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The second largest nation in the Caribbean, the Dominican Republic occupies the eastern two-thirds of the island of Hispaniola in the Greater Antilles, with Haiti occupying the western portion. To the west are Jamaica and Cuba; Puerto Rico is east beyond the 112-kilometer Mona Passage; and the southern tip of Florida is about 1,000 kilometers away.

Situated in the heart of the region between North and South America, the country is bathed by the Caribbean Sea on the south coast and the Atlantic Ocean to the north. With a land area of 48,442 square kilometers, it is larger than the Bahamas, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, all the Virgin Islands and the entire French West Indies put together. The Dominican Republic is slightly larger than the Netherlands, and approximately the size of the US state of Maryland.

The Dominican Republic is a land of contrasts with towering mountains and rocky cliffs, rain forests, fertile valleys, cacti-studded deserts, 1,600 kilometers of coastline and about 300 kilometers of prime soft sand beaches. Today, the East Coast beach strip is one of the best choices for those seeking the perfect beach and R&R (rest and relaxation). This is a place for vegging out... miles of silky-fine white sand, deserted beaches with coconut palms.

The array of water sports options offered right on the beach is amazing: catamaran boat rides, double-decker party boats, restaurant dining at sunset on the sea, parasailing, glass bottom boats for marine life observation, sports fishing, diving, snorkeling, flying boats, and speed boats. There is also banana boating, kayaking, windsurfing, sailing and beach volleyball.



HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO

Welcome to Hard Rock's first all-inclusive resort, right in the heart of one of the most beautiful places on Earth, the beaches of the Dominican Republic's east coast.

The property combines Hard Rock's signature "Rock Star" suites with all-inclusive luxury accommodations, including double Jacuzzis and double showers. The property will also feature an extensive collection of Hard Rock's authentic music memorabilia, highlighting both international and local artists, as well as incorporating diverse music genres throughout. The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Punta Cana absolutely rocks. Surrounded by beautiful beaches, everything provided for you, immersed in Hard Rock's singular style, this one-of-a-kind resort is the place to be in the Caribbean.



Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Punta Cana features one of the largest casinos in the Caribbean. The casino offers a high-limit poker room, a VIP lounge and a Race and Sports Book, in addition to 457 slots and 40 tables, where guests can try their hand at traditional Las Vegas-style gaming, including Baccarat, Blackjack, Craps and Roulette. There is nothing else like this in Punta Cana, in the Dominican Republic, or in the Caribbean.

The all-inclusive Hard Rock Punta Cana is home to eight outdoor pools with ocean view, three pools overlooking the lagoon, three kids' pools and four swim-up bars. In addition, two tennis courts, a kid's club, spa, and fitness center, climbing tower, miniature golf course, and planned amphitheater add to the numerous luxury amenities of this all-inclusive paradise.

Nine dining venues and a plethora of free-flowing all-inclusive bars are available at the Hard Rock Punta Cana Resort. Choose from Italian, Brazilian, Japanese, Caribbean, Seafood and more.

A full daily activity program complements nightly entertainment of variety shows and dancing under the stars. And when you're hungry, you'll have a choice of 8 different restaurants, a wireless Internet equipped Cyber Café & Lounge and 24-hour room service.

REGISTRATION SITE, TRAVEL FORMS AND AIR ITINERARIES: Please register for the trip at www.miregistration.net/scipuntacana no later than **November 4, 2022** to confirm your reservation. Upon receipt of your registration, an air itinerary will be sent to you via e-mail for you to review and approve. Once you have approved your airline reservations, any changes made will incur change penalties and may result in additional airfare charges for which you will be billed. If you have any questions, please call your SCI Travel Coordinator (Ted McFeeters) at 1-913-438-2600 x118.

PASSPORTS: Passports are required for all passengers for travel to Punta Cana. Please carry it on you and not in your checked luggage.



All travelers: Please be advised that the name on your airline ticket must be exactly the same as the name on your passport. If these names do not match, you will likely be denied boarding by the airline.

PERSONAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS: If you would like to extend your visit in Punta Cana, please call your SCI Travel Coordinator at **1-913-438-2600**. Please indicate on the registration form if you are interested in extending at your own expense. The room rate for a Caribbean Suite is \$482.00 per room, per night for two people all inclusive.

AIRLINE TICKETS: Your airline tickets will be sent to you via 2-day Federal Express approximately one week prior to your departure.

LUGGAGE TAGS: You will receive special luggage tags for each piece of checked luggage with your final trip documents. Be sure to fill out the tags and attach them to your luggage. These will expedite handling of your bags throughout the trip.

LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE: Airline travel regulations vary regarding the number of pieces of luggage you may check and the cost per bag. Please check with your carrier for current luggage policies. All carriers charge for any bag that weighs over 50 pounds (22.7 Kg). In addition, only one carry-on bag is allowed per passenger, plus a personal item such as a purse, camera bag or laptop. Carry-on bags must fit under a seat or in an overhead compartment.



SECURITY AND PACKING GUIDELINES: Airport security measures differ from one airport to another around the world. However, some general guidelines should be followed. Be sure to arrive at the airport at least 2 hours prior to departure, allow ample time to clear security screening at your airport and expect to encounter more than one security checkpoint at all airports. Airlines are requiring that you present yourself at your departure gate 45 minutes prior to departure. In addition, some airlines are refusing to accept checked luggage less than one hour prior to scheduled flight time. Do NOT pack any sharp objects in your carry-on luggage or they will be confiscated by security. Items such as pocketknives, tweezers, disposable razors, metal nail files, etc. must be packed in your checked luggage. All liquids and gels in your carry-on must be less than 3 oz. (100 ml) and fit in one plastic, one-quart, zip-top bag.

LAPTOP COMPUTERS AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT: Laptops, expensive jewelry and other electronic equipment are attractive to thieves. It is imperative that you carry these items on your person and not in your checked luggage. Regretfully, Seed Consultants and MTI cannot assume responsibility for these items in your luggage. Additionally, most airlines do not replace these items if lost. Simply stated, **do not give these items to bellmen, skycaps, or anyone else.**

CLIMATE AND ATTIRE: Temperatures should range from the mid-80s during the day to the low 70s in the evening. The following dress information should be helpful:

Casual: Dress totally for comfort. Shorts and t-shirts are appropriate.

Resort Casual: Sport shirts and dress shorts or pants for men. Skirts, blouses, sundresses, or pants for ladies.



MEALS & BEVERAGES: Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks are included for you daily at the resort. Room service is available 24 hours. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are included for you until 2:00 AM.

INTERNET & CELL PHONES: Complimentary high-speed internet is available throughout the hotel. Cell phone service in Punta Cana is dependent on your carrier. Please contact your carrier for international service plans.

HOSPITALITY DESK: During your stay at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, the Seed Consultants Hospitality Desk will be available to help make your stay more enjoyable. Stop by for any assistance you may need during the program.

GRATUITIES: Gratuities for all services and activities as outlined in the itinerary have been included for you by Seed Consultants. Gratuities for services you may receive on your own are at your discretion.

CURRENCY: The currency in Punta Cana is the Dominican Peso, but US dollars are readily accepted. It is not necessary to exchange money. In addition, MasterCard and Visa credit cards are accepted almost anywhere and American Express is accepted on a more limited basis. It is recommended that your card have a security chip for your protection against fraud.



ELECTRIC CURRENT: You do NOT need a converter and adapter plugs to operate your electrical appliances in Punta Cana due to the 110-volt current. Your room is equipped with a hair dryer.

TRAVEL SAFELY COVID PROTOCOL: Your health is our utmost priority and our team is committed to protecting your wellbeing by providing a comfortable and safe environment during your travels. Please be aware of the current guidelines when traveling:

- **Please bring multiple face masks with you. You may be required to wear it at certain times.**
- We recommend all guests strive to maintain 6' distance between themselves and others.
- Appropriate PPE is worn by all associates at the hotel and tour suppliers based on their responsibility in accordance with state and local regulations.
- Covid protocol mandates are subject to change at the discretion of the county, state, and federal government.

PERSONAL INCIDENTAL ACCOUNTS: The Hard Rock Hotel and Casino will establish an incidental account for you for items of a personal nature such as gift purchases, spa appointments, phone charges, laundry, etc. These items will be at your own expense and may be paid by you at check out by cash or credit card including American Express, Visa, MasterCard, Diner's Club and Discover Card. Do NOT use a debit card.

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR PROGRAM: Items of a strictly personal nature, such as laundry, medication and telephone calls, taxi, bus, optional tours, and entertainment that you may elect to take on your own that are not listed in the itinerary and any expenses associated with deviations from the scheduled program dates are not included.



DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY ONE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 21:

- This morning depart your home city for your international flight to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Upon arrival at the airport, you will be met and transferred to the deluxe Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.
- Enjoy a refreshing beverage during private check-in. Your afternoon is at leisure to explore this tropical resort. The Hard Rock an all-inclusive resort, so all meals and beverages are included during your stay.
- Join your colleagues this evening for a welcome party. Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner serving regional specialties.

Suggested Attire: Resort Casual

DAY TWO, SUNDAY, JANUARY 22:

- Enjoy breakfast at leisure at the resort this morning.
- This morning, all guests are asked to attend a brief orientation meeting.

Suggested Attire: Resort Casual

- Lunch is included at the resort.
- Dinner this evening is at leisure at the resort.

DAY THREE, MONDAY, JANUARY 23:

- Start your day with a breakfast buffet at leisure at the resort this morning.
- Your entire day is at leisure. Stop by the SCI Hospitality Desk for assistance in booking tours and excursions.
- Lunch is included for you at the resort.
- Dinner this evening is at leisure at your choice of restaurants on property.

DAY FOUR, TUESDAY, JANUARY 25:

- Start your day with a breakfast buffet at leisure at the resort this morning.
- Your entire day is at leisure. Lunch is included for you at the resort.
- Dinner is at leisure at your choice of restaurants on property.

DAY FIVE, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26:

- Your morning begins with a delicious breakfast buffet at the resort.
- Your entire day is at leisure to soak up some sun and relax. Lunch is included for you at the resort.
- Dinner is at leisure at your choice of restaurants on property.

DAY SIX, THURSDAY, JANUARY 27:

- Enjoy breakfast at leisure this morning at the resort.
- Your entire day is at leisure to relax by the pool, shop for souvenirs, or participate in the many activities offered at the resort.
- Lunch is included for you at the resort.
- Join your colleagues this evening for a farewell party. Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner serving regional specialties and full open bar.

Suggested Attire: Resort Casual

DAY SEVEN, FRIDAY, JANUARY 28:

- Enjoy your final breakfast buffet at the resort this morning.
- Check out of the resort according to the information you received yesterday. Your SCI Travel Staff will assist you. Private transportation will take you to the airport for your return flights back to the United States.

