



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC NAMED CARIBBEAN'S BEST GOLF DESTINATION OF THE YEAR AT THE WORLD GOLF AWARDS

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The Dominican Republic has received the prestigious accolade of “Caribbean’s Best Golf Destination of the Year” at the 7th annual World Golf Awards. The votes were cast by hundreds of thousands of golfers from a record 129 countries.



Despite the many challenges that the golf tourism and hospitality industry has faced in this most unprecedented year, strong support has come from the leading golf industry professionals and media from every single participating nation in the programme. The appetite for golf tourism has never been as keen, as golf fans pushed for the World Golf Awards to continue, and for the leaders in the industry to be acknowledged and rewarded.

This appetite is further supported by the fact that the Dominican Republic hosted the third edition of the Los Corales Punta Cana Resort & Club Championship PGA TOUR this September. Since 2018, the tournament has continued to position the country as the leading golf destination in the Caribbean.

As the leading golf destination, the Dominican Republic successfully hosted a safe and efficient event, despite the challenges of the pandemic. The Dominican Republic is also pleased to announce that it will host the Puerto Plata Open, as part of the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica season, in December of this year.

The Dominican Republic has implemented several initiatives over the years to position the country as the premier golf destination in the Caribbean and now boasts thirty Championship courses. New developments include the expansion of La Romana Golf Club with an additional nine holes, four of which are waterfront holes alongside the Caribbean Sea.

Highlights for golfers in the Dominican Republic also include:

FOR THE THRILLS - Teeth of the Dog: Casa de Campo Luxury Resort in La Romana

Frequently cited at the Caribbean’s must-play course, Teeth of Dog features seven ocean-hugging holes and derives its name from the jagged rocky outcrops that resemble canine teeth. It’s one of three distinct championship courses – all designed by golfing supremo Peter Dye – located within the 7,000-acre Casa de Campo luxury resort in La Romana; the others being Dye Fore and The Links.

For more information: <https://www.casadecampo.com.do/golf/golf-courses/teeth-of-the-dog/>

FOR THE VIEWS - Punta Espada: Cap Cana Estate in Punta Cana Having hosted the PGA Champions Tour, another favourite among top golfing echelons is Jack Nicklaus designed Punta Espada. Set in the luxurious high-end Cap Cana estate, the par-72 course boasts bluffs, beaches, lagoons and jungle foliage as backdrops. Many of its fairways are flanked by stretches of white sand with eight holes right by the sea - including the 17th, which requires players to hit their tee shot right over a bay. For more information: <https://www.puntaespadagolf.com/course>

FOR CELEBRITY SPOTTING – Corales and La Cana: Punta Cana Resort & Club

Popular with visiting celebrities and a regular host of the PGA Tour, the Punta Cana Resort & Club has two oceanfront courses – the 27-hole La Cana (comprising three nine-holes) and the newer 18-hole Corales. Designed by the acclaimed Tom Fazio, Corales incorporates cliffs, bays, coves, inland lakes and canyons. And, as a challenging three-hole finale, players have to navigate the oceanfront ‘Devil’s Elbow’. For more information: <https://www.puntacana.com>

FOR THE PRESTIGE - Playa Grande, Costa Verde

Regarded as the Dominican Republic’s most exclusive course, Playa Grande occupies a scenic spot on the northern Atlantic coast within a private, mainly residential community that also includes the bold, contemporary-styled Amanera hotel. Nicknamed the ‘Pebble Beach’ of the Caribbean (even though it has 10 ocean front holes – one more than the Californian great), the course was originally designed by Trent Jones Sr before being renovated by his son Rees Jones. It is surrounded by palm trees and spreads out along cliffs to the west of Playa Grande and Playa Preciosa. For more information: <https://www.playagrande.com>

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About Dominican Republic

Dominican Republic is well known for off-the-beaten-path excursions, rich culture, endless amenities and a good year-round climate. Accessible via one stop flights from (?? Insert) , it is an ideal oasis for solo travellers, couples and families. From hiking trails to undiscovered beaches and world-class golf courses, tourists can enjoy luxurious and diverse accommodation, explore ancient relics, savour the local Dominican fare, or experience ecotourism adventures in the magnificent national parks, mountain ranges and rivers. Dominican Republic features a variety of sports, recreation and entertainment

options, exclusive cultural experiences such as dancing and carnival festivities, plus Dominican specialties such as cigars, rum, chocolate, coffee, amber and larimar. Between adventurous Puerto Plata, lush Samaná, historic Santo Domingo, sunny Punta Cana, luxe La Romana and bustling Barahona, each area has something for every type of traveller and budget. The country has also generated a worldwide reputation for its warm and hospitable people. With eight international airports and nine distinct ecological zones it has never been more accessible or appealing to explore Dominican Republic. To learn more and begin planning your trip visit the official website at:

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