

Get to know the Dominican Republic, a playground of tropical ecosystems and rich cultural history. Here, nature blends into metropolitan life as you glimpse beautifully restored monasteries and experience zip lining, snorkeling, and whitewater rafting. You'll also visit an environmental school to learn about the country's reforestation efforts and tour their mangroves.

# **EVERYTHING YOU GET:**



**Full-time Tour Director** 



Sightseeing: Comprehensive sightseeing of natural attractions



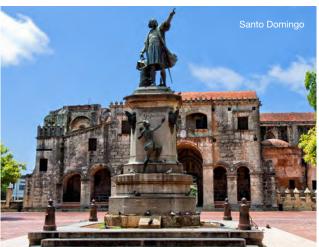
**Entrances:** Columbus' tomb; Tres Ojos Cave; whitewater rafting; Centro Leon museum; pottery-making workshop; street art tour; Teleferico; Fort San Felipe; Cayo Arena mangrove and snorkeling tour; zip line







All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; 3 meals daily (days 2-7); dinner on arrival day; breakfast on departure day







### **DAY 1: FLY TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Santo Domingo, the capital and largest city in the Dominican Republic. The oldest continuously inhabited European settlement in the Americas and the first seat of the Spanish colonial empire in the New World, the city's rich historic and cultural heritage greets you in an eclectic mix of Victorian houses, palm tree-lined boulevards, ultra-modern shopping centers, and traditional eateries.

### **DAY 2: SANTO DOMINGO**

- Dive into island life with an expertly guided sightseeing tour of the city.
- Visit Columbus' Tomb.
- Visit Tres Ojos Cave, a series of caves dotted with freshwater lagoons located in the eastern tip of Parque Mirador del Este.

### **DAY 3: JARABACOA**

- Transfer to Jarabacoa.
- Visit the Escuela Ambiamental, Jarabacoa's Environmental School, where you'll learn about reforestation efforts within the Dominican Republic.
- Experience a waterfall hike.
- Enjoy a whitewater rafting excursion.
- Soak up local flavor through a traditional Caribbean dinner and later, a dance lesson.

### DAY 4: SANTIAGO

- Travel to Santiago, the second-largest city in the Dominican Republic and a tropical hotspot for Caribbean textile industries.
- Visit the Centro León museum to view its impressive collection of art tracing Dominican life throughout the 20th century.
- Explore the art of local handcrafts during a pottery-making workshop.
- Art and urban exploration combine as you participate in a street art walking tour and meet with a local nonprofit focused on supporting art within the community.

# **DAY 5-6: NORTHERN COASTAL REGION**

- Continue on to the northern coastal region.
- Take in awe-inspiring views as you ride the cable car to the top of the massive Pico Isabel de Torres Mountain and enjoy a guided botanical garden tour at the summit.
- Explore Fort San Felipe, a historic Spanish fortress commissioned by King Felipe II of Spain in 1564 as a means of protecting the city from pirates.
- Visit the protected island of Cayo Arena for a snorkeling tour and boat ride through mangroves.

# DAY 7: NORTHERN COASTAL REGION I SANTIAGO

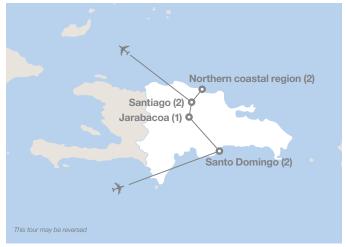
- Fly through the Dominican rainforest during a zip-line experience.
- Enjoy time on the beach orparticipate in a surf lesson.
- Transfer to Santiago.

### **DAY 8: DEPART FOR HOME**

Itinerary subject to change. For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the Booking Conditions.

# TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY OR EXPLORE

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