

YASC

RFP: Pre-Tour “Samana Marine Mammal Sanctuary & Los Haitises National Park”

5-8 MAR 2019, 3 Nights.

Basis: FAP (Full American Plan, 3 meals per day)

Lodging Base:

Caño Hondo, Hato Mayor

Tentative Accommodations:

[Paraiso Caño Hondo](#), Sábana de la Mar, Hato Mayo

Located on the outskirts of the Los Haitises National Park near Samaná Bay, Paraiso Caño Hondo is a charming ecologically-minded lodge created to serve as an extension of nature itself. 28 rustic (there is no a/c) rooms are uniquely designed and spread throughout the property offering a choice between falling asleep to the sound of waterfalls or waking up to majestic views of sunrise over Samana Bay. Noted by Forbes Magazine Online as one of the best destinations in the world for a green vacation.

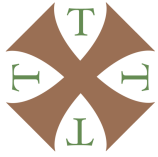
Price:

- ✓ Rates are per person, US\$.
- ✓ Rates below are based on minimum registration of 10 participants. In the event of enrollment of fewer than 10 guests, a supplement will be offered to run the program.
- ✓ All tour fees due no later than 45 days prior to tour commencement.
- ✓ A 10% discount is applied to all tour fees prepaid in full at least 90 days prior to tour commencement.
- ✓ Terms & Conditions at www.4tdomrep.com/info-terms.html
- ✓ All reservations require non-refundable 20% deposit and signed medical information form.
- ✓ This exclusive excursion has limited availability by design, and provided on a first come, first serve basis.
- ✓ **Note: this tour begins in Santo Domingo (SDQ airport), and YASC program ends in Santiago (STI airport).**

Single Occupancy		Double Occupancy		Triple Occupancy		Quad Occupancy	
Prepay 45 Days	Prepay 90 Days	Prepay 45 Days	Prepay 90 Days	Prepay 45 Days	Prepay 90 Days	Prepay 45 Days	Prepay 90 Days
\$3,223	\$2,901	\$3,096	\$2,786	\$3,055	\$2,749	\$3,014	\$2,713

Inclusions:

- Helicopter flight (one hand-bag only) from Santo Domingo SDQ airport to Paraiso Caño Hondo.
- Check luggage ground transfer from Santo Domingo SDQ airport to Paraiso Caño Hondo.
- Arrival cocktail & snack at hotel.
- Three nights accommodations at Paraiso Caño Hondo.
- Three meals per day including non-alcoholic beverages from dinner day 1 through lunch day 4.
- Guided Ashy-faced Owl walking safari (sighting not guaranteed).
- Guided Whale Watching boat safari (sighting not guaranteed).
- Up to two hotel activities, such as zip line, climbing wall or kayak.
- Guided Los Haitises National Park boat & walking tour.
- Ridgways Hawk walking safari (sighting not guaranteed).
- National Park entrance fees.
- Check luggage ground transfer from Paraiso Caño Hondo to HODELPA Garden Court hotel in Santiago.



- Helicopter flight (one hand-bag only) from Paraíso Caño Hondo to Joaquin Balaguer Santiago City (JBQ) airport.
- Ground transfer in chartered a/c vehicle from JBQ airport to HODELPA Garden Court hotel in Santiago.
- Dedicated on-site Tour Manager on-call 24/7.

Itinerary Outline:

Day 1

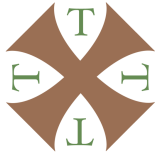
- Meeting Point: Santo Domingo (SDQ) Airport, Departure Level (2nd floor) at escalators at middle of concourse.
- Check luggage collected and sent via ground to Caño Hondo.
- Helicopter flight (.5 hour) to Paradise Caño Hondo & hotel check-in.
- Welcome briefing with cocktails and canapes.
- Dinner in hotel.
- Evening guided Ash-Faced Owl (*Tyto glaucops*) Walking Safari. Little is known about this elusive and striking owl endemic to both Hispaniola and Tortuga. Also known as the Hispaniola Barn Owl, this bird is Endangered.

Day 2

- Breakfast buffet in hotel.
- Transfer to boat launch.
- 3-hour Humpback whale watching safari in Samaná Bay Marine Mammal Sanctuary aboard 30-passenger motor-cat with Marine Biologist, Doctor Liliana Betancourt. During the months of January and March more than 10,000 North Atlantic Humpback Whales from as far away as Nova Scotia and Greenland migrate to the warm Samaná Bay waters to mate and calf. Humpbacks belong to the Rorqual whale group, the largest animals that have lived. Some adults may be more than 50 feet long and 65 tons. It is truly amazing to see their acrobatic stunts.
- Lunch at hotel.
- Open Time for activities (included): Zip Line, Climbing Wall, Waterfall Pool, Lagoon Kayaking
- Spit Roasted Pig & Buffet Dinner in hotel.

Day 3

- Breakfast buffet in hotel.
- Transfer to boat launch.
- Guided Los Haitises National Park Tour. With enormous karst formations, nearly 100 miles of mangrove-studded coastline, numerous estuaries, coves and bays and varied flora and fauna, Los Haitises is one of the most distinctive of the DR's national reserves. The park is home to more than 760 species of plants—17 of which are endemic to this one small area, and 110 species of birds. Los Haitises, "high place" in native Arawak language, has an extensive cave system with indigenous rupestrian art of two distinct native populations. Our boat-based tour visits mangroves, San Lorenzo Bay, the old train dock and disembarks at Sand, San Gabriel and Line caves for further exploration.
- Lunch in the hotel.
- Evening Ridgways Hawk (*Buteo ridgwayi*) Safari. Endemic to Hispaniola and once locally common and widespread, Los Haitises National park is thought to be last natural stronghold of this Critically Endangered raptor. Fewer than 400 individuals are believed to exist.
- Dinner in the hotel.
- Bonfire.



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Day 4

- Breakfast in hotel.
- Check luggage collected and sent to Santiago.
- Morning open to enjoy activities or relax.
- Lunch in the hotel.
- Helicopter flight (.5 hour) to Joaquin Balaguer Santo Domingo City (JBS) airport.
- Ground transfer (2 hours) to HODELPA Garden Court hotel in Santiago.

