

## Dominican Republic

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to the Dominican Republic due to health and safety measures and COVID-related conditions. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 30 days.

### US Embassy/ Consulate

[1] (809) 567-7775; US Embassy in Santo Domingo, Av. Republica de Colombia # 57, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

### Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

Tropical maritime; little seasonal temperature variation; seasonal variation in rainfall

### Currency (Code)

Dominican pesos (DOP)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

120 V / 60 Hz / plug type(s): A, B, C



### Major Languages

Spanish

### Religions

Roman Catholic 47.8%, Protestant 21.3%, other 2.2%, none 28%, don't know/no response .7%

### Time Difference

UTC-4 (1 hour ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

### International Driving Permit

Suggested; additionally, if you plan to drive in the Dominican Republic, you will need an Inter-American Driving Permit issued by the AAA

### Road Driving Side

Right

### Tourist destinations

Ciudad Colonial of Santo Domingo; Lake Enriquillo; Del Este National Park; Samaná

Peninsula and Samaná Bay; Bahía de Las Águilas and Jaragua National Park; Basilica of Our Lady

**Cultural Practices**

Not resting elbows on the table and keeping hands visible while eating is considered polite.

**Tipping Guidelines**

At most restaurants, a tip of 10% is expected unless service charges are pre-added. Typical bellhop tips are \$1-2 (USD) per bag and \$2-3 (USD) per night for housekeepers.

**Telephone Code**

809

**Local Emergency Phone**

911

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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