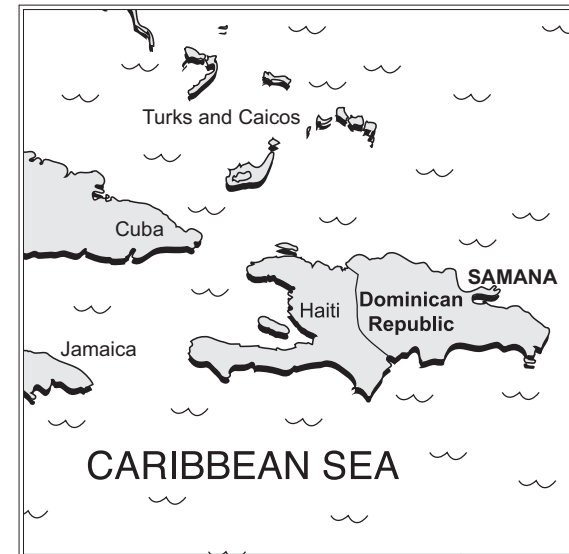
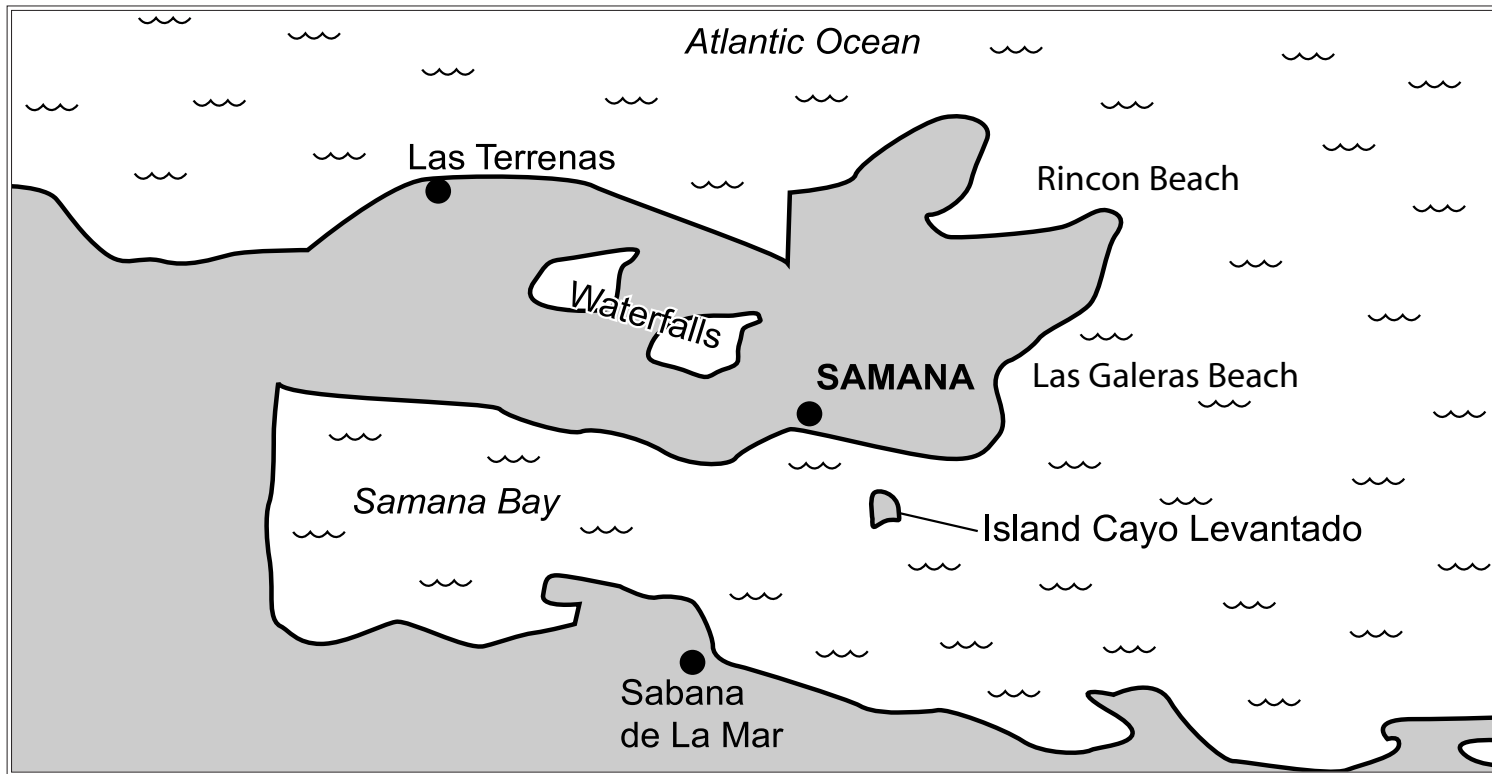


Spotlight on Samana, Dominican Republic



SAMANA

PORT & SHOPPING MAP



CAPITAL

Samana is a province of Dominican Republic. Its capital is Santa Bárbara de Samaná, also known as Samaná City.

LOCATION

Samaná is located on the coast of the Atlantic Ocean in the northeastern part of the Dominican Republic.

SIZE

Samana covers an area of approximately 853 square kilometers.

POPULATION

Approximately 110,000 people live in Samana.

LANGUAGE

Spanish is the official language in Samana, but English is also spoken.

CURRENCY

The Dominican Republic Peso (RD\$) is the official currency. United States dollars and travelers checks are widely accepted. Credit cards are not widely accepted.

TIME ZONE

Samana is on Eastern Standard Time. The ship may not always follow local time. Please adhere to ship's time while in port.

TOURIST INFORMATION

The tourist office is located on the Plaza de Armas, across from the cathedral at Protal de la Municipalidad 112.

HISTORY

Samana was discovered on January 12, 1493 by Christopher Columbus during his voyage to the New World. He was greeted with a barrage of spears and arrows from native Taino warriors. This tribe had been on the island for several hundred years and had developed a culture that had traded with the surrounding islands. This was where the first conflicts between the Spanish Conquistadors took place, signaling a trend that would follow for the next several hundred years.

The area of Samana was largely developed over the centuries, and during American protection of the island in the 1920s there was the consideration of building an American military base on the peninsula.

The northern coast Samana Peninsula of the Dominican Republic is one of the most unspoiled parts of the island of Hispaniola. Today this region is known for new resorts and is largely an unspoiled paradise on Hispaniola.

DOCKING

The cruise ship anchors off the town of Samana. You will tender into port. Restroom facilities are available at the tender pier.

TRANSPORTATION

The town of Samana can be easily explored on foot or by taxi. Taxis are available near the tender pier. Taxi rates are posted at the tender pier in United States dollars. Rates are based on an eight person mini-van and include a two hour waiting time at the destination. Additional hours are billed at \$20 per hour.

SHORE EXCURSIONS

Please check your tour ticket for the correct meeting time and location for your tour. Your cruise line representative will direct you to your transportation.

EMERGENCY

In case of emergency, look for POLITUR or touristic police. They will gladly be of help.

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PLACES TO SEE

A. LOS HAITISES NATIONAL PARK

Los Haitises National Park can be easily reached by a short boat ride across Samana Bay. This area is known as having one of the most important rainforests and mangrove reserves in the entire Caribbean, complete with keys and caves. Explore the sanctuary and see many migratory and indigenous birds that inhabit the island and mangroves.

B. SALTO EL LIMON WATERFALL

El Limon Waterfall is the largest of several waterfalls populating the lush peninsula of Samana. Generally, you can get to the waterfall on horseback or on foot.

C. CAYO LEVANTADO

Cayo Levantado is an island of about one square kilometer, made of a protruding coral reef protecting Samana Bay from the Atlantic waves. It is surrounded by lovely white sand beaches flanked by tall coconut trees.

D. TOWN PARK

Enjoy the Folkloric Show in the Town Park. Performances take place from 10:00 am to noon, and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

E. LAS TERRENAS TOWN

Las Terrenas was once a small fishing village. It is now a popular destination showcasing several gift shops, European style restaurants and cafes.

F. LA CHURCHA

This church from 1860 was brought from England and reassembled piece by piece.

G. WHALE MUSEUM

Explore the mysteries of the humpback whales that have made annual pilgrimages to Samana Bay and its surrounding waters for centuries. The museum is located approximately one mile from the tender pier. Entry fee is \$2 USD/ person.

H. CAYO FAROLA

Featuring colorful coral reefs and unique marine life, Cayo Farola has a great underwater scenery perfect for snorkeling and exploring.

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