



Bayahibe March 27- April 3, 2021



ACCOMMODATION, HILTON LA ROMANA RESORT & SPA

Located on the magnificent southeast coast of the Dominican Republic. Hilton La Romana Resort & Spa presents an enchanting Caribbean haven on the best beach in Bayahibe. The property has been awarded the Blue Flag Beach Certification, a world-renowned eco-label for meeting strict environmental, educational and safety-related standards. Hilton's private world of all-inclusive luxury gives you one of nature's most pristine beaches, exquisite accommodations, with true gourmet dining.



Diver package includes:

- 7 nights, 8 days in corresponding room category in the 5-star hotel Hilton La Romana 24 hours all inclusive in the adults-only section of the resort. (2 Buffet restaurants, 7 a la carte restaurants, minibar, WIFI)
- All meals and beverages are offered at the hotel's restaurants and bars and are available during regular hours of operation. Any unused portions of the package are nonrefundable or exchangeable for any other services.
- Direct roundtrip transportation from/to Punta Cana Airport
- 4 x double tank dives (boat, guide, water on board, gear storage, tanks and weights). All our boats have sun cover.
- Catalina Island Dive excursion (double tank dive, lunch and drinks included)
- All resort taxes and gratuities

Non diver package includes:

- 7 nights, 8 days in corresponding room category in the 5-star hotel Hilton La Romana 24 hours all inclusive in the adults-only section of the resort. (2 Buffet restaurants, 7 a la carte restaurants, minibar, WIFI)
- All meals and beverages are offered at the hotel's restaurants and bars and are available during regular hours of operation. Any unused portions of the package are nonrefundable or exchangeable for any other services.
- Direct roundtrip transportation from/to Punta Cana Airport
- Catalina Island snorkel excursion (lunch and drinks included, private beach)
- All resort taxes and gratuities

YOUR ALL INCLUSIVE PLAN:

The hotel offers the following services and amenities as part of the all-inclusive plan:

- Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks

The following services and/or amenities **are not included as part of the All- Inclusive Plan:**

- Laundry / dry cleaning charges
- Bottles of wine and liquors
- Local / long distance phone
- Spa services and treatments
- Gift shop purchases
- Motorized water and land sports
- All lessons: tennis, water-sports, golf, etc.
- Off-site tours

BAR AND LOUNGES:

- Coffee shop – premium coffee and light snacks
- Caribbean restaurant (adults only)
- Seafood restaurant (adults only)
- Asian restaurant (adults only)
- International buffet
- Poolside bar
- Nightclub & casino
- Lobby bar
- Mediterranean restaurant (adults only)
- French cuisine restaurant
- Italian cuisine restaurant
- Steak restaurant
- Trattoria

ENTERTAINMENT

Live music & dancing, theme party nights, movies at the beach, water park, lazy pool river, sports lounge club.

ACTIVITIES

Windsurfing, catamarans, kayaks, snorkeling, pool games, aerobics, beach volleyball, euro-bungee, ocean trampoline.

WELLNESS SPA

(Available at additional cost). Complete spa menu of body treatments and rejuvenating therapies. Juice bar with fresh fruits. Full service beauty salon.

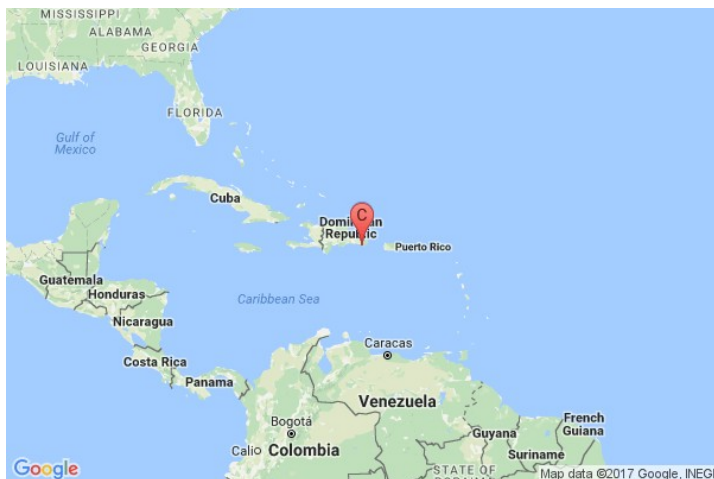
GYM

Gym Hours: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. The facilities include: • Free weights • Treadmill • Elliptical bikes • Nordic track.

COVID 19 TEST

It has been arranged for the whole group FOC on Thursday 1st of April, starting from 1:00 pm. Results will be issued by email to each guest.

QUICK FACTS: HOW TO ENTER IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



- Passport Validity: 6 months past date of return
- Blank Passport pages: 1 page required for entry stamp
- Tourist Visa required: Not required for visits shorter than 30 days
- Vaccinations: None required if arriving from USA
- Currency Restrictions for Exit: \$10,000 and over or its equivalent must be declared

HEALTH FACTS

For emergency services in the Dominican Republic, dial 911 or 809-200-3500. Be aware that U.S. Medicare/Medicaid does not apply overseas. Most hospitals and doctors overseas do not accept U.S. health insurance. **Medical Insurance:** Make sure your health insurance plan provides coverage overseas. Most care providers overseas only accept cash payments. It is strongly recommended to obtain supplemental insurance to cover medical evacuation. Always carry your prescription medication in original packaging. **Tap Water:** Tap water is unsafe to drink. Bottled water and beverages are considered safe.

TRANSPORTATION

Driving conditions vary across the country. Drive defensively and with extreme caution. Consider hiring a professional driver instead of driving yourself. Avoid unregulated taxis, which also often lack basic safety features. Use a reputable taxi service, either one recommended by your hotel or a well-known, vetted company. It is recommended to bring plenty of \$1, \$5, \$10 bills so that you can tip or pay your taxi fee without having problem.

CURRENCY

The country's official currency is the Dominican peso (DOP). Many establishments accept American dollars, but you will generally get a better rate when paying in pesos. However, if you pay in US \$, you will receive change in Dominican Pesos. If you want to change Pesos, you can do it at the Hotel Reception. **Current exchange rate is around \$1 = DOP 58**

AT PUNTA CANA AIRPORT

Once you land in Punta Cana, you need to clear the immigration clearance first. Just make sure you have with you the 2 forms that you have filled on the plane: the Dominican Republic tourist visa and the custom declaration. In addition, travelers no longer need to provide a negative PCR or COVID-19 test upon arrival. Prior to departure, travelers should confirm with their airline provider and airport of origin regarding any testing or other related requirements for inbound flights to the Dominican Republic, or necessary requirements needed upon arrival to their country of origin.

Traveler's Health Affidavit: passengers will be required to fill out and submit this printed form until March 31, 2021. Once immigration clearing is done, you will head to the baggage claim and afterwards queue at the security luggage scanner. When everything is cleared, bear in mind that if you want to keep your luggage trolley with you, there is a \$1 fee for each baggage to pay to the porter, and he will bring everything directly to your van. Otherwise you have to drop the trolley inside the airport and walk with your baggage. Just

outside the airport there will be a **SCUBA CARIBE** staff waiting for you and showing you the way to your bus. You will see the sign with SCUBA CARIBE logo. You can use this contact number in case of need:

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WELCOME TO LA ROMANA

The bus ride normally takes around 45 minutes, and you will reach La Romana. Overflowing in natural riches from a poster-worthy Caribbean coastline to world-class golf courses, La Romana is one of the country's top destination picks. Fields of sugar cane lead to continuous white sand beaches from Dominicus to Bayahibe. Cave-riddled forests inside Cotubanamá National Park are home to fresh water springs and Taino rock art. Offshore, the islands of Saona, Catalina, and Catalinita are lined with turtle nesting stretches facing pristine coral reefs, while shipwrecks teeming with marine life rest at shallow and extreme depths. The largest sugar cane mill in the Americas was once headquartered in La Romana, until its owners diversified and ventured into tourism by opening the luxurious Casa de Campo Resort in 1974, a celebrity favorite and renowned destination for its award-winning Pete Dye golf courses. The adjacent 16th century Altos de Chavón followed, a stunning replica of a Mediterranean village towering over the Chavón River, and bustling with entertainment, including an outdoor Grecian amphitheater where Grammy-winning artists perform every year. The little town of Bayahibe is easy to reach, just five minutes walk from Hilton beach. There you can find some restaurants, local shops and souvenirs.

SAFE DIVING PRACTICES

As a responsible diver, I understand and assume the risks I may encounter while diving. Responsible Diving begins with:

- dive within the limits of your ability and certification
- Evaluate conditions before every dive
- Be familiar and take care of your equipment before and after every dive
- Always dive with a buddy and know their ability level
- Be environmentally conscious
- **Always** listen to the briefing of your guides and captains

SCUBA DIVING QUICK FACTS

Diving in Bayahibe is possible all year-round thanks to our outstanding weather conditions. The average visibility is 66 feet. In winter, the coldest water temp. is around 79°F, in summer the hottest temp reaches 88°F. The wetsuit recommended is a 1/4". We use aluminium tanks of 80 cubic feet capacity.

DIVE SITES IN BAYAHIBE

Here is a sample of the most popular dive sites in Bayahibe.



DIVING SCHEDULE AND DIVE SITES

On Sunday 28th, there will be the welcome and orientation at our diving shop. You can claim your welcome package, get to know the staff and be briefed about your gear storage, groups organization, meeting times etc. Afterwards we will assist you with the weight check dive from the beach.

BOAT / TEAM	GUIDES	MON 29TH	TUE 30TH	WED 31ST	THU 1ST	FRI 2ND
Aeternita 24 pax RED	Emiliano Lola Edward El Rubio	Coca Wreck 45-50 ft	Penon 40 ft	Catalina wall max 100 ft	Guaragao I 40-50 ft	Dos Cocos 60-80 ft
		Atlantic Princess 40 ft	Tortuga 40 ft	Catalina aquarium 40 ft	Viva Shallow 35 ft	Guaragao II 40 ft
Gandalf 24 pax GREEN	Lucia Allan Matia Pavel	Guaragao I 40-50 ft	Coca Wreck 45-50 ft	Catalina wall max 100 ft	Penon 40 ft	Guasumil 50-90 ft
		Viva Shallow 35 ft	Atlantic Princess 40 ft	Catalina aquarium 40 ft	Tortuga 40 ft	Coco reef 40 ft
Batato 12 pax YELLOW	Liliana Noe'	Guaragao II 40-50 ft	Aquarium 40 ft	Catalina wall max 100 ft	Coca Wreck 45-50 ft	El circulo 50-66 ft
		Coco reef 40 ft	Tortuga 40 ft	Catalina aquarium 40 ft	Atlantic Princess 40 ft	Viva Shallow 35 ft
Kaneeto 4 pax BLUE	Berlin	Aquarium 40 ft	Guaragao I 40-50 ft	Catalina wall max 100 ft	Guaragao II 40-50 ft	Coca Wreck 45-50 ft
		Tortuga 40 ft	Viva Shallow 35 ft	Catalina aquarium 40 ft	Coco reef 40 ft	Atlantic Princess 40 ft

* Please note that all our boats can only operate with a 50% capacity due to covid-19 safety rules. All the passengers are obliged to wear masks on board.

Aquarium | Depth 40 feet – 50 feet | Level: all levels

Shallow Caribbean reefs nestled in front of the Parque Nacional del Este national park with coral and marine sponges, as well as typical Caribbean marine life.

Atlantic Princess Wreck | Depth: 40 feet | Level: all levels



The Atlantic Princess, which ran around Bayahibe in the past was getting ready to be intentionally sunk and turned into an artificial reef for scuba divers. On 15 August 2008 during Tropical Storm Fay big waves took it to the beach beside Dreams La Romana Resort.

The local paper said: "The boat was an attraction for tourists staying at hotels in the east, especially in the La Romana, Dominicus and Bayahibe area during the winter holidays. It has been decontaminated and prepared for the sinking. The Environment and Tourism Ministries as well as the Navy will take part in this venture.

Officials say the boat will be ready in about 15 days, once 100,000 gallons of contaminated water on board the ship have all been removed." Well it took a bit longer, another date was set for December and then one day, May 6 2009 exactly, the boat disappeared by itself, unfortunately in a shallow location, and many experts say that a surge from any major storm will probably destroy it. But for now we have a new wreck that can be enjoyed even by new divers.

Isla Catalina Wall | Depth: 60 to 100 feet | Level: Open and Advanced



The Wall is on the east side of Catalina Island and is a drop, starting at about 16ft and descends down to 131ft+ depth, with good visibility between 32ft to 65ft. You will find that the underwater ecosystem around Catalina Island is full of sea life. There is also a wide selection of corals and sponges of all different shapes, colours and sizes. There's a wide selection of Caribbean fish and plant life and is the perfect scuba diving and snorkeling spot around the island in the Dominican Republic. The lower part of the wall sequesters green and black coral, as well as huge sea sponges.

Catalina Aquarium | Depth: 30 feet | Level: all levels

A shallow Caribbean reef with very good visibility and a 1m to 3m drop. Here you will see coral and marine sponges, as well as typical Caribbean marine life.

El Peñon | Depth: 50 feet | Level: Open Water

A shallow garden surrounds this beautiful Caribbean reef containing a great variety of corals and sea sponges in a variety of vibrant colors, populated by typical Caribbean marine life. This reef is the most fish-populated area in the East National Park (Parque Nacional del Este). There are many colorful fishes and beautiful corals. You might see moray eels peeking out from their little caves, Atlantic stingrays gliding elegantly over the sand and very occasionally, we might even see turtles and nurse sharks too.

Guaraguo 2 | Depth: 50 feet | Level: all levels

This sand-filled space between small coral walls is home to a large collection of colorful fish and canons from a shipwreck dating back to the 1700's. The underwater world is intact and very beautiful with many soft and hard corals, spider crabs, anemones, sea cucumbers and king crabs climbing on the reef. It is ideal for taking beautiful underwater photos.

Viva Shallow | Depth: 50 feet | Level: all levels

As the name suggests, the dive site is in front of Viva resort. An awesome spot with beautiful corals and marine life to look at. It is part of the same reef that goes from Viva Shallow and continues along the coast all the way to El Peñon and Piscina Natural. Right from the 16 ft you will see some pirate cannons and an ancient anchor, many different species of fish and colorful corals, morays, lobster, trunk fish, ball fish, whiptail stingrays, and sometimes with some patience even seahorses.

Coco Reef | Depth: 40 feet | Level: all levels

It is located about 1/3 of a mile from the shore of the Catalonia Resort. It is a very diversified dive site, beside various colorful fish and corals, you can also visit a coral garden. It is a project started by FUNDEMAR (an organization protecting marine life) and as the name suggests, it is re-growing new corals and re-planting them very successfully.

Scuba Caribe team can't wait to welcome you and give you our best Caribbean experience!

