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Sights, Sounds & Tastes of Santo Domingo

## Tour City

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Santo Domingo

## Tour Snapshot

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Get to know the real Dominican Republic by spending a day exploring its culturally rich capital and discovering the Santo Domingo that locals love. Soak up the city's rich colonial history, visit local markets, snack on some of Santo Domingo's must-try treats, then end the day with an icy-cold Dominican beer.

### Highlights

- Experience the Dominican Republic beyond the beach, through the eyes of a local
- Explore the many hidden corners only known by locals and hear stories of pirates, love, and freedom
- Browse the lively produce market and learn about the diverse fruits and vegetables that are part of the rich Dominican diet
- Learn how Spanish, Arab, Chinese, and Haitian influences have all shaped Santo Domingo
- Try typical Dominican treats and cool down with a cold local beer at a local hotspot favoured by artists, bohemians, and philosophers

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, selection of 4 treats at local bakery (may include baked coconut treat, sweet potato pudding, or traditional coconut, pineapple and milk treats), 2 treats at Chinatown shop (such as soft pudding, guava-filled cookies, or soft Chinese bread with pork), 1 bottle of beer. Note that the food samples may vary from tour to tour depending on what is available that day.

Exclusions: Additional food or drink, souvenirs and items of a personal nature, tips/gratuities for your guide.

### **Schedule details**

- Duration: 4 hours
- Meeting point:  
Plaza Pellerano Castro esquina, Calle Isabel La Católica & Calle Arzobispo Portes, Santo Domingo 10210  
  
View on [Google Maps](#)
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///crusher.vital.share](https://crusher.vital.share)
- Starting time: 9.00 AM
- Ending point:  
Columbus Park at El Conde Street and Arzobispo Meriño Street. From there, your local guide can provide instructions on how to get back to your hotel, or you are free to continue your own personal exploration.  
  
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### **Full Itinerary**

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Leave your beach chair behind for a while and immerse yourself in the sights, sounds, history, and flavours of Santo Domingo, the largest city in the Caribbean and the Dominican Republic's captivating capital. This is your chance to experience the best Santo Domingo has to offer, alongside a local guide who can take you where the guidebooks can't.

You'll start in Santo Domingo's Colonial Zone, the oldest European settlement in the New World and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Have your cameras ready — there's history everywhere here and architecture that will leave you speechless. In Billini's Park, in front of Casa del Tostado, you'll hear one of the most romantic stories of colonial times.

We'll see the Caribbean side of the old city, admiring the many historic monuments, parks, and colonial fortresses as we walk, eventually getting to the old city walls that once protected the city from pirates. The walls will lead us to Independence Park, an important landmark commemorating the Dominican Republic's struggle for independence.

As you walk, you'll learn about the rich history of Santo Domingo, such as how Spanish and Arab immigrants brought their influence to the island, and how a rich commercial exchange has been established between the Dominican Republic and neighbouring Haiti. Take a walk through Little Haiti and explore the small, picturesque businesses selling Haitian products.

Along the way, you'll also have the chance to explore local markets. Get ready for sensory overload — the local markets are filled with fruits, vegetables, grains, and spices, and are an explosion of vibrant colours and flavours. Learn about the most varied fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as the spices used in Dominican cuisine.

At the famous Mercado Modelo, the city's largest market, browse paintings with colourful Caribbean motifs, as well as leatherwork, jewellery made from local stones such as amber and larimar, traditional musical instruments, and many other locally made handicrafts. If you're getting hungry, our walk takes us to one of the most traditional local cafeterias and bakeries in the city, where you can try much delicious and locally loved Dominican sweets.

Next, we get to one of the most colourful and dynamic areas of the city, the Chinatown of Santo Domingo, a community made up of the children and grandchildren of Chinese citizens who came to the Dominican Republic during the 19th and 20th centuries. Here, we'll visit a local Chinese store and try some delicious Chinese refreshments that locals love.

We'll then follow the local pulse of merengue and bachata music to reach Calle El Conde, a bustling pedestrian-only street filled with colourful storefronts and small restaurants where we'll stop for one final break, in the form of a cold Dominican beer. We end the day at Columbus Park, where you can feel free to further explore the sights, or we can give you tips on which restaurants to visit and even more secret local spots to check out.

### **Additional information**

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Dress standard: Comfortable shoes to walk and fresh clothes. Sunglasses or sunscreen would be advisable.

Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Child Policy: Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children below the age of 6 are not permitted on this tour.

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