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Tortuga Bay Puntacana Resort & Club

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Sprawled across 15,000 acres of private land, Tortuga Bay Puntacana Resort & Club is home to 13 butter-yellow beachfront villas. Dotted along a three-mile stretch of creamy sand, only swaying coconut palms obstruct guests' view of the Caribbean. The creation of designer Oscar De La Renta, the villas are decked out in a neutral palette, accented with splashes of colour and indigenous materials — think coralline stone bathrooms, wicker chairs and fuchsia clouds spilling out of vases. Each opens onto either a sea-view balcony or a verandah overlooking the beach.

Eco-travellers can immerse themselves in the resort's sustainability efforts, helping to protect native flora and fauna and preserve endangered species at the on-site Indigenous Eyes Ecological Park & Reserve. Here, trails weave through 1,500 acres of tropical foliage, leading to waterfalls and turquoise lagoons. Lucky visitors may glimpse the Ridgway's hawk.

Continuing the eco theme, divers can combine watersports and conservation work with Blue Vision Adventures — planting and nurturing coral

in nurseries, which is later used to restock depleted ocean reefs. In addition, there's horse-riding on the beach, eight tennis courts and two golf courses: the cliff-top, 18-hole Corales Golf Club, which wraps around pretty bays and coves; and the 27-course ocean-side La Cana Golf Club. The latter houses the only Six Senses Spa in the Americas, offering an array of massages as well as signature facials, body scrubs and wraps, plus luxurious spa rituals.

Diners at Tortuga Bay Puntacana Resort & Club have the choice of six world-class restaurants: from Mediterranean cuisine atop La Yola's water-view terrace, to creative fusion dishes made with locally sourced ingredients at Bamboo. Elsewhere, guests can tuck into seafood at ocean-view Playa Blanca, feast on the finest cuts at Brasserie Grill & Bar, enjoy Caribbean-Mediterranean light bites at The Grill, or local delicacies with a modern twist at Anani.

Staff are on hand to ensure each guest's stay runs smoothly, from a VIP service whisking travellers through airport customs into a private car, to in-villa check-in by a villa manager, and a golf cart for travelling around the resort.

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KEY FACILITIES

- 13 beachfront villas, including two- and three-bedroom options
- A full-service marina
- 2 golf courses
- Six Senses Spa
- 6 restaurants
- 8 clay tennis courts
- Sports complex
- Excursions, including Segway eco-tours, wreck diving and helitours
- Shopping village
- Horse riding
- Golf buggies for guests

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Don't miss // Indigenous Eyes Ecological Park & Reserve, a tangle of tree-lined trails leading to turquoise lagoons and gushing waterfalls