



CigGuide

Everything you need to
become the hero of your
CigAdventure

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THE WHY

From my earliest days, I've been a curious soul, always eager to explore new horizons and share my passions with others. A few years back, I embarked on a life-changing journey to the Dominican Republic, where I had the chance to tour cigar factories and sample some of the world's finest smokes. It was an experience that left an indelible impression on me, and I'm thrilled to share it with you today.

When I first arrived in the DR, I was a relative newbie to the cigar scene, but I quickly realized that this was a place I wanted to explore in greater depth. I encountered some roadblocks along the way, but those challenges served as the inspiration for CigAdventures.

My mission is to make your visit to the DR's cigar factories as enjoyable and memorable as possible. I want you to have a first-class experience and forge meaningful connections with the artisans who craft these amazing cigars.

But that's not all. With my guide and blog, you'll also get to discover the real Dominican Republic - the way I see it and live it. You'll become a true CigAdventurer, ready to explore all the wonders of this incredible country and its rich cigar-making heritage.

So, my fellow aficionados, I urge you to take the plunge and join me on an unforgettable journey into the world of Dominican cigars. Let's light up and get started!

THANKS

I owe a world of gratitude to the Dominican factories who welcomed me with open arms three years ago. This is where my thrilling journey began.

My heartfelt thanks also go out to the cigar comrades who shared their love for the leaf and introduced me to the genuine Dominican Republic.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

STEPS TO FOLLOW BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

In my opinion, before setting off to explore this wonderful country. It is necessary to follow these steps:

- 1. Check that your passport is valid*
- 2. Check that you have a credit card.*
- 3. Read the CigAdventures guide*
- 4. Choose your departure and return dates*
- 5. Buy your plane tickets (remember that round trips often cost less than outward journeys)*
- 6. Choose your places to stay*
- 7. Search for your hotels/rentals (see recommendations)*
- 8. Contact cigar factories via the appointment booking platform.*



REGARDING THE PASSPORT

You should know that a passport is required to enter the Dominican Republic. However, for legal residents of one of the following countries: United States, Canada, United Kingdom or Schengen area, a visa is not required if you are staying less than 3 months.

Please note that if you stay more than a month, you will have to pay a departure tax proportional to the total duration of your stay. In 2022, I stayed 2 and a half months in the Dominican Republic and I paid a tax of 2,500 pesos (\$50) when I went through customs.

THE WEATHER: CHOOSE YOUR DEPARTURE AND RETURN DATES

When choosing your dates, consider the tropical climate of the Dominican Republic. In fact, it is not recommended to leave during the months of October and November, a period when rain and wind are omnipresent.

For information: if you want the minimum amount of rain, it is advisable to go between December and April because it is the dry period.

If a little rain doesn't bother you, you can also go between April and September.

Finally, if you want to see tobacco farms, you have to go between November and the end of May.



I went 3 times during the July/August period and the rain did not bother me. It rained a maximum of 1/2 hour per day.

WHERE ARE THE CIGAR FACTORIES LOCATED?



The most famous cigar factories are found in the municipality of Tamboril and the town of Santiago de Los Caballeros (in the Cibao region, in the north of the island). In Tamboril, you will find Tabacalera Palma (La Galera cigars and La Instructora cigars), Tabacalera la Flor (La Flor Dominicana), as well as La Aurora and Black Bird Cigars. As for Tabacalera La Alianza (EP Carillo) and Tabacalera Diaz Cabrera, they are located west of Santiago.

DOMINICAN CURRENCY AND HOW TO GET IT?

The Dominican Republic has its own currency called the **Dominican peso**. Although sometimes dollars are accepted, it is more common to pay in Dominican pesos.

To get its value in relation to the euro or Canadian dollar, look on the internet or download the "Currency" application available on the Play Store and the App store.

Although it is best to withdraw money at a bank (Popular, BanReservas), you can exchange your money for Dominican pesos at exchange offices.



When I'm in the Dominican Republic, I try to use my Wise credit card as much as possible.

Feel free to download Wise with my link if you need a credit card and quality service.

<https://wise.com/invite/u/gaspardv11>

SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS

The Dominican Republic is not a country known to be dangerous. However, as in all countries, some safety instructions must be followed.

- 1 Learn about areas to avoid: Throughout the Dominican Republic, it is advisable to avoid certain neighborhoods and areas. Do not hesitate to ask the Dominicans if the place you want to go is secure or not.
- 2 Keep your valuables safe and don't display them in public places.
- 3 Beware of pickpocketing: keep your personal belongings close to you (at the beach, in tourist areas, etc.).
- 4 At night: don't travel alone!
- 5 Avoid walking in the street. Most streets are not suitable for strolling/long walking. Take an UBER or DiDi.
- 6 Avoid the motorbike! Motorcycling is dangerous. Your life is more valuable than the pesos you save or certain sensations.
- 7 Be careful on the roads: Driving in the Dominican Republic can be chaotic. Use caution when driving or crossing the road, and obey local traffic laws.
- 8 Avoid Illegal Drugs: The use and possession of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited in the Dominican Republic. Do not engage in illegal activities that could put you in danger.
- 9 Be careful of people who offer you a "good deal."
- 10 Stay informed about weather conditions and respect swimming rules: don't play with mother nature. Follow the instructions of the authorities in the event of a weather alert and be wary of strong currents and unsupervised beaches.

LANGUAGE

In the Dominican Republic, the national language is Spanish. In most tourist towns, people speak English. In Santiago, in bars and restaurants, there will always be someone who speaks English and can help you.

Here are the basics to help you cope in an emergency:

Greetings:

Hola - Bonjour!
Buenos Días - Bonjour (matin).
Buenas Tardes - Bonjour (après-midi).
Buenas noches - Bonsoir / Bonne nuit.

Courtesy :

Por favor - Please.
Gracias - Thank you.
De nada - You're welcome.
Perdón / Exculpe - Excuse me.
Lo siento - I'm sorry.

Presentation :

Me llamo [your name] - My name is [your name].
Soy turista - I am a tourist.

Move :

¿Dónde está...? - West...?
What cuesta? - How much does it cost ?
Need a taxi - I need a taxi.
La cuenta, por favor - The bill, please.

Food and drink :

Quiero [dish/drink name] - I would like [dish/drink name].
Una mesa para dos, por favor - A table for two, please.
Está delicioso - It's delicious.
Agua - Water.
La cuenta - The bill.

Directions:

Derecha - Right.
Izquierda - Left.
Front - Straight ahead.
Parada de autobús - Bus stop.
Baño - Toilets.



BUY YOUR PLANE TICKETS

Depending on your route and your dates, you will need to choose an airport. I advise you to check with [flightsfrom.com](https://www.flightsfrom.com/) the Dominican airports which are served by your departure airport. Google Flights also lets you know if flights with stopovers or not are possible and more interesting.

Dominican international airports:

PUJ - Punta Cana International Airport

SDQ - *Las Américas International Airport (Saint Domingue)*

POP - *Gregorio Luperon International Airport (Puerto Plata)*

LRM - Casa de Campo International Airport (La Romana)

STI - *Cibao International Airport (Santiago)*

AZS - Samaná El Catey International Airport (Samaná)

JBQ - La Isabela International Airport (La Isabela)

BRX - Maria Montez International Airport (Barahona)



Do your research on Google and specialized sites. The Dominican Republic evolves every year and new airlines appear.

<https://www.flightsfrom.com/>

Generally:

Take a good look at the airports available depending on your departure airport

Check the flights available on Google Flights (pay attention to stopover times)

Please note: Punta Cana is far from Santiago and therefore sometimes requires taking a hotel upon arrival or departure.

If you live near Germany, be sure to look at German airports. Indeed, many Germans go on trips to the Dominican Republic.

VISIT SANTIAGO

THE DOMINICAN
CIGAR CAPITAL



CHOOSE YOUR DATES OF STAY IN SANTIAGO

Dominicans are used to working from Monday morning to Friday noon. This means that on Fridays after 2 p.m., you won't see the tabaqueros rolling cigars.

Also note that a tabaquero finishes his work day around 3 p.m.

During the Christmas period, most Tabacaleras are closed for a week.

On independence days and Christian holidays, they are also closed.

Below you will find all the holidays and celebrations.

Año Nuevo (1st of January) / Día de los Santos Reyes (6th of January)

Día de la Independencia (27th February)

Día del Trabajo (1st of May) / Día de la Restauración (16th of August)

Día de la Constitución (6th of November)

Navidad (25th of December)

THE ESSENTIALS TO HAVE IN SANTIAGO

1

A notebook (with detachable sheets if possible) if you do not speak Spanish to order at the restaurant, note it down during your visits if you wish.

2

A lighter

3

A photo of your passport (for certain purchases in a free zone)

4

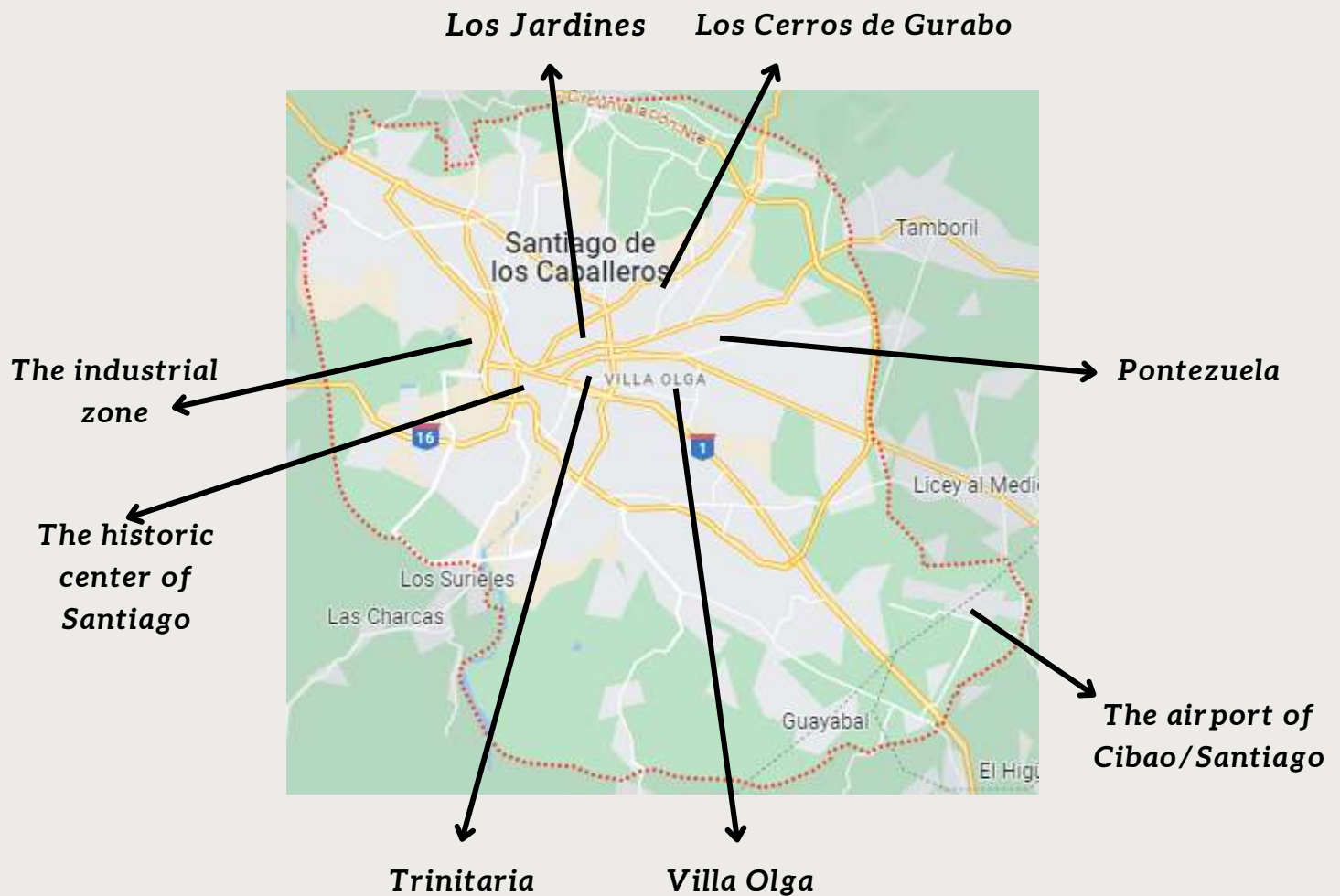
A cell phone charger

5

Cash to pay for transportation and certain restaurants

THE NEIGHBORHOODS

Santiago de Los Caballeros is a city of 1 million 200 thousand inhabitants. There are therefore different areas in Santiago to know which will allow you to better locate yourself. The 8 important areas are:



Los Jardines

Los Jardines is the center of Santiago. You are 25 minutes from Tamboril. This is also where the Caribe Tour and Metro Bus bus companies are located. The Cabinet Tobacco Boutique de Santiago is also located there.

Los Cerros de Gurabo

Los Cerros de Gurabo is the area where many restaurants and shops are located. There you will find friendly restaurants like Puros y Carnes, as well as Centro León which sells good sandwiches!

Pontezuela

Pontezuela is an area located on the Carrera Duarte. On this main street, you will find trendy bars and restaurants like the Bendito Café or the Calcalí café in Pontezuela.

Cibao Airport
(Santiago Espailat)

To the south-east of Santiago is the Cibao international airport, which serves certain North American cities (such as New York) and more recently Madrid.

Villa Olga

Villa Olga is a lovely place with many restaurants and shops. There are places to have breakfast, the Saga restaurant (in Los Reyes) and the All in Drinks wine merchant which sells rums at the best prices.

Trinitaria

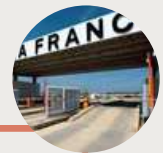
La Trinitaria is a residential area and in the center of Santiago. You will find many comfortable AirBnBs there.

The industrial zone

The industrial zone is to the west of the city. This part is not touristy. There are many free zones, including two where there are some Tabacaleras such as Tabacalera Diaz Cabrera EP Carillo, Arturo Fuente or General Cigar.

The monument and historic center of Santiago

The restoration monument and the historic center are areas with many friendly bars and restaurants like El Tablon or Zumbador Arts bar!



A large part of Tabacaleras is located in a free zone. A free zone allows companies that import and export to pay less taxes and customs costs...

You will see that if you stay a few days in Santiago, you will be in the areas of Los Jardines, Villa Olga and the historic center in the evening!

WHERE TO STAY?

In Santiago, there are comfortable hotels, as well as AirBnBs where you will have a good time.

Here are the hotels I recommend in Santiago.

***The other hotels are, in my opinion, too far from the main activities.*

HODELPA GRAN ALMIRANTE

HOTEL & CASINO

In the Los Jardines area, in the center of the city, the hotel is located next to all the trendy bars and restaurants of Santiago. Many services are offered by the hotel.



★★★★★ Tripadvisor



CAMP DAVID

Located out of town, this hotel is between Santiago and Tamboril. The hotel is renowned for its hospitality and for its bar/restaurant where many Dominicans eat or have a drink.



★★★★★ Tripadvisor

A word of advice: don't make the mistake of taking a hotel/AirBnB near the factories. You will be much better in the city (in Santiago) and an UBER/Taxi ride does not cost much (between 3 and 5€)

As an alternative to a hotel, there are very comfortable AirBnBs. Some have a rooftop pool and gym



I recommend the Soha Suites and Panorama apartments which can be rented on Airbnb and Booking.com. These apartments are located in upscale and quiet areas of Santiago.



If you wish to go through an agency for a premium service, do not hesitate to contact TopRentals on Whatsapp (English/Spanish)



+1 809 917 3130

In addition to renting apartments in Santiago, they also have great apartments in Santo Domingo (the capital).

TIPS FOR PAYING LESS FOR YOUR ACCOMMODATION

1

Book in **advance** or at the last minute

2

Make a direct proposal to the hotel. The hotel often pays 15% commission to platforms like booking.com. They may be happy to offer you a lower price.

VISIT THE FACTORIES AND ORGANIZE YOUR DAYS IN SANTIAGO

Once you have decided how many days and dates you want to stay in Santiago, you will need to decide which factories you want to visit.

Each factory has its own process. Therefore, to have a broad view of the industry, it is better to visit several factories.

As explained before, the factory visit takes place from Monday to Friday noon. So, you will need to take this into account when planning your days. You should also know that not all factories are in the same place.

Generally speaking, plan for 2 to 3 visits per day.

To the west, you will find: La Tabacalera Diaz, EP Carillo

To the east (Tamboril), you will find: Black Bird Cigars, La Aurora, La Flor Dominicana, Tabacalera Palma (La Galera)



FACTORIES TO VISIT

Generally, to visit factories, it is better to be in a group. As a matter of fact, factories are more willing to accept groups.

There are 3 possible strategies to visit factories :

You can message them on instagram, on their corporate email or on book a visit on their website.

The key is to message them in advance and remind them you have a visit a few days before your arrival!

La Tabacalera Diaz

EP Carillo

Black Bird Cigars

La Aurora

La Flor Dominicana

Tabacalera Palma (La Galera)

If you are willing to visit factories, do not hesitate to message me. I will be more than happy to help you with the process!



WHAT TO EAT FOR LUNCH IN TAMBORIL (EAST)?

Take advantage of being in Tamboril to eat in typical Dominican restaurants just a stone's throw from the factories or in the city of Santiago.



El Patio de Mayra

I discovered this place, a stone's throw from La Aurora during my summer vacation. They have several dishes to offer you.

However, I recommend the classic: pollo, arroz y habichuela. That is to say chicken, rice and beans. And to refresh you, a President.

27 de Febrero 34, Santiago De Los Caballeros 51000



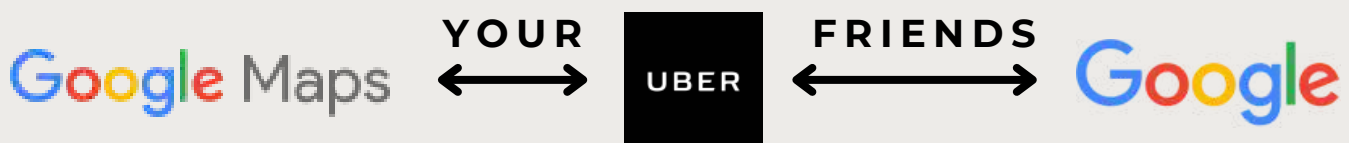
Pollo Guzman
Chicken restaurant

You have 3 types of chicken (1 classic, 1 fried and tenders) Then it's fries (papas fritas) and mature plantain. Delicious!

Av. Pdte. Vasquez 23,
Tamboril 51000

WHAT TO EAT IN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE OF SANTIAGO (WEST)?

In the center of the city there is a greater variety of restaurants. For example, you can go and eat around the Restoration monument.



WHAT TO EAT IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - “COMIDA CRIOLLA”



Mofongo: a mixture of fried pork and plantain to take you to 7th heaven.

The Dominican mofongo originates from Moca (a small town next to Tamboril). It is a mixture of fried pork (chicharrón) and plantain or yuca. It's easy to eat it in Santiago as a main dish or side dish.



Chicharrón and a beer: fried pork and a beer for a good lunch or evening.

Chicharrón is also a popular dish that many Dominicans eat! Crispy and slightly salty, it is delicious with a beer or tostones (fried plantain).



Fried fish and tostones: crispy and more crispy.

With the Dominican Republic being surrounded by the sea, fried and non-fried fish is a delicious dish to eat. As an accompaniment, I usually eat it with “tostones”. Be careful to ask for fish caught in the Dominican Republic.



Sancocho, the South American stew

Sancocho is a typical South American dish. It is normally composed of broth, rice, meat and vegetables. It is a perfect light dish that you can eat in the evening, for example.

MY 3 FAVORITE TRADITIONAL RESTAURANTS IN SANTIAGO

Discover these three exceptional restaurants where you can taste delicious local cuisine for an unforgettable experience!



Pork and Beer Culture

A warm and friendly restaurant where you can taste mofongos, chicharrón, meats, and many other dishes of Dominican cuisine! This is my favorite Dominican restaurant.

Lic. Genaro Perez, Santiago de los Caballeros 51000



Chicharrón Light Santiago

Welcoming and friendly restaurant where you can eat chicharrón with a good Presidente beer! My favorite Dominican Chicharrón!

Calle Beller 07, Santiago de los Caballeros 51000



El Gusto Familiar

Family restaurant and typically Dominican, you will find classics of Creole cuisine like sancocho, my favorite soup!

Avenida 27 de Febrero 17, Santiago de los Caballeros 51000

***Each item next to the names are elements of the Dominican flag.*

WHERE TO EAT?

In Santiago, there are many restaurants. During your trip you will have the opportunity to choose between typical Dominican dishes and dishes from other cultures.

Below you will find the restaurants by area that I particularly liked.

 **Los Jardines / Av. 27 de Febrero**

The center of Santiago

Empanados



Friendly snack of empanadas and street food. You can also find kebbés and good craft beers there, including many IPAs. Top notch service!

**C. Onesimo Jimenez #28,
Santiago de los Caballeros
51101**



My favorite snack. I eat and drink there on Wednesday and Friday with my friends!
#EmpanadaDePollolo

La Porteña RD



With its exceptional meats and unique cocktails, La Porteña RD is a restaurant appreciated by Dominicans for its faultless service.

**Avenida 27 De Febrero in
front of Banco Popular
Parking, Santiago de los
Caballeros 51000**



Friendly Argentinian restaurant where I like to eat pork with a coffee or a cocktail!



La Cocina Mexicana Autentica



In a small street, near the Cabinet Tobacco Boutique, is this Mexican restaurant. The food is authentic and delicious.



**Onesimo Jimenez High
School, Calle Dr. Arturo
Grullon #F6, Santiago de los
Caballeros 51000**



Kibbeh



Looking for Lebanese street food? Kibbeh is the perfect place. Eat kebbes or Lebanese pitta in 15 minutes! Simple and good!



**F865+GQP, Santiago de los
Caballeros 51000**



Claudio's trattoria



A unique Italian experience in Santiago. Claudio's Trattoria uses quality ingredients in its dishes to tantalize your taste buds!

Calle Del Sol #12, Santiago de los Caballeros 51000



Café de la Abuela



2 minutes from Centro León, the café de la abuela (grandmother's) specializes in cold and hot coffee.

The burgers they offer are appetizing. Perfect on a Sunday!

Calle E. León Jimenez #24, Santiago de los Caballeros 51000




Foodtropolis




A lively Food Court in the center of the city. The food trucks offer Dominican and international dishes. Here are my favorites

F858+WJ2, Calle E. León Jimenez, Santiago de los Caballeros 51000



 **Los Cerros de Gurabo**
Northeast Santiago

 **Puros y Carnes**



If you are looking for an exceptional experience, combining high-end meat cuisine with the tasting of quality cigars, then Puros y Carnes in Santiago de Los Caballeros is the perfect place to spend a memorable evening.

Calle 4 29, Santiago de los Caballeros 51000



In the winter it is the perfect place because it is not too hot. Thanks to Felix for the discovery!

 **Antojerías Mexicanas RD**



For a memorable lunch or a delicious evening order via PedidosYa/UberEats, Antojerías Mexicanas is the go-to place. There you will find authentic Mexican cuisine, prepared with passion and know-how. However, keep in mind that this property does not have air conditioning.

Jesús Galíndez 1, Santiago de los Caballeros 51000



I recommend their chicken and chicharrón tacos!

 **Villa Olga**

Northeast Santiago



La Desayunería



Are you in an AirBnB and want to eat a gourmet breakfast with fresh fruit and quality ingredients? La Desayunería is the perfect place for you.



Calle 10 19, Santiago de los Caballeros 51000



**Calcalí
Villa Olga**



One morning or afternoon after your visits and your purchases of rums at All in Drinks, don't hesitate to go and drink your favorite coffee at Calcalí Villa Olga.



**Avenida Benito Juárez,
Santiago de los Caballeros
51000**



Saga Restaurant & Cigar Club



As a Dominican cigar aficionado, you must try the Saga Restaurant. Created by the De Los Reyes family, this restaurant offers premium meats and drinks!



**Avenida Benito Juárez 24,
Santiago de los Caballeros
51000**



Muu meat and grill



The best food truck in Santiago! Muu Meat & Grill is a barbecued meat restaurant. If you want to spend a warm evening with your friends, this is the perfect restaurant



**Avenida Benito Juárez,
Santiago de los Caballeros
51000**

 **Monument and Historic Center of
Santiago**

Northeast Santiago

 **El Tablon**



Looking for a South American experience at lunchtime or in the evening with a view of the Restoration monument? Come to Tablon to taste their good meats and vegetables.

Calle Del Sol #12, Santiago de los Caballeros 51000



 **Noah Restaurant & lounge**



Born from the fusion of several gourmet cuisines including Japanese, Noah Restaurant offers revisited sushi or mofongitos (mini-monfongos) stuffed with shredded beef with avocado cream!

C8X3+XC9, Santiago de los Caballeros 51000



NIGHTLIFE

The Santiagueros are fond of nocturnal pleasures.

For the night owls among you, I offer you a selection of some bars and nightclubs where you will spend an unforgettable night!



Le Zumbador Arts Bar

Enjoy a pleasant evening with friends or as a couple at the Zumbador Arts Bar and chat in a welcoming and quiet place.

It's the perfect place to spend your early evening before going to a nightclub.

Calle Restauración 139, Santiago de Los Caballeros



Entre Santos - Afterwork

If you aspire to prolong the excitement of your factory visits in a captivating place, "Entre Santos" is the perfect address! The bar offers you a range of magical drinks, accompanied by exquisite and unique tapas.

Carrera Duarte, Santiago de Los Caballeros



Theatron STGO

Looking for a unique dance and musical experience in an authentic setting? The Theatron is a bar that will give you an unforgettable evening. You can also smoke your favorite cigars.

C. Sánchez 76, Santiago de los Caballeros 51000



The Ciguapa

Enjoy your evening by going dancing at the La Ciguapa nightclub. From Thursday to Saturday, mingle with the youth of Santiago and discover the music they dance to!

Calle Restauración 139, Santiago de Los Caballeros



Lazotea Night Club

Located on the roof of a building in the Los Jardines district, spend a memorable night at Lafricaina AfterWork! For all fans of dance and music, Lafricaina is undoubtedly one of the best nightclubs in Santiago. They also have an outdoor area where you can smoke your cigar!

Le toit du Bella Terra Mall, Santiago de Los Caballeros



Kyoto

Kyoto is a unique combination of a Japanese restaurant and a nightclub. You can eat incredible meats there, cooked on stone. Then, as the evening goes on, you will start dancing to the music of the DJ present! Unique restaurant/nightclub experience.

Jardín Plaza, Av Padre Ramón Dubert esq, Santiago de los Caballeros 51000

Smoking is prohibited in nightclubs. However, Lazotea and Kyoto have terraces where you can smoke your best cigars.

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE NOT RELATED TO CIGARS?

When you're not visiting your favorite cigar factories, I recommend these activities.



Centro León

Visiting Centro Leon and eating a good sandwich at the cafeteria will allow you to learn about the Dominican Republic, the León family and enjoy an exceptional setting in the heart of the city.

Avenida 27 de Febrero 146, Santiago de Los Caballeros



Orion Wellness Center

Visiting factories can be an exhausting experience. That's why I found the perfect place for you to rest: go to the Orion Wellness Center at the end of the afternoon where they will take care of you!

Massage, sauna, therapy...

Always be there 10 to 15 minutes before your appointment.

Make an appointment

<https://orionwellness.site.agendapro.com/do/sucursal/88589>

Calle El Llano 4, Santiago de Los Caballeros



Don't hesitate to surprise your partner by booking a massage!

WHERE TO BUY YOUR CIGARS?

In Santiago, you will find many cigar stores. Here are the ones I recommend



- Santiago
- Santo Domingo
- The Roman
- Punta Cana

Cabinet Tobacco Boutique is a chain of cigar and tobacco-related product stores, present in the Dominican Republic. The Santiago lounge is air-conditioned. So you can smoke your favorite cigars cool!

- Presence of the majority of Dominican, Nicaraguan, Honduran and Cuban brands
- The best prices for Dominican cigars
- No presence of certain small boutique brands



- Santiago

Las 3 Reinas is a chain that has a store and storefronts in Ocho Santos liquor stores.

- Presence of the majority of brands, as well as small brands. But less choice.
- Price
- Choice of cigars



When I'm in the Dominican Republic, I buy my cigars at Cabinet Tabaco Boutique and Las 3 reinas.

Take a photo of your cigars and tag @cabinettb @las3reinasrd @cigadventures to support me.


WHERE TO BUY YOUR RUM?

When you are in Santiago, do not hesitate to buy your rum. Indeed, the city of Santiago is not a tourist destination, which means that you will pay a more attractive price for your rum and other Dominican products.



Ocho Santos, a beverage chain in the Dominican Republic, will dazzle you with its vast selection of exquisite beverages, from richly aged local rums to premium international wines and spirits.

 Santiago

 Puerto Plata



All In Drinks, a true oasis of alcoholic drinks in Santiago, offers you a wide selection including the Dominican rums that rum aficionados love so much! In my opinion, they have the best prices on many alcohols!

At the back of the store, also take advantage of the bar to drink your favorite alcohols or try others.

 Villa Olga,
Santiago



As with cigars, don't hesitate to support me by tagging @cigadventures and the stores @ochosantosrd and @allindrinksrd!

Many thanks !

DOMINICAN RUM

WHAT TYPE OF RUM DO DOMINICANS DRINK?

Most Dominicans drink molasses rum.

Oliver & Oliver, with its premium brands Opthimus, Cubaney, Punta Cana, Presidente..., offers rums of exceptional quality that perfectly represent the characteristic elegance of Dominican premium rums. When you taste it, your palate is enveloped by an intoxicating bouquet of delicate aromas, revealing exquisite woody, spicy and fruity notes.

OPTHIMUS



Opthimus, a renowned rum brand, seduces connoisseurs with its aromatic complexity and unparalleled sweetness. An exceptional sensory experience with each tasting.

Always check if it is a rum with a Porto or Malt Whisky Finish



**OLIVER RUMS
MY FAVORITE**



**CIGAR
SPECIAL**



****The information provided is for informational purposes only.**

Drinking alcohol is not good for your health. So consume alcohol in moderation.

Do not drive under the influence of alcohol.

The legal age for purchasing and drinking alcohol in the Dominican Republic is 18.

If you are bringing alcohol into your country, please respect your country's legal age and quantities**



Looking for an unforgettable experience and a unique sensory adventure? Let yourself be enchanted by the Eduardo Leon Jimenes 110th Anniversario Rum! Its floral, spicy and sweet notes give it a complexity and richness that will awaken your taste buds.

Dare to discover, dare to excel!

Brugal combines authenticity and excellence. With captivating aromas, balanced flavors and a velvety texture, its rums are the result of traditional know-how passed down for generations.

BRUGAL



Brugal Doble Reserva is one of the most purchased rums in the Dominican Republic. It is of good quality and inexpensive (+/-15€/bottle).

Blend of rums aged in whiskey barrels and Spanish wine.



The Brugal 1888 was created to celebrate the anniversary of the Brugal house. It is matured twice in 2 different barrels.

BARCELO



Barceló Imperial is a rum aged up to 10 years. To test!

BERMUDEZ



Cocktail lover? Smooth, Ron Bermudez blanco superior is the perfect rum.

TRANSPORTATION

SANTIAGO/BUS

To get around the Dominican Republic, it is best to travel by car.

However, if you want to travel by bus throughout the Dominican Republic, here are some companies that I recommend!



Metro Tours

The largest bus company in the country

Premium service

Important cities served: Santo Domingo, Santiago, Puerto Plata, Sosúa

**Maimón Street, Santiago de los Caballeros
51000**

*Cities served from Santiago:
Santo Domingo (the capital),
Puerto Plata, Sosua*



Caribe Tours

The deuxième plus grande bus company of the country

Premium service

Important cities: Santo Domingo (the capital), Santiago de los Caballeros, Puerto Plata, La Vega, San Pedro de Macorís, Higüey, Punta Cana, San Cristóbal, Barahona, Azua.

**F867+43F, Av. 27 de Febrero, Santiago de los
Caballeros 51000**

*Cities served from Santiago:
Santo Domingo (the capital),
Puerto Plata, Sosua La Vega,
Montecristi, Valverde Mao*

***Please note: these destinations may change! It is advisable to visit their office or call them.*

Car rental

TRAVELING BY BUS

SANTIAGO



Santiago - Samana Stop

If you don't have a car and want to go to Samana or Las Terrenas, buses serve these destinations.

Be careful, buses are often uncomfortable and overcrowded

Pedro Francisco Bonó 104, Santiago de los Caballeros 51000

Santiago - Las Terrenas (4h)

Santiago - Samana (4h)

RENT A CAR

Alamo Rent-A-Car

+1 809-233-8163

Avis Rent-A-Car

+1 809-233-8163

AmeriRent

+1 809-612-5080

Europcar

+1 809-233-8150

National Rent-A-Car

+1 809-233-9981

VISIT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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- WHERE TO STAY?
- WHAT TO DO?
- WHERE TO EAT?
- WHERE TO BUY CIGARS?



SANTO DOMINGO

3 PRACTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT SANTO DOMINGO

- 1 Located 30 kilometers east of the city center, Las Américas International Airport (SDQ) is the preferred entry point to the capital.
- 2 The city is home to many notable historical sites, including the Colonial Zone, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- 3 During rush hours, driving there is difficult...

WHAT ACTIVITIES ?



Explore the Zona Colonial

Located south of Santo Domingo, the Zona Colonial is the first city created by the Spanish.



Explore buildings dating from the 16th century such as the Alcázar (palace) of Colón, the first cathedral in America or the Ozama Fortress.



godominicanrepublic.com



Museum de la Casas Reales

Located south of Santo Domingo, the Zona Colonial is the first city created by the Spanish.



Visit the museum de la Casas Reales ! The museum will take you back in time to colonization, with exhibits on the conquest, evangelization...



The Santo Domingo cable car

Avoid the traffic and gain height to discover Santo Domingo.



The cable car is used by Dominicans to avoid traffic and by tourists to view Santo Domingo from above.



Watch Formula 1 at Cabinet Tobacco Boutique (Lincoln)
Every Sunday! Good atmosphere guaranteed.



On Formula 1 Sundays, Dominicans who love cigars and F1 usually gather to watch the races. Follow Cabinet on instagram for more info !

Join the local population and enjoy a pleasant moment while enjoying a cigar.

WHERE TO STAY?

In Santo Domingo, do not hesitate to book a hotel, because the city offers a quality hotel offer at attractive prices. Here are the best hotels in my opinion

CENTRO URBANO


INTERCONTINENTAL
HOTELS & RESORTS

Located close to many of the capital's excellent restaurants, the **Intercontinental Santo Domingo** offers exceptional comfort, as well as a range of services, including a large swimming pool with panoramic views of the city and an excellent breakfast.



★★★★★ Tripadvisor



The **Holiday Inn** is just a 2-minute walk from **Cabinet Tobacco Boutique** on Lincoln Avenue. It is a hotel offering comfortable rooms and attentive staff. Attractive prices!



★★★★★ Tripadvisor



From my observations, the Embajador, Intercontinental and the Holiday INN are perfect hotels if you want to enjoy the gastronomy of Santo Domingo. Ajualã, Don Pepe, Lila, Adrian Tropical are next.

BELLA VISTA



EL EMBAJADOR

A ROYAL HIDEAWAY HOTEL

Located a stone's throw from good restaurants such as **Don Pepe**, **El Embajador** is a hotel where you can relax and take advantage of the many services offered.

As a bonus, they have a customer experience manager, Fabiola, who speaks French.



★★★★★ Tripadvisor



Although the Zona Colonial is charming, I recommend not staying there due to the noise at night. However, you can find more peaceful alternatives, such as the Intercontinental and El Embajador, which are a short drive away.

ZONA COLONIAL

**HODELPA
NICOLAS DE OVANDO**
EMBLEMATIC HOTEL

Hodelpa Nicolas Ovando, located just a 2-minute walk from Plaza de la Hispanidad, combines old-fashioned charm with modern comfort.

It is one of the most romantic hotels in Santo Domingo.



★★★★★ Tripadvisor



WHERE TO EAT?

The Maraca



The Maraca is the restaurant where you will have an unforgettable experience. Inspired by art deco, the place will dazzle you with its dishes, born from a fusion between Caribbean and international cuisine. The only negative point: the noise

*202 Arzobispo Nouel Street,
Santo Domingo*

Don Pepe



Specialist in marine fruits, meats and wines, Don Pepe will offer you an exceptional setting to allow you to taste its premium Caribbean cuisine.

*31 Porfirio Herrera
Street, Santo Domingo*

Lila



Le Lila, a modern restaurant, invites you to a culinary exploration fusing the most exquisite Asian flavors. Among the essentials to taste, don't miss venturing into the world of Sashimi.

*Calle P.º de los Locuores
22, Santo Domingo*

Ajuaľä



Discover Ajuaľä, an iconic restaurant in Santo Domingo, where the authenticity of Dominican cuisine comes to life. Discover its breathtaking desserts!

*Calle Andrés Julio Aybar
13, Santo Domingo*

50-75\$/PERSON

ZONA COLONIAL



Buche Perico



In the historic walls of a former foundry, Buche Perico reinvents Dominican cuisine by offering an exceptional gastronomic experience. Among their must-haves are the tasty sancocho and the delicious Buche Perico dish, originally from Moca. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy their delicious breakfast either!

Calle El Conde 53, Santo Domingo 10210
ZONA COLONIAL



@FrankNg02

Frank NG's 3 favorite restaurants in Santo Domingo

- Don Pepe
- Bodega de MGC
- Ajualä

Adrian Tropical



My first culinary experience in Santo Domingo, Adrian Tropical was a great experience. They offer a trip through the Dominican Republic thanks to the preparation of their fish!

A traditional Dominican restaurant!

**Avenida 27 de Febrero #429
esq. Núñez de Cáceres,
Quisqueya, Santo Domingo
10149**

**Avenida George
Washington 1, Santo
Domingo 10205**

**Avenida Abraham Lincoln
esq. C. Rafael Augusto
Sánchez # 803, Santo
Domingo 10148**

**Costa Rica Street 181,
Santo Domingo Este 11504**

20-30\$/PERSON

NIGHTLIFE

Like Santiago, the capital has many bars and nightclubs where you can have fun.

Here are the best 3. The second one will amaze you. Thanks Ritzy!



The Sabrina Bar - Music

Aficionado of Latin music and merengue? Come to the Sabrina Bar for a drink while listening to the best singers! The cocktails are delicious and the staff listens to you. Good evening!

Calle Isabel La Católica 206, Santo Domingo 10212



Ferro Café

It's not a café but a nightclub. If you want a unique local experience with merengue, enjoy an evening at Ferro Café! The locals will happily welcome you to one of their favorite places.

Plaza Dorada, Calle Manuel de Jesús Troncoso esq, Santo Domingo



VIP Room Santo Domingo

Looking for a unique and selective nightclub? Spend a wild night at the VIP Room Santo Domingo, which is 10 minutes from the Embajador Hotel.

Avenida Abraham Lincoln 152, Santo Domingo 10148

WHERE TO BUY YOUR CIGARS?

When you are in Santo Domingo, you can buy your cigars at Cabinet Tobacco Boutique. They have many stores in Santo Domingo and the cigars are well preserved.



Av. Abraham Lincoln 852, Santo Domingo

C. Las Damas 44, Santo Domingo 10210 (Colonial Zone)

Santo Domingo Airport - Las Américas



Cabinet is the largest chain of cigar stores in the Dominican Republic. Distributing a wide range of brands, they're known for having the best prices!

If you are looking for small brands, here is an alternative to Cabinet Tobacco Boutique:

Cigar World RD

Av. Lope de Vega, Santo Domingo

GETTING AROUND SANTO DOMINGO

LAS AMÉRICAS AIRPORT IN SANTO DOMINGO

Located 30/40 minutes from the center of Santo Domingo, Las Américas Airport (AITA) is the largest in the Dominican Republic. It serves many destinations.

When you have to go there, allow enough time!

At the airport, for \$30, there is a taxi service that takes you to the center wherever you want. Or take an UBER. However, be careful with your luggage!

UBERS IN SANTO DOMINGO

Like in Santiago, if you don't rent a car, I recommend using UBER. With UBER, prices are predefined and you won't get ripped off.

BUS COMPANIES IN SANTO DOMINGO



Av. Leopoldo Navarro Corner Santo Domingo 10203

Las Americas Corner highway Juan Pablo II

Destinations du guide services: Santiago, Samaná, Jarabacoa, Puerto Plata, Sosúa

Hours



Av. Winston Churchill Esq. Herniberto Núñez

Destinations du guide services: Santiago, Puerto Plata, Sosúa

Hours

RENT A CAR AT SANTO DOMINGO AIRPORT

<u>Alamo Rent-A-Car</u>	+1 809-549-8303
<u>Avis Rent-A-Car</u>	+1 809-549-0468
<u>AmeriRent</u>	+1 809-549-9504
<u>Europcar</u>	+1 809-549-0942
<u>Budget</u>	+1 809-549-5559

LAS TERRENAS



3 PRACTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT LAS TERRENAS

- 1** Las Terrenas is located on the northeast coast of the Dominican Republic, on the Samana Peninsula, 3 hours from Santiago and 2 hours from Santo Domingo.
- 2** Nicknamed the “green pearl of the Caribbean”, it amazes visitors with its heavenly beaches with turquoise waters. But what makes it a unique destination in the Dominican Republic is its lush nature.
- 3** It has an international airport, El Catey (AZS), which offers direct connections with Canada.

WHAT ACTIVITIES ?



Observe humpback whales in Samana Bay

Every year, from the beginning of January to the end of March, several thousand humpback whales come from the far North to the warm, calm waters of the Caribbean to mate or give birth. And it's Samana Bay that they prefer!



The coffee route by quad

Very nice day trip in the heart of nature between sea and mountains. You will discover the Dominican countryside and its numerous plantations of coffee, cocoa and other exotic fruits, as well as superb wild beaches.

HEAVENLY BEACHES AND NATURE



Playa Bonita

A wonderful beach with many restaurants and bars.



A few minutes from the center of Las Terrenas, Playa Bonita offers many activities, bars and restaurants. Walking along its 3 kilometers of beach is a sweet pleasure!



At the end of the dike is Cap Bonita, the ideal place to relax in the ocean in complete peace and quiet. It is not uncommon to see cigar smokers there, including in the ocean!



Playa Coson

15 minutes from Playa Bonita, Playa Coson offers a magnificent sunset.

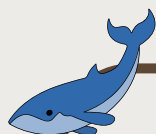


Playa Coson is located at the entrance to Las Terrenas and offers an incredibly lush setting, with the Coson Hills as a backdrop. Here the ocean is generally rougher and swimming can be difficult. On the other hand, more than six kilometers of white sand beach await you for a peaceful walk, with a breathtaking sunset.



Green break at the El Limón Waterfall

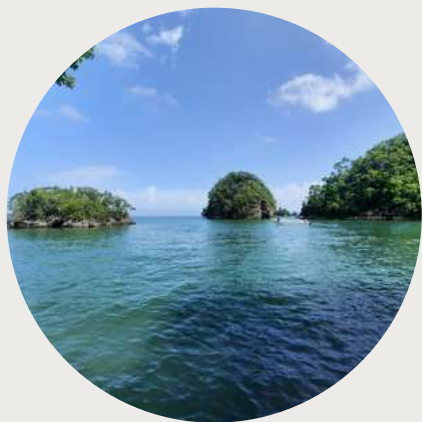
A 30-minute drive from Las Terrenas, the El Limón waterfall is nestled in the heart of a rocky massif enclosed in green hills where bananas, coffee and cocoa grow. It is advisable to go there early in the morning, before the heat and the crowds.



For any excursions in the Las Terrenas/Samana region, contact Flora Tours.

Nicolas and his team offer excursions in small groups to discover the authentic Dominican Republic: visit to Los Haïtises National Park, humpback whale watching, quad, catamaran, etc.

More info: <https://flora-tours.com/>



Total change of scenery at Los Haitises Park

Nicknamed the mini “Halong Bay” and accessible only by boat, this natural sanctuary is home to a mangrove covering imposing rocks pierced with caves and scattered across the sea. This is where the first indigenous people, the Taino Indians, lived.

COCKTAIL IN FRONT OF THE BEACH

Las Terrenas is full of trendy beachside restaurants and bars, where it is good to let yourself live while sipping a cocktail or splashing in the water.



La Porto by Mosquito

A bar and restaurant for swimming in the sea and smoking your cigar!

Calle 27 De Febrero Balcones del Atlántico, Las Terrenas 32000



Porto by Mosquito on El Portillo beach is the ideal place to rest and swim in a warm and calm sea. We love sipping a cocktail in the ocean or taking a gigantic stroll on the beach admiring the kite surfers.



The Mosquito Beach Bar

Right next to Porto. Tropical and trendy atmosphere, ideal for sipping a cocktail by the sea,

8FGM+GM3, Las Terrenas 32000



The Beluga

Restaurant/bar facing the sea for your breakfast or lunch!

Jose Antonio Martinez, 32000 The Grounds



On Playa Bonita, it offers delicious dishes at reasonable prices. We love the grills, the friendliness of the owner and the atmosphere there, especially when our waiter starts dancing while bringing us an aperitif.



Paco Cabana

A frozen daïkiri en face de la mer!

8FC6+PG6, Las Terrenas 32000



Paco Cabana in the center of Las Terrenas, opposite the Paseo, with direct access to the beach. People come here for lunch as well as for dinner or an aperitif. Their frozen daïkiri is killer.



Café Coson

Rest in front of the sea after a good lunch!

7CW2+FV8, Las Terrenas 32000



Café Coson on playa Coson offers large tables and delicious cuisine, with direct access to the sea and deck chairs and hammocks to spend the afternoon.



Valerio

Poisson and Piña Colada

7CX7+X3F, Las Terrenas 32000



Valerio on playa Coson is the typical little restaurant by the beach. Caribbean cuisine featuring fish and piña colada. Open every day between 12:00 and 17:00.

WHERE TO STAY?

Airbnb: something for everyone!



Airbnb offers you a wide choice of vacation rentals: apartment in a residence on the beach, flat in the center of Las Terrenas, villa on a hill with sea view, etc. If you want to avoid the noise, I advise you to opt for accommodation outside the village.

Villa Samadhi (4 bedrooms, from 400€/night)
[Airbnb.com/h/villa-samadhi](https://www.airbnb.com/h/villa-samadhi)



“The Coson hills offer exceptional views of the ocean and the Ballenas but they can also be very steep. Make sure your accommodation is easily accessible by car! ”

WHERE TO STAY?

In Jarabacoa, lodges and AirBnBs are preferred! Spending one or two nights there is recommended. Here are 2 lodges where you can go!

THE SAMAN BOUTIQUE HOTEL



The Saman Boutique Hotel charms with its decor that is both flamboyant and resolutely inspired by nature, offering an unforgettable experience.



- *Delicious menu*
- *Two large swimming pools on the ground floor and on the roof, next to the bar*
- *Calm*
- *Not next to the beaches but close to the center of Las Terrenas*

SUBLIME HOTEL



The atmosphere is marked by tranquility, creating an ideal setting for relaxation. Not to be missed: the spa with cabin on the beach which offers a range of massages and treatments, with the sound of the waves and the ocean breeze as the soundtrack.

The rooms at Sublime Samana offer you an unrivaled experience of tranquility, all located by the sea on the splendid Coson beach. This adults-only establishment invites you to enjoy a variety of culinary delights in a beachfront restaurant, just steps from the ocean.

MOSQUITO BOUTIQUE HOTEL



The Mosquito Boutique Hotel is the perfect destination for those who want to enjoy a few relaxing days in Las Terrenas without having to travel.

At Mosquito, you will have access to a full range of services to spend a romantic or family weekend by the sea, including rooms with air conditioning, a restaurant and a lively bar with music, a surf school, as well as relaxation areas with deck chairs, ensuring you an unforgettable experience on one of the most beautiful beaches, Playa Bonita.

*“ Trendy hotel on the beach.
Sometimes noisy in the evening... “*

 **Monument and Historic Center of
Santiago**

Northeast Santiago



**Grill at
Sandro's**



My favorite restaurant in Las Terrenas! We eat deliciously there. The meat and fish are of great quality and the cooking is always perfect. The cocktails and wine selection are carefully matched with the dishes, providing a harmonious taste experience. You will be pleasantly surprised by the friendliness and friendliness of the boss.

**Avenida 27 de Febrero 37,
Las Terrenas 32000**



**Atlantis Hotel
Restaurant**



One of the tastiest restaurants in Las Terrenas, mixing French cuisine and local products. Located on Playa Bonita, quiet and sheltered from the wind, the Atlantis is part of the hotel of the same name which offers 18 tastefully decorated rooms. Among our favorite dishes: grilled prawns flambéed with pastis, spiced tuna tartare and lime tart. Prices there are higher than elsewhere, but it's worth it.

**Playa Bonita José
Francisco Peña Gómez, Las
Terrenas 32000**



NIGHTLIFE IN LAS TERRENAS

Like Santiago, the capital has many bars and nightclubs where you can have fun.

Here are the 4 that I recommend. The last one will amaze you.



El Mosquito Art Bar

Open until 1 a.m. on weekdays and 3 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, El Mosquito Art Bar will offer you a Caribbean night in front of the sea that you have always dreamed of. All the cocktails and drinks are exceptional, as are their dishes and tapas.

Francisco Alberto Caamaño Deñó 11, Las Terrenas 32000



Babylon Discoclub

Do you want to enjoy a night with friends in the center of Las Terrenas? Don't hesitate to go to Babylon Disco where you can drink good cocktails and dance to Salsa, merengue or Bachata!

8FC6+H2R, Las Terrenas 32000



In Las Terrenas, you can either go out and party at El Mosquito Art Bar/Babylon Discoclub or enjoy a bar on the beach and end your evening in your AirBnB!

WHERE TO BUY YOUR CIGARS IN LAS TERRENAS?

Las Terrenas is a tourist place. So you will pay more for your cigars. However, if you only go to tourist places, here are the 2 stores that I recommend!



Duarte Street Super Pola Las Terrenas 32000

***The Sirena Market, which is a supermarket, is next door and sells good bottles of rum at a good price.*

Cigars el Mundo Puro at Marco

8FC6+CM8, C. Juan Pablo Duarte, Las Terrenas 32000



You have not planned to go to Santiago during your vacation in the Dominican Republic? Stop by Cigars El Mundo Puro at Marco, a Frenchman who has lived in Las Terrenas for 20 years and who makes cigars with the help of his tabaquero.

In addition to his cigars, he also sells the major brands that we all know!

PUERTO PLATA / SOSÚA / CABARETE

3 PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1

Puerto Plata has an international airport called the Gregorio-Luperón International Airport (POP). It is a 10-minute drive from Sosúa, 15 minutes from Cabarete and 1.5 hours from Santiago.

2

In Puerto Plata, there is an old town where you can walk and the 2 rum factories: Macorix and Brugal.

3

In Sosúa there is a beach called Marina Beach. Many happy girls work there. Do not get fooled ;)

WHAT ACTIVITIES TO DO IN PUERTO PLATA?



Fort San Felipe

Explore Fort San Felipe, built by King Philip II facing the sea. The view of the sea is magnificent.



Place of detention of the historic and emblematic character, Juan Pablo Duarte, Fort San Felipe will allow you to learn about the history of the island!



Amber Museum

One of the many riches of the Dominican Republic. Come and discover the most amber pieces at the Amber Museum in Puerto Plata.





Go out in the evening on the beach

You are in All-Inclusive or
with friends in an AirBnB?
Go out to the beaches of
Cabarete!



When you stay in Cabarete, immerse yourself in the nightlife by exploring sensational beach bars such as the Ojo Club. On weekends, the Santiagueros go there to relax. Join the unique atmosphere of Cabarete, where the electrifying energy of the beach meets relaxation.



Mount Isabel de Torres

Climb to 800 meters above
sea level, above Puerto
Plata to see the view and
Christ.



When you go up the hill, you will see Christ the Redeemer and you can walk through the botanical garden there. You will also enjoy the view of the city of Puerto Plata and the sea!

Cable Car Street, Puerto Plata 57000



Damajagua Falls

40 minutes from Puerto
Plata center, 27
magnificent waterfalls in
a magnificent setting.



Tip: go there during the week to avoid the crowds!

27 Puddles, Office 27 waterfalls, Damajagua

THE BEACHES



Playa Dorada

Enjoy the beach and clear waters or water sports like kitesurfing



Playa Sosua

40 minutes from Puerto Plata and near the most beautiful hotels in Sosúa, the beach is magnificent.



Punta Rucia

Enjoy an afternoon on the beach! Walking on the beach is my favorite activity!



Another magnificent beach nearby: Playa la Ensenada

“On Sunday, many Dominicans go to the beach. Their favorite in my opinion? Point Rucia”

WHERE TO STAY?

I highly recommend choosing accommodation in Cabarete. This will allow you to enjoy the city's many bars and restaurants on foot. The nightlife in Cabarete offers a premium and authentic experience that you cannot miss.

CABARET

Natura Cabana Hotel & Spa

Looking for an eco-responsible luxury hotel? The Natura Cabana offers you a unique experience with its magnificent rooms, its “organic restaurant” and its services such as its incredible massages.



★★★★★ Tripadvisor

Ultravioleta Boutique Residences

With direct views of kitesurfers and a 3-minute walk from the bars of Cabarete, UltraVioleta offers luxury apartments with kitchens and swimming pools. If you have a question during your stay, call the concierge!



★★★★★ Tripadvisor

CABARET



Are you looking for an all-inclusive stay as a couple or with your children? Viva Wyndham offers premium rooms, exceptional pools and romantic dinner service. ❤️



★★★★★ Tripadvisor

PUERTO PLATA



In Puerto Plata, opposite Playa Dorada, is the Gran Ventana Beach Hotel! Its numerous swimming pools, massages and on-demand activities will dazzle you. They are also next to the Playa Dorada Golf Course where you will benefit from an exclusive discount!



★★★★★ Tripadvisor

PUERTO PLATA



Also on Playa Dorada, the Casa Colonial Boutique hotel offers luxurious rooms and service. In addition to its luxury "Bagua" spa, you will benefit from direct access to the beach.

Its restaurant Lucia offers dishes from a fusion of French and Dominican cuisine!



★★★★★ Tripadvisor

THE RESTAURANTS OF PUERTO PLATA/SOSUA/CABARETE

In Puerto Plata, there are many restaurants. During your stay in Puerto Plata and Cabarete, you will have the opportunity to eat different Dominican fish!

Below, find exceptional restaurants:

 **Puerto Plata**

 **Casa 40**



In the center, a stone's throw from the historic sites, is Casa 40, a restaurant that offers tapas and light dishes to awaken your taste buds at midday! In the evening, an equally enchanting atmosphere awaits you.

Historic Center, 40 Duarte Street, 57000 corner of Puerto Plata



 **Riviera Beach**



Facing the sea, next to the luxury development Riviera Azul, Playa Riviera offers breathtaking dishes. Don't hesitate to try their fish or seafood in, for example, a Paella.

Calle Principal Playa Dorada 538, Puerto Plata 57000



“ During your vacation on the coasts in the north of the island, discover the restaurants that I suggest. Some are in the center of Puerto Plata or on the magnificent beaches! ”



Green Jack Tar



Light and delicious, the Green Jack Restaurant offers dishes for all tastes. Their specialty in my opinion? At the end of the week, he offers shrimp tacos and a delicious panacotta!

**Golden Beach, Puerto Plata
57000**



La Catalina



Not far from Isabel Torres National Park, Rancho La Catalina offers exceptional dishes based on maturated meats or local seafood! Unique experience.

**P7FV+CX Cupey, Dominican
Republic**




 **Sosúa and Cabarete**

 **Homemade Flavor
Fishmonger**




Restaurant a stone's throw from the sea, it offers grilled fish and preparations with sea fruits. Quality/price at the rendezvous.

Next to the Caribe Tours 
Sosúa bus stop in Sosúa
57000, Dominican Republic

 **Bliss Restaurant
Cabarete**



Do you want to eat in a pleasant environment with a swimming pool and tasty cocktails? Then Bliss is where you need to go.

Callejon de la Loma, Cabarete 
57000

JARABACOA



3 PRACTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT JARABACOA

- 1 Jabacoa is a place located in the heart of the Central Cordillera, a mountain range that crosses the country.
- 2 Due to its high altitude location, the climate in Jarabacoa is more temperate.
- 3 Jarabacoa is a place known for its coffee and beautiful scenery. You will be in a spectacular mountain setting, with impressive waterfalls and white water for swimming or canyoning.

WHAT ACTIVITIES TO DO IN LAS TERRENAS?



Jimenoa Salto

2 waterfalls which offer a unique spectacle and which represent the beauty of the island!



A true oasis of freshness, it is a favorite place for nature lovers and adventure seekers. The place is accessible by taking charming hiking trails.



Baiguete Salto

Explore Jarabacoa with a guide at great prices!





Coffee tour

Tour the coffee facilities at Ramirez Café. Learn how we go from eating fruit to drinking coffee.



Meet at Café Ramirez

SOME ACTIVITIES ON REQUEST - LINKS



Canyoning and Rafting

Hiking and horseback riding



MANABAO - JARABACOA



Visit Spirit Mountain

30 kilometers from Jarabacoa, visit the coffee plantations and discover the beauty of the Dominican mountains while hiking!



If you want to hike in the Jarabacoa mountains and discover coffee plantations, go to their website!

Go Camping in the Mountains

Live a treetop cabin experience

WHERE TO STAY?

HOTELS IN JARABACOA

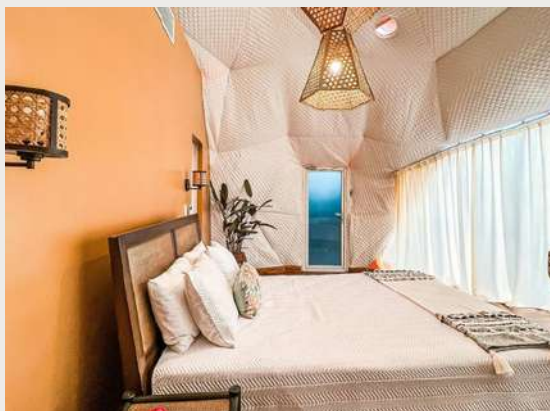
In Jarabacoa, lodges and AirBnBs are preferred! Spending one or two nights there is recommended. Here are 2 lodges where you can go!

THE SUNSET JARABACOA



In the Jarabacoa Mountains, The Sunset Jarabacoa offers luxury cabins with panoramic nature views. They also offer activities on their website! Contact them when making your reservation.

RIVER GLAMPING BOUTIQUE



A premium and unique housing concept with a direct view of the Jimenoa River. To test!

2 INCREDIBLE RESTAURANTS IN JARABACOA

Jarabacoa Restaurant Balcony



Enjoy panoramic views while you drink the best cocktails in Jarabacoa and taste Chef Adin's menus! Don't hesitate to smoke an incredible cigar on the Balcón RD terrace.

39RP+PM, Jarabacoa 41000



Alta Vista Restaurant

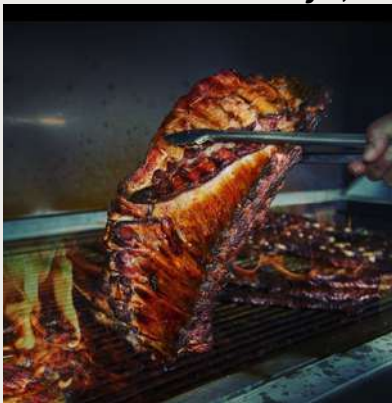


Alta Vista is an emblematic restaurant in Jarabacoa. It offers gourmet cuisine with dishes like eggplant carpaccio or grilled octopus!

49F5+F4 Jarabacoa 41000



Other recommended restaurants: Parador Corazon de Jesus, La Tinaja, El Fresco Bistro & Café, Café Colao



The famous pork chops of Parador Corazon de Jesus



Lunch at El Fresco Bistro & Café



A tomahawk and delicious grilled vegetables from La Tinaja RD

PUNTA CANA

3 PRACTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT PUNTA CANA

- 1 Punta Cana is known for its white sand beaches and crystal clear waters.
- 2 This place is renowned for its luxury resorts and all-inclusive packages.
- 3 Punta Cana is a very popular destination. But did you know that there are other magnificent destinations in the Dominican Republic?

WHAT ACTIVITIES ?



Juanillo Beach
Enjoy Juanillo Beach with its white sands and crystal clear water.



Hoyo Azul and Indigenous Eyes Ecological Reserve



Make a reservation with Tortuga Bay, The Westin Punta Cana Resort & Club, or Punta Cana Resort & Club and get your free entry to Ojos Indígenas.

WHERE TO STAY?

HOTELS

Here are 2 hotels you can go to!



Are you arriving or/and departing from Punta Cana airport? Don't hesitate to take 1 night at Four Points to relax for a night before going to CigAdventure!

Club Med



On the edge of the sea, 3 km from Corales Golf Club and 5 km from the Indigenous Eyes Ecological Park, you will find the Club Med of Punta Cana.

WHERE TO BUY YOUR CIGARS?



Downtown Mall, Punta Cana 23000



Don't hesitate to order your cigars on <https://cabinetcigar.com/> and have them delivered to your hotel!

Ritual Cigar Lounge

Puntacana Village Galleries, Punta Cana 23000



Do you want to smoke your cigar in a quiet and cool place? So go smoke at the Ritual Cigar Lounge and say hello to Cezar Bronner, the owner of the lounge who has his own brand!

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BUDGET

For many, estimating the vacation budget can be complicated. This is why I explain to you what elements you will need to include in your budget and what to expect on site.

Plane ticket

Round-trip plane tickets to the Dominican Republic cost per person between €800 (off-season) and €1,200 (high season) for long-term flights.

For flights from North or Latin America, count between €100 and €500 (depending on the season and demand).

Airport Transport It all depends on your first destination and your means of communication.

If you have not rented a car when you arrive, for long journeys between cities (like Santo Domingo to Las Terrenas/Punta Cana), count on €100 to €150 for one way and €10/person if you take the bus.

Local transport Renting a car costs between €50 and €100 per car. As for UBER and Didi, count between 10 and 15€ per day in cities where UBER is available!

Accommodation Hotels in the Dominican Republic are not cheap. Count on 150€/night/room minimum and for a comfortable 1-bedroom AirBnB between 30€ and 75€/night/apartment for a city for Santiago. As for seaside towns like Las Terrenas, apartments are at 50€/night minimum (for a bungalow). For groups, it is often possible to find accommodation at €70/room (for example €500/night for 15 people)

Personally, I recommend AirBnBs for Santiago, Santo Domingo and Jarabacoa.

“The most expensive cities are Santo Domingo and beach resorts such as Las Terrenas and Puerto Plata/Cabarete.”

Restaurants In the Dominican Republic, it is possible to eat a dish with chicken, rice, salad and drink for €8/10 (self-service). It is also possible to eat in restaurants with several courses. When you go to these restaurants, expect to pay between €15 and €30.

Nightlife If you decide to go out as a couple or with friends to a bar, plan on €20/30/person. If you want to go to a nightclub and bar, budget 40 to 50€/person).

Activities and excursions

Some days you will not take an excursion. So, on average, count on 15€/person/day for activities.

Don't forget to include a budget for your cigars!