



Dominican Republic named Latin America and Caribbean's Best Golf Destination 2019

At the recently held International Golf Travel Market in Ljubljana, Slovenia, the country's position as the Caribbean golf Mecca was stated once again.



On the magnificent golf courses, adjacent to the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean, golfers can enjoy the superb facilities and a comfortable climate with unique and challenging experiences throughout the year.

For the fourth time, the Dominican Republic has been recognized by the International Association of Golf Travel Organizers (IAGTO) as an extraordinary destination for golfers. The association has named Dominican Republic golf destination of the Year in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2019. It makes the Dominican Republic the most sought after destination in the region.

The Dominican Republic has worked hard to establish Dominican Republic as an exclusive destination for golf enthusiasts, and the country's ministry of tourism is thrilled to be reaffirmed that the efforts bear fruit.

Golf is an integral part of the Dominican Republic's tourism initiatives, and recognition from the international golf community is of major importance to the country on the island of Hispaniola.

Praised by professionals and practitioners

The award as the Caribbean's best golf destination 2019 took place at the recently held International Golf Travel Market in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

World Golf Awards, a subsidiary of World Travel Awards, serves to celebrate and reward excellence in golf tourism, world class courses and golf destinations. Votes are made by professionals working within the golf travel and tourism industry as well as media professionals.

Golf tourism consumers also have the possibility to cast their votes.

An army of top designers

The Dominican Republic has 26 challenging and magnificent lanes, largely located directly by the sea. The country's flagship courses are created by recognized designers and golf legends.

This applies to the Pete Dye-designed trifecta at the luxurious Casa de Campo Resort & Villas in La Romana, which features Teeth of the Dog, Dye Fore and The Links. From the British-inspired hills, lagoons and lakes at

The Links to the challenging sea-facing holes at Teeth of the Dog, Dye's courses embody an elusive combination of variety, difficulty and natural beauty.

Other Dominican courses at the top of every golfer's bucket list include the Jack Nicklaus designed Punta Espada. Listed among the world's finest, the course offers eight holes that overlook the Caribbean.

Playa Dorada on the north coast offers a course designed by legendary Robert Trent Jones, Sr., with five holes with ocean views and one hole directly by the Atlantic Ocean. For an inland challenge, golfers can try their luck at Guavaberry Golf & Country Club near the capital city of Santo Domingo. The course borders a nature reserve and features a 15-foot waterfall and coral rock formations that add a dramatic visual expression.

The award as the Caribbean's best golf destination comes just as preparations for the Dominican Republic's PGA Tour in March 2019 begin.

From March 25-31 Puntacana Resort & Club and Dominican Republic will host the second edition of the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship on the resort's 18-hole course. The course, boasting six holes located on cliff sides facing the Caribbean Sea, is created by the world-famous Tom Fazio.

Learn more about Dominican Republic's world-renowned golf offerings and begin planning your trip at www.GoDominicanRepublic.com.

For more details on the IAGTO Awards, visit www.iagto.com/awards.

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Surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean on the north and the Caribbean Sea on the south, our lush tropical and paradisiacal country boasts nearly 1,000 miles (1,609 km) of coastline, 250 miles (402 km) of the world's top beaches, magnificent resorts and hotels, and a variety of sports, recreation and entertainment options. Here you can dance to the pulse pounding thrill of the merengue, renew in our luxurious and diverse accommodations, explore ancient relics of centuries past, delight in delicious Dominican gastronomy or enjoy ecotourism adventures in our magnificent national parks, mountain ranges, rivers and beaches. Known for our warm and hospitable people, Dominican Republic is a destination like no other, featuring astounding nature, intriguing history and rich cultural experiences like music, art and festivals, plus uniquely Dominican specialties such as cigars, rum, chocolate, coffee, merengue, amber and larimar. Dominican Republic features the best beaches, fascinating history and culture, and is a chosen escape for celebrities, couples and families alike. Visit Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism's official website at: www.GoDominicanRepublic.com