

Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic



Nicknamed the Amber Coast for its abundance of amber deposits, the north coast of this Caribbean Island is the place where Christopher Columbus first set foot on Dominican soil. Today, this area is a thriving tourist scene complete with resorts, golf courses, casinos, restaurants, nightspots, historical landmarks, and shopping. The area is great for families with a string of golden-sand beaches and charming nearby towns to explore. There's also much for the active traveler, including snorkeling, windsurfing, ATV tours, and more.

Puerto Plata offers visitors a plethora of recreational and sightseeing opportunities. Take a cable car ride to the top of Isabel de Torres Mountain and enjoy a breathtaking view of the valley and coastline. Visit the Amber Museum to see an astonishing collection of semi-precious gems. Explore the 16th-century Fort San Felipe, originally built by Spaniards to ward off invaders. Make sure you leave ample time for a visit to the Brugal rum factory. Splash in the waters off Sosúa and Cararete, two areas highly praised for their water fun.

For golfers, there is an exquisite Robert Trent Jones-designed, 18-hole course located in the heart of the Playa Dorada complex. Another Robert Trent Jones course is farther east at the Allegro Playa Grande hotel.

Amber is widely available in the Dominican Republic and can be found fashioned into rings, necklaces, pins, and pendants in the many shops around Puerto Plata. Also unique to the area is a light blue stone swirled with white—larimar—that looks much like the ever-present blue skies airbrushed with clouds. It is most often set in sterling silver, but at some of the higher-end boutiques, can be found set in 14K gold.

Package Includes:

- Choice of accommodations
- Hotel taxes
- Roundtrip transfers between airport and hotel
- Luggage handling at hotel
- Maid and bellman gratuities
- Assistance of a local destination representative

What's the climate like?

	Winter	Spring	Summer	Autumn
Average High	85° F	85° F	90° F	89° F
Average Low	67° F	67° F	73° F	72° F
Average Rainfall	7.0"	4.2"	2.9"	5.0"

Water temperature ranges from 83°F in the summer to 78°F in the winter.