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## Planning the Ultimate Spring Break in the Dominican Republic

**N**o one would ever say a Dominican Republic spring break doesn't live up to the hype. Blessed with 800 miles of coastline fringed with dazzling beaches, it's brimming with dreamy spots for a post-winter tropical escape. But if you're in the early stages of organizing a spring break in the DR, you may not realize how diverse this country really is. Home of the largest metropolis in the region, plus everything from vast national parks to tiny fishing villages, this destination is full of surprises.

Whether you're envisioning a spring break that involves urban adventures, high-octane beach fun, or nature-infused enclaves, you'll be impressed by the Dominican Republic's bevy of treasures.

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Start your big city adventure in the old town, aka “Colonial Zone,” filled with Spanish colonial architecture and vivid blooms. Broaden your knowledge of the country’s history at museums such as Museum of the Royal Houses, Alcazar de Colon palace, and The Cathedral of Santa Maria la Menor.



Main square in Santo Domingo. Image courtesy of Shutterstock.

Dance is a huge part of life in the DR, and Santo Domingo has no shortage of places to let loose. Lively crowds spill out of buzzy nightclubs like Onno’s, Parada 77, and El Sartén. On Sundays, Grupo Bonye hosts an open-air, come-as-you-are dance party at the ruins of the 16th-century San Francisco monastery. This is hands-down the best place to mingle with locals!

In sophisticated neighborhoods like Piantini and Ensanche Naco, you’ll find a host of top-tier nightlife options. Get a drink at Local 3, a chandelier-adorned lounge located a 10-minute walk from the [Embassy Suites Hilton by Santo Domingo](#), or sip local and imported beers at laid-back Lou’s Beer Market, near [Homewood Suites by Hilton Santo Domingo](#).

For wild beach days and party-hard nights, head to Boca Chica

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At Boca Chica, there's no doubt you'll enjoy the calm waters. Image courtesy of Shutterstock.

A favorite weekend spot of locals, Boca Chica gives you a taste of real Dominican life and culture — it's the ideal spot for a boisterous, sun-soaked Dominican Republic spring break. Go snorkeling in the shallow water, sunbathe, or do as the locals do and kick back with a bottle of rum.

Along the shore, a row of no-frills eateries compete to serve you cold drinks, plus local seafood specialties like deep-fried fish with a side of tostones, twice-fried green plantains.

After sunset, the beach empties and the party drifts to Duarte Avenue, where restaurants create makeshift al-fresco patios right in the road.

The ideal base for both beach and city adventures, [Hampton by Hilton Santo Domingo Airport](#) is a mere 10-minute drive away.

For a relaxing Dominican Republic Spring Break, try Bayahibe

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Bayahibe has that relaxing vibe you've been looking forward to seeing. Image courtesy of Shutterstock.

This colorful Caribbean fishing village lies just outside of La Romana on the country's south coast. It's a white-sand paradise offering easy access to unspoiled nature on two nearby islands and in the vast parkland to the east. Some of the most popular Dominican Republic excursions depart from this area.

A day trip to Isla Saona — a palm-tree-dotted island oasis seemingly plucked from heaven — is one you'll never forget. If you're staying at all-inclusive [Hilton La Romana](#), you can sign up for this excursion as well as trips to Isla Catalina, another utopian island, and to Altos de Chavon, a replica of a 16th century Mediterranean village located in La Romana.

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