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GOLFERS IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ENJOY DESIGNER COURSES AND SOPHISTICATED LIFESTYLE

With 23 courses and more on the way, the DR is golfer's paradise

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (AUG. 30, 2009) –The Dominican Republic (DR) is blessed with breathtaking countryside, over 800 miles of pristine white-sand beaches and is also home to some of the world's most dramatic and spectacular golf courses. Designed by legends such as Pete Dye, P.B. Dye, Jack Nicklaus, Robert Trent Jones, Gary Player, Tom Fazio and Nick Faldo, the DR attracts golf champions, golf enthusiasts and those who enjoy the golf lifestyle.

“The DR is an important destination for golf lovers and those who love the luxury golfer's lifestyle. Our island paradise features world-class golf courses set amid stunning sea sides, beaches and mountains in an accessible destination with eight international airports. World-class hotels, championship golf courses and upscale hotels with lavish pampering make the DR one of the hottest spots to tee-off in the Caribbean,” said Magaly Toribio, Vice Minister of International Promotion for the Dominican Republic.

Since the first designer golf course opened in the DR, *Teeth of the Dog*, at the world-popular Casa de Campo resort, the DR's golf offerings have drawn visitors from around the globe. Recently named the “Golf Destination of the Year for the Caribbean and Latin America” by the International Association of Golf Tour Operators (IAGTO) and with 23 courses, the DR also boasts several new golf courses in development.

Not only has the DR been notably recognized by the IAGTO for its oceanfront fairways lined with coconut palms, but has been deemed by top-tier travel and golf publications as a preeminent destination for golf. Recent honors include:

- *Travel & Leisure Golf* recognized the DR as “The Player's Paradise,” honoring the Faldo Legacy Course at Roco Ki as one of the top 10 best new golf courses in the world in 2008.
- *Golfweek's* “Best Courses of the Caribbean and Mexico” 2009 ranked Cap Cana's Punta Espada #1, Casa de Campo's Teeth of the Dog #3, Dye Fore #7 and Links #37, La Romana Country Club #19 and Roco Ki's Faldo Legacy #20.
- *Golf* magazine ranked Casa de Campo's Teeth of the Dog “The Best Golf” in the Caribbean in 2009 and #42 on its “Top 100 World Courses” in 2009.
- *Celebrated Living* included DR's East Coat golf courses, La Cana and Teeth of the Dog, among its “Top 20 International Golf Courses” in 2009.

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DR Golf Courses:

East Coast (Punta Cana, Bávaro, La Romana, Bayahibe)

- Dye Fore (Designed by Pete Dye) www.casadecampo.com.do
- Links (Championship course designed by Pete Dye) www.casadecampo.com.do
- Teeth of the Dog (Championship course designed by Pete Dye) www.casadecampo.com.do
- PUNTACANA Resort & Club's La Cana Golf Course (Championship course designed by P.B. Dye) www.puntacana.com
- Punta Blanca (Designed by Nick Price) www.punta-blanca.com
- Cocotal Golf and Country Club (Designed by Pepe Gancedo) www.cocotalgolf.com
- Golf de Bavaro (Designed by Juan Manuel Gordillo) www.barcelo.com
- Corales Golf Course (Designed by Tom Fazio) www.puntacana.com
- Las Iguanas Golf Course (Designed by Jack Nicklaus) www.capcana.com
- Punta Espada Golf Course (Designed by Jack Nicklaus) www.capcana.com
- Faldo Legacy Course (Designed by Nick Faldo) www.rocoki.com
- Catalonia Cabeza de Toro Golf Club (Designed by Alberto Sola) www.hoteles-catalonia.com
- White Sands Golf Course (Designed by Pepe Gancedo) www.whitesands.com
- La Estancia Golf Resort (Designed by P.B. Dye) www.legr.com

South Central Coast (Santo Domingo, Boca Chica, Juan Dolio)

- Guavaberry Golf & Country Club (Champion Course Designed by Gary Player) www.guavaberrygolf.com
- Las Lagunas Country Club (Inspired by Pete Dye) www.laslagunas.com.do
- Los Marlins Golf Course (Designed by international award-winning architect Charles Ankrum) www.groupmetro.com

North Coast (Puerto Plata, Cabarete)

- Playa Dorada Golf Club (Designed by Robert Trent Jones) www.playadoradagolf.com
- Playa Grande Golf Club (Designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr.) www.playagrande.com

Central Region (Santiago, Jarabacoa)

- Las Aromas Golf Club (Designed by Pete Dye) Call (809) 836-3064
- Jarabacoa Golf Club (Designed by Luis de Pool) Call (809) 782-9883

In Development

- Las Iguanas Golf Course (Designed by Jack Nicklaus) www.capcana.com
- La Hacienda (Designed by P.B. Dye) www.puntacana.com
- Corales Golf Course (Designed by Tom Fazio) www.puntacana.com
- Las Terrenas Country Club – Samaná
- Costa Blanca (Designed by Greg Norman) www.costablanca.com.do

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The Dominican Republic's first tourist was Christopher Columbus in 1492. Rich in history, the DR has developed into a diverse destination offering both Dominican and European flavors to more than one million U.S. visitors each year. Named #1 Golf Destination in Caribbean & Latin America by the International Association of Golf Tour Operators, the DR boasts 25 designer golf courses, upscale resorts, pristine nature, and sophisticated cities and quaint villages filled with warm Dominican people. The DR features the best beaches, fascinating history and culture, and is a chosen escape for celebrities, couples and families alike. Visit the Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism's official Web site at: www.GoDominicanRepublic.com.