

CRUISE AROUND DR

With more than 1,000 miles of coastline, Dominican Republic boasts an impressive offer of docking options around the breathtaking country. Entering by the lush Samaná, the adventurous Puerto Plata or the historic and cultural capital city of Santo Domingo are just a few of the many options for cruisers to get their first step into an unforgettable visit.

Sansouci

Located at the mouth of the Ozama River, the port of Santo Domingo [Sansouci](#) is comprised of the Sansouci and Don Diego terminals.

Sansouci Terminal, considered one of the most modern in the Caribbean, is located on the east side of Santo Domingo and has a capacity to handle about 3,800 passengers simultaneously. With 656.1 ft. in length, the terminal allows the arrival of large cruises, operating under the modality of Puerto Madre (Home Port). The building of 3 levels and approximately 118,403 square ft., hosts the services of boarding and disembarkation of passengers, operations offices, customs and spaces for duty free stores.

Don Diego Terminal, suitable for reception of ferries, cruises and other vessels, has a 14,552.8-square ft. structure which is divided into two spacious rooms for fluid and comfortable passenger handling. The northern hall is designed for customs and a waiting area, while the south lounge is dedicated to baggage handling and passenger check-in. This terminal has a dock of 1,312 feet (400 meters) in length for ships and also has a unique geographical position that allows travelers to reach the Colonial City and immediately immerse themselves in the charms of the first city of the new world.

Samaná port

Inaugurated in 1877, the port of Samaná has a draft of 38 feet in port, 752 ft. length of dock and an entrance channel of 984.2 ft. wide with a 36 ft. depth. Cruises make a stop at the Samaná peninsula anchor in Samaná Bay, near the western end of the small island called Cayo Levantado. The distance from the anchor to the Samaná pier can vary from 3 to 4 miles (4.8 to 6.4 kilometers) and is where cruise passengers disembark.

Amber Cove

[Amber Cove](#) is the most recent port in the destination and is located at the north part of the country, in the Bay of Maimón, Puerto Plata. The port consists of two berths with capacity to hold up to 8,000 cruise passengers and 2,000 crew members daily. As an added value, it has a transport center that allows visitors to easily access by land and sea to destinations and surrounding attractions.

Marina Casa de Campo

This port is characterized by facilities that allow the hold-up of ships ranging from small boats to luxury yachts. [Marina Casa de Campo](#) also stands out for having concrete berths with wooden walkways and with a service on land that includes a laundry, ship supplier, shipyard for repairs and a crane that can load up to 120 tons.

Marina Cap Cana

[The Marina Cap Cana](#) offers facilities that include more than 130 vessels, with capacity for yachts up to 150 ft., and complete services for captains and crew. It is characterized for being surrounded by a cozy town with gourmet restaurants and elegant boutiques. The Marina has been the scene of world-famous fishing tournaments and has become a popular destination among those who enjoy fishing and deep-sea diving. It should be noted that due to the construction of the protected port inside the marina, it provides an additional haven during the hurricane season.

Port of Casa de Campo La Romana

[The Port of Casa de Campo](#) is situated on the Chavón River along a modern platform and harbor terminal with capacity for two large cruise ships. The port features two docking platforms, a passenger terminal and ample parking facilities. The Port's experienced boarding staff can welcome any size cruise vessel with two ships in the main Port and one in Catalina Island. As a Port Authority, their relationship with Immigration and Customs gives the Port the ability to handle all oceangoing cruise vessels with a range of services that include crew and passenger sign-in and off, airlift, accommodations, medical services, transfers and luggage.

Nearby Catalina Island is located about 5 nautical miles to the southwest of the port, with facilities that accommodate up to 2,000 guests. Catalina Island has a sea-mooring arrangement for cruise vessels at its sheltered anchorage. Vessels stay at anchorage and passengers are transported to the Island to enjoy a beach day and a buffet lunch. On the beautiful Island there are gift shops where the passengers can buy Dominican souvenirs.