



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ANNUAL EVENTS 2019

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ALL YEAR-ROUND

January– December **Santo Domingo de Fiesta:** A free outdoor show with Dominican folk dancers held every Friday and Saturday at the Plaza de España in the Colonial City of Santo Domingo from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

January– December **Grupo Bonyé at the Colonial City:** Free musical performances of son and merengue held every Sunday at the Ruinas de San Francisco in the Colonial City of Santo Domingo, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

JANUARY

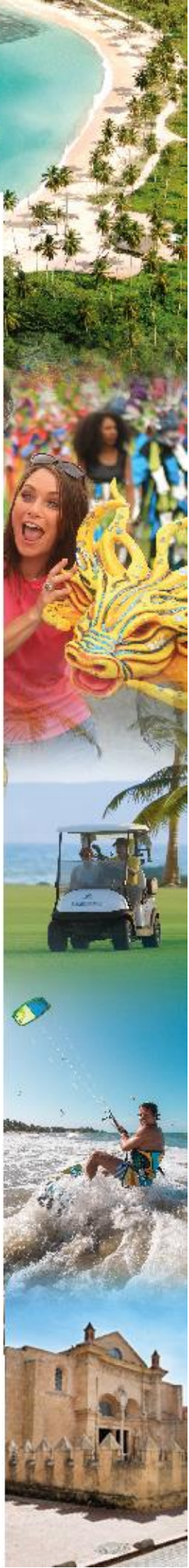
January – March **Whale Watching in Samaná:** Watch around 1,500 to 2,000 whales that migrate to the waters of the Samaná Bay on a guided boat tour. The official whale-watching season runs from mid-January to March, but tours are available as long as whales are in the bay.

January 18 - 20 **Caribbean Laser Midwinter Regatta:** The Annual Caribbean Laser Midwinter Regatta kicks off the world’s Laser Regatta calendar every January in Cabarete, the Kiteboarding Capital of the World. This event attracts top sailors from around the world and is hosted by the Laser Training Center with the assistance of the Dominican Sailing Federation. www.caribwind.com

FEBRUARY

February **Dominican Carnival:** With origins dating back to 1520, Dominican Carnival is a tradition inherited from Spanish forefathers. Celebrated every Sunday of February, carnival parades and entertainment vary by city, among them Puerto Plata, Punta Cana, Río San Juan, Bonao, Constanza, La Vega, Montecristi, Samaná, Higüey, Barahona, Cabarete, Santiago and Santo Domingo. La Vega is home to the most popular celebration in Dominican Republic. Some final parades are celebrated in March. www.cultura.gob.do

February 9 **Punta Cana Carnival:** Visitors and locals alike celebrate the carnival at Boulevard November 1st in Puntacana Village. The annual parade features carnival groups from over 15 provinces throughout the country and international ones, with more than 1,000 costumed characters and live performances. www.puntacana.com



February 17 - 22 **Festival Procigar:** More than 300 people from around the world gather at the Procigar Festival in La Romana and Santiago. The event includes a golf tournament, beach excursions, merengue classes, cigar workshops and more. www.procigar.org

February 23 - 28 **Master of the Ocean:** is a unique extreme championship for true water sports athletes, where they have to showcase their skills and battle over wind and waves, in the disciplines of surfing, windsurfing, kitesurfing and SUP. All in the amazing setting that is Cabarete, on the north shore of the Dominican Republic. Four watersports, one champion. www.masteroftheocean.com

MARCH

March 3 **National Carnival Parade:** Held along the Malecón of Santo Domingo, typical carnival characters from around Dominican Republic troop in colorful sync, creating an unforgettable show. www.cultura.gob

March 22 **Caribbean Cigar Night:** With the country's longstanding history of producing some of the finest cigars in the world, this event, held in Puerto Plata, attracts a wide audience to learn about and sample some of the most prestigious local and international brands. The event also offers fine dining and live music. www.cigarnightpop.com

March 25 - 31 **PGA Tour 2019:** For the second year running, Dominican Republic will serve as the host country for the PGA TOUR, the main American professional golf circuit for men. The 2019 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship will be held at the Tom Fazio-designed Corales course, where more than 132 professional players will have the chance to earn FedEx Cup points and carry a purse of US\$3 million. www.puntacana.com

March 26 – 28 **Dominican Annual Tourism Exchange (DATE):** Dominican Republic's National Hotel & Tourism Association, ASONAHORES, hosts the country's most important event for the tourism industry, DATE, which will be held at BlueMall Puntacana. Business exchange where International Wholesalers, Tour Operators, Incentive Groups, Airlines, Charter Operators and Buyers can meet and conduct business with the Dominican Republic's leading tourism suppliers. www.asonahores.com

APRIL

April 26- May 5 **International Book Fair:** Celebrated in the Colonial City of Santo Domingo; where writers, expert speakers and editors come together to participate in the fair. www.cultura.gob.do

MAY

May **Barbarella:** One of the biggest electronic music events in the Dominican Republic, and it is presented by Cervecería Nacional Dominicana, which has had the commitment to do this kind of entertainment events for thousands of followers and consumers. www.barbarellabypresidente.com

May 15 - 19 **Taste Santo Domingo:** The most complete gastronomic event in the country. Here you can enjoy many activities like tastings, dinners, private events and awards as well as the exquisite cuisine that Dominican Republic offers. www.taste.do

JUNE

June **The Restaurant Week:** It is the gastronomic route that integrates the most emblematic restaurants of the city, through a tour of the different establishments, which is registered in a RW passport, that allows the diner to have access to the tasting menu, which is prepared exclusively for that week, at an accessible price, besides receiving a stamp in the passport to receive discounts and prizes. www.asonahores.com

June **Expo Turismo Santiago:** Held at the Gran Almirante Convention Center in Santiago, this holiday fair involves airlines, cruise lines, tour operators and hotels that will offer attractive rates and tour packages, providing the public the opportunity to take advantage of special rates.

June **Puerto Plata Golf Classic:** This event has quickly become a favorite for local golfers, as well as foreign players. It takes place at the Playa Dorada Golf Course, designed by the renowned Robert Trent Jones. www.ashonorte.com

June 2 - 9 **100K del Caribe:** A seven-day 100 km Caribbean marathon that spans from Cabarete to Samaná. The race will break into five stages Cabarete (10 km), Puerto Plata (17.5 km), Rancho Magante (18 km), Las Terrenas (45.5 km) y Samaná (12 km). www.100kmdelcaribe.com

June 13 **Punta Cana Food Fest:** A gastronomic festival that combines high-end gastronomy with the Caribbean paradisiacal ambiance of Punta Cana. www.puntacana.com

June 27 - 29 **Caribbean Tourism Exchange (BTC):** The BTC is held at the Dominican Fiesta Hotel & Casino in Santo Domingo and aims to market, promote and sell tourism products and services. www.btc.com.do

JULY

July - September **Verano Presidente:** The Cervecería Nacional Dominicana celebrates summer with spice space where the audience will experience every weekend the most trilling and exciting event parties and surprises. Live musical performances, games, national and international DJs, a special assembly, among other attractions, in the different regions of the country. www.presidente.com.do

July 19 - 20 **Dominican Rum Festival:** The attendees of the Dominican Rum Festival will be able to enjoy a great exhibition and tastings of fine Rums from the Dominican Republic and international brands. Different events will also be offered, such as concerts, tastings, seminars, lectures, workshops, cocktail contests and gastronomic tastings, among other attractions. www.dominicanrumfestival.com.do

July 22 - 29

The Cabarete Kite Festival: It is an epic celebration in honor of water sports, the protection of our oceans and the spirit of entrepreneurship. This event is full of kitesurfing at its best, connectivity, surf sessions and music at sunset on the beach of Cabarete.
www.cabaretekitefestival.com

SEPTEMBER

September

Long Night of the Museums: In this cultural event open to the public, you will be able to discover the beauty of the Dominican monuments and patrimony through artistic programs at the museums and historic centers of the Colonial City, which will be open from 9:00am to 12:00am, free of charge. There will be a program with educational and artistic activities with live statues, concerts, workshops and guided tours.
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September

Feast of the Sea Barahona "Regata Palito Seco": A sailing competition in the magnificent Bay of Barahona. Enjoy the sweet tropical winds and waves of the beautiful beaches of Barahona, in a sport and relaxed atmosphere. The categories that participate are Laser (Radial and Standard), Optimist, Sunfish, Windsurfing and Paddle.

September 11 - 13

XXXIII Commercial Exhibition ASONAHORES 2019: The annual trade show, held in Punta Cana, promotes products and services offered by local hotel and restaurant suppliers. The program also includes cooking contests, food tastings, auctions, events, product launches and more, at BlueMall Puntacana. www.asonahores.com

September 15 - 19

DR Golf Travel Exchange: Held at Secrets Cap Cana Resort & Spa in Punta Cana, the DR Golf Travel Exchange displays all facilities and advantages that Dominican Republic offers in golf tourism through its unique courses and workshops that allow the national tourism sector, international tour operators, travel agents and trade press in different ways to meet and connect. www.drgolftravel.com

September 18 - 20

Discover Puerto Plata Marketplace: It is the annual marketing event that promotes the Northern Region of the Dominican Republic among national and international markets as a diverse and complete destination with a wide variety of accommodation and excursion options, at the Puerto Plata Convention Center, Blue JackTar Hotel, Playa Dorada , Puerto Plata. www.discoverpuertoplata.com

OCTOBER

October - January

Dominican Winter Professional Baseball: Fall and winter are full of life with the games of the baseball series, which take place at the stadiums of Santo Domingo, Santiago, San Francisco de Macoris, San Pedro de Macoris, and La Romana from October to January. At the end of the season, the winning team represents the country in the Caribbean Series, competing with Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba and Venezuela.
www.lidom.com

- October **Dominicana Moda:** Celebrate Dominican fashion for a week in the month of October. The main designers and brands, local and international, exhibit their seasonal designs in continuous fashion shows. The event will take place in the Colonial City of Santo Domingo. www.dominicanamoda.com
- October **SDQ Santo Domingo MICE:** It is the marketing platform that allows hoteliers, allied suppliers and other professionals related to the industry of meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions (MICE) of the City of Santo Domingo and other tourism experts from the Dominican Republic to meet on the same stage, at Hotel Sheraton Santo Domingo. www.sdqsantodomingomice.com
- October 2 - 5 **International Cap Cana Billfish Shootout:** The International Cap Cana Billfish Shootout is a 3-day all-release team event under International Game Fish Association (IGFA) guidelines, in which all points accumulated on one boat/team throughout the competition determine the overall winners, at Marina Cap Cana. www.intlbillfishtourns.com
- October 31- November 3 **Dominican Republic Jazz Festival:** Annual event that attracts large audiences that come to enjoy the best of jazz from national and international musicians at three different locations. Santiago October 31; Sosúa November 1 & Cabarete November 2 & 3. www.drjazzfestival.com

DECEMBER

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- December 31 **New Year's Celebration:** A New Year's celebration is held on the Avenida del Puerto and the Malecón in Santo Domingo. Bands play merengue and fireworks are set off at midnight.

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