

### **Dominican Republic at a glance:**

**Location:** On the island of Hispaniola, part of the Greater Antilles archipelago in the Caribbean region.

**Climate:** The climate of the Dominican Republic is mostly tropical. The annual average temperature is 25 °C (77 °F).

**Area:** 18,704 sq mi

**Population:** 9,445,281 (2010 census)

**Ethnic groups:** 45% multiracial  
40% black  
15% white

**Literacy:** 87%

**Official language:** Spanish

**Capitol:** Santo Domingo **Government type:** Unitary representative democratic republic

**National Holiday:** February 27 Independence Day

**Economy:** \$9,286 in USD

**Unemployment:** 14.7%

**Religion:** 68.9% Roman Catholic,  
18.2% Evangelical  
10.6% with no religion  
2.3% other

**Communication:** Land lines – 678,901  
Cell phones - 6,807,831

**Currency:** Peso (DOP)

**Currency exchange rate:** \$1.00 (USD) = 40.98 (DOP) (April 18, 2013)

**Time Zone:** The Dominican Republic is 1 hour later than Houston, TX