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Punta Cana

The Travel Guide — A Portfolio of Private Experiences

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Where the Atlantic meets the Caribbean — and the golf is the best in the region.

DISCOVER

The Island

Punta Cana sits on the eastern tip of the Dominican Republic, a sweep of white sand and turquoise water with a rare combination of natural beauty and polished, five-star infrastructure. At its heart is Cap Cana — a gated, master-planned enclave of oceanfront estates, championship golf and Juanillo's electric-blue sea.

Nearby, the livelier Bávaro brings beach clubs and nightlife, while the rugged north and the outer islands of Saona and Catalina offer untouched, postcard sand. It is a place of warm Dominican hospitality, merengue and bachata, world-record sportfishing and the Caribbean's finest fairways.

Best of all, it is a single hop from North America and Europe — paradise without the long haul.

GOOD TO KNOW

- Cap Cana — the luxury, villa & golf enclave
- Juanillo: electric-blue, calm & swimmable
- World's best Caribbean golf (Punta Espada)
- Saona & Catalina — the outer-island day
- Spanish-speaking; US dollar widely accepted
- Arrival: Punta Cana International (PUJ)
- High season Dec–Apr; warm year-round



Powder underfoot, every shade of blue beyond.

DISCOVER

The Beaches

Miles of palm-fringed sand ring the eastern coast — the serene, exclusive beaches of Cap Cana to the south, the lively resort strands and wild surf coast to the north. A few of our favourites:

CAP CANA & THE SOUTH

Juanillo

Cap Cana's icon — electric-blue, calm and swimmable, with chic beach clubs and no vendors.

Caleton Beach

A serene, exclusive cove within Cap Cana, for quiet days by the sea.

Api Beach

Cap Cana's lively beach club — music, cocktails and energy on the sand.

Playa Blanca

White sand and celebrated beachfront dining at Puntacana Resort & Club.

Dominicus (Bayahibe)

The gateway to Saona, an hour west — calm, shallow and family-friendly.

BÁVARO, MACAO & THE NORTH

Bávaro

The famous palm-lined strand — long, lively, and ready for every watersport.

El Cortecito

Bávaro's local heart, with fishing boats and beachfront seafood shacks.

Arena Gorda

A broad, golden stretch of soft sand on the resort coast.

Cabeza de Toro

Calmer and quieter, with steady wind for kitesurfing.

Macao

Wild and beautiful — the island's surf and dune-buggy beach.

Uvero Alto

Remote and secluded: miles of empty sand to the north.



Yacht-side fine dining, beach-club ceviche, and the soul of Dominican cooking.

DISCOVER

The Table — Dining

Punta Cana's table runs from the polished to the soulful. Marina Cap Cana lines the waterfront with fine dining and yacht-side tables; the beach clubs of Juanillo and Api serve ceviche, grilled octopus and rosé by the sand.

And then there is the real Dominican Republic — mofongo, fresh red snapper, sancocho and la bandera, washed down with aged rum. We hold the marina's best tables, arrange a private chef at your villa, or compose a yacht dinner at anchor.

HR INSIDER

For an unhurried evening, we love a sunset tapas stroll along the Marina Cap Cana boardwalk — drinks at one terrace, dinner at the next, and a nightcap back on your own villa veranda.

TASTES OF THE ISLAND

- Marina Cap Cana fine dining
- Juanillo & Api beach clubs
- Dominican classics & fresh seafood
- Aged rum & hand-rolled cigars
- Private chef at your villa
- Yacht-side dinners at anchor



What we tell our own guests before they go.

DISCOVER

The HR Insider

A few hints from the Haute Retreats concierge team — the small things that turn a good Punta Cana trip into a seamless one.

- **Cap Cana or Bávaro?** Cap Cana for serenity, five-star service and Juanillo's vendor-free, electric-blue sand; Bávaro for livelier dining and nightlife. Most of our guests choose to stay in Cap Cana.

- **Beat the seaweed** Sargassum can drift onto Bávaro in summer; Cap Cana's currents often spare Juanillo — but the only sure escape is a day at sea, so build a boat day into every stay.

- **One full day at sea** Dedicate a day to the outer islands. Catalina is quieter than Saona, with reef walls and an underwater sculpture park — go by private speedboat for the thrill, or catamaran to linger.

- **Tee off at sunrise** Book an early round at Punta Espada: your Cap Cana villa is minutes from the first tee, the air is cool, and the light on the sea holes is unforgettable. Always take a caddie.

- **When to come** December to April brings dry days, calm seas and 26–29°C. Reserve villas and festive weeks three or more months ahead — the best houses go first.

- **Arrival, made easy** PUJ airport is 10–25 minutes from Cap Cana. We arrange private transfers and a golf cart waiting in the driveway — the easiest way to move around the gated resort.

- **Tippling & provisioning** Staff gratuities follow local custom (around 8–10%, settled at the end of your stay). Send your grocery list ahead and the villa fridge is stocked before you land.

- **One for the album** For the famous hilltop swings over the landscape, ask us about Montaña Redonda; for a neon-blue freshwater plunge, Hoyo Azul, reached after a short jungle trail at Scape Park.



From the PUJ tarmac to your villa in minutes.

ARRIVAL

VIP Airport Meet & Greet

Your stay begins the moment you land. A dedicated agent meets you at Punta Cana International (PUJ), guides you through immigration and customs with a personalized welcome, and into a private transfer — Cap Cana is just ten to twenty-five minutes away.

We coordinate everything in advance: fast-track formalities, luggage, a golf cart waiting in the villa driveway, and a stocked kitchen with welcome drinks ready.

HR INSIDER

PUJ is one of the Caribbean's busiest airports, but transfers to Cap Cana are quick. We meet you airside so the queues are never your problem.

YOUR SERVICE INCLUDES

- Personal meet-and-greet on arrival
- Assistance through immigration & customs
- Luggage & portage assistance
- Private chauffeured transfer to your villa
- Golf cart & pre-arrival provisioning
- 24/7 concierge throughout your stay



Red snapper with limes the chef picked that morning.

AT THE VILLA

Private Chef in the Villa

Most of our Cap Cana villas come fully staffed, with a private chef.

The chef plans the menus, sources the freshest catch and tropical produce, and serves — beachside, poolside, or at a candlelit table.

Menus are fully bespoke: fresh red snapper and mahi, Dominican classics like mofongo and sancocho, a barefoot beach barbecue, or an elegant tasting paired with fine wine and aged rum. A market visit and hands-on session can be arranged for those who'd like to cook.

HR INSIDER

Where chef service is included, you pay only for the groceries. Staff gratuities follow local custom — around 8–10%, settled at the end of the stay.

YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

- Private chef (included in most staffed villas)
- Three meals a day plus snacks, bespoke
- Market & quayside sourcing
- Preparation, service & clean-up
- Beachside, poolside or formal settings
- Beach barbecue & rum pairing on request

Food & beverages are billed separately; send a grocery list ahead and the villa is stocked before arrival.



The spa under the palms, the trade winds doing the rest.

AT THE VILLA

In-Villa Spa & Wellness

Bring the spa to your villa terrace. A team of therapists arrives with everything required for massages, facials and body treatments, whether or not your villa has its own spa space.

Pair treatments with sunrise yoga or guided meditation by the pool or on the beach — a complete restorative morning, framed by the Caribbean below.

YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

- Therapists & equipment at the villa
- Massages, facials & body treatments
- Sunrise yoga & meditation on request
- Couples' & group sessions
- Detox refreshments & herbal teas

Best booked 48 hours ahead through your concierge.



Juanillo blue behind you, golden light all around.

AT THE VILLA

Strike a Pose — Villa Photoshoot

Your villa's architecture and Cap Cana's beaches make the perfect setting for a portrait or family shoot. A professional photographer joins you at the villa or on the sand for a relaxed, engaging session.

Dedicate part of a day; the edited photographs become a lasting memory — ideal for celebrations, proposals and milestone journeys.

YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

- Professional photographer
- Villa & beach portrait session
- Individual & group photos
- Reportage of leisure moments
- Photo editing & digital delivery

OPTIONAL

- Sunset or golden-hour session
- Proposal & celebration coverage



Merengue at dusk, a jazz trio by the pool, the warm night air.

AT THE VILLA

Entertainment & Celebrations

Live Music

A private performance at your villa — a merengue or bachata band, a Dominican jazz trio, a solo guitarist, or a DJ, drawing on the island's deep musical roots. Choose the mood for your celebration.

- Merengue / bachata band
- Dominican jazz trio
- Solo acoustic or full band

DJ, Bar & Beach Setups

A DJ for a poolside party, a mixologist crafting rum cocktails, and bespoke beach or terrace setups for proposals, anniversaries and milestone dinners.

- DJ set & sound
- Private rum mixologist
- Beach & terrace celebration setups



Empty palm-fringed sand, starfish in the shallows, not a building in sight.

ON THE WATER

Saona & Catalina Islands

The day that changes the whole trip. A private yacht or catamaran carries you to the protected islands of the Cotubanamá National Park — Saona's wide, undeveloped beaches and the famous natural pool, a waist-deep sandbar far offshore where starfish drift beneath the surface.

Quieter Catalina trades crowds for vivid reef walls and an underwater sculpture park, superb for snorkelling. On board, a chef prepares fresh ceviche and grilled lobster as you anchor in a hidden cove.

HR INSIDER

Skip the big party boats. We charter privately, and pair the islands with a fast speedboat transfer so more of your day is spent on sand, not in transit.

YOUR CHARTER INCLUDES

- Private yacht or catamaran & crew
- Saona & the natural-pool sandbar
- Catalina's reefs & sculpture park
- Snorkel gear & secluded landings
- Chef-prepared lunch & open bar
- Full-day excursion



Coral gardens, a rope swing, and a rum punch on the trampoline.

ON THE WATER

Catamaran & Snorkel Cruise

Closer to home, a private catamaran drifts the calm reefs off Cap Cana and Bávaro — snorkelling among coral gardens and tropical fish, with the chance of a sea turtle, in water so clear it suits even first-timers and young children.

Lounge on the nets, swim in the shallows, and raise a glass as the coastline slips past — a half-day of pure ease, or a sunset cruise to close the day.

YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

- Private catamaran with captain & crew
- Guided snorkelling on the reef
- Calm, clear water for all ages
- Open bar, rum punch & snacks
- Half-day or sunset cruise



Blue water and billfish, minutes from the marina.

ON THE WATER

Sportfishing — the Marlin Coast

The deep water off Punta Cana is among the Caribbean's premier sportfishing grounds, and the Cap Cana Marina is its hub — home to record-setting tournaments. A private charter with an expert captain runs offshore for blue and white marlin, mahi-mahi, wahoo and tuna.

Billfish are tagged and released; your catch of mahi or tuna can be brought home for the chef to prepare that evening.

HR INSIDER

Marlin run strongest from spring into late summer; the marina's tournament season is the connoisseur's window. We secure the best captains early.

YOUR CHARTER INCLUDES

- Private sportfishing boat & crew
- Marlin, mahi, wahoo & tuna
- Departs Cap Cana Marina
- Tackle, bait & refreshments
- Catch-and-release for billfish
- Half-day or full-day

The island's wild beach, where the surf rolls in.

ON THE COAST

Surfing at Macao

Macao, on the rugged coast north of the resorts, is Punta Cana's surf beach — a wide, beautiful sweep of sand with consistent breaks and local surf schools. Private instructors meet you for your first stand-up or to refine your technique, in warm, forgiving water.

It is also the island's adventure beach, reached on a dune-buggy run through the countryside — easily combined into one exhilarating day.

HR INSIDER

Mornings bring the cleanest surf and the calmest light. Go early, then let the buggy and a beach lunch carry you through the afternoon.

YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

- Private surf instructor & board
- Lessons for all levels
- The wild sands of Macao
- Combine with a buggy adventure
- Photos of your session on request



Eight holes on the sea at Punta Espada; the rest in paradise.

ON LAND

Golf — the Caribbean's Capital

No region golfs like the Dominican Republic. At Cap Cana, Jack Nicklaus's Punta Espada — ranked the #1 course in the Caribbean & Mexico — sends eight holes along and over the sea. Within Puntacana Resort, Corales hosts the PGA Tour and finishes on a cliff-edge hole suspended above the ocean, while La Cana threads coconut groves.

An hour west at Casa de Campo, Pete Dye's legendary Teeth of the Dog ranks among the finest courses on earth. We arrange tee times, caddies, club rental and transfers across them all.

HR INSIDER

Book the first tee time of the day: cool air, empty fairways, and the morning light on Punta Espada's sea holes is the round you'll remember.

WE CAN ARRANGE

- Punta Espada (Nicklaus, #1 in Caribbean)
- Corales (PGA Tour) & La Cana
- Teeth of the Dog at Casa de Campo
- Tee times, caddies & club rental
- Private transfers & clubhouse dining



A neon-blue cenote at the foot of a limestone cliff.

ON LAND

Hoyo Azul, Cenotes & Scape Park

At Cap Cana's Scape Park, a short jungle trail leads to Hoyo Azul — a startlingly blue freshwater cenote at the base of a sheer cliff, cool and clear for a swim. The eco-park adds zip-lines through the canopy, cave expeditions and cultural stops.

It is the island's best half-day of adventure, minutes from the Cap Cana villas, and a hit with families and couples alike.

HR INSIDER

Do the cenote first, early, before the day-trippers arrive — the water is at its clearest and the trail at its coolest. Then take on the zip-lines.

YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

- Hoyo Azul cenote swim
- Zip-line canopy circuit
- Cave & eco-trail expeditions
- Guided, family-friendly options
- Minutes from Cap Cana



Hooves on the sand, or wheels through the backcountry.

ON LAND

Horseback & Dune-Buggy Adventure

Horseback on the Beach

Ride along the sand and through the countryside on a guided trail, with gentle horses for all levels and sunset rides for couples — an unhurried way to see the real Dominican landscape.

- Guided beach & country trails
- All levels & sunset rides
- Calm, well-kept horses

Dune-Buggy & ATV

Throttle through the backcountry to Macao — muddy trails, a local cacao and coffee stop, and a wild beach finish. Spirited, dusty and a great deal of fun.

- Buggy or ATV with guide
- Countryside, Macao & river crossings
- Cacao, coffee & cigar stop



A Mediterranean village above a jungle river, an hour west.

BEYOND

Altos de Chavón & La Romana

A scenic drive west brings you to Casa de Campo and Altos de Chavón — a re-created 16th-century Mediterranean village perched above the Chavón river, all cobblestones, artisan workshops, galleries and a Grecian amphitheatre that has hosted legendary concerts.

It pairs naturally with the resort's marina, its polo grounds, and a round on Teeth of the Dog, or a boat to Catalina from nearby Bayahibe — a refined, cultured counterpoint to the beach.

HR INSIDER

Time your visit for late afternoon: the village is golden at sunset, the crowds thin, and dinner at the marina is the perfect close.

YOUR DAY INCLUDES

- Private guide & transport
- Altos de Chavón village & amphitheatre
- Artisan workshops & galleries
- Casa de Campo Marina & polo
- Pairs with golf or a Catalina sail



The island's three great pleasures, mastered.

CULTURE

Rum, Cigars & Chocolate

The Dominican Republic is a giant of rum and the world's source of fine cigars, and tasting them at the source is a pleasure in itself. A private tasting walks you through aged Dominican rums; a master roller teaches you to hand-roll your own cigar.

Add the island's cacao heritage — a bean-to-bar chocolate experience and a tasting of Dominican coffee — for a delicious window into the culture, arranged privately at your villa or on a guided outing.

HR INSIDER

Hand-rolled cigars and a bottle of aged rum are the island's finest take-home gifts — we'll have them waiting, boxed, before you depart.

WE CAN ARRANGE

- Private aged-rum tasting
- Hand-rolled cigar master class
- Bean-to-bar chocolate experience
- Dominican coffee tasting
- At your villa or on a guided tour



A welcome waiting at the door.

AT THE VILLA

Celebrate! In-Villa Gift Packages

For a special occasion, or simply a warm welcome for those you love, we deliver curated gift packages to your villa in good time for your arrival or celebration — thoughtfully selected Dominican products and finishing touches.

- **Flower arrangement** + artisan chocolates

- **Rum Welcome** aged Dominican rum, mixers & fresh garnishes on arrival

- **Say Cheese!** gourmet cheese, charcuterie & sparkling wine

- **Champagne Welcome** chilled Champagne & canapés on arrival

- **Celebration Cake** birthday, anniversary or special-occasion cake

- **Dominican Hamper** estate coffee, bean-to-bar chocolate & local preserves

- **Cigar & Rum Lounge** hand-rolled cigars paired with a fine aged rum

- **Little Explorers** a children's welcome of treats, toys & beach kit

Please share your card message with the order. Best arranged in advance of arrival.

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