



LAS CANAS
BEACH RESORT



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

When Christopher Columbus, the Dominican Republic's first tourist, stepped ashore over 500 year ago, he marvelled at the spectacular natural beauty of its mountainous peaks, verdant valleys, spectacular waterfalls and breathtaking palm-fringed beaches. With an average temperature of 28 degrees, more than 300 sun-filled days every year and warm, clear, turquoise seas make this the perfect place to just lay back and relax on the beach or enjoy the vast array of watersports available.

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Population 9.2 million.

Capital Santo Domingo (second largest city is Santiago de los Caballeros)

Area 48,730 sqkm/30,279 sqmiles; 380km/235 miles long, 265km/165 miles wide at the extremes.

Geography The Dominican Republic is the second largest country in the Caribbean. It is divided into 6 regions – North Coast, South Central, Central, East Coast, North East Coast & South West Coast, with 31 provinces and one National District. Its terrain is mostly rugged highlands with towering peaks plunging down into lush valleys; the highest point is Pico Duarte – 3,175metres. The country has 1,288 km of coastline of which 300 km is golden sandy beaches.

Time difference GMT -4.

Language Official language is Spanish; 1 million people are also fluent in Haitian Creole.

Monetary unit Dominican Peso.

Airport There are 10 international airports in the Dominican Republic. Just 20 minutes from the Two Rivers Beach Resort is the Gregorio Luperon International Airport at Puerto Plata.

Flight times 9.25 hours from London via Miami; 2 hours from Miami; 3.5 hours from New York. BA operates from London via Miami (American Airlines).

Climate Tropical climate with little seasonal temperature variation averaging 28°C; average daily sunshine is 9 hours; seasonal rainfall between May and November.

Location The Dominican Republic occupies the eastern two-thirds of the Caribbean island Hispaniola; the remaining third of the island to the west is the Republic of Haiti. Hispaniola is the second largest of the Greater Antilles islands and lies between the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea.

Government The Dominican Republic is a Presidential Republic. Leonel Fernandez is both the Chief of State and Head of Government.

Economy Economic reforms launched in late 1994 contributed to exchange rate stabilisation and reduced inflation. The president instituted austerity measures to rescue the country from economic crisis, and in the first half of 2006 the economy grew 11.7%.

Tourism In 2004, the Dominican Republic welcomed 3.5 million tourists (29% of the Caribbean total) who spent in excess of US \$3.4billion (5% more than in 2003). Tourism accounted for 24% of GDP. High season – December to April.

- Explore the 83 protected areas of natural beauty: 19 national parks, six scientific reserves, 32 natural monuments, 15 natural reserves, two marine sanctuaries and nine protected parcels of islands also called panoramic views.
- Browse galleries, antique shops and artist colonies in Santo Domingo, the charming Colonial capital city of the Dominican Republic and the oldest city in the New World, where Columbus' remains are housed only blocks away from designer boutiques and gourmet restaurants.
- Climb Pico Duarte which is the highest mountain in the Caribbean and a hotspot for adventurous travellers.
- Take a guided tours through the jungle, canyons and 18 waterfalls of this stunning country.
- Watch the thousands of humpback whales near Cabarete which arrive between January and April every year to breed and care for their calves.
- Go fishing – recognised by fisherman as one of the best hideouts for dozens of species of prized fish the Dominican Republic hosts several international billfish tournaments each year, and many world records for mammoth fish have been broken in the waters surrounding the country. Off the coast of La Romana, the 50-pound tackle world record for Atlantic blue marlin was set with an 850-pound catch. To fight a marlin or reel-in a toothy barracuda, several charters are available throughout the country.
- Ride the waves and take advantage of the strong surf and powerful winds at Cabarete, considered to be one of the best locations for surfing, windsurfing and kiteboarding.
- Follow in the footsteps of former US presidents Bill Clinton and George H. Bush and tee off on some of the 21 spectacular golf courses designed by legends such as Pete Dye, P.B. Dye, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Robert Trent Jones, Gary Player, Tom Fazio and Nick Faldo with oceanfront fairways and dogleg lefts around swaying coconut palms.
- Go sightseeing in Puerto Plata and discover the historic fort, Fuerte de San Felipe, the Brugal Rum Distillery, where you can take a guided tour of how they make their rum, the Amber Museum, and the Malecon or boardwalk, where you can find typical Dominican restaurants and enjoy views of the port and Atlantic Ocean. Take a cable car to the top of nearby Mount Isabel de Torres to see the botanical gardens and statue of Christ the Redeemer and have a spectacular view of Puerto Plata and surrounding areas.

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Las Canas is a luxury 5 Star resort situated on the Dominican Republic's north coast along a white sand beach bordered by lush, tropical forest of coconut palms, mahogany, cedar, wild olive and muskwood trees. Thatched water bungalows are positioned just offshore and beautiful villas lie along the riverside and beachfront enjoying the stunning panoramas offered by this idyllic location. The golf course is interspersed with villas affording vistas over the greens and fairways to the magnificent landscape beyond.

Built to the highest specification the resort will offer world class facilities including a signature golf course, The Island Sanctuary Spa and sports academy.



The Resort

- The Las Canas Reception provides a concierge service for guests to arrange restaurant and spa bookings, taxis and sightseeing tours.
- The Sports Academy offers expert baseball, football and tennis coaching for people of all ages and abilities.
- The Fitness Centre comprises a full range of cardiovascular and physical training equipment.
- The Island Sanctuary Spa at The Hideaway has indoor and outdoor treatment suites providing a range of massages, beauty treatments and holistic therapies.
- Las Canas has several bars and restaurants situated to take advantage of this beautiful location and offering guests a choice of dining experiences.
- Several freshwater swimming pools, including a children's pool, are situated within the landscaped gardens, all with a concierge service for drinks and snacks.
- The Diving & Watersports Centre offers PADI tuition, snorkelling, catamaran sailing, kayaking, windsurfing and waterskiing.
- The signature 18 hole golf course has been designed by a golfing legend and provides a challenge for all levels of golfer.

For Children

- The Kid's Club provides day care for young children with closely supervised, fun-filled activities, age appropriate toys, puzzles and games.
- A baby-sitting service is available from 7pm until midnight.
- The Teen Club allows young adults aged 13+ to enjoy their own lounge with an adjoining games room providing pool, table tennis, tabletop football and a jukebox.



The villas and apartments are constructed to the highest specifications using the best quality materials with oriental-style architecture to provide contemporary and spacious living accommodation.

Attention to detail

- Fully furnished with stylish, modern simplicity.
- All rooms are air conditioned.
- Each bedroom has its own shower room.
- All villas and apartments have an interactive entertainment system with flat screen TV, internet access, stereo, inroom safe and telephone.
- All villas have a private jacuzzi.

Environmentally friendly

- Underwater springs supply abundant fresh water.
- Eco-friendly sources of power and waste disposal.



- The Dominican Republic is a major tourist destination for sunseekers and thrill-seekers alike. There is a huge demand for hotel accommodation as it is increasing in popularity as a tourist destination. The total number of visitors increased by 43% between 2002 and 2007. In the period January to June 2008 stopover arrivals were up by 5.2%, with visitors predominantly from Europe (32.3%), the USA (27.9%) and Canada (19.9%). The Dominican Republic had the largest number of visitors of any Caribbean Island. In 2006 the total expenditure by visitors was \$3180.4 million.
- There are currently very few 5 Star resorts in the Dominican Republic.
- The Dominican Republic is a safe investment with opportunity for profit because:
 - it is far from fully-developed
 - property is very competitively priced compared to many Caribbean islands
 - property prices are set to rise
- In 2007 Foreign Direct Investment in the Dominican Republic increased in total by 16.3% including an increase in Real Estate by 120% and in tourism by 58.1%.
- The Government has introduced a number of incentives to increase the pace and progress of development in the tourist industry. These include:
 - Hotel facilities, resorts and/or hotel complexes;
 - Construction and/or operation of tourist infrastructures, such as aquariums, restaurants, golf courses, sports facilities, and any other that may qualify as a tourist activity.



Figures from Caribbean tourism organisation "Dominican Republic 2006", Caribbean update May 2008 and comment from Guzman Ariza Law Attorneys