

VISA AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Most foreign nationals require a valid passport to enter the Dominican Republic for tourist purposes. Exceptions to this rule are nationals of the following countries who may also present an alternative document of identification instead of a passport: **Belgium, Canada, France, Georgia, Luxembourg, Netherlands and the United States.**

Passport: Passports must be valid for six months after date of departure, except nationals of Canada holding appropriate ID such as a Birth Certificate or a Drivers License accompanied by a photo ID document, provided travelling for business or touristic purposes. Note that if you are stopping in the USA, you need a passport. Nationals of Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and The Netherlands holding a National Identity Card at the discretion of immigration. United States passport holders must have a valid passport or a Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) compliant document, or a government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, as well as proof of citizenship, such as an original or certified birth certificate.

Tourist Card: Issued to travelers visiting the Dominican Republic for tourist purposes for stays of up to 30 days from date of entry. Tourist Cards can be applied for in advance [although this can be a lengthy process], or can be issued and purchased upon arrival at the airport, which is the common procedure. Extensions of up to 3 months are possible by visiting the Immigration Department in Santo Domingo; failure to do so will result in a surcharge at the airport upon departure.

Many Travel Agents/Tour Operators include a Tourist Card as part of your flight or package holiday. Please consult with yours to find out if this has been included. If not, a Tourist Card must be purchased at all airports upon arrival in the Dominican Republic.

Who does not require a visa?

Nationals and legal residents of the following countries do not require a visa when visiting the country as tourists, and while holding a passport, a residency card and a tourist card:

United States, Netherlands, Italy, Canada, Germany, Venezuela, Spain, Portugal, Britain, France, Greece, Ireland and Denmark.

Who requires a tourist card?

Citizens and legal residents of the following countries can visit the Dominican Republic for tourist purposes only by the purchase of a Tourist Card. Holders of a Tourist Card do not require a visa.

Albania, Argentina, Andorra, Antigua, Arabia, Australia, New Zealand, Austrian Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belize, Belgium, Brazil, Bolivia, Botswana, Bulgaria, Brunei, Canada, Croatia, Czechoslovakia, Chile, Cyprus, Colombia, Costa Rica, Curaçao, Dominica, United Arab Emirates, El Salvador, Slovenia, Estonia, Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John, Finland, Fiji, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Guyana, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Turks and Caicos, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco,

Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Russian Federation, Saint Martin, Saint Vincent and The Grenadines, Saint Lucia, Sweden, Switzerland, Suriname, Trinidad y Tobago, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, England, Norway, Nicaragua, Granada, Bouvet Island, Iceland, Heard and MacDonald Islands, North Marianas Islands, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Micronesia, Malaysia, Malta, Mauricio, Namibia and Nauru.

Who requires a visa?

Citizens and legal residents of the following countries require a visa to enter the Dominican Republic:

Cuba, Colombia, Haiti, Panamá, Taiwan, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Angola, Saudi Arabia, Burundi, Chad, Communist China, Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Filipinas, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Korea del Norte, Kuwait, Laos, Liberia, Mali, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Ruanda, Senegal, Sierra Leona, Syria, Somalia, Sudan, Thailand, Tanzania, Togo, Turkey, Uganda, Rep. Popular del Congo and Namibia.

In addition to a valid visa, nationals of China (PR) require an authorization from the Director of the Migration/Immigration Department.

Required documents for visa application

Tourist Visa:

- Application form
- Passport-size photo
- Valid passport with 1 full blank page
- Evidence of sufficient funds for stay
- Visa fee payment
- Stamped, self-addressed envelope when postal application
- Flight itinerary and reservation [all non-residents of the Dominican Republic should have a round trip ticket or some type of proof they will be departing the Dominican Republic]

Because requirements for citizens of certain countries can change from time to time, it would be wise to check with a local Travel Agent or the Dominican Republic Consulate or Embassy in your country, as to what documentation you may require from your country. For any further visa-related questions you should contact your nearest Dominican Republic embassy directly. Generally, the embassy or consulate provides clear instructions on how to apply for a visa yourself without extra costs.

Contact your Embassy

For most online Embassy and Consulate contact information and inquiries, please visit:

<http://www.embassiesabroad.com/embassies-of/DominicanRepublic#85>