Oceanfront Bungalow or Two Bedroom Oceanfront Bungalow.
- **Villas & Estates** The Three Bedroom Royale Villa, Four Bedroom Imperiale Villa, and Ocean and Golf Five Bedroom Villa are available for those wanting a special home away from home in the Caribbean.



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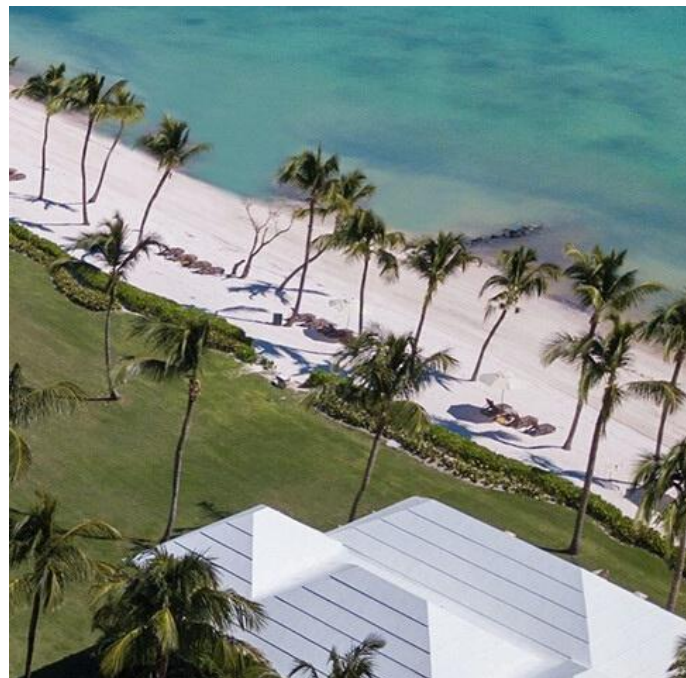
AAA FIVE DIAMOND AWARD WINNER

Find yourself in the jewel of the Caribbean. The only AAA Five Diamond Awarded property in the Dominican Republic, Tortuga Bay offers responsible luxury, impeccable service and villas with interiors designed by the world-famous Oscar de la Renta. As a Tortuga Bay guest, our friendly, professional staff has every detail taken care of from the moment you touch down at our own Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ).

Our Vip Service with a set schedule will whisk you through customs to a private car that is awaiting your arrival. After a brief ride through the lush and vibrant Dominican scenery, your personal concierge will greet you, check you in at your villa, and provide you with your own golf cart to travel throughout the resort.

Located in a private enclave within the resort, this hotel includes 13 luxurious villas offering unrivaled luxury, privacy, security and five-star service. Guests may choose from a variety of accommodations: 1 bedroom junior suites, 2 bedroom suites, 3 or 4 bedroom villas, all situated along pristine white-sand beaches, with every convenience within reach.

The villas were designed by renown Dominican fashion designer Oscar de La Renta. Inspired by the rich indigenous culture found within the Dominican Republic which will enable guest to emersed themselves in a cultural experience.



TORTUGA BAY®
PUNTA CANA RESORT & CLUB

AMANERA

RESORT



PANORAMIC VIEWS

Backed by jungle and fronted by a sweep of the Atlantic Ocean, Amanera enjoys a panoramic clifftop perch on the Dominican Republic's pristine north coast beaches. Set above the celebrated golden sands of Playa Grande, the resort offers unparalleled access to water sports and back-to-nature experiences, infused with the spice of Dominican life.

Nourish your body with transformative signature Spa Journeys at the jungle-cocooned clifftop spa utilizing Caribbean plants and herbs with enriching natural blends from the Aman Skincare range.

CASITAS & CASA

Amanera's luxury Casitas dot the lush Playa Grande coastline with unobstructed ocean views. Overhanging eaves shade expansive terraces with outdoor dining and lounging areas, while inside, the floor-to-ceiling glass doors lead to rooms specially positioned to maximise views. All Casitas feature lofty ceilings and warm wooden finishes, while a selection offer private swimming pools.

A JUNGLE ON THE DOORSTEP

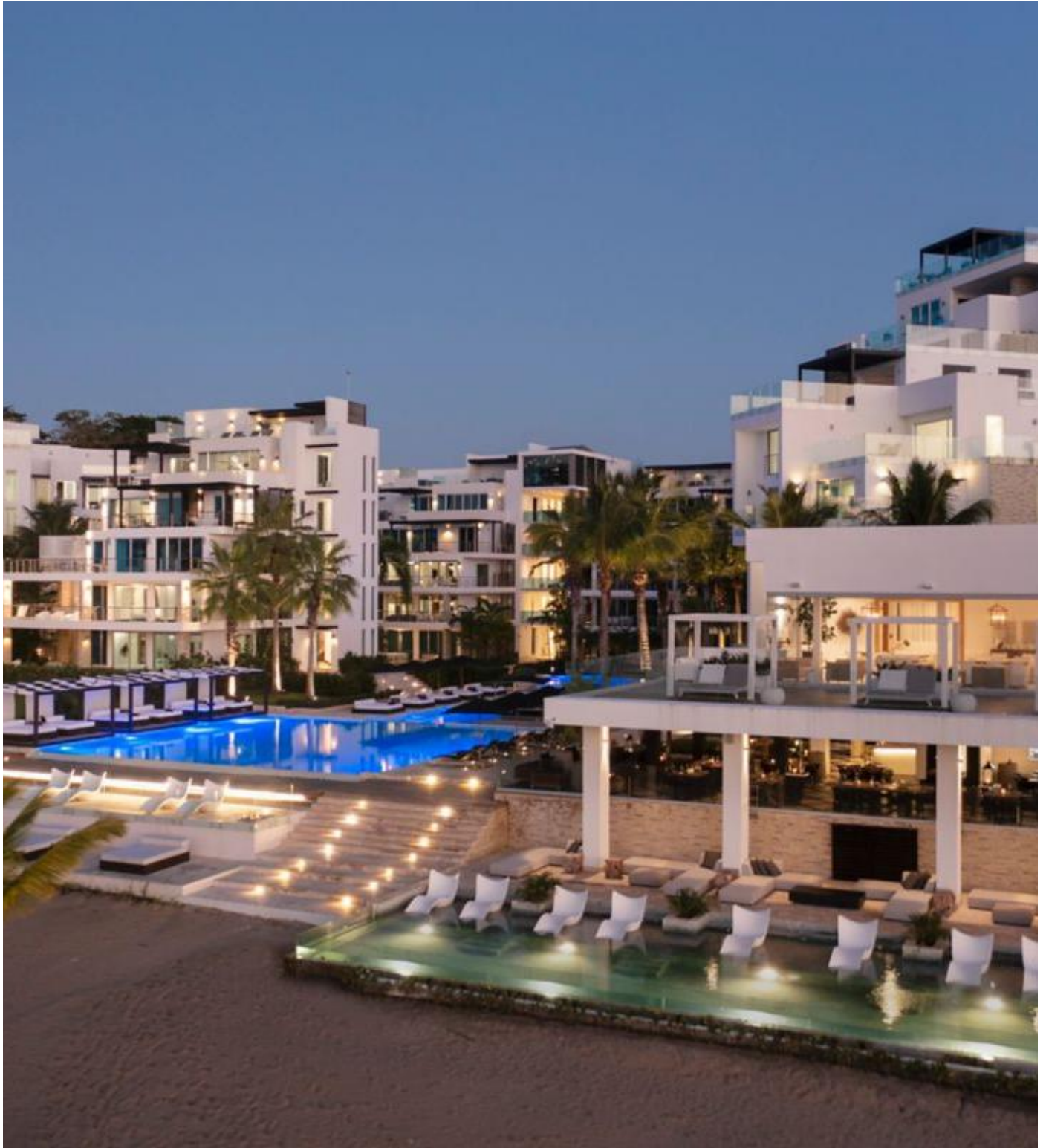
Amanera's position at the meeting point of jungle and ocean provides endless possibilities for exploration. Engage in watersports such as surfing, kayaking or paddle boarding; discover island wildlife on guided jungle nature walks and hikes, or make enriching cultural connections exploring colonial architecture and local fishing villages near Playa Grande.



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THE OCEAN CLUB

A LUXURY COLLECTION RESORT, COSTA NORTE



THE QUINTESSENTIAL BEACH RESORT

Every detail of The Ocean Club, a Luxury Collection Resort, Costa Norte is inspired by the beauty and allure of the ocean. Perched beside a sweeping private beach on Costa Norte, this beach resort in Sosua, Dominican Republic, celebrates its surroundings at every moment. Appreciate the sprawling dimensions of your hotel suite, which is pet-friendly and boasts a private terrace or breezy balcony.

Unwind by one of our three pools with an infinity pool by the beachfront. Discover culinary delicacies at several of our distinct restaurants and bars with views of the sparkling water. Complete your getaway at our Ocean Club Spa by L'Occitane, a playground for wellness treatments that balances nature and tradition with empowering spa services. At The Ocean Club, transformative experiences enrich and elevate your stay in Sosua, Dominican Republic.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Welcome to luxury distilled in a Sosua ocean-view suite. Arrive in Sosua and feel enchanted by your spacious suite, which is airy, cool and 1,000 square feet. Floor-to-ceiling windows open up your Sosua suite, lending it a loftier, brighter atmosphere. Sip your morning coffee from a private terrace or balcony and delight in garden or ocean views. Consider pampering you and your family with a two-bedroom suite offering a palatial king bed.

THE
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OTHER PREFERRED PARTNERS



FALCON'S RESORT BY MELIÁ ALL SUITES - PUNTA CANA

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TRS CAP CANA WATERFRONT & MARINA HOTEL ADULTS ONLY

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ROMANCE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

With its romantic scenery of uninterrupted white sand beaches, in addition to a plethora of resort offerings on multiple coastlines, the Dominican Republic is a popular pick for destination weddings. Hotels excel at providing wedding packages and services—including help with marriage certificates, hiring event planners and photographers, booking spa treatments, a personalized wedding cake, catering, music, and flower arrangements, among other details, leaving the bride and groom to focus on enjoying the journey.





You can earn up to **\$1,000 USD credit** toward their Destination Wedding Airfare! If you would like to qualify, book your Destination Wedding in the Dominican Republic by December 31, 2023, and have 75 room nights materialized.



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