



The Dominican Republic

(GMT - 4 hours)

Geographic Overview: The Dominican Republic shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti, a former French colony. This Caribbean nation is a major tourist destination. Tourism and the Dominican Republic free trade zones have become key sources of revenue. Sugar, coffee and tobacco are among the main exports.

Area: 48,730 sq km (18,704 sq mi)

Capital City: Santo Domingo

Language: The official language is Spanish

People: Mixed 73%, European 16%, African origin 11%

Religion(s): Roman Catholic 95%

Currency: Dominican Peso (DOP)

Major political parties: Social Christian Reformist Party (PRSC), Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD), Dominican Liberation Party (PLD), and several other minor parties.

Government: Representative Democracy

International Direct Dialling Codes

00 1 809 + local number

Fixed Date National Holidays

1 January, 6 January, 21 January, 26 January, 27 February, 1 May, 26 May, 16 August, 6 November, 25 December

Variable Date National Holidays

Easter

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Dominican Republic Newspapers

<http://www.diariolibre.com> - Diario Libre

<http://www.elcaribecdn.com.do> - El Caribe

<http://www.elnacional.com.do> - El Nacional

<http://www.hoy.com.do/> - Hoy

<http://www.listin.com.do/app/frontpage.aspx> - Listin Diario

Dominican Republic - other useful contacts

<http://www.one.gov.do> - National Statistics Office

<http://www.bancentral.gov.do> - Central Bank Dominican Republic

<http://www.cedopex.gov.do> - Exports & Investment Centre