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# Experience Collection Duo



## Santo Domingo & Punta Cana

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

You're about to live two unique experiences on one trip: blend the colourful folklore and colonial architecture of Santo Domingo with Punta Cana's famous beaches for the ultimate experience in the Dominican Republic. Discover the best of both worlds all in a week's time!

### Good to know

Upon arrival at the Punta Cana airport, ask the Transat Holidays representatives about the Santo Domingo transfer. Be sure to attend the briefing held at the beginning of your trip. Your representative will confirm the meeting point and departure time of your transfer to Punta Cana, and will provide you with destination information. Note that transfers are included and accompanied by an English-speaking guide, who will provide information about the region.

**Travel documents** The date of departure to Punta Cana will be indicated on your e-ticket.

**Baggage** Be sure to pack comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, insect repellent, sunglasses, hat, camera and cash for souvenir shopping. **Please ensure you have your luggage when departing from your hotel in Santo Domingo.**

**Tipping** Tips are at your discretion and are very much appreciated by the cleaning ladies, bellboys, guides and chauffeurs, as well as the waiters and bartenders.

**Currency** ATM machines can be found in downtown Santo Domingo and Punta Cana.



### About Dominican Republic

**CURRENCY** Peso

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE** Spanish

**LOCAL EXPRESSIONS**

¿Que lo que? (What's up?)

**TRADITIONAL MUSIC**

Merengue, bachata



# Santo Domingo

As the first Spanish settlement in America, Santo Domingo's landmarks and monuments each tell a story. The lively capital also boasts stunning beaches and a hopping nightlife!

## Things to see & do

- › **OLD TOWN** explore the many monuments and attractions like Parque Colón, the Santa María La Menor Cathedral, Alcázar de Colón, Monasterio de San Francisco, Fortaleza Ozama and the National Pantheon
- › **MUSEUMS** immerse yourself in the local culture and history with visits to the Museum of Alcázar, Museum of the Casas Reales, Naval Museum of the Atarazanas, Museo de la Catedral, Museo Memorial de la Resistencia Dominicana, Museo Duarte, World of Ambar Museum, Museum of the Dominican Man, National Museum of History and Geography, Museum of Natural History, Museum of Modern Art and Museo Prehispanico
- › **BOCA CHICA** this white-sand beach is more like a natural pool with transparent, shallow waters
- › **PLAYA CARIBE** A few minutes east of Boca Chica, this small bay offers great waves for boogie boarding
- › **JUAN DOLIO** another beautiful beach protected by coral reefs, offering activities such as horseback riding and golf

## Excursions

The representative will provide details on available excursions during the briefing, as well as suggestions of what to see and do during your stay.



## About Santo Domingo

**POPULATION** 1.5 million

### LOCAL DISHES

**MORO** beans, rice and meat, sometimes accompanied by cod

**SANCOCHO** meat and vegetable stew

**BANDERA** rice, beans, meat, salad and fried bananas

**LOCRIO** rice and seafood, resembling Spanish paella

**ASOPAO** chicken soup with rice, tomato, coriander and sometimes seafood

**PICAPOLLO** flavourful fried chicken accompanied by "tostones" (sliced fried plantains), or the more traditional "yaniqueques" (sweet or salty fritters)

**MAJARETE** dessert consisting of creamed corn with ground cinnamon and milk caramel paste

**CHURUMBELES** coconut candy

### LOCAL DRINKS

**RUM** Brugal, Bermúdez, Barceló, Siboney, Matusalem

**MAMAJUANA** a blend of rum, red wine and honey mixed with herbs and tree bark

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# Punta Cana

Miles of white sand, turquoise waters, coconut groves and lush vegetation make Punta Cana a feast for the senses!

## Things to see & do

- › **BAVARO BEACH** Punta Cana's most famous beach is ideal for swimming, sunbathing, long walks and all sorts of water sports and activities
- › **SAONA ISLAND** accessible by boat, this pristine hideaway is perfect for snorkelling and sunbathing
- › **CATALINA ISLAND** also accessible by boat, this tropical island paradise is a port of call for certain cruise lines and features wonderful snorkelling and scuba diving opportunities
- › **IMAGINE DISCO** dance the night away in a cave!
- › **MACAO BEACH** located about 30 minutes from most hotels in Punta Cana, this beach is great for surfing and has a surf school on site
- › **BOCA DE YUMA** explore this typical fishing village and hire a fisherman to take you to La Playita, a small picturesque beach found nearby

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## About Punta Cana

**POPULATION** 325,000

### LOCAL DISHES

**MANGU** mashed plantains topped with onions

**MOFONGO** made with plantains and pork

**CHILLO** Creole-style fish fillets served with garlic or coconut in a delicious tomato sauce, sometimes spicy

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