



Country Profile: Dominican Republic

The Dominican Republic covers the eastern two-thirds of the Caribbean island of Hispaniola. The capital city is Santo Domingo, located on the south coast of the island. Tourist facilities vary according to price and location. Spanish is the official language. Though English is widely spoken in major cities and tourist areas, it is much less common outside these areas. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on the Dominican Republic for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Dominican Republic
Continent:	Caribbean
Capital City:	Santo Domingo
Boundary Countries:	Haiti
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Santiago: Hospital Metropolitano de Santiago Santo Domingo: Centro de Medicina Bavaro: Hospiten Bavaro Puerto Plata: Centro Medico Bournigal, Servi-Med Avanzada Abel Gonzalez, Hospiten Santo Domingo
Main Cities:	Santo Domingo, Santiago, Bonao, Pedernales, La Romana, San Cristobal, Barahona, La Vega, Puerta Plata, San Francisco de Marcoris, Higüey, San Pedro de Marcoris
Country Size:	48,730 sq km
Population:	9,365,818

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Spanish
Currency:	Dominican Peso (DOP)
Predominant Religions:	Roman Catholic 95% other 5%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 27 February (1844)
Economic Status:	Although the economy continues to grow at a respectable rate, high unemployment and inflation remain important challenges. The country suffers from marked income inequality; the poorest half of the population receives less than one-fifth of GNP, while the richest 10% enjoys nearly 40% of national income.
Security:	Army, Navy, Air Force
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Santo Domingo Av. Republica de Colombia # 57 Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic Phone: (809) 567-7775
Major Airports:	Airports: 33, Airports w/paved runways: 14 Puerto Plata – Gregorio Luperón International Airport (POP/MDPP) Perto Plata Airport, Dominican Republic, Puerto Plata, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC Tel: +1 809 586-0408, +1 809-586-0107, +1 809 586-0175 Fax: +1 809 586-0311, +1 809 586-0387 E-mail: r.heinrichs@aerodom.com

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