

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

The oldest European city in the Americas — cobblestone streets, the first cathedral and fortress of the New World, all a short ride from your ship across the Ozama River.

 Docked (Sans Souci / Don Diego)  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  Dominican Peso (DOP) · USD ok  Spanish · some English

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Sans Souci pier

To Zona Colonial: 5–10 min ride

Best For: History · Architecture

Don't Miss: Catedral Primada

 Getting around:  Taxi  \$5–\$20 USD ·  Rideshare  Uber, Bolt ·  Hop-on hop-off  Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Zona Colonial Walking Tour** — The UNESCO-listed colonial quarter: Catedral Primada (first cathedral in the Americas, 1540), Alcázar de Colón (Diego...
- **Alcázar de Colón & Las Casas Reales** — The fortified palace of Columbus's son and the museum of Royal Houses, telling the story of Spain's first colonial...
- **Los Tres Ojos & City Highlights** — A drive out to the Three Eyes limestone caves and lagoons, often paired with the Columbus Lighthouse (Faro a Colón) and...
- **Boca Chica Beach Escape** — A shallow, calm Caribbean beach about 30 km east — the easiest beach day from Santo Domingo if you'd rather swap...

BEST WALKS

- **Zona Colonial essentials loop** ~2.5 km · 2–3 hrs · easy · 30 min from pier — From the Sans Souci cruise pier it's about a 30-minute walk to the fort and the heart of the Zona Colonial — an easy, safe route worth...
- **Fortaleza Ozama & riverfront** ~1.5 km · 1 hr · easy — The oldest formal military structure in the Americas, with the Tower of Homage and views over the Ozama River where your ship is...
- **Calle El Conde stroll** ~1 km · 45 min · easy — The pedestrianized spine of the old city — shops, cafés, street musicians, and colonial facades running from Parque Colón to Parque...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:22AM–6:56PM · Jun 6:03AM–7:17PM · Aug 6:21AM–7:06PM · Sep 6:27AM–6:41PM · Oct 6:33AM–6:16PM	
Apr	84°	71°	17d	 Dominican Peso (DOP) · USD ok	
Jun	86°	74°	21d		
Aug	87°	75°	22d		
Sep	87°	75°	22d		
Oct	86°	74°	19d		

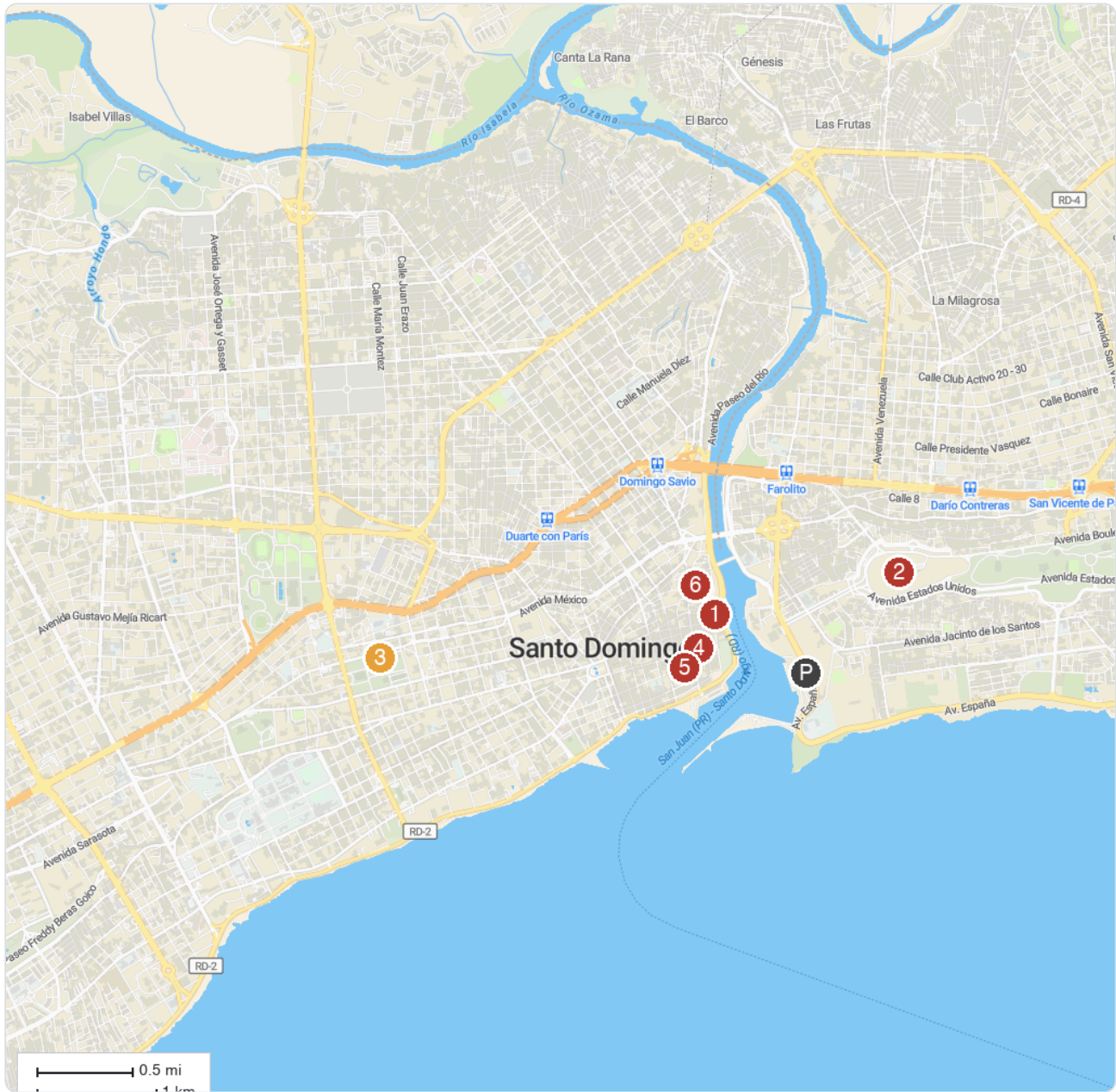
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Hire a guide at the cathedral. The Zona Colonial's layers of history (1500s firsts, pirate raids, independence) come alive with a licensed local guide.
- Carry small bills. USD is accepted but change is given in pesos at variable rates — small DOP notes are handy for taxis, water, and tips.

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Chapel of Our Lady of Remedies | Oldest chapel in the Americas, built for early Spanish settlers. | 2 Columbus Lighthouse | Massive cross-shaped monument and museum dedicated to Christopher Columbus. |
| 3 Museo Nacional de Historia y Geografía | National museum showcasing Dominican history, geography, and cultural heritage. | 4 Catedral Primada de las Américas de Santo Domingo | The oldest cathedral in the Americas, a stunning Gothic landmark. |
| 5 Dominican Convent | Historic 16th-century convent, one of the first in the Americas. | 6 Wax Museum Juan Pablo Duarte | Wax museum honoring Juan Pablo Duarte, a Dominican founding father. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |