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RFP: Post-Tour “Pre-Columbian & Colonial History in Santo Domingo”

17-20 MAR 2019, 3 Nights.

Basis: B&B

Lodging Base:

Colonial Zone, Santo Domingo

Tentative Accommodations:

[HODELPA Nicolas de Ovando](#), Colonial Zone, Santo Domingo

Located in the heart of the remarkable colonial quarter and listed as an UNESCO World Heritage Site, the 3 houses and their gorgeous patios include the original home of the City’s found in 1502, Governor Nicolás de Ovando. The hostel, while respecting the original colonial architecture, is reborn as a 5-star hotel with swimming pool, iconic restaurant, bar and gym center. All 97 rooms boast modern conveniences yet offer an enchanting blend of historic elegance with contemporary design featuring hacienda windows and ochre tile floors.

Price:

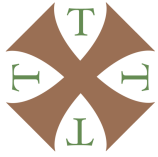
- ✓ Rates are per person, US\$.
- ✓ Rates below are based on minimum registration of 10 participants. In the event of enrollment of fewer than 10 guests, a supplement will be offered to run the program.
- ✓ All tour fees due no later than 45 days prior to tour commencement.
- ✓ A 10% discount is applied 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: transfer to Santo Domingo (SDQ) airport is included for departure. Please contact us for alternate arrangements for departure from 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
\$1,963	\$1,767	\$1,523	\$1,370	\$1,502	\$1,352	\$1,482	\$1,334

CLUB IMPERIAL Room Supplement				
SINGLE	DOUBLE	TRIPLE	QUAD	
\$979	\$490	\$265	\$163	

Inclusions:

- Transfer from HODELPA Garden Court hotel in Santiago to Santo Domingo.
- 3 nights’ accommodations at historic HODELPA Nicolas de Ovando.
- Narrated historical tram ride.
- Arrival cocktails and snacks.
- Arrival dinner.
- Guided morning birding walking tour of National Botanical Garden.
- 3 museum entrances.



- Boutique chocolate making class.
- Cocktail and canapé reception.
- Guided visit to El Engombe sugar mill ruins.
- Local Dominican lunch.
- Guided Pomier Caves Anthropological Reserve visit.
- Farewell Dinner.
- In-country ground transportation in a/c vehicle per itinerary.
- Dedicated on-site Tour Manager on-call 24/7.

Itinerary Outline:

Day 1

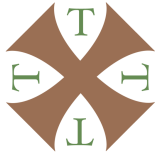
- Meeting Point: HODELPA Garden Court, Santiago.
- Transfer (1 hour) to Bonaó.
- Lunch buffet at Parada Jacaranda.
- Transfer (1 hour) to Colonial Zone and hotel check-in.
- Colonial Chuchu Historical Tram Tour.
- 1-hour cocktails poolside.
- Walk to Plaza España and dinner at Pat'e Palo.

Day 2

- Breakfast buffet in the hotel.
- Transfer (.5 hour) to National Botanical Garden.
- Meet and greet Kate Wallace, founder of Tody Tours, awarded U.S. Consulate Community Service Award for her environmental conservation efforts. Early morning birding walking tour with Danilo Mejia, Field Assistant to Steven Latta, author of "Birds of the Dominican Republic and Haiti" and Director of Conservation at the National Aviary in Pittsburgh.
- Transfer (.5 hour) to Colonial Zone.
- Meet with your Tour Manager to discuss individual and group interests to select morning museum visits and points of interest. Some of our favorites are the Cathedral, Fortaleza Santo Domingo (Ozama), Panteon de la Patria, Casas Reales, Alcazar, Memorial de Resistencia, Larimar and Casa Todada.
- Independent Lunch.
- Chocolate Class at Kah Kaw. Since 1905 the Rizek family has been known for their passion in cacao production in Dominican Republic. Their farms, located in the heart of the countryside, are distinguished for excellence in genetic material and the exclusive post-harvest treatment given to their fruits. At the flagship Kah Kow Chocolate Boutique, complete with chocolate and manteca soap workshops, we enjoy an exclusive opportunity to learn about the properties of this ancient fruit and how to recognize a quality chocolate bar. In the workshop we learn how to make ganache and the secrets to hand tempering before confecting our own stuffed bonbons. Fear not, the decadent chocolate bar adjacent to the workshop will hold us over until our own sweets are ready.
- 2-hour cocktail and canapé reception by the pool.
- Independent Dinner.

Day 3

- Breakfast buffet in the hotel.
- Transfer (.75 hour) to Santo Domingo East.



- Visit to Engombe Sugar Mill with author and anthropologist, Carlos Esteban, for a rare opportunity to learn about the first Africans in the encomienda and slavery systems in the Western Hemisphere on-site. The ruins of Engombe, under consideration for UNESCO World Heritage status, are what remain of a 16th century sugar mill that illustrate lavish Renaissance-era architecture.
- Transfer (.25 hour) to San Cristobal.
- Local lunch at Chichita.
- Transfer (.25 hour) to Pomier.
- Guided exploration of Pomier Caves Anthropological Reserve with Domingo Abreu, Geologist and Speleological Coordinator for Dominican Ministry of Environment (as well as President of National Assembly of Environment, President of Espeleogrupo Santo Domingo and Environmental Editor for a National newspaper, among other achievements). With more than 6000 recorded pictographs and approximately 500 petroglyphs pertaining to several distinct indigenous populations, the Reserve is, anthropologically speaking, for the Caribbean what the Pyramids of Giza are for Egypt. Cave number 1 has more rupestrian art than all other caves in the Lower Antilles combined!
- Transfer (1 hour) to Colonial Zone.
- Farewell Dinner at Restaurant 1502 in the hotel.

Day 4

- Breakfast buffet in the hotel.
- Transfer (.75 hour) to Santo Domingo (SDQ) Airport.
- Departure.