



# Puerto Plata

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In his first trip to the stupendous region, Christopher Columbus noted the silver-tipped appearance of the area's prominent mountain. As "plata" is Spanish for "silver," Columbus christened it "Monte de Plata," and the city became known as Puerto de Plata. Luring vacationers much as it had Columbus, Puerto Plata is one of the Dominican Republic's most renowned cities. Lending to a bright culture of friendly people and recreational activities, Puerto Plata will exceed even your wildest and greatest of expectations.



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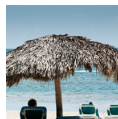


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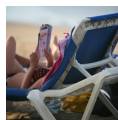
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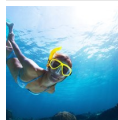
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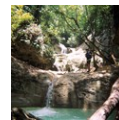
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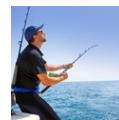
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## THE CITY



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Welcome to Puerto Plata, a Caribbean city soaked in sunshine. The streets of this vibrant city come to life with warmth and character. Stroll through the downtown to meet the amiable Dominican people and have a cold beer and you're sure to be smiling soon.

Unwind on the northern shore, taking in white sand beaches overlooking crystal clear waters, or plan an adventure to the top of 2,600 foot Mount Isabel de Torres.

After a long day at play, enjoy a romantic dinner for two over fresh caught seafood and a glass of red wine. Falling asleep to the rolling waves reminds you that it begins all over again come morning.

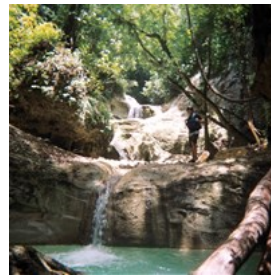
## DO & SEE



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Unwind at the beautiful beach, enjoy adventures in the water or at the top of a mountain. There is enough to do in Puerto Plata to make for a perfect vacation.

### 27 Charcos



27 waterfalls are nestled in the rolling hills of the Northern Corridor mountain range and offer a real tropical adventure. Touring these waterfalls will excite even the adrenaline junkies out there.

Photo: Brent/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: Carretera Navarrete, Puerto Plata

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 8am-3pm, Monday: 8am-4:30pm

Phone: +1 809 250 4200

Internet: [www.27charcos.com](http://www.27charcos.com)

Email: [info@27charcos.com](mailto:info@27charcos.com)

### Teleferico Puerto Plata Cable Car



This cable car offers a great view over Puerto Plata. At the top of the hill, you will have access to a lovely botanical garden.

Photo: [chriss73/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/author/chriss73)

Address: Mount Isabel de Torres, Puerto Plata

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 8:30am. - 5:00pm.  
Phone: +1 809 970 0501  
Internet: [www.telefericopuertoplata.com](http://www.telefericopuertoplata.com)

### High Z's Fishing Tour



If you like fishing, go with High Z. Very well known in Puerto Plata, the experienced captains and crew know the best places to catch the biggest fish! Sometimes, you can even see whales on your way.

Photo: [holbox/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com)  
Address: Ocean World Marine, Cofresi, Puerto Plata  
Phone: +1 809 299 6336  
Internet: [www.highzsfishingtours.com](http://www.highzsfishingtours.com)  
Email: [info@highzsfishingtours.com](mailto:info@highzsfishingtours.com)

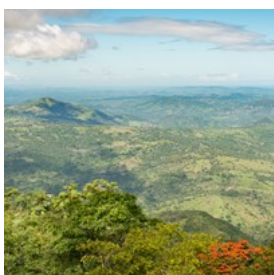
### Historical Centre



There is an abundance of Victorian-era architecture in Puerto Plata's historic city centre. The colorful houses have been undergoing restoration over the past decade, and can be seen in Calle Duarte, Calle Separación, Calle Beller and Calle Ariza.

Photo: [Hungry Daughter/Flickr](https://www.flickr.com/photos/hungrydaughter/)(image cropped)  
Address: Historical Center Puerto Plata, Puerto Plata

### Mount Isabel de Torres



There are many ways to explore Mount Isabel de Torres and plenty of reward for making it to the top! Check out the cable car if you're not into hiking.

Photo: [tahkani/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com)  
Address: Mount Isabel de Torres, Puerto Plata

### Amber Museum



This compact museum offers visitors a glimpse into how amber is really formed. The museum holds the very famous amber seen in the box office hit "Jurassic Park."

Photo: [Sundraw Photography/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com)  
Address: 61 Calle Duarte, Puerto Plata  
Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 8:30am-4:30pm  
Phone: +1 809 586 2848  
Internet: [www.ambermuseum.com](http://www.ambermuseum.com)

### Fortaleza de San Felipe



Find cultural and historical interest at Fort San Felipe, also known as El Morro de San Felipe. This defensive fortress used to serve as the main protective shield against invaders and pirates, and is now open to public visits. Just around the bend from great dining!

Photo: [Artefficient/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com)  
Address: Bahía de Puerto Plata, Puerto Plata  
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 9am-5pm

### Playa Grande



The dramatic Playa Grande is widely considered to be one of the top beaches in the world. Craggy cliffs, crystalline blue sea, and plenty of space makes the beach a must-stop.

Photo: [Siri B.L./Flickr](https://www.flickr.com/photos/siri_b_l/)(image cropped)  
Address: Carretera Río San Juan-Cabrera, Km 12, Río San

Juan  
Phone: +1 809 582 0860  
Internet: [www.playagrande.com](http://www.playagrande.com)  
Email: [info@playagrande.com](mailto:info@playagrande.com)

### Cofresí Beach



Cofresí Beach has a long stretch of golden sand that's perfect for swimming and surfing. Locals mainly use the public area on Sundays.

Photo: [emin kuliyev/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/emin-kuliyev)  
Address: Calle Pincipal, Cofresí, Puerto Plata

### La Casa de Cultura



Drop by here when you're strolling through the park. An art gallery has revolving exhibits that will help you understand how much talent there is in this country. You may even wish to buy from a budding artist. This Victorian building also has workshops for those talented in dance and music.

Photo: [shyshak roman/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/shyshak-roman)  
Address: Parque Central, Calle Separación, Puerto Plata  
Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm  
Phone: +1 809 261 2731

### Ocean World Adventure Park



The multimillion-dollar Ocean World Adventure Park has marine and wildlife interactive programs. Take advantage of the dolphin and sea lion shows, a double-dolphin swim, a tropical reef aquarium, seeing stingrays, shark tanks, a rain forest, and a Tiger Grotto inhabited

by Bengal tigers.

Photo: [paulbr75/Pixabay](https://www.pixabay.com/paulbr75)  
Address: Calle Principal 3, Cofresí, Puerto Plata  
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 9am - 6pm  
Phone: +1 809 291 1000  
Internet: [www.oceanworld.net](http://www.oceanworld.net)  
Email: [reservation@ocean-world.info](mailto:reservation@ocean-world.info)

### Playa Dorada



Playa Dorada is beloved for its soft sand, reefs for snorkeling, clear waters that invite for swimming, and more. This is also a good place for windsurfing, water-skiing, and fishing.

Photo: [Max Bosio/Flickr](https://www.flickr.com/photos/maxbosio/)(image cropped)  
Address: Playa Dorada, Puerto Plata

### Gri Gri Lagoon



For those seeking snorkeling, head an hour and a half away to Playa Grande. Here you'll find the Gri Gri lagoon, perfect for snorkeling. The shipwreck site of the Concepción is another one of its attractions.

Photo: [Dudarev Mikhail/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/Dudarev-Mikhail)  
Address: Gri Gri Lagoon, Playa Grande

## DINING



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Whether you want local cuisine or something different there are excellent choices in Puerto Plata to satisfy your palate. Naturally, local cuisine takes precedence.

### El Bergantin Caribbean Grill



Located in a green Victorian building right in the middle of the city, this venue is full of historic vibe. You will enjoy Caribbean delicacies as well as fish and chips in one of Puerto Plata's most popular restaurants.

Photo: Benoit Daoust/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Beller, Puerto Plata

Opening hours: Daily 8am-11pm

Phone: +1 809 261 5860

More Info: Vis-à-vis to Parque Central, at the crossing to Calle Separación

### Tostacos and Sushito



As the name suggests, this restaurant serves both TexMex food options - tacos, burritos, burgers and more - and various Sushi rolls. Customers enjoy the casual atmosphere and the quick service of the place.

Photo: PlanetPhotos/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Presidente Vasquez, Puerto Plata

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 6-11pm

Phone: +1 809 261 3330

### Le petit Francois



This venue located by Playa Dorada provides a romantic atmosphere as well as delicious food. The menu consists of Canadian and Dominican cuisine - seafood, cordon bleu, poutine - and is made from local, fresh ingredients. Le petit Francois can also be rented for private events.

Photo: Foodio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Playa Dorada, Puerto Plata

Opening hours: Monday & Tuesday 9am-4pm. Wednesday - Sunday 9am-11pm.

Phone: +1 829 492 2910

Internet: [www.lepetitfrancois.com](http://www.lepetitfrancois.com)

### Jamvi's



Pizzeria Restaurant Jamvi's offers a variety of food in a casual atmosphere and is open for both lunch and dinner. Enjoy pizza, burgers and local cuisine outdoors or indoors. For families with children, there even is a small playground right outside the restaurant.

Photo: siamionau pavel/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida General Gregorio Luperón, Puerto Plata

Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday 10am-12am. Friday & Saturday 10am-1am.

Phone: +1 809 320 7265

More Info: Located at the crossing to Calle José Ramón López

### Green Jack Restaurant



A must try for those new to Puerto Plata! The menu is unique and the service impeccable. The menu offers everything from fish to meat,

burgers and salads. There is an indoor section and a beautiful outdoor patio where you can enjoy your food.

Photo: Wisut Boonyasopit/Shutterstock.com

Address: Playa Dorada, Puerto Plata

Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday 12pm - 11pm. Friday - Saturday 10am - 2am.

Phone: +1 809 320 3800

Internet: [www.bluejacktar.com](http://www.bluejacktar.com)

Email: [bluejacktarhotel@bluejacktar.com](mailto:bluejacktarhotel@bluejacktar.com)

More Info: Located at Blue Jack Tar Condos & Villas

### Natura Restaurant at Natura Cabana



The freshest of seafood, sounds of the waves crashing against coral rock, and a menu that changes with the seasons makes Natura Restaurant

a prominent venue. The vegetables and herbs used are farmed at Natura's organic garden.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5 Paseo del Sol, Perla Marina Cabarete

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Phone: +1 809 571 1507

Internet: [www.naturacabana.com](http://www.naturacabana.com)

Email: [reservation@naturacabana.com](mailto:reservation@naturacabana.com)

More Info: Located at Natura Cabana Boutique Hotel & Spa

### Restaurant Le Papillon



Whether on business or enjoying a romantic getaway, Le Papillon is the perfect night out. The setting is comfortable and inviting, with nautical

decor complete with a large ship model suspended over the bar.

Besides their regular menu, there is always fresh seafood and fish. They are famous for their big juicy lobster dishes and the surf and turf.

Photo: Jevgeni Mironov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Villas Cofresi, Puerto Plata

Phone: +1 809 970 7640

Internet: [www.lepapillon-puertoplata.com](http://www.lepapillon-puertoplata.com)

Email: [lepapillontomas@hotmail.com](mailto:lepapillontomas@hotmail.com)

### CAFES



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Sea breezes and white sands are made that much more fun with an espresso or cup of coffee. Afternoon fare at cafes comes second only to breakfast! See below for tasty options.

### KAFFE



If you are looking for a place to enjoy a good cup of coffee or a refreshing milkshake in a peaceful, cozy atmosphere, KAFFE is the place to be. It is

well loved for its delicious local and international dishes and offers vegetarian and vegan options.

Photo: SRD.SIRADA/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Profesor Juan Bosch 42, Puerto Plata

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 8:30am-11pm

Phone: +1 809 261 3440

### Tio Pan Panaderia



The extensive menu of Tio Pan Panaderia offers breakfast options, coffee varieties and smoothies, plus sandwiches, pizza and other international

dishes. Tio Pan, as it is called, is appreciated for its friendly service and affordable prices.

Photo: DG Stock/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle J.A. Puig, Puerto Plata

Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday & Saturday 8am-10:30pm.

Wednesday-Friday & Sunday 8am-9pm.

Phone: +1 809 261 0787

### Veranda



If you are up to a breakfast or lunch under lush trees with a view on the ocean, then you should pay a visit to Veranda at the Casa

Colonial Beach & Spa. Here you can enjoy continental options as well as Dominican classics, such as grilled bananas and locally brewed coffee.

Photo: stockcreations/Shutterstock.com

Address: Playa Dorada, Puerto Plata

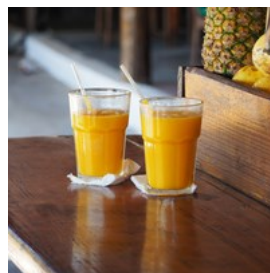
Opening hours: Daily 7am-5pm

Phone: +1 809 320 3232

Internet: [www.casacolonialhotel.com/dining-en.html](http://www.casacolonialhotel.com/dining-en.html)

More Info: Located at Casa Colonial Beach & Spa

### The Anchor



This is a great place, if you are looking for a local experience and tasty, affordable food. It serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Anchor will

make you feel like home and is known for its friendly crew.

Photo: dreii/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Almirante, Puerto Plata

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 8am-2pm, 4-10pm. Sunday 8am-12pm.

More Info: Located at the crossing with Calle Cadiz

### Cabarete Coffee Company



Cabarete Coffee Company works alongside local suppliers to provide affordable and healthy fast-food options and free delivery. Enjoy a menu of

organic fresh roasted coffee and hot chocolate from local cacao.

Photo: Chinara Guliyeva/Shutterstock.com

Address: Main Street, Cabarete

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 7am - 3pm

Phone: +1 809 571 0919

Internet: [www.cabaretecoffeecompany.com](http://www.cabaretecoffeecompany.com)

Email: [info@cabaretecoffeecompany.com](mailto:info@cabaretecoffeecompany.com)

More Info: At Bahia de Arena

### Kite Club Café



Kite Club Café is located on Kite Beach in Cabarete. Come for brunch or lunch with wraps, organic salads, fresh fruit smoothies and homemade iced tea.

Photo: Budimir Jevtic/Shutterstock.com

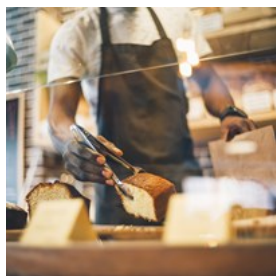
Address: Kite Beach, Cabarete

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 8am - 8pm

Phone: +1 809 678 6485

Email: [info@kiteclubcafe.com](mailto:info@kiteclubcafe.com)

### Belgium Bakery



For excellent pastries and coffee, head over to Belgium Bakery. It's especially good for breakfast.

Photo: Oscar Carrascosa Martinez/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Principal, Cabarete

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 7am - 7pm

Phone: +1 829 571 8198

More Info: Located in the Plaza Popular

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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The fun doesn't stop when the sunsets in Puerto Plata. There are dancing clubs, as well as bars.

### Lust Afterwork



Lust Afterwork is a bar that offers occasional live music and a large variety of shots and cocktails. You can choose between enjoying the casual atmosphere indoors or outdoors.

Photo: Marcel Kriegl/Shutterstock.com

Address: Manolo Tavarez Justo, Puerto Plata

Opening hours: Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday 6pm-12am.

Friday & Saturday 6pm-2am.

Phone: +1 809 261 8078

### Big Lee's Beach Bar



Big Lee's Beach Bar is one of the best places to unwind. Great, low-key atmosphere, cold beer, good food and friends. Also hosting live music on

Fridays.

Photo: Budimir Jevtic/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ave. General G. Luperon, Casetta 8, Puerto Plata

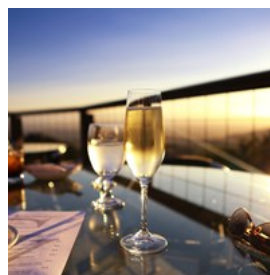
Phone: +1 829 868 0017

Internet: [www.bigleesbeachbar.com](http://www.bigleesbeachbar.com)

Email: [info@bigleesbeachbar.com](mailto:info@bigleesbeachbar.com)

More Info: The street is also called Malecon

### Ocean World Terrace



The terrace at the entertainment park Ocean World offers a spectacular sunset view on the Atlantic. Besides that, you can enjoy music, watch sports games or just mingle with locals. A large variety of beverages is served.

Photo: N K/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Principal 3, Cofresí, Puerto Plata

Phone: +1 809 291 1000

Internet: [www.oceanworld.net](http://www.oceanworld.net)

Email: [reservation@ocean-world.info](mailto:reservation@ocean-world.info)

### Señor Rock Bar & Grill



Señor Rock is an American restaurant playing live music in Playa Dorada every night. They serve specialties of steak, seafood, pizza, burgers, fajitas, chicken, wings, and more.

Photo: [Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: Playa Dorada Plaza, Puerto Plata

Opening hours: Daily 11am-1am

Phone: +1 809 320 2210

Internet: [senorrock.weebly.com](http://senorrock.weebly.com)

### Onno's Bar



Onno's Bar is a serious party place! Expect wall-to-wall and back-to-back crowds since Puerto Plata's youth thrive on electronica.

Photo: [Minerva Studio/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: Calle Principal, Sosúa, Cabarete, Puerto Plata

Opening hours: Monday & Tuesday 5pm - 3am. Wednesday - Sunday: 9am - 3am.

Phone: +1 809 571 0461

Internet: [www.onnosbar.com/cabarete](http://www.onnosbar.com/cabarete)

Email: [cabarete@onnosbar.com](mailto:cabarete@onnosbar.com)

### Mares Restaurant & Lounge



The Mares offers al fresco dining overlooking the pool, as well as indoor dining. Appetizers are tasty and of generous portions, with delights like the beet salad and plantain sushi roll!

Photo: [FreeProd33/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: 6 Francisco j. Peynado Street, Puerto Plata

Opening hours: Tuesday - Thursday: 6pm - 11pm. Friday & Saturday: 6pm - 12 am.

Phone: +1 809 261 3330

Internet: [www.maresrestaurant.com](http://www.maresrestaurant.com)

Email: [maresrestaurant@gmail.com](mailto:maresrestaurant@gmail.com)

### SHOPPING



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While visiting Puerto Plata the best way to find great shopping is to head off of resort property. Numerous bazaar-like hubs are scattered about the city. If you're feeling adventurous, just take a stroll, bargains are never far off; remember to haggle to get the best deals.

### Joyeria Las Americas



This jewelry shop has been a local favorite for over 25 years. The store stocks over 4,000 beautiful items, which means you're very likely

to find something that will suit your taste. Some pieces are made by children from the School for the Deaf and Girls Club, supported by Plaza Las Americas.

Photo: [Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: Jose E. Kunhard No.7 Down Town, Puerto Plata

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm Saturday 8am - 4.30pm Sunday 8am - 12pm

Phone: +1 809 244 4885

More Info: Plaza Las Americas, 1 km from Central Park

### Espigón Cigars



If you are looking for exquisite Dominican souvenirs, this is the place to go. Founded in 1917, Espigón is claimed to be one of the island's premium cigar factories. Apart from that, they sell local rum as well as organic honey, chocolate and coffee. You can also book a tour of the factory.

Photo: Hans-Even Bakken/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Calle San Felipe, Puerto Plata  
Opening hours: Monday - Friday 9am-5pm  
Phone: +1 809 261 0178  
Internet: [www.espigoncigars.com/](http://www.espigoncigars.com/)  
Email: [info@espigoncigars.com](mailto:info@espigoncigars.com)

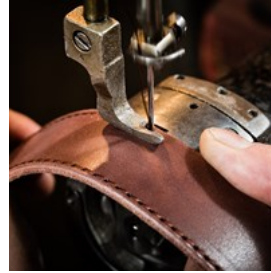
### Vivonté Cigar Factory & Lounge



A quintessentially Caribbean experience calls for cigars and coffee - both of which can be found at Vivonté. The factory's tobacco is not only grown in the Dominican Republic, but also in Ecuador and Nicaragua. Cigars and accessories can be purchased in their online shop as well.

Photo: Skolova/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Calle Jose del Carmen Ariza 5, Puerto Plata  
Opening hours: Daily 8am-11pm  
Phone: +1 809 586 5257  
Internet: [www.vivontecigars.com/](http://www.vivontecigars.com/)

### Estrella Avenida



Articles of genuine leather are what you'll find at Estrella Avenida. Enjoy a selection of bags, small leather items, belts, sandals, beachwear, children's accessories, and more.

Photo: Jan Faulkner/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Calle Separacion, Puerto Plata  
Phone: +1 829 720 5911

### Amber Museum Gift Shop



Amber Museum Gift Shop gives you the chance to purchase some of the Dominican Republic's famed semiprecious stones. Necklaces, bracelets, and pendants all contain beautiful stones and come in vibrant colors.

Photo: Jasmin Awad/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Playa Dorada Plaza, Puerto Plata  
Phone: +1 809 586 2848  
Internet: [www.ambermuseum.com](http://www.ambermuseum.com)  
More Info: Two more shops in the Amber Museum and at the Coral Marien Resort

## TOURIST INFORMATION



Max Bosio (image cropped)

### Airport



Gregorio Luperón International Airport is a mere 20 minutes from the heart of Puerto Plata and your gateway to paradise. Hop a taxi or a shuttle to

your resort to begin your Caribbean dream!

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Gregorio Luperón International Airport

Phone: +1 809 291 0000

Internet: [www.puerto-plata-airport.com](http://www.puerto-plata-airport.com)

### Time Zone



Puerto Plata is located in the Atlantic Standard time zone, and all times are reflected in Atlantic time.

Photo: Marek Polakovic

### Public Transport



Puerto Plata has the standard fare of transportation. Taxis are great, but always be sure to negotiate a price before getting into the vehicle. For solo adventurers or couples, moto-taxis are a cheaper means of travel and a bit of fun to boot.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

### Post

Post Office



Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 12 de Julio Castillitos, Puerto Plata

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8am-4pm

Phone: +1 809 586 4545

### Pharmacy

Farmacia Popular



Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Calle Beller 27, Puerto Plata

Opening hours: Daily 7am-10pm

Phone: +1 809 586 1515

## Telephone



Country code: +1 Area  
codes in Puerto Plata:  
809, 829

Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity



Electricity is 110 volts  
AC, 60 Hz with American  
style two-pin plugs.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Population

286,558

## Currency

Dominican peso

## Newspapers

Diario El Caribe  
Listín Diario  
Gringo Times  
Dominican Today

## Emergency numbers

911 or 112

## Tourist information

Ministry of Tourism  
Calle Cayetano Germosen  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
+1 809 221 4660