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# Dominican Republic

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Yacht Charter Guide

CRAFTING SIGNATURE CHARTER YACHT EXPERIENCES

Best Yacht Charter Dominican Republic

Region: Caribbean

Gateways: PUJ - SDQ

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## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

## Overview

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Dominican Republic remains one of the world's most requested yacht charter ecosystems - short legs between La Romana & Catalina, dense shore life around Casa de Campo Marina, and berths that reward early planning. The challenge is not finding beauty; it is sequencing marinas, Catalina Island and tables like La Cana by Il Circo so the week feels effortless. This is the broker's operational view of Dominican Republic for the current season.

Private yacht charter in Dominican Republic via PUJ / SDQ. Charter a yacht for a week - berths, day-anchors and shore days by Blue Ocean Club.

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| <b>AIRPORTS</b> | PUJ, SDQ                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>REGION</b>   | Caribbean                                                                                                                                                                     |
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## WHEN TO GO

## Season & rhythm

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- How a Dominican Republic week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - Casa de Campo Marina, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Casa de Campo Marina.
- Coastal cadence: Morning toys at Catalina Island, held lunch, short reposition through La Romana & Catalina, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: La Cana by Il Circo and Minitas Beach Club confirmed weeks out.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In Dominican Republic, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy at Casa de Campo Marina, walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Catalina Island - swim platforms, quiet mornings, tender-only shore calls.
- The usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging in protected water.

## ON THE WATER

## Cruising grounds

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### La Romana & Catalina

Casa de Campo, Catalina Island and Saona approaches.

### Punta Cana & Cap Cana

East-coast resort waters.

### Samaná Bay

Whales in season, Los Haitises day-tenders.

### Toward Puerto Plata

North-coast longer weeks.

## QUAY NIGHTS

## Marinas & berthing

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### **Casa de Campo Marina**

La Romana luxury marina - primary DR yacht hub. - Max LOA ~80 m - Draft ~5 m - Gateway PUJ - Transfer 45-60 min from PUJ - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

### **Marina Cap Cana**

Punta Cana east-coast marina near resorts. - Max LOA ~60 m - Draft ~4.5 m - Gateway PUJ - Transfer 20-35 min from PUJ - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

### **Puerto Bahía Marina, Samaná**

Samaná Bay marina for whale-season north coast. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway SDQ - Transfer Yacht or transfer via SDQ/AZS - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

#### DAY WATER

## **Anchorage**

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### **Catalina Island**

Day-stop snorkel south of La Romana.

### **Saona Island / Parque Nacional**

Park day-anchor - permits.

### **Cayo Levantado**

Samaná postcard cay.

### **Los Haitises edges**

Mangrove tender exploration.

#### SHORE TABLES

## **Restaurants**

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### **La Cana by Il Circo**

Casa de Campo

Casa de Campo marina dining.

### **Chinois / Altos de Chavón area**

La Romana

Resort cultural dinner.

### **Blue Marlin**

Cap Cana

Cap Cana waterfront.

### **El Paraiso**

El Limón area

Samaná waterfall lunch day.

### **Luigi Capitan**

Samaná

Samaná bay dining.

#### DAY ASHORE

## **Beach clubs**

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**Minitas Beach Club**

Casa de Campo

Casa de Campo private beach.

**Cap Cana beach clubs**

Cap Cana

East-coast resort sand.

**Cayo Levantado beach**

Samaná

Samaná cay day.

## TRANSFERS

**Airport to gangway.**

We choreograph PUJ / SDQ arrivals into Casa de Campo Marina transfers.

**Helicopter / GA**

Private hops from PUJ / SDQ when Dominican Republic supports coastal helipads or GA strips. PUJ corridor SDQ corridor

**Chauffeur**

SUV / S-Class briefed on Casa de Campo Marina gates - timed to embarkation. To Casa de Campo Marina (45-60 min from PUJ) To Marina Cap Cana (20-35 min from PUJ)

Door-to-deck options are confirmed against your embarkation slot.

## NUMBERS - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

**VAT & APA - Dominican Republic short version.**

On a Dominican Republic charter the base fee is only the starting line. Budget tax treatment and a realistic APA before you lock dates.

**VAT / tax**

Dominican Republic applies local ITBIS/VAT-style taxes; yacht temporary admission and charter licensing should be confirmed with a local agent.

**APA**

For Dominican Republic in high season, budget APA at roughly 30-40% of the base charter fee covering fuel, berths, food and concierge extras.

**What we send PAs**

A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain during the week.

## WITHIN THIS COAST

**Local guides**





## Casa de Campo

Casa de Campo is a core Dominican Republic charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Casa de Campo Marina - Day-anchor: Catalina Island - Table: La Cana by Il Circo

## Samaná

Samaná is a core Dominican Republic charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina Cap Cana - Day-anchor: Saona Island / Parque Nacional - Table: Chinois / Altos de Chavón area

EXPLORE FURTHER

## Child destinations

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- Casa de Campo - Crewed yacht charter in Casa de Campo - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Dominican Republic.
- Samaná - Crewed yacht charter in Samaná - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Dominican Republic.

BEFORE YOU FLY

## FAQ

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### What does it cost to charter a yacht in Dominican Republic?

Yacht charter cost in Dominican Republic depends on LOA, season and hull class. As an indicative band, crewed motor yachts often sit from the mid five-figures per week upward before APA (typically ~25-35% of base for fuel, berthing and provisions), VAT where applicable, and crew gratuity. We set an honest range before contract - not a fake nightly rate.

### Which marina should we embark from in Dominican Republic?

Casa de Campo Marina is the most common embarkation for Dominican Republic, with fallbacks when LOA or events block the preferred quay.

### Can you charter a superyacht in Dominican Republic?

Yes - superyacht charter in Dominican Republic is available when berths and LOA fit. We shortlist hulls against Casa de Campo Marina capacity and your itinerary, then hold peak slips before you fly.

### How long should a yacht charter week in Dominican Republic be?

A week yacht charter in Dominican Republic is the standard unit - seven nights gives room for marina nights, day-anchors and one weather buffer. Day charter is available for shorter windows when the fleet allows.

### How far ahead should we book berths in Dominican Republic?

For peak season and event weeks around Dominican Republic, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger yachts; shoulder season is more flexible. We open the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist.

### What does APA usually cover on a Dominican Republic charter?

Fuel, berthing, food and beverage, and most guest concierge extras. Tax context for Dominican Republic: Dominican Republic applies local ITBIS/VAT-style taxes; yacht temporary admission and charter licensing should be confirmed with a local agent. We set an indicative APA band before contract.

OPERATIONAL

## Mooring notes

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### **Casa de Campo Marina**

High in peak season around Dominican Republic - broker relationships matter for larger LOA at Casa de Campo Marina. 4-12 weeks for peak season slips Event or festival weeks near Dominican Republic can multiply rates and eliminate availability at Casa de Campo Marina. We hold Casa de Campo Marina alternatives and Catalina Island fallbacks before you sign.

### **Marina Cap Cana**

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*Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.*

ENQUIRE

## **Begin a conversation.**

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