

A vibrant tropical beach scene. In the foreground, there's a sandy beach with several tall palm trees. In the middle ground, a small, rustic wooden hut with a gabled roof and white trim stands on the beach. The background is a dense line of green trees under a clear blue sky. The water in the foreground is a bright, clear turquoise color.

# *Love* DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

*Fam-trip*

MAY 23<sup>TH</sup> TO 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2025

ATTENDEES BOOK





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# DISCOVER THE *Dominican Republic*

## A LEADING DESTINATION FOR ROMANCE TRAVEL

Experience **8 unforgettable nights** exploring the Dominican Republic's most stunning destinations for weddings and events, from the luxurious shores of Cap Cana to the vibrant charm of Santo Domingo and the tropical paradise of Samaná.

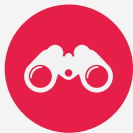
Immerse yourself in breathtaking venues and resorts, **exclusive IADWP Academy educational sessions**, and personalized networking opportunities that will elevate your destination wedding expertise. Don't miss this unique chance to grow your business in one of the world's top romance travel markets.



## WHY THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MATTERS FOR YOUR BUSINESS?

The Dominican Republic has become a **powerhouse in the destination wedding industry**, hosting thousands of weddings annually and ranking among the top global destinations for romance travel. Its appeal lies in its perfect blend of natural beauty, world-class venues, and cultural richness, making it an unparalleled choice for couples seeking unforgettable celebrations.

## WHAT MAKES THIS JOURNEY EXCEPTIONAL?



### DISCOVER TOP VENUES FOR WEDDINGS AND EVENTS

Explore more than 12 **properties** and exclusive venues across the Dominican Republic



### EXPERIENCE LUXURY

Explore the best hotels and get the ultimate experiences to offer your clients



### NETWORK WITH INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

Enjoy one-on-one meetings with more than 70 companies from DR and Caribbean and educational sessions





## Punta Cana

Renowned for its white-sand beaches and turquoise waters, Punta Cana offers luxury resorts and picture-perfect settings, ideal for destination weddings and romantic escapes.



## Cap Cana

An exclusive enclave featuring private beaches, luxurious villas, and five-star service, Cap Cana is a top choice for upscale celebrations in a tranquil environment.



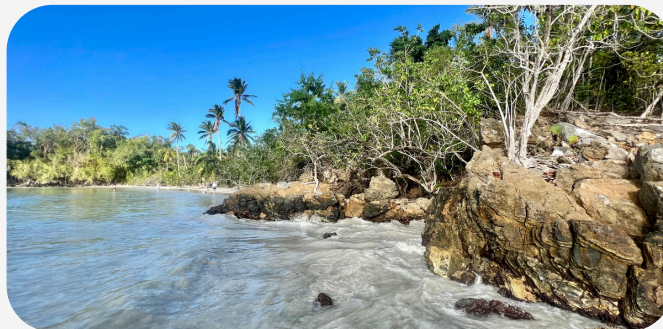
## La Romana

Home to the iconic Altos de Chavón, this destination blends historic charm and scenic beauty, perfect for unique and elegant wedding venues.



## Santo Domingo

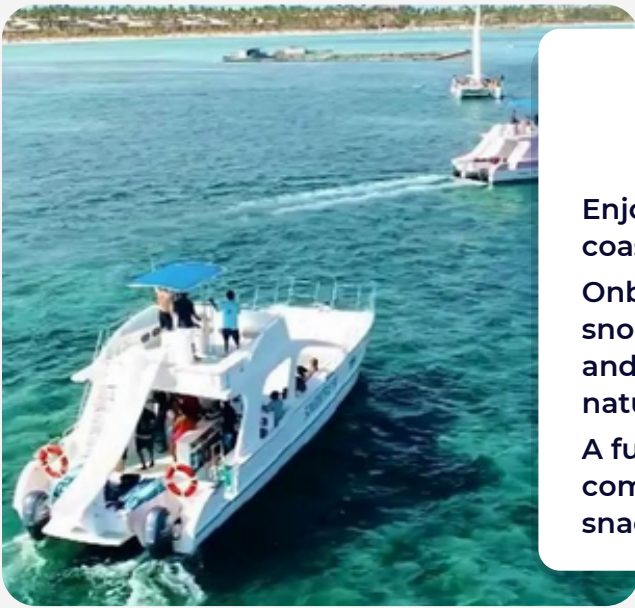
The vibrant capital with a rich cultural heritage, Santo Domingo's Zona Colonial offers historic charm and cosmopolitan energy for unforgettable celebrations.



## Samaná

Known for its lush landscapes and pristine coastlines, Samaná offers boutique venues and breathtaking natural beauty for tropical, secluded weddings.





## Experiences

Enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of the Caribbean coast and the stunning hotels along the shoreline.

Onboard, immerse yourself in exciting activities like snorkeling, a thrilling slide contest, dolphin sightseeing, and lively entertainment. Relax in the warm waters of a natural pool in the middle of the ocean.

A full-service bar offers unlimited national drinks, complemented by fresh tropical fruits and delicious snacks for the perfect island experience.



## EXPERIENCE THE ART OF DOMINICAN

### *Cigar Making*

Immerse yourself in the rich tradition of Dominican tobacco with an exclusive cigar tour.

Visit a prestigious cigar factory where master artisans handcraft some of the world's finest cigars. Learn about the meticulous process from leaf selection to rolling, and witness the craftsmanship that makes Dominican cigars a global luxury.



## DISCOVER THE ESSENCE OF

### *Dominican Rum*

Step into the world of fine Dominican rum with an exclusive distillery tour. Explore the rich history and craftsmanship behind the country's most renowned spirits, from sugarcane selection to the aging process in oak barrels.

Enjoy a guided tasting of premium rums, where experts will help you identify the unique notes and aromas that define each variety. Whether you're a rum enthusiast or just beginning your journey, this experience offers an authentic taste of the Dominican Republic's most celebrated tradition.



# Speakers 2025

On May 27, experience the perfect blend of luxury and learning at IADWP Academy in Santo Domingo. A full day of **expert-led sessions** and **exclusive one-on-one meetings** will equip you with the insights and connections to craft exceptional destination weddings



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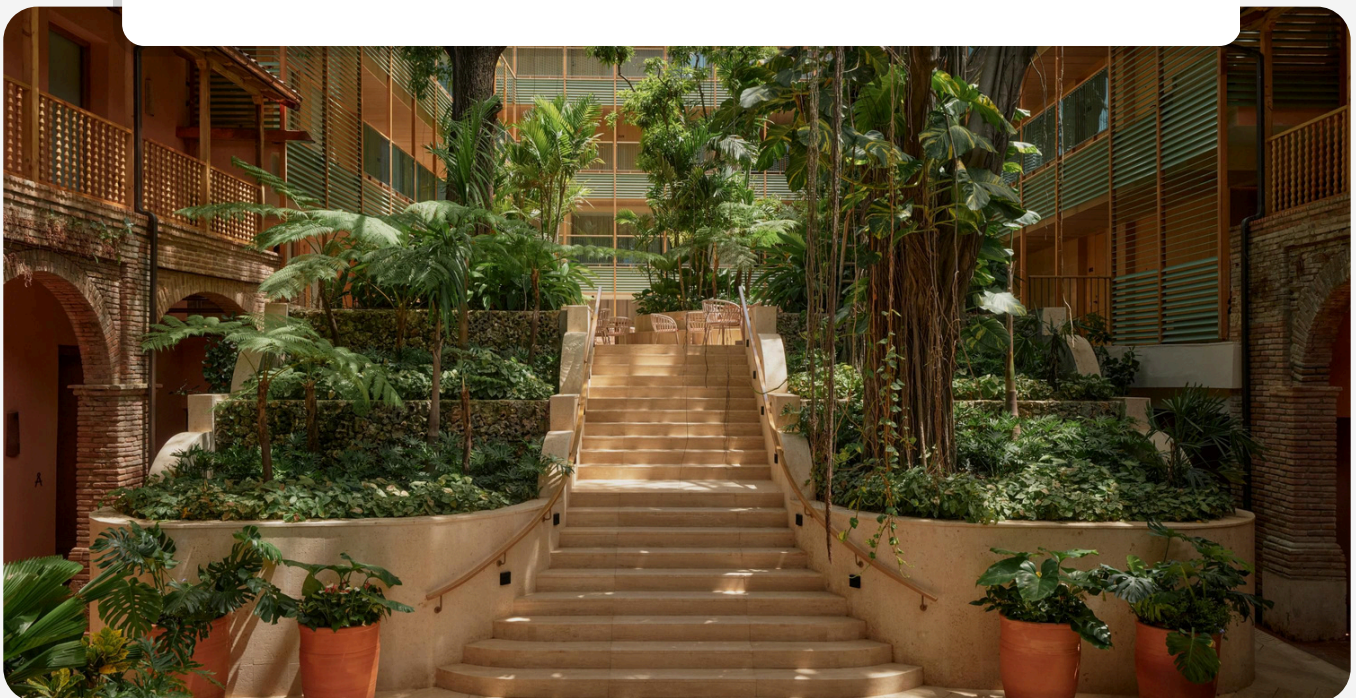


# Hotels

## **KIMPTON LAS MERCEDES: TIMELESS LUXURY IN SANTO DOMINGO**

Discover the perfect blend of 16th-century architecture and modern elegance at Kimpton Las Mercedes, located in the heart of Santo Domingo's Colonial Zone.

Steps from historic landmarks like Parque Colón, this boutique hotel offers world-class dining, a rooftop pool, and exceptional event spaces. Unwind in stylish rooms where history meets contemporary comfort for an unforgettable stay.

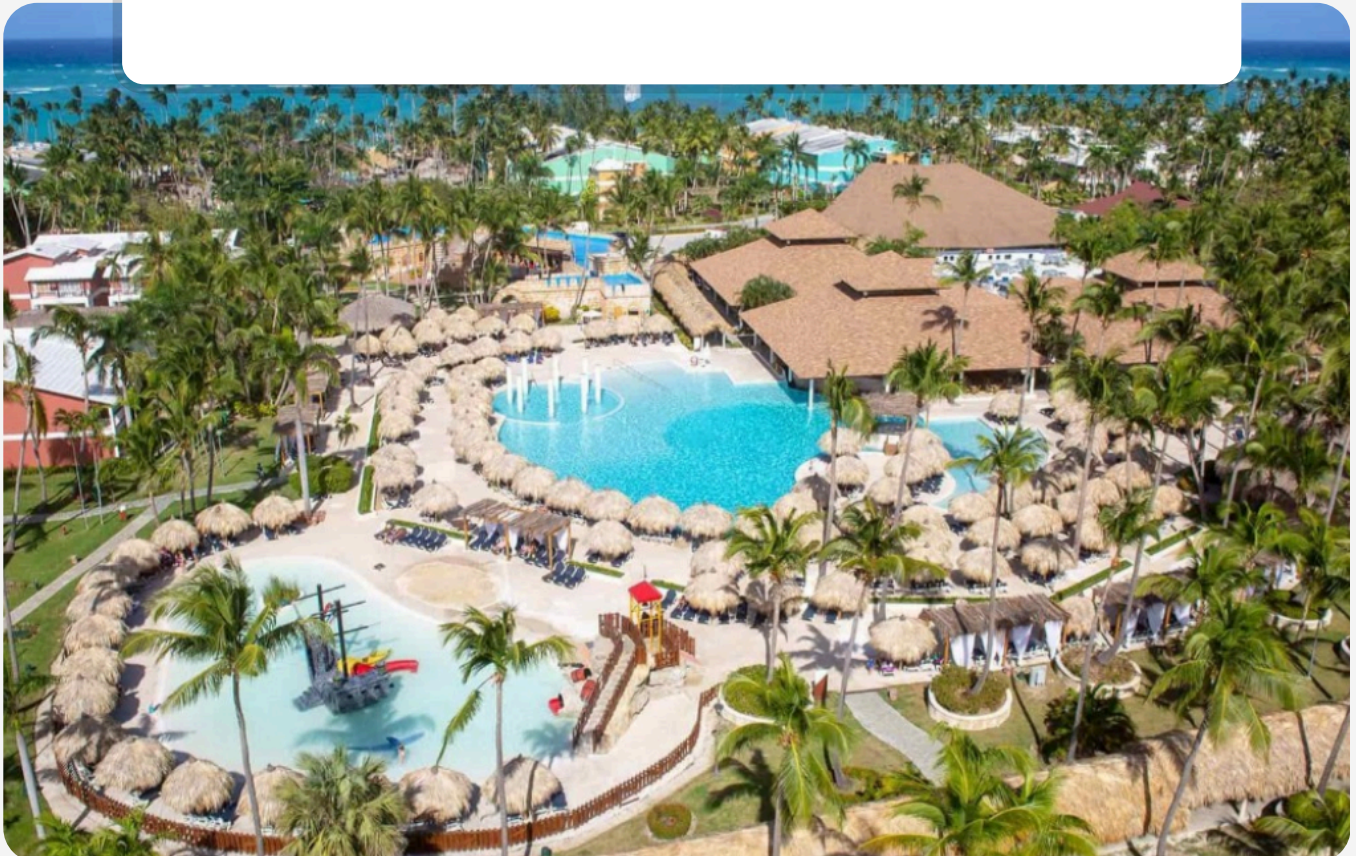




# Hotel in Punta Cana

## **GRAND PALLADIUM PUNTA CANA RESORT & SPA**

Surrounded by beaches and tropical gardens, our 5-star resort offers all the things that make this destination a paradise: refreshing pools, delicious cuisine, a relaxing spa and fun for the whole family. Enjoy your stay with Infinite Indulgence®. Everything is included.





# Program

## 1 MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> *Punta Cana*

- As you arrive at **Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ)**, prepare to be immersed in an extraordinary experience. From the moment you land, transfers will take you to your host hotel.
- **6:00 PM: Welcome Cocktail Reception** – Kick off this extraordinary journey with a sunset cocktail gathering, the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow industry professionals in an exquisite beachfront setting.
- **Overnight at host hotel**

## 2 MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> *Exploring Punta Cana*

- Wake up to paradise and enjoy breakfast at leisure before embarking on an exclusive tour of some of Punta Cana's most prestigious properties.
- **7:00- 9:00 AM** Breakfast at leisure
- **9:00 - 11:00 AM:** Private site inspection of the elegant Palladium properties, showcasing idyllic beachfront venues and sophisticated ballrooms.
- **11:00 - 11:30 AM:** Transfer to Paradisus Palma Real.
- **11:30 AM - 2:00 PM:** Lunch and exclusive presentation at Paradisus Palma Real, where inspiration meets innovation.
- **2:30 - 4:30 PM:** Site inspection
- **4:30 - 5:00 PM:** Depart for an unforgettable Catamaran Experience.
- **5:00 - 8:00 PM:** Experience the magic of sunset on a relaxing Catamaran Experience. Sail the waters of Punta Cana, ideal to offer to your couples. Enjoy soft music and refreshing drinks while you get inspired.
- **8:00- 8:30 PM** Transfer to host hotel
- **Overnight at host hotel**

# 3 MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> *Punta Cana*

- **7:00 - 8:00 AM:** Breakfast at leisure .
- **8:00 - 9:00 AM:** Transfer
- **9:00 - 11:00 AM:** Site inspections
- **11:00 AM - 1:00 PM:** Discover the elegance of **Lopesan Costa Bavaro Resort & Spa.**
- **1:00 - 2:30 PM:** Enjoy a gourmet lunch at Lopesan Costa Bavaro Resort & Spa.
- **2:30 - 3:30 PM:** Transfer to your next host hotel
- **6:30 PM:** Experiential dinner
- **Overnight at host hotel**

# 4 MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> **A JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORY** *Santo Domingo*

- **7:00 AM:** Check-out from the host hotel and departure to Santo Domingo.
- **9:00 AM:** Stop en route for site inspection.
- **11:00 AM- 2:00 PM:** Lunch & Site inspection Bahia Principe Grand La Romana
- **4:00 PM:** Check-in at Kimpton Las Mercedes, where history meets contemporary luxury.
- **4:00 PM - 7:30 PM:** Leisure time
- **7:30 PM:** Welcome event at Kimpton Las Mercedes with the IADWP Academy—an exclusive evening of networking and inspiration.
- **Overnight at Kimpton Las Mercedes**



# 5 MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

## IADWP ACADEMY: DESTINATION WEDDING CONGRESS

### *Santo Domingo*

*Networking*

- **8:30 - 10:00 AM:** Breakfast Sponsored by DR Tourism Board at Kimpton Las Mercedes
- **10:00 - 10:30 AM:** Transfer to IADWP Academy at Renaissance Santo Domingo Jaragua Hotel & Casino
- **10:30 AM - 11:20 AM:** "Brand Storytelling in Romance Tourism" by Antonio Paraiso
- **11:30 AM - 12:30 PM:** "Tech & Roll: Technological Innovation for Destination Weddings" by Pervez Taufiq
- **12:30 PM - 4:30 PM:** Lunch Time & Business Appointments Connect with Renowned Wedding Tourism Suppliers - Business Appointments with Prize Opportunities
- **4:30 PM - 5:20 PM:** "How to Brand Yourself as a Luxury Destination Expert Through Content, Relationships, and Client Referrals" Chris J Evans
- **5:30 PM - 6:00 PM:** Destination Showcase: Colonial Jewels of the Caribbean
- **6:00 PM - 6:30 PM:** Transfer to Host Hotel
- **7:00 PM - 8:00 PM:** Get Ready
- **8:15 PM - 8:30 PM:** Transfer to Casas XVI
- **8:30 PM - 11:30 PM:** IADWP Members Event - Casas XVI Casa de los Vitrales
- **Overnight at Kimpton Las Mercedes**

# 6 MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> *Santo Domingo*

- **7:00 AM - 8:30 AM:** Breakfast at Leisure
- **8:30 AM - 8:40 AM:** Departure for Site Inspections
- **9:00 AM - 10:20 AM:** Experience the charm of the city's Colonial Center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, as you explore its rich history and cultural significance.
- **10:30 AM - 12:00 PM:** Site Inspection - Casas XVI
- **12:00 PM - 2:00 PM:** Site Inspection
- **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM:** Lunch Experience: Cigar, Chocolate, Cafe, and Rum Experience)
- **4:00 PM - 5:30 PM:** Site Inspection
- **Return to Kimpton Las Mercedes**
- **Overnight at Kimpton Las Mercedes**

# 7 MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> *Escape to Samana*

- **7:00 - 8:00 AM:** Breakfast at Leisure & Check-out from Host Hotel
- **8:00 AM - 12:00 PM:** Departure for Samaná.
- **12:00 - 12:30 PM:** Transfer to Cayo Levantado.
- **12:30 - 3:30 PM:** Site Inspection and lunch at Cayo Levantado Resort, a luxurious island retreat known for its suites and villas celebrating the natural beauty of Samaná.
- **3:30 PM:** Return Transfer to Samaná
- **3:30 PM - 4:30 PM:** Transfer to Bahia Principe Grand El Portillo and check-in
- **4:30 - 5:30 PM** Site inspection
- **7:30 PM** Special Dinner



# 8 MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

## *La Romana*

### MOST ICONIC DESTINATIONS

- **7:00 AM - 8:00 AM:** Breakfast at Leisure
- **8:00 AM - 11:00 PM:** Transfer to Juan Dolio
- **11:00- 1:00 PM:** Site inspection and lunch at club hemingway
- **1:00 - 2:00:** Transfer to Site Inspection
- **2:00 PM - 4:30 PM:** Site inspection
- **4:30 pm - 4:45 PM** Tranfer to host hotel
- **5:00 PM:** Check in and site inspection
- **7:00 PM:** Gala Dinner & Certification Ceremony – Celebrate your journey as you receive your official IADWP Certified Dominican Republic Destination Wedding Specialist Certificate.
- **Overnight at HOST HOTEL**

# 9 MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>

## *Departure*

- **Morning at Leisure:** Relax or enjoy last-minute networking before departures.
- **Transfer to Airport:** Participants are headed to Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ) for their flights home.



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# EXPLORING THE MOST BREATHTAKING WEDDING VENUES IN THE *Dominican Republic*

Discover the most exclusive and luxurious wedding venues in the Dominican Republic — handpicked for their breathtaking views, world-class service, and unparalleled charm. This is your opportunity to experience these venues firsthand and offer only the best to your clients.

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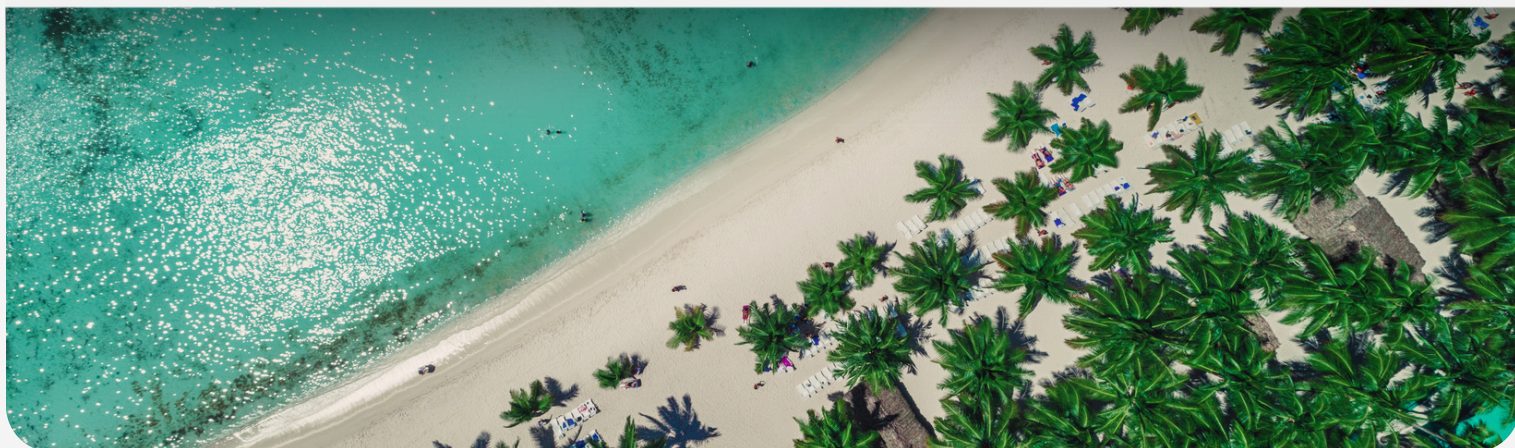
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# FIRST STEPS IN YOUR JOURNEY TO *Love* DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

To be part of this exclusive experience, complete our **profile form** as the first step in your participation process. This ensures a high-quality networking environment by verifying each applicant's profile and destination wedding production capacity.

**COMPLETE THE FORM HERE!**





# Connectivity

## HOW TO ARRIVE IN PUNTA CANA?

Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ) is the busiest airport in the Dominican Republic and one of the most well-connected in the Caribbean, offering direct flights to 72 destinations across 37 countries. In 2023, it welcomed approximately 9.1 million passengers, with projections reaching 11 million by 2025. Its strategic location, complemented by the Oscar de la Renta highway, ensures easy access to La Romana in under an hour and Santo Domingo in just two and a half hours, making it a key gateway for global travelers.

### PUNTA CANA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (PUJ) DIRECTS FLIGHTS ARRIVE FROM:

#### United States:

New York City, Miami, Atlanta, Chicago, Boston, Dallas/Fort Worth, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Charlotte

#### Canada:

Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Ottawa, Calgary, Edmonton



## Punta Cana

Blessed with one of the Caribbean region's longest white sand coastlines—a whopping 48 kilometers (30 miles), punctuated with sky-reaching coconut palms – Punta Cana is the land of rest and relaxation by the sea.

Families enjoy miniature entertainment centers and water parks for children, while couples-only enclaves boast dream wedding locations, with secluded beachside lodging for an ultra-romantic stay.

Punta Cana is also a golfer's destination, with 10 courses located all along the strip, a seaside escape with luxurious marinas and fine dining, and a wellness corner home to the country's top spas

**Dominican Republic**



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# Weather



In May, the Dominican Republic enjoys warm tropical weather, with temperatures averaging 31°C (88°F) during the day and 23°C (74°F) at night.

This month marks the beginning of the wet season, meaning occasional rain showers are expected, mostly in the afternoons or evenings, but plenty of sunshine remains.

## WEATHER BY DESTINATION

### *Punta Cana - Cap Cana*

Sunny with ocean breezes; occasional quick showers. Perfect for beachfront venues.

### *La Romana*

Warm and lush, with light rain enhancing its tropical beauty.

### *Santo Domingo*

Warm and slightly humid; ideal for exploring its rich history.

### *Samaná*

Tropical and breezy, with occasional rain adding to its exotic charm.



# WHAT'S INCLUDED?

3 nights  
acommodation  
at Punta Cana

3 nights  
acommodation  
at Kimpton Las  
Mercedes

2 nights  
acommodation  
in Cap Cana

Access to the  
networking area for  
one-to-one  
appointments at the  
IADWP Academy

Breakfast,  
Lunch, and  
Special dinners  
mentioned at  
the program

Special activities  
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experience and  
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