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Three Perfect Days in Punta Cana - A Journey Connected Travel Guide

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Punta Cana - Bars & Nightlife - Imagine Punta Cana, Hard Rock Casino, Drink Point, Mangu Disco, ORO Nightclub, Pacha (RIU Resort Disco), Areito Disco

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Punta Cana is one of the Caribbean's premiere golf retreats, featuring dozens of courses, some of which were designed by the world's most renowned PGA pros. After 18 holes, find refuge in one of Punta Cana's many casinos for a beverage and a hand of cards.

Families will love natural attractions bursting with distilled beauty of the Caribbean. Head South to explore Indigenous Eyes Ecological Park or the natural spring Hoyo Azul. With all of the great sights and spots near your resort, it can be easy to miss out on everything the Dominican Republic has to offer. Take some time to get lost in the culture and enjoy hand-rolled cigars, flavorful rum, and locally grown coffee.



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Punta Cana - Do & See

Although the main attraction of Punta Cana is its luxurious beaches and world-renowned golf courses, this tropical paradise offers plenty of activities and sights on land and at sea. The caressing sun will allow you to spend some idle days of pure sunbathing, whereas the most adventurous can look for an adrenaline-boost on a zip-line or by doing thrilling water-sports.

Discover unspoiled nature and mingle with the locals, sample some flavored rum, experience the mild light of the sun rising, dance intensively and behold at the spectacle of this Caribbean gem.





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Punta Cana Dining, Bars, and Nightlife



Punta Cana - Dining

Punta Cana is home to some of the best Caribbean and international cuisine in the world. Celebrity chefs and local staples make eating in Bávaro and Punta Cana a dreamy breeze. Indulge on seafood specialties at the seafront, or sample some Mediterranean cuisine in the hectic downtown.





Wacamole Los Corales, Avenida Alemania y Calle Aruba +1 829 750 1777

After having tried typical Dominican food, try exploring different flavors from Central America and the Caribbean. At Wacamole, you will find authentic Mexican specialties like the world-famous tacos and fajitas, but also dishes inspired by local produce like seafood. In this open-air taqueria, different kinds of pub food are served in a relaxed environment, usually with live music. Accompany your meal with some tequila shots and fruit cocktails to have a complete Mexican dining experience.



Little John

Playa Juanillo, Cap Cana +1 809 469 7727

On the tiny outdoor terrace of Little John restaurant you can enjoy a great view of the sea while grabbing a quick bite. Classic bar food like pizzas and burgers are served as well as some local specialties of sea food to satisfy everyone. Enjoy your meal in this open-air restaurant on the beach and relax with a fresh cocktail in hand.



Passion by Martin Berasategui

Paradisus Palma Real, Bavaro +1 809 285 3513

Winner of 7 Michelin stars, Passion at Paradisus Palma Real is one of the most recognized restaurants in Punta Cana. Martin Berasategui, a celebrated Spanish chef, developed fine courses for diners in search of delicacies and new flavors. Enjoy a romantic and elegant atmosphere with incredible Spanish tapas or succulent fish dishes. A once in a lifetime dining experience. Due to its reputation and long waiting times, book beforehand and do not forget to dress appropriately.



The Jellyfish Restaurant

Playa Bavaro, Punta Cana +1 809 840 7684

A standing favorite in Bávaro, Jellyfish is a meld of natural ingredients all culminating in a comfortable beach setting. Specialized in fresh fish from local fishermen and shellfish dishes, it brings forward the finest flavors of the Dominican Republic. Topped with a lounge offering a splendid view of the beach, Jellyfish is perfect for family outings or date nights. There is also a special service which organizes weddings and events.



Blue Marlin

Boulevard Zona Hotelera, Sanctuary Cap Cana +1 809 562 9191

Dine beneath a palapa-shaded table on a pier overlooking the Caribbean's gentle waters with a very pleasant view over the ocean. The restaurant's small fleet of fishing boats traverses the waters for fresh fish, which are in turn served to you daily. A variety of seafood dishes are on offer along with traditional Dominican specialties.



Playa Blanca Restaurant

Puntacana Resort & Club, Punta Cana +1 809 959 2714

The gorgeously casual ambiance of Playa Blanca is not to be underestimated, as guests are invited to taste fresh seafood while enjoying sweeping views of the white sand beach. The restaurant serves fresh local seafood as well as a variety of meat or fish dishes which can be accompanied by a freshly made fruit cocktail.



La Yola

Puntacana Resort & Club, Punta Cana +1 809 959 2262

The AAA Three Diamond Award-winning La Yola was named for the yola, or the small, local fishing boats from which their expert seafood is caught. The menu is a fusion of Mediterranean and Caribbean influences served in a space modeled after a fisherman's boat and perched right on the sea with magnificent views of the ocean. Cocktails or other drinks can be savored, especially during the happy hours from 5pm to 7pm.



Bamboo at Tortuga Bay

Puntacana Resort & Club, Punta Cana +1 809 959 8229

Dine at the AAA Four Diamond Award-winning Bamboo Restaurant and experience local cooking with an influence from Mediterranean flavors. Nestled at the exclusive Tortuga Bay, the setting was designed by the renowned Dominican-American fashion designer Oscar de la Renta who conceived this snug and elegant atmosphere. On the menu are fresh vegetables from organic gardens, Lion Fish dishes (one of the restaurant's specialties), and a large cold and hot dish buffet for breakfast.



Hard Rock Cafe Punta Cana

Boulevard Turistico del Este esquina, Carretera Juanillo +1 809 784 4090

The Hard Rock Cafe, one of the favorites among tourists, is conveniently located in the Palma Real Shopping Village, an upscale mall in Bávaro. Enjoy its signature authentic rock atmosphere and great American fare influenced by the location and the regional cuisine. Stop by and enjoy a yummy meal or a refreshing cocktail while listening to some live music or just relax in the outdoor patio.



Agave

Excellence Resort, Playas Uvero Alto +1 800 051 6244

Agave is the ultimate Mexican dining experience at the Excellence Resort. Enjoy the buffet-style venue and a wide variety of authentic Mexican and Tex-Mex dishes like burritos and fajitas, whether you like you food spicy or mild.

Punta Cana - Cafes

Search the downtown and areas surrounding shopping havens to discover some unique diners and dives. Many cafes function as regular restaurants as well, serving aromatic coffee and delicious nibbles - the close proximity to the sea and the Caribbean backdrop will give you the chance to have an extraordinary breakfast experience.





Las Leñas Avenida Espana, Gran Plaza Friusa #1 +1 809 552 6776

For those looking for a place to have a snack, the old bakery of Las Leñas, one of the first in the Bavaro area, offers different kinds of pastries and breads for breakfast or brunch, as well as savory dishes like sandwiches and tortillas. With natural juices and aromatic coffee, it's an authentic local meeting place excellent for a refreshing break at this now well-known Dominican cafe.



Kat's Corner

Avenida Alemania, Esquina Calle Aruba +1 829 907 6819

Kat's Corner is an open-air bar that serves breakfast meals like scrambled eggs with bacon and potato pancakes, but also Mexican specialties with its burrito breakfast and other kinds of quesadillas and nachos. You can come at any time of day to enjoy fast food dishes with fresh juices or fruit cocktails. Live acoustic music is put on weekly.



JOY Nutritional Popsicle Los Corales H1, La Altagracia

+1 849 915 3914

JOY Nutritional Popsicle is a nice and cozy place to have breakfast, sweet or savory, or both lunch and dinner, as the menu teems with salads, burgers and sandwiches. A lot of vegetarian and vegan options are available, and they serve fresh natural juices and smoothies. Take a look at the ice cream card and finish your meal with the restaurant's specialty, a popsicle.



Huracán Café

Calle Mare, Los Corales +1 829 533 1300

The thatched-roofed palapa is the signature of Huracán Café. Enjoy a meal on the wooden deck in the sand with a wonderful view of the ocean or relax on a deck chair with a mojito or caipirinha in the hand. The menu features delicious pastas and other Italian dishes. Weddings and special occasions are another specialty of the restaurant.



Brot Bagel Shop

Galerias de Punta Cana, Local 31 +1 809 959 2007

For bagel and sandwich lovers, Brot Bagel offers a large choice of breakfast meals. Between two shopping sessions at Galerias de Punta Cana, take a break and enjoy fresh or hot beverages along with breakfast burritos, salads and wraps. Multiple sweet or savory options for a complete breakfast.

Punta Cana - Bars & Nightlife

Punta Cana livens up the hot Caribbean nights with its wealth of bars and clubs. The "fiesta" atmosphere shrouds the easternmost point of the Dominican Republic all year round, where the party stops when the sun rises and the pungent scent of rum and cigars pervades the air.

Soak up the sun by day and soak up the fun by night, Punta Cana is a one-of-a-kind experience.





Imagine Punta Cana Antiguo Cruce, Carretera Coco Loco a Friusa +1 829 838 5346

If you are looking for a different way of partying and clubing, consider descending into a cave and dancing all night in this one of a kind setting. In this place built in the remains of a castle, be prepared to experience a unique party you can only have in Punta Cana. Several packages are proposed for parties with different music styles, and even Spring Break parties.



Hard Rock Casino

Boulevard Turístico del Este, Km.28 No.74 +1 817 567 7516

Hard Rock Casino offers you more than a simple gambling experience. Indeed, in this incredible 45,000-square-foot setting, you will find more than 40 table games and 400 other kinds of roulettes and slots. Whether you are a confirmed poker player, an amateur of blackjack, craps and baccarat or just looking for a nice place to chill out at the bar, everyone can enjoy this casino in their own way.



Drink Point

Avenida Espana, Punta Cana +1 809 552 0920

For a night of drinking and dancing with locals on any day of the week, Drink Point is one of the most reputed nightclubs in Punta Cana to head to for the purpose. To the sound of traditional Caribbean and Latin music, such as bachata and merengue, you can experience a true Dominican dance night and drink local cocktails or rums.



Mangu Disco

Hotel Occidental Grand Punta Cana, Punta Cana +1 809 221 8787

Mangu Disco is located at the Hotel Occidental Grand Punta Cana. This two-floor club booms with all kind of music styles, from electronic to merengue and bachata, salsa and even rock and Reggae. If you don't feel like dancing, the bar also features a big screen where you can watch soccer, football, baseball, boxing, racing and more. Locals and tourists mix together to enjoy the music and dance all night long.



ORO Nightclub

Boulevard Turístico del Este, Km.28 No.74 +1 809 731 0080

ORO is Hard Rock's answer to the Punta Cana nightclubs. With guest shows by some of the top performers of today, theme nights and local and international DJs, you will experience Caribbean nightlife at its most vibrant. The setting of about 14,000 square feet with its two levels features intelligent show lighting and a unique LED wall which makes the show performances all the more impressive.



Pacha (RIU Resort Disco) Carretera El Macao, Playa Arena Gorda +1 809 221 7575

The Punta Cana installment of this internationally celebrated chain attracts both locals and visitors in near-equal proportion. Music played includes styles enjoyed locally alongside international top hits.



Areito Disco

Avenida Italia, Playas de Bavaro +1 809 687 7788

Located in the luxurious Caribe Club Princess, Areito Disco is decorated in an indigenous theme with aboriginal elements. Live shows and events are organized frequently but you can simply come to enjoy a freshly mmixed cocktail and dance all night long.

Punta Cana Tourist Resources



Punta Cana - Tourist Information





Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ) Aeropuerto Internacional Punta Cana, Carretera Higüey +1 809 959 2376

Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ) is located in the heart of Punta Cana, only a short shuttle ride from your final destination. Taxis and buses are available at the airport and many resorts supply their guests with personal or group shuttle services.



Passport / Visa

The Dominican Republic allows nationals from eight countries to enter without a visa or a tourist entry tax (previously known as a tourist card, amounting to US\$10). These eight countries are Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Israel, Japan, Peru, South Korea and Uruguay.

Residents of the United Kingdom and those holding a valid visa to enter Canada, the United States or any European Union country do not require a tourist visa (tourist card) to enter the Dominican Republic. The tourist entry tax of US\$10 should be included in the price of the flight ticket. Nationals who aren't in possession of a valid visa for Canada, the United States or any European Union country must obtain a tourist visa which must be done in person at the Dominican Consulate nearest to their place of residence.

Nationals from 95 countries can enter the Dominican Republic by paying the tourism entry tax of US\$10 which should be already included in the air fare. Alternatively, the tourist card can be obtained at the airport upon arrival at Punta Cana International Airport. Check out the list of the 95 countries.

The tourist cards are valid for 30 days from the date of entry. You can apply for a tourist card at a consulate near you, online (www.dgii.gov.do/Paginas/inicio.aspx) or at the airport upon arrival.



Best Time to Visit

There are two distinct tourist high seasons in the Dominican Republic: the summer months of July and August, mostly for northern-hemisphere travelers, and winter season between December and late February, when the Dominican climate is at its best. But since the weather is warm all year round, trips can be organized at any time of the year.

During the summer, temperatures fluctuate from 25 °C to 28 °C and the weather is very hot and humid. The best time to visit the Dominican Republic is therefore during the dry season, from November to April, since the climate is drier but still warm.

Regarding water temperature, it rarely falls below 27 °C.

The Dominican Republic is also in the center of the Caribbean hurricane belt and can be hit by storms especially during the hurricane season in August and September.

If you are planning a trip to the Dominican Republic during the high summer season, and especially if you're heading to Punta Cana, expect higher hotel and resort prices and crowded beaches.

Whale-watching runs from around mid-January to mid-March.



Time Zone

Punta Cana is located in the Atlantic Standard time zone, and all times are reflected in Atlantic time.



Public Transport

The public bus system covers both Punta Cana and Bavaro and is low cost, but navigating it can get tricky. Bus stops are not clearly marked and you can hail a minibus (Guacas) anywhere, that's why it is recommended to tell the driver in advance where you want to get off.

Tickets can be purchased on board.



Taxi

Taxi Bavaro Punta Cana, Avenida España +1 809 552 0617

Taxis and shuttles are commonplace and can be found almost everywhere you want to travel to. Don't forget that many attractions will provide free transit if you call ahead or get your resort's travel desk to book for you.

Taxi services in Punta Cana are safe and common, but make sure to set a price before taking a ride. You can book a taxi at hubs at the airport and at most resorts, shopping venues, and attractions. They have fixed rates, which are displayed on a white board in the outer arrival's hall.



Post

Punta Cana International Airport, Punta Cana +1 809 959 2376

A post office is located at Punta Cana Airport, selling postcards and stamps. Dominica Republic's postal service is not renowned for its efficiency, and post can take a few months to reach its destination.



Pharmacy Plaza Estrella Bavaro, Avenida Espana +1 809 552 0344

Three are several pharmacies in Punta Cana.

Pharmacia Estrella: Plaza Estrella Bavaro, Avenida España, Punta Cana +1 809 552 0344, 8am - 11pm

Pharma 360: Primer Nivel 106, Punta Cana +1 809 455 1708, 8am - 12am

Farmacia: Plaza San Juan Shopping Center, Avenida Barceló, Punta Cana +1 809 933 4444, 8am - 10pm



Telephone

Country codes: +1 809, +1 829, +1 849



Electricity

120 volts, 60 Hz American style two-pin plugs