



Dominican Republic Trip FAQ

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Thanks for your interest to travel to the Dominican Republic to serve those in need! This sheet is to help answer some preliminary questions.

Do I need a passport? If so what does it cost and how do I get it?

- Yes and it can take 3-4 months to get it so the sooner you can get it the better.
- The cost is approximately \$130.00 plus photo fees for first time travelers plus cost of photo.
- You can apply for it online at http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html or go to your local post office during their specified hours.
- Many countries, including the Dominican Republic, adhere to a "six-month rule," meaning your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond your intended stay so please make sure to confirm your passport is valid from our travel dates.

Do I need a visa?

- No we do not need a visa

Do I need to get vaccinations to travel to Dominican Republic?

- There are several vaccinations suggested to travel out of the United States but they are different for every country. Consult with your personal physician or the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention at https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/dominican-republic?s_cid=ncezid-dgmg-travel-single-001

How much does it cost to travel to Dominican Republic?

- **"Approximate"** costs range from \$1,700 - \$2,000 depending on plane ticket prices, hotel costs, food, etc. and a breakdown is below:
 - Plane tickets approximately range from \$800 - \$1,000 per person
 - Hotel stay typically range from \$295 to \$450 per person for the week depending if you share a room or have a single
 - Food, transportation, & water for the week approximately \$200 per person
 - Spending money can vary from person to person but \$100 - \$200 should be sufficient
 - Luggage fees \$35 for the first checked bag and \$45 for the second.

How many bags can I take with me with an economy ticket?

- You can take one personal item and one carry-on with you on the plane at no charge
- The first checked bag is approximately \$35.
- The second checked bag is approximately \$45.00 each and may go up from there.
- ***Baggage information varies per airline***

Do I need to exchange money before going on the trip?

- No we can exchange the money at a local bank from US dollars to pesos when we arrive. The exchange rate currently is US\$1.00 = 61.88 Pesos.

How old do I need to be to travel?

- High school age or older.
- Anyone younger than 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Where do we stay while in Dominican Republic?

- We will stay at a hotel (Hotel Brunei Srl.) in Boca Chica. Websites: www.bruneihotelboutique.com

How do we travel while in the Dominican Republic?

- The parish in the Dominican Republic arranges a bus for everyone to travel together from the airport to the sites we will visit.
- Within city limits of Gautier where the parish is, we walk to all locations.

Is it safe in Gautier?

- Yes Gautier is safe but we never allow anyone to go anywhere alone.
- We are in a 3rd world county so we must always be cautious at all times.

What is the climate like?

- During July it will be hot and humid with a higher chance of rain.

Do I need to be concerned about the water and food?

- While in the Dominican Republic we arrange to drink purified water the entire time which is available for everyone. We also ask that all food is cleaned with purified water.
- Everyone's stomach is different and can react to food prepared in the Dominican Republic in different ways. If you think you will have problems please consult with your personal physician for a prescription of Syperal or some take Pepto-Bismol every day. (These are only recommendations from past travelers)

Will my cell phone work in the Dominican Republic and can I be in contact with family back home?

- Contact your cell phone company about this to contract cell service. You can receive cell service but roaming charges apply.

Do I need specific skills to travel?

- No special skills required to travel to the Dominican Republic.