

SOSUA CONTACTS & INFORMATION

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Thank you for your booking, and welcome to Sosua!

This small booklet contains the answers to a large numbers of queries that our tenants asked us over the years. Please feel free to contact me anytime at fabiotabbo@yahoo.com for any further issue!

Money Exchange

You will need to change your money into the local currency (Dominican pesos). Do NOT exchange money with people soliciting you in the street; do NOT exchange money in banks as their exchange rates are not competitive. Use instead the regular forex bureaus. Compare rates and negotiate! The best exchange rate is usually found during office hours, from Monday to Friday, at a change shop in Plaza Colonial, near Banco Popular.

To withdraw money from the ATM, I recommend the Banco Popular on Plaza Colonial. It is the most "tourist-friendly", has an easy ATM withdrawal system (with some flexibility in terms of amounts, type of cards etc.). You can also get USD inside (bring your passport and credit card).

Be careful when using credit cards, due to the risk of frauds and the hefty fee that some businesses charge (up to 20%)!

Airport Transfers

We can arrange a pickup/drop-off from/to the Puerto Plata airport with an air-conditioned van (for 6 persons) and English-speaking driver for 25 USD per way. There are also many taxis waiting outside the airport: rates are similar and negotiable, depending on the number of people, the time of the day, your knowledge of Spanish etc.

If you arrive in Sosua with a bus, we could arrange a complimentary pickup at the bus station.

If you land in Santiago or Santo Domingo, we can also arrange a pickup from there - please contact us for details.

Transportation / Vehicle Rental

For distances of a few miles, you may use the "motoconchos", motorbikes for 1 (or 4...) persons, strictly without helmets. They charge about 50 pesos/km, and double their rates at night or during rainy weather.

For longer distances, you can either take the local mini-bus ("Carros publicos" / guagas") or the classy air-con large buses (which cover all the country) operated by two companies: Caribe Tours <http://www.caribetours.com.do> Tel.: (809) 221 - 4422 or Metro Expreso www.metro serviciosturisticos.com 809-571-1324.

There is a bus every hour from Santo Domingo to Sosua, from 7AM to 7PM. Cost is about 10\$ per person; this scenic trip takes about 5 hours and allows you to discover the interior of the country and lesser-known cities such as Santiago.

You can also rent bikes, for example from Mr. Lello at Asso srl (located close to the Orange building), tel 809-571-2588, 829-993-5775. Rates can be negotiated around 15\$/day.

We can also arrange a vehicle (car or van) with private driver at competitive prices. You could also drive yourself (with, obviously, your own driving license valid in your country). The road conditions are excellent from Santo Domingo to Santiago, Puerto Plata and Sosua/Cabarete. Outside the tourist areas, roads deteriorate.

If you want to rent a car, we recommend Ok-motors.com, ask the owner Willi for a discount as you stay in one of our properties. Be careful when driving, road signs and speed limits are merely suggestions..

Finally, a "low-speed" alternative is to rent a golf cart, for example through the "Jolly Roger Club", but the cost is usually higher than a regular car.

Supermarkets

The main supermarket in Sosua is called "Playero" and sells all types of imported goods. Another, smaller and more local-oriented supermarket is located nearby, on the same main road, walking a few hundred meters towards Cabarete. Continuing for a few minutes on the same road, you will then find the "Super Pola", opened in 2014 and similar to Playero (but, cheaper for many products). Or, small "Mini-markets" are scattered across town.

Phone

Your international phone will work in Dominican Republic. If you need a local SIM card, the best local phone carriers are Orange and Claro. You can get a local card by registering with your passport.

Internet

Most residences offer a complimentary Wi-fi connection, while the most upscale properties have a dedicated router. Passwords

change regularly for security reasons; our property manager will provide you the latest ones upon check-in.

Restaurants & Clubs

Most of the restaurants and clubs in Sosua are located on and around the Pedro Clisante Avenue.

Here are a couple of deals:

- Sinatra's restaurant, located in Calle Pedro Clisante, offers 2x1 discounts on Wednesday and Friday from 18h to 20h.
- The Don Andres restaurant in Plaza Bologna offers a buffet of German/Dutch cuisine for around 10\$ per person.

For reference purposes, the most popular restaurants are:

Britannia (809-571-1959) - International & British
Jolly Roger (809-571-4072) - International
Waterfront (809-571-3024) - International
Bailey's Bar & Restaurant (809-571-3085) - International & Dominican
Fresh Fresh (809-571-2180) - Wraps
Bologna (809-571-1454) - Italian
Parillada Steak House (809-571-1604)
Morua Mai (809-571-3682)
Gaudi (829-787-7670) - Tapas
Burrito Hut (829-717-0599) - Mexican
Café Cubano (809-571-3493)
Scoth N Sirloin (809-571-2220)
German Bakery (809-571-3383)
Chili Thai Restaurant (809-913-2159)
Al Porto (809-571-3285) - Italian
Casa 21 (829 342 8089) - Belgium
Avalon (809-571-9946) - Italian
La Finca (809-571-3925) - Dominican
Dracula (809-250-3569) - International
PJ's (809-571-2091) - International

We can also arrange for you a private chef, specialized in Italian and Dominican cuisine.

Beaches

The main, public beach is called Playa Sosua: it is only accessible by roads situated at both extremities, and is usually very crowded. There are lesser-known beaches scattered around town, see the beach map at the end of this document.

Electricity

The voltage in DR is 110 V, the frequency is 60 Hz, so depending on your country of origin you might need an electrical adapter.

The local plugs look like this:



Some power-intensive appliances such as imported hair dryers do not always work properly in DR, unless you also have a voltage adapter. We already provide most local electric equipment, but feel free to ask for any additional items.

The Residences guarantee 24/7 availability through generators, stabilizers and back-up systems.

Electricity is expensive in DR, and is almost never included in the rental rates: we always recommend to check the meter at check-in and check-out (the cost is usually between 12 and 14 pesos/KW), or at least obtain dated pictures from the agent.

Housekeeping

The initial and final cleanings are always included in the rent. Daily housekeeping is often included in upscale villas, or can be arranged separately.

Water

You should NOT drink water from the tap. Most upscale properties provide complimentary gallons of filtered drinking water, or you can buy bottled water from the shops.

Doctors

For medical emergencies, you may go to:

Centro Médico Bournigal (CMB) - Puerto Plata

T. 809-586-2342, F. 809-586-6104

info@bournigal-hospital.com, cmb.info@codetel.net.do

<http://www.bournigal-hospital.com>

Cabarete Medical Center
Carretera Sosua-Cabarete Km 1
1 (809) 571 4696
cmc.sosua@gmail.com
<http://www.cabaretemedicalcenter.com>

Dentists

For dental emergencies, you may go to:

HALAIFA DENTAL CLINIC:

Carretera Sosua-Cabarete #23, Sosúa, Dominican Republic. In the Plaza next to the Texaco gas station of El Batey.
Tel. 809-571-1181 / 809-543-8111
hugo@halayfa.com

MONICA GARCIA DENTAL CLINIC:

Main Sosua-Cabarete Hwy, Plaza Mazur B-2. Just across the large Playero supermarket. Tel. 809-571-9949 / 809-873-4227
mgsaludbucal@gmail.com

Pharmacies

The largest pharmacy is located near the main supermarket (Playero). This said, Sosua is a small beach town, so if you have particular medicine requirements, bring them with you.

Police

For security-related issues, a specific tourist police called "Politur" is available in Sosua: Tel. 809-754-3051 / 809-754-3020 / 809-571-2338.

Tourist attractions

If you swim well, you could swim for a few hundred meters towards the coral reef on Playa Imbert (every morning, boats bring tourists there): there are a multitude of colored fishes. Bring a small water bottle with bread crumbs inside, you will soon be surrounded by all kind of small fishes eating from your hands!

In addition to the beaches and the night life, you might want to check out the following attractions:

- "Monkey Jungle", with a zip line and shooting range. Between Sosua and Cabarete. www.monkeyjungledr.com/
- "Jewish museum", in the center of town.

- 27 Charcos / 27 Waterfalls, (40-minutes by car from Sosua), nice natural scenery with spring-fed waterfalls.
 - Ocean World, on Cofresí beach, Puerto Plata, where you can swim with the dolphins and interact with other sea animals. www.oceanworld.net/
 - Fortaleza di San Felipe (colonial fortress), in Puerto Plata.
 - Amber museum, in Puerto Plata.
 - Brugal rum factory, in Puerto Plata.
 - The mountain "Isabel de Torres", offering nice views of the island, with a Rio-like statue of Christ on top and a botanical garden.
 - Mundo King UFO Cathedral (trippy one-of-a-kind place with very strange and interesting art).
- Most of these attractions are free or inexpensive (except the Ocean World, which charges New York prices).

You can go there on your own, or with our driver, or also arrange through a tour company such as Mel Tours, Calle Alejo Martinez, near Casa Marina, tel 829-571-4002, 829-257-1027, www.mel-tour.com

Fishing

You can contact:
Sosua Game Fishing
#15 Sosua Beach
Sosua, Dominican Republic 57000
Tel: + 1 829-810-8799
Tel: + 1 829-677-4164
www.sosuagamefishing.com
E-mail: info@sosuagamefishing.com

You can also rent a boat at <http://www.puertoplata-fishingcharter.com/>

Scuba Diving /Snorkeling

Equipment can be rented from several shops on Pedro Clisante road, for example www.northerncoastdiving.com
No. 8 Pedro Clisante Street, Tel: +1 (809) 571-1028.

Golf

The most popular golf course is the one in the "Playa Dorada" Resort Complex (18 holes), www.playadoradagolf.com

Casino

The main casino is located in the Sosua Bay Club, the other in Playa Chiquita (on the East end of town, see map). A bigger casino can be found in Puerto Plata ("Pure Casino", they have regular table games). Be aware, the "Dominican Roulette" game is a scam.

Gyms

There are 2 fully-equipped gym clubs (offering all types of courses: aerobics, yoga, body-building etc.):

Sosua's Family Gym:

Address: Pedro Clisante #176, El Batey

Phone: (809) 571-1198

Email: sosuafamilygym@hotmail.com

Platinum's Gym

Address: Pedro Clisante #1, Sosua Bay Center

Phone: (829) 452-8014

Email: platinums-gym@live.com

They also offer inexpensive daily membership rates for short-term visitors.

Reviews and referrals

We would be grateful if you could post a review on the booking website after your trip. For example:

<https://www.airbnb.com/users/show/11382773>

We would of course be glad to do likewise, provide references for your future bookings and offer a 10% additional discount/commission for your (or your friends') next stay.

Maps

Map of the Dominican Republic



Map of Sosua



Another map of Sosua, showing the beaches



Please contact me for any issue.
Good luck and have a great stay!

Fabio Tabbo'