## Shore Excursions

## Puerto Plata Dominican Republic



## **NEW TOURS**

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#### Puerto Plata City Tours



Enjoy Puerto Plata with Marysol Tours and its Puerto Plata City Tour!!. Take pleasure with the sights of Puerto Plata, then relax at a beautiful beach at 10 minutes from the port.

Puerto Plata, officially known as San Felipe de Puerto Plata, is the ninthlargest city in the Dominican Republic. Is the capital of the province of Puerto Plata, a trading port city known for its resorts. There are 100,000 hotel beds in

the city and is the host of the first aerial tramway of the Caribbean. Visitors can ride up to the Pico Isabel de Torres, a 793 meter high mountain within the city.

Come discover the beauty of Puerto Plata with this excursion that includes the best this tropical city has to offer. Visit the Amber Museum, Fort San Felipe, Cigar and Rum factory, and much more. This is truly the best of Puerto Plata!

This Puerto Plata Sightseeing Excursion will take you on a journey to explore the rum distillery at the famous Fort San Felipe. You will have the opportunity to stop at the Amber Museum as well as the central plaza where you'll find architecture influenced by the Victorian era. You will have time to take a stroll, visit the local shops and maybe take some photos reminiscent of the postcards of yesterday.

Your excursion begins as soon as you've walked through the main exit gate of your Taino Bay Cruise Terminal where your English-speaking shore excursion guide will be waiting for you. Once you have checked in, you will board the air-conditioned transportation, which will be either a van or a minibus depending on the size of the group booked.

First up is the Brugal Rum Factory, which is the largest producer of traditionally made rum in the Dominican Republic since 1888. The Brugal rum is aged in American white oak barrels onsite at the distillery and produces 1.5 million liters of white and dark rum each year. Enjoy the narrated visit inside the factory and take a sip of the quality rum produced here. You will have the option to buy from a wide variety of rums if you



would like. Please note the distillery is closed on the weekends.

The next stop is just 15 minutes away at the Amber Museum. The museum hosts one of the largest resin exhibitions in the Dominican Republic. The country has the most important amber deposits in the world; blue, green or warm honey colors are unique to this area due to its volcanic activity. See the displays of amber pieces natural and hand-designed including some with enclosed fossils hundreds of years old. The building itself is a jewel, a nice example of Neoclassical architecture.



Then you are off on a 20-minute ride to Puerto Plata's central plaza, "Parque Independencia". Here is where you will see the charming restored, gingerbread houses and shops. After an orientation, you will enjoy free time to take a stroll through the plaza where you might see some of the staff dressed up in vintage clothing, visit the unique shops and boutiques, take some photos, and maybe stop for a cup of Dominican Republic's world-famous coffee at one of the cafes. Also visit the cigar factory, where the local craftsmen produce the finest cigars. You can watch the process and buy cigars at discounted prices. Don't forget to take a walk along the Malecon, view, and enjoy the sea breeze.



You will close out your day at Puerto Plata's oldest surviving building, Fort San Felipe. This is a significant piece of Puerto Plata's history, Fortaleza San Felipe was built by the Spaniards in the 16th century to defend the north coast of the Dominican Republic from the British and Dutch, and from French pirates in search of the abundant gold and silver in the area. This fort was built-in 1564 by the order of Philip II of Spain. Most of

the city developed around the fort since protection was necessary against both French and English pirates that terrorized the local inhabitants. This fort was also declared a National Monument in 1980. The panoramic views over the Puerto Plata coastline are impressive. Your experienced, English-speaking guide will provide a bit of history and local information along the way.

Once your time is complete at the fort, you will head back to the Puerto Plata Cruise Terminal where the transportation will drop you off.

Price: USD \$60.00

Duration: 4 hours

Minimum: 6 pax

Maximum: 200 pax

**Recommended:** Comfortable shoes and clothing, sun protection, cameras, hats, cash for balance payment (lunch, drinks, tips, souvenirs, etc.)

**Includes:** Round trip transportation from your Taino Bay cruise terminal in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, air-conditioned vehicles (van or minibus accordingly to the number of participants), Guided and scenic city sightseeing excursion, English speaking local certified guide, guests will visit Rum Factory, Amber Museum, Fort San Felipe, Central Plaza, Malecon, and Cigar Factory.

#### **OPERATIONAL NOTES:**

30 mins.	Pickup
15 mins.	Independence Park
15 mins.	Central Plaza
15 mins.	Amber Museum
15 mins.	Malecon
15 mins.	Fort San Felipe
15 mins.	Rum Factory
15 mins.	Cigar Factory
30 mins.	Beach
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#### **Dune Buggies**

Looking for the ultimate adventure excursion in Puerto Plata? Enjoy a fast and muddy trip through some villages and rivers in Puerto Plata while contemplating the vast nature and colors that Dominican Republic can offer to you and your family with the Dunne Buggy Tour. It's a great tour for people that would like to have a different approach to Puerto Plata.



Round trip transportation from your Port at Puerto Plata cruise ship terminal! The buggies have automatic transmission - super easy to drive, no license required!

Fully licensed and insured Dune Buggy Excursion with bilingual (English and Spanish) speaking, professional Dune Buggy excursion guide! Helmets for your safe participation. Option to ride single or double. Visit a Cigars Factory, Teco Beach, and more with Complimentary soft drinks and bottled water!

Drive your own Dune Buggy on various terrains including two beaches, through the countryside and streams. You'll also have the chance to shop for unique souvenirs and enjoy some refreshments throughout this buggy and beach shore excursion in the Dominican Republic.

Start this great Puerto Plata Shore Excursion by meeting with your friendly guide just outside your Taino Bay Puerto Plata cruise ship pier. Climb aboard comfortable transportation for a short, 5-minute, ride to the Dune Buggy Excursion base camp. The buggy shore excursion camp is located on a private ranch, complete with lush, tropical vegetation, fun trails, and small streams!



Once you arrive, you will be matched up with your Buggy. You will be given brief instructions, but these off-road vehicles are very simple to drive. In fact, beginners are welcome and there's no license required to drive a buggy on this shore excursion. Also, the price is the same for one, or two riders so great for couples. Automatic transmission buggies are also available (limited). Excursion prices are per buggy, please note there are also

available family buggies that can hold up to 4 people, please contact customer service to find out availability and to get a quote.

Once you're on your buggy it's time to follow your Amber Cove shore excursion guide through the ranch, past little houses, and farms you'll see in the countryside. You'll ride

for about 15 minutes to Teco's Beach and then stop for a dip in the ocean if you wish or enjoy the view and a refreshment. Your shore excursion guide will have both cold bottled water and sodas available.

Next, you'll head to another ranch where you can stop, taste, and shop, if you'd like, for cigars, cacao, and coffee. You'll spend 15 minutes at this location.

Then it will be time to make an optional stop at Martin's gift shop where guests can see local handicrafts, stones from the Dominican mines, local clothing styles, and all for purchase if you'd like.

Your Puerto Plata Dune Buggy Excursion ends with a 20-minute drive back to the Dune Buggy Excursion camp. Your guide will then take you back to the Taino Bay Puerto Plata cruise ship terminal, just a 5-minute ride away. The total dune buggy riding time is approximately 2.5 hours.

The minimum participation age is 5 years old and the minimum age. To drive a buggy, 16 years old with a parent as a passenger at all times. The minimum age to drive alone is 18 years old.

Guests do not need to present their driver's licenses. This buggy excursion is not suitable for guests with any type of mobility issues or pregnant guests. People under the influence of alcohol or other substances will not be permitted to participate (no refund will be granted). The maximum weight per vehicle is 350lb.

For the Puerto Plata Taino Bay Dune Buggy and Beach Adventure Excursion, you will meet just outside your Taino Bay Cruise Ship Terminal after a 10-minute walk. All the necessary details will be printed on your Electronic Shore Excursion Ticket.

Price: USD \$100.00 (for rented unit)

Duration: 3 hours

Minimum: 2 pax

Maximum: 60 pax

**Recommended:** Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Towels, Bandana (to cover the mouth), Camera, Water-shoes or sport sandals with a back-strap, Swimsuit, Cash for the balance payment, purchases or tips.

**Includes:** Helmets and Guides. Complimentary soft drinks and bottled water. You'll be able to drive through small rivers, streams and visiting villages, a minizoo, and a stop at Playa de Teco and rivers.

#### **OPERATIONAL NOTES:**

33 mins.	Pick up and Transportation
10 mins.	Tour orientation
10 mins.	Dominican Culture Stop

25 mins.Beach3 mins.Port return



#### ATV

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Round-trip transportation from your Amber Cove Puerto Plata cruise ship termina. This is a fully



licensed and insured ATV shore excursion that includes Bilingual (English and Spanish) speaking, professional ATV excursion guide. Helmets for your safe participation and option to ride single or double, same price, on automatic ATV!

Visit a cigar, coffee, and cacao factory to see the artisan process and enjoy samples with complimentary cold soft drinks and bottled water!

Drive your own automatic ATV on various terrains including two beaches and through the countryside. You'll also have the chance to shop for unique souvenirs and enjoy some refreshments. Start this great Puerto Plata Shore Excursion by meeting with your friendly guide just outside your Amber Cove Puerto Plata cruise ship pier. Climb aboard the comfortable transportation for a short, 5-minute, ride to the ATV Excursion base camp. The base is located at a private, local ranch complete with lush, tropical vegetation, fun trails, and small streams.



Once you arrive, you will be matched up with a 4X4 ATV. You will be given brief instructions, but these are very simple to drive. In fact, beginners are welcome and there's no license required to drive an ATV on this Shore Excursion. Also, the price is the same for one or two riders - so great for couples. Excursion prices are per ATV.

Once you're on your ATV and strap on your helmet (mandatory), it's time to follow the guide through the ranch, past little houses and farms you'll see in the countryside.

You'll ride for about 15 minutes to Teco's Beach and then stop for a quick dip in the ocean if you wish or enjoy the view and a refreshment. The guide will have both bottled water and sodas. Next, you'll head to another ranch where you can stop and shop, if you'd like, for cigars, cacao, and coffee. You'll have the chance to taste them as well before deciding if you want to buy them. You'll spend about 15 minutes at this location.

Then it will be time to make an optional stop at Martin's gift shop where you can see local handicrafts, stones from the Dominican mines, local clothing styles, and all for purchase if you'd like.

Your Puerto Plata ATV Excursion ends with a 20-minute drive back to the ATV Excursion ranch base and then your guide will take you back to the Amber Cove Puerto Plata cruise ship terminal a 5-minute ride away. Total ATV riding time is approximately 2 hours.

#### **Excursion Notes:**

We suggest you wear comfortable clothing and closed-toed shoes. Bring along sun protection, a towel, a camera, cash for the balance payment, any purchases, tips, etc.

#### **Excursion Restrictions:**

The minimum participation age is 6 years old, minimum age to drive is 17 years old with a parent as a passenger at all times and the minimum age to drive alone is 18 years old.

Guests do not need to present their driver's licenses. This excursion is not suitable for guests with any type of mobility issues or pregnant guests. People under the influence of alcohol or other substances will not be permitted to participate (no refund will be granted). The maximum weight per ATV single rider is 300 lbs (135 Kg) and combined double riding 400 lbs (182 Kg).

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Price: USD \$85.00 (for rented unit)

Duration: 3 hours

Minimum: 2 pax

Maximum: 60 pax

**Recommended:** Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Towels, Bandana (to cover the mouth), Camera, Water-shoes or sport sandals with a back-strap, Swimsuit, Cash for the balance payment, purchases or tips.

**Includes:** Helmets and Guides. Complimentary soft drinks and bottled water. You'll be able to drive through small rivers, streams and visiting villages, a minizoo, and a stop at Playa de Teco and rivers.

#### **OPERATIONAL NOTES:**

- 33 mins. Pick up and Transportation
- 10 mins. Tour Orientation
- 10 mins. Dominican Culture Stop
- 25 mins. Beach
- 3 mins. Port return

#### Waterfalls



Come and enjoy the Damajagua River Waterfalls Tour! Perched in the rolling hills of the Northern mountain range of the Dominican Republic, this is a natural treasure that you will not find on any other part of this world. Indeed, Mother Nature has produced beautiful pools, carved by the limestone. Be ready to have fun!!!

Round-trip transportation from your Amber Cove cruise terminal in Puerto

Plata, with our best english-speaking, local certified Puerto Plata shore excursion guides on Air-conditioned excursion vehicles.

Climb up Damajagua Falls and enjoy A scenic drive of the Maimon countryside. Safety equipment including a helmet and life jacket. All taxes, fees, and entrance fees are included. Discover the beauty of the Amber Cove, Puerto Plata rainforest and climb up the Damajagua waterfalls and then jump and slide your way back down! Dive into pristine waters with your friendly local Amber Cove cruise excursion guides.

Your adventure begins when you meet your English-speaking guide outside your Amber Cove cruise terminal in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. Your English-speaking shore excursion guide will help you aboard the transportation for a short 20minute ride through the countryside of Puerto Plata to the Damajagua Waterfalls. Along the way, they will give you info about what you can expect to see and do. Note: the transport will either



be a van or minibus depending on the size of your group.

The "27 Charcos" as the locals call it, is an eco-tourism paradise in Damajagua! 27 waterfalls with 27 natural pools, some natural smooth water slides carved out of the limestone by the force of the water, and amazing rainforest trails. You will arrive at the base camp where your guide will provide you with a helmet and life jacket. Your guide will give you a brief explanation of the safety rules and then you are ready for the adventure called Amber Cove Damajagua Park Waterfalls Excursion.

Peace Corps volunteer, Joe Kennedy (great nephew to President JFK) was instrumental in setting up the facilities, and visitor center, arranging training, and safety standards. Now each excursion guide is highly trained and certified in both first aid and CPR. They are trained to assure that you will have a safe and fun time!

There is a guide at each of the Damajagua waterfalls to help you to climb up against the water like a salmon going upstream. Each small waterfall is different; some have natural steps and others have a wooden ladder to make it easier to reach the top. In this Damajagua Park adventure, you will be able to jump and climb a maximum of 7 of the waterfalls.

If climbing the falls is a fun experience, the way back down is a pure blast! Jump from the rocks into the pool or use the natural toboggan-like water slides to get down; the experienced local guides will tell you which is the best option in each case, always considering your safety. This is great fun for young visitors and those young at heart.

Please note that for those who do NOT want to jump or slide down the falls, take a look at this great alternative - Amber Cove Puerto Plata Waterfall Hike and Swim Excursion.

Once at the base camp, you have time to relax, use the facilities or even buy a delicious buffet lunch at the local restaurant (cost not included). On the way back to the cruise terminal, your Damajagua waterfalls shore excursion guide will take you through the Maimon Lands; this protected area is well-known due to its unique, cultural, and historical background.

After this exciting Amber Cove Damajagua Park Waterfalls excursion, you will be back at your Amber Cove cruise terminal in time to get back on board your cruise ship.

#### **Excursion Notes:**

We suggest you wear comfortable clothing and sports sandals or sturdy walking shoes that can get wet. If you do not have proper footwear, you will not be allowed to participate and no refund will be made. The park rents water shoes for \$2.00 USD on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please note the park has lockers for rent, the approximate cost is \$8.00 USD.

Bring sun protection, cash for balance payment, tips, drinks, lunch, shopping, etc. The drive from the port is approximately 20 minutes each way. Guided Damajugua climb to falls - approx 2.5 hours up and down.

Optional lunch at the base camp restaurant - around \$10.00 USD per person paid directly at the restaurant. Please pay attention to the restrictions and requirements for this excursion, no refund will be granted if the requirements are not met.

#### **Excursion Restrictions**

The minimum participation age is 8 years old. A minimum of 6 participants is required to run the excursion. Due to the amount of activity, this excursion is not suitable for guests with any type of mobility issues, pregnant guests, or guests with any medical issues that prohibit hiking/climbing.

The high water level may limit the number of falls that will be visited. Guests under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. This Amber Cove Puerto Plata Damajagua Park Waterfalls Excursion may involve risks. We suggest you check with your elected person of choice to see if these possible risks might affect you.

Price: USD \$60.00

Duration: 4 1/2 hours

#### Minimum: 6 pax

## Maximum: 200 pax

**Recommended:** Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Insect Repellent, Camera, Water-shoes or sport sandals with a back-strap, Swimsuit.

#### Includes:

- Round-trip transportation from your Amber Cove cruise terminal in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.
- Air-conditioned shore excursion vehicles (van or minibus according to the number of participants).
- Entrance to the Waterfalls, equipment, soft drinks and guides.
- Guided climb up Damajagua Falls.
- Scenic drive of the Maimon countryside.
- English-speaking, local certified Puerto Plata shore excursion guide.
- Safety equipment including helmet and life jacket.
- Restaurants are available for meal/snack purchases.

**Notes:** Children under 7 will have free entry but can only swim at the first fall in companionship of an adult. <u>Caution:</u> as this excursion have some risks, please let us know if any member has Physical problems at knees, back and/or the heart, because you will have to walk up to the mountain for around 35 minutes, jump and slide.

#### **OPERATIONAL NOTES:**

50 mins.	Pick up and transportation
30 mins.	Walk from natural pool 1 to pool 7
20 mins.	Port return

#### Snorkeling (Sosúa)



Welcome the Paradise!!! With the Sosua Beach Tour!!! Sosúa Beach is one of the most beautiful and diverting beaches in the country, it is 24 km far from Puerto Plata, in the Dominican Republic. This beach is well-known for its good natural conditions, its luxuriant vegetation and its crystal-clear waters, which are inhabited by a rich

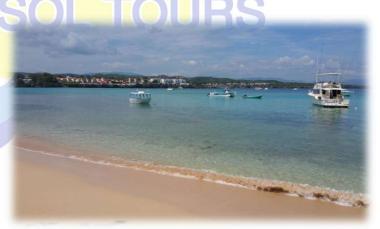
submarine ecosystem.

Here, you can practice several aquatic activities like snorkeling or diving. Moreover, during your staying you can visit Tres Pilotillos, the beach's old harbour, which is a Dominican symbolic spot and that has become a referent for tourists.

Sosúa Beach is surrounded by lots of restaurants and bars where you can taste the typical Dominican delicacies. Furthermore, the beach is in an excellent location, because it is close to Sosúa Village and Alicia Beach which is a small paradise that

spontaneously appeared in 2003, it is very frequented by the locals due to its sand and waters' quality.

You can rent your gear from a vendor right on the beach, then head into the water to explore what exists within the almost impossibly blue, clear waters that are almost always calm enough that children can snorkel here as well.



Sosua Bay is the most popular snorkeling destinations because it is sheltered by a spectacular reef that is interesting to look at for its intricate nature, but also because the diverse types of fish and other sea life that make their home here. Another beach has just opened next to the bay called Playa Alicia which also features great snorkeling conditions.

Price: US\$ 70Duration: 5 hoursMinimum: 6 paxMaximum: 60 pax

**Recommended:** Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Insect Repellent, Camera, Water-shoes or sport sandals with a back-strap, Swimsuit.

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**Includes:** Transportation, soft drinks and guides.

#### **OPERATIONAL NOTES:**

5 mins.

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