

Dominican Republic

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to the Dominican Republic due to COVID-19. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in 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; <https://do.usembassy.gov/>; SDOAmericans@state.gov

Telephone Code

809

Local Emergency Phone

911

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 44.3%, Evangelical 13%, Protestant 7.9%, Adventist 1.4%

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	Cuidad 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
Major Sports	Baseball, soccer, boxing
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.

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 \(ATA\) \(www.ataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:

from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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