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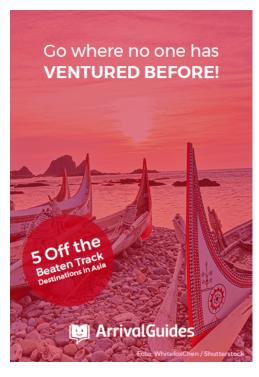
In his first trip to the stupendous region, Christopher Columbus noted the silver-tipped appearance of the area's prominent mountain. As "plata" is Spanish for "silver," Columbus christened it "Monte de Plata," and the city became known as Puerto de Plata. Since then it is referred to by its abbreviated name—and it continues to draw curious and adventurous visitors. Luring vacationers much as it had Columbus, Puerto Plata is one of the Dominican Republic's most renowned cities. Lending to a bright culture of friendly people and recreational activities, Puerto Plata will exceed even your wildest and greatest of expectations.



Ronald Saunders



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### THE CITY



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Welcome to Puerto Plata, a Caribbean city soaked with sun and culture. The streets of this vibrant city come to life with warmth and character. Stroll downtown to meet the amiable Dominican people and have a cold beer and you're sure to be smiling soon.

Unwind on the northern shore, taking in white sand beaches overlooking crystal clear waters, or plan an adventure to the top of 2,600 foot Mount Isabel de Torres.

After a long day at play, enjoy a romantic dinner for two over fresh caught seafood and a glass of red wine. Falling asleep to the rolling waves reminds you that it begins all over again come morning.

### DO & SEE



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Unwind on the beautiful beach, or enjoy some adventure in the water or on the top of the mountain. There is enough to do in Puerto Plata to make a perfect vacation. You will for sure find some activities to do that suit your taste.

#### 27 Charcos



27 waterfalls is nestled in the rolling hills of the Northern Corridor mountain range and offers a real tropical adventure. These

waterfall tours will excite even the adrenaline junkies out there.

Photo: Brent (image cropped)

Address: Carretera Navarrete, Puerto Plata

Internet: www.27charcos.com Email: info@27charcos.com

## Teleferico Puerto Plata Cable Car



This cable car offers a great view over Puerto Plata. On the top of the hill, you will have access to a lovely botanical garden.

Photo: Daniel-Alvarez/Shutterstock.com Address: Mount Isabel de Torres. Puerto Plata



Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 8:30am. - 5:00pm.

Phone: +1 809 970 0501

Internet: www.telefericopuertoplata.com

## **High Z's Fishing Tour**



If you like fishing, then you should go with High Z. Very well known in Puerto Plata, the experienced captains and crew know the best

places to catch the biggest fish! Sometimes, you can even see whales on your way.

Photo: holbox/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ocean World Marine, Cofresi, Puerto Plata

Phone: +1 809 299 6336

Internet: www.highzsfishingtours.com Email: info@highzsfishingtours.com

#### **Victorian Times**



The fans of architecture will like this place: bronze sculptures. a cathedral and Colonial-styled coloured houses. The icing of the cake is with

no doubt the central kiosk.

Photo: Hungry Daughter (image cropped)

Address: Historical Center Puerto Plata, Puerto Plata

## Mount Isabel de Torres



There are many ways to explore Mount Isabel de Torres and plenty of reward for making it to the top! Check out the cable car if you're not

into hiking.

Photo: tahkani/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mount Isabel de Torres, Puerto Plata

#### **Amber Museum**



For you natural science buffs or Jurassic Park lovers, see how amber is really formed! The museum possesses the very famous Amber that

was seen in the box office hit "Jurassic Park."

Photo: Sundraw Photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: 61 Calle Duarte, Puerto Plata Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 9am - 6pm

Phone: +1 809 586 2848

Internet: www.ambermuseum.com

## Fortaleza de San Felipe



Find cultural and historical interest at Fort San Felipe. Just around the bend from great dining!

Photo: Magalie A. (image cropped)

Address: Bahía de Puerto Plata, Puerto Plata

### **Playa Grande**



The dramatic Playa
Grande is widely
considered to be one of
the top beaches in the
world. Craggy cliffs,
crystalline blue sea, and

plenty of space makes the beach a must-stop.

Photo: Siri B.L. (image cropped)

Address: Carretera Río San Juan-Cabrera, Km 12, Río San

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Phone: +1 (849) 879-5117 Internet: www.playagrande.com Email: mdowner@playagrande.com



#### Cofresí Beach



Cofresí Beach has a long stretch of golden sand that's perfect for swimming and surfing. Locals mainly use the public area on Sundays.

Photo: emin kuliyev/Shutterstock.com Address: Calle Pincipal, Cofresí, Puerto Plata

#### **Ocean World Adventure Park**



The multimillion-dollar
Ocean World Adventure
Park has marine and
wildlife interactive
programs. Take
advantage of the dolphin

and sea lion shows, encounters, a double-dolphin swim, a tropical reef aquarium, stingrays, shark tanks, a rain forest, and a Tiger Grotto inhabited by Bengal tigers.

Photo: Sandra Cohen-Rose and Colin Rose (image cropped)

Address: Calle Principal 3, Cofresi, Puerto Plata Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday 9am - 6pm

Phone: +1 809 291 1000 Internet: www.oceanworld.net Email: reservation@ocean-world.info

## Playa Dorada



Playa Dorada is covered with soft sand, reefs for snorkeling, swimming, and more. This is also a good place for windsurfing, waterskiing,

and fishing as well!

Photo: Max Bosio (image cropped) Address: Playa Dorada, Puerto Plata

# Gri Gri Lagoon



For those seeking snorkeling, head an hour and a half away to Playa Grande. Here you'll find the Gri Gri lagoon, perfect for snorkeling. A

colorful historical story of one shipwreck is the Concepción, too!

Photo: Dudarev Mikhail/Shutterstock.com Address: Gri Gri Lagoon, Playa Grande

### **DINING**



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Whether you want local cuisine or something different there are excellent choices in Puerto Plata to satisfy your palate. Naturally, local cuisine takes precedence.

### **Green Jack Restaurant**



A must try for those new to Puerto Plata! The menu is unique and the service impeccable. The menu offers everything from fish to meat, burger

and salad. There is an indoor section and a beautiful outdoor patio where you can enjoy your food.

Photo: Wisut Boonyasopit/Shutterstock.com Address: Playa Dorada, Puerto Plata



Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday 10am - 12pm. Friday -

Saturday 10am - 2am. Phone: +1 809 320 3800 Internet: www.bluejacktar.com

Email: bluejacktarhotel@bluejacktar.com

More Info: Located at Blue Jack Tar Condos & Villas

#### Natura Restaurant at Natura Cabana



The freshest of seafood, sounds of the waves crashing on coral rock, and a menu that changes with the seasons makes Natura Restaurant a

prominent venue. The vegetables and herbs used are farmed at Natura's organic garden.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Paseo del Sol 5, Perla Marina Cabarete Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Phone: +1 809 571 1507

Internet: www.naturacabana.com
Email: reservation@naturacabana.com

More Info: Located at Natura Cabana Boutique Hotel & Spa

#### Le Papillon



Whether on business or enjoying a romantic getaway, Le Papillon is the perfect night out. The setting is comfortable and inviting, with cute seaside

decor.

Beside serving regular menu, there is always fresh seafood and fish. They are famous for their big juicy lobster dishes and the surf and turf!

Photo: Jevgeni Mironov/Shutterstock.com Address: Villas Cofresi, Puerto Plata

Phone: +1 809 970 7640

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## **CAFES**



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Sea breezes and white sands are made that much more fun with an espresso or cup of coffee. Afternoon fare at cafes comes second only to breakfast! See below for tasty options.

## **Cabarete Coffee Company**



Cabarete Coffee Company works alongside local suppliers to provide affordable, healthy, fast-food options and free delivery. Enjoy a menu of

organic fresh roasted coffee and hot chocolate from local cacao.

Photo: Yuriy Seleznev/Shutterstock.com

Address: Main Street, Cabarete

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 7am - 3pm

Phone: +1 809 571 0919

More Info: At Bahia de Arena

#### Kite Club Café



Kite Club Café is located on Kite Beach in Cabarete. Come for brunch or lunch with wraps, organic salads, fresh fruit smoothies and

homemade iced tea.



Photo: B and E Dudzinscy/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kite Beach, Cabarete

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 8am - 6pm

Phone: +1 809 678 6485 Email: info@kiteclubcafe.com

## **Belgium Bakery**



For excellent pastries and coffee, head over to Belgium Bakery. It's especially good for breakfast.

Photo: Nitr/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Principal, Cabarete

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 7am - 7pm

Phone: +1 829 571 8198

More Info: Located in the Plaza Popular

## **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



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The fun doesn't stop when the sunsets in Puerto Plata. There are dancing clubs, as well as bars. See below!

### Big Lee's Beach Bar



Big Lee's Beach Bar is one of the best places to unwind. Great, low-key atmosphere, cold beer, good food and friends. Also hosting live music on

Fridays.

Photo: Budimir Jevtic/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ave. General G. Luperon, Casetta 8, Puerto Plata

Phone: +1 829 868 0017

Internet: www.bigleesbeachbar.com Email: info@bigleesbeachbar.com

More Info: The street is also called Malecon

## **Bravissimo at Ocean World**



The Las Vegas-style show Bravissimo at Ocean World is a spectacle of dancing and singing. Unlimited beer and rum is provided as part of the

couples package.

Photo: GlebStock/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Principal 3, Cofresí, Puerto Plata

Phone: +1 809 291 1000 Internet: www.oceanworld.net Email: reservation@ocean-world.info

#### **Senor Rock**



Senor Rock is an American restaurant playing live music in Playa Dorada every night. They serve specialties of steak, seafood, pizza,

burgers, fajitas, chicken, wings, and more.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com Address: Playa Dorada Plaza, Puerto Plata Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 11am - 1am

Phone: +1 809 320 2259

## Onno's Bar



Onno's Bar is a serious party place! Expect wall-to-wall and back-to-back crowds since Puerto Plata's youth thrive on electronica.



Photo: Minerva Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Principal, Sosúa, Cabarete, Puerto Plata Opening hours: Monday & Tuesday: 5pm - 3am. Wednesday -

Sunday: 9am - 3am. Phone: +1 809 571 0461

Internet: www.onnosbar.com/cabarete
Email: cabarete@onnosbar.com

## Mares Restaurant & Lounge



The Mares offers al fresco dining overlooking the pool, as well as indoor dining. Appetizers are tasty and of generous portions, with delights

like the beet salad and plantain sushi roll!

Photo: Free Prod 33/Shutter stock.com

Address: 6 Francisco j. Peynado Street, Puerto Plata Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday: 6pm - Closing

Phone: +1 809 261 3330

Internet: www.maresrestaurant.com Email: maresrestaurant@gmail.com

### Ocean World - Terrace



Overlooking the Ocean World Marina, Ocean World Terrace offers a great option of entertaining. They serve a variety of premium

drinks and refreshing cocktails. There is also a pool table if you are up for a game.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Principal 3, Cofresí, Puerto Plata

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 8am

Phone: +1 809 291 1000 Internet: www.oceanworld.net Email: reservation@ocean-world.info

### **SHOPPING**



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While visiting Puerto Plata the best way to find great shopping is to head off of resort property. Numerous bazaar-like hubs are scattered about the city. If you're feeling adventurous, just take a stroll, bargains are never far off. Just remember to haggle to get the best deals!

## Joyeria Las Americas



This jewelry shop has been a favorite of locals for over 25 years. Here you will find over 4,000 beautiful items, so for sure you will find

something that will suit your taste. Some pieces are made by children from the School for the Deaf and Girls Club, supported by Plaza La Americas.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: Jose E. Kunhard No.7 Down Town, Puerto Plata Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm Saturday 8am -

4.30pm Sunday 8am - 12pm Phone: +1 809 244 4885

More Info: Plaza Las Americas, 1 km from Central Park



#### Estrella Avenida



Articles of genuine leather are what you'll find at Estrella Avenida. Enjoy a selection of bags, small leather, belts, sandals, beachwear,

children's accessories, and more.

Photo: Paradise On Earth/Shutterstock.com Address: Calle Separacion, Puerto Plata

Phone: +1 829 720 5911

## **Amber Museum Gift Shop**



Amber Museum Gift Shop gives you the chance to purchase some of the Dominican Republic's famed semiprecious stones. Necklaces,

bracelets, and pendants all contain beautiful stones and vibrant colors!

Photo: Jasmin Awad/Shutterstock.com Address: Playa Dorada Plaza, Puerto Plata

Phone: 809-586-2848

Internet: www.ambermuseum.com

More Info: Located at Playa Dorada Plaza

## **ESSENTIAL INFORMATION**



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## **Airport**



Gregorio Luperón
International Airport A
mere 20 minutes from the
heart of Puerto Plata,
Gregorio Luperón
International Airport is

your gateway to paradise. Hop a taxi or a shuttle to your resort to begin your Caribbean dream!

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Gregorio Luperón International Airport

Phone: +1 809 291 0000

Internet: www.puerto-plata-airport.com

#### **Time Zone**



Puerto Plata is located in the Atlantic Standard time zone, and all times are reflected in Atlantic time.

Photo: Marek Polakovic



## **Public Transport**



Puerto Plata has the standard fare of transportation. Taxis are great, but always be sure to negotiate a price before getting into the

vehicle. For solo adventurers or couples, moto-taxis are a cheaper means of travel and a bit of fun to boot.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

#### **Post**

Post Office



Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 12 de Julio Castillitos, Puerto Plata

Phone: +1 809 586 4545

# **Pharmacy**

Farmacia Popular



Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Calle Beller 27, Puerto Plata

Phone: +1 809 586 1515

# Telephone



Country code: +1 Area codes in Puerto Plata: 809. 829

Photo: Jardson Almeida

## **Electricity**



Electricity is 110 volts AC, 60 Hz with American style two-pin plugs.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

## **Population**

286,558

#### Currency

Dominican peso.

#### Newspapers

Diario El Caribe Listín Diario Gringo Times Dominican Today

### **Emergency numbers**

911 or 112

## Tourist information

Ministry of Tourism Calle Cayetano Germosen Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic +1 809 221 4660