

# DOMINICA



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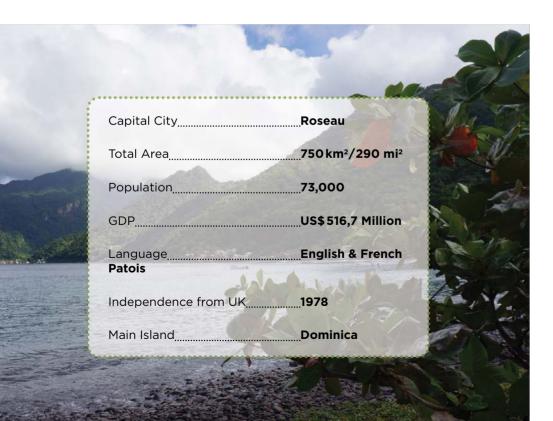
Though only a pinpoint on the world map, Dominica is simple yet complicated, relaxed yet very busy, sometimes seemingly locked in a past time, yet pushing into its future – a very alive place on this earth.

Simply stated, Dominica is picturesque. A diver's dream and a hiker's paradise, Dominica in its unspoiled beauty is unlike any other Caribbean destination. Known as "The Nature Island," tropical rainforests cover more than two thirds of the island, offering a home to more than 1,200 plant species. It is one of the geologically youngest islands in the Caribbean chain and still evolving with continuous geothermal activity. The island's volcanic landscape consists of extremely rugged, mountainous terrain. It is home to the highest concentration of volcanoes on the planet; there are nine potentially active volcanoes on the island. Boiling Lake, the world's second-largest hot spring can be found here. The climate is spring-like; the sun is either shining or it is raining. A day doesn't go by where one doesn't see a rainbow.

Dominica is an island of unsurpassed natural beauty with warm, friendly people. It is 290 square miles in size, and is populated by just over 72,000 people. 365 rivers interlace the forests; there are a multitude of waterfalls, some falling hundreds of feet. The highest mountain is 4,746 feet tall. Dominica is surrounded by the often-tumultuous Atlantic Ocean on the east and the calming Caribbean Sea on the west. The majority of Dominica's beaches are black sand due to the island's volcanic upbringing. Dominica, a part of the Caribbean West Indies series of islands, is flanked closely by Guadeloupe to the north and Martinique to the south.

The Nature Island, Dominica, supports 3 National Parks/Forest Reserves that provide a multitude of hiking trails & paths (ranging from easy to very challenging) leading to numerous waterfalls, a volcanic boiling lake, a freshwater lake, dormant volcanoes and other rain forest attractions. A Marine Reserve offers a rich abundance of reefs, corals, fishes and other marine life; some of the best scuba diving in the world is experienced here. Whales and dolphins frequent the surrounding sea.

Fish, fruit and vegetables provide everyday staples. The majority of citizens have gardens, and those that don't can rely upon their neighbors that do. Community markets, likewise, offer a wide variety of produce: bananas, plantains, mangos, oranges, grapefruit, limes, pineapples and a variety of other fruits and vegetables support Dominica's economy.



# LOCATION

International flights from US and Europe are connected to the island through hubs in Antigua (ANU), Barbados (BGI), St. Maarten (SXM), Puerto Rico (SJU), Guadeloupe (PTP), and Martinique (FDF). Leeward Island Air Transport (LIAT) offers direct connections from ANU, BGI, SXM, SJU, and PTP, as well as other connecting flights across their 22-island network. BVI Airways provides service from St. Maarten and Tortola (EIS).

If you prefer to travel by sea, you can consider the catamarans, which seat 300-400 passengers, and are operated by L'Express des Îles. The ferries transport passengers between Dominica, Guadeloupe, Martinique and St. Lucia.

Every year, hundreds of thousands of visitors arrive on the island from cruise ships at the Roseau Cruise Ship Berth, Woodbridge Bay, and Cabrits Cruise Ship Berth.

Captains and sailors can also anchor their private yachts or boats at any of the island's official ports, but they should check in with customs and immigration upon arrival

#### WEATHER

The average high temperature is 85°F in January/90°F in July; average low temperature is 68°F in January/72°F in July. Dry season generally occurs January - May, rainy season from June - October. The south and the west coasts receive about 85 inches of rain annually, while the mountainous interior rainforest gets more than 340 inches per year. Light to moderate showers occur everywhere year round. Hurricane season is predominantly between August and mid-October.





# **ECONOMIC CITIZENSHIP**

A second passport is within your reach through the Citizenship by Investment Programme Dominica. Securing a second passport through the Citizenship by Investment programme can help protect you and your family, as well as expand your economic interests. Citizenship through investment from an island paradise is possible! Take the path to protect your family, secure your financial empire, and travel the world worry-free. Are you ready to enjoy the benefits of a second passport and dual citizenship?

Created as a stimulus for domestic economic growth in 1993, Dominica Citizenship by Investment is one of the most affordable legal programmes available to the global community. The highly reputable Citizenship by Investment programme in Dominica invites investors of good character to make an economic contribution to Dominica; in exchange, the applicant and their family are eligible to obtain full citizenship of the country, within the strict guidelines of the law. The Citizenship by Investment programme is set out in the regulations published pursuant to Section 101 of the Constitution and Sections 8 and 20 (1) of The Citizenship Act.

Presently there are two programmes available to qualify for Citizenship by Investment. The government requires either a contribution made into the Government Fund, or by acquiring government-approved real estate. Both programmes offer lifetime citizenship, which can also be passed on to descendants, and access to extensive visa-free travel.



#### ADVANTAGES OF DOMINICA CITIZENSHIP

**Quick processing:** A lifetime citizenship and new passport is granted in 3-4 months.

**Low cost:** Dominica offers one of the most affordable legal programmes available to the global community.

**Good visa-free travel:** The Dominica passport allows visa-free travel to more than 135 countries.

**Zero tax:** The island has no income, wealth or inheritance taxes.

**Privacy:** The application process is confidential.

**Hassle-free:** There is no requirement to visit Dominica in order to qualify for citizenship.

#### **VISA-FREE TRAVEL**

A Dominica passport allows visa-free travel to more than 135 countries, including all European Union countries, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Caribbean and Commonwealth Nations, Hong Kong and Singapore.

<ul><li>Anguilla</li></ul>	<ul><li>Ecuador</li></ul>	<ul><li>Lithuania</li></ul>	<ul><li>South Africa</li></ul>
Antigua & Bar-	<ul><li>Egypt</li></ul>	<ul><li>Luxembourg</li></ul>	<ul><li>Spain</li></ul>
buda	<ul><li>Estonia</li></ul>	<ul><li>Macao</li></ul>	Sri Lanka
<ul><li>Andorra</li></ul>	• Fiji	<ul> <li>Madagascar</li> </ul>	St. Barthelemy
<ul><li>Armenia</li></ul>	<ul><li>Finland</li></ul>	<ul><li>Malawi</li></ul>	(France)
<ul><li>Aruba</li></ul>	<ul><li>France</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Malaysia</li> </ul>	St. Helena,
<ul><li>Austria</li></ul>	French Guiana	<ul><li>Maldives</li></ul>	Ascension &
<ul><li>Bahamas</li></ul>	<ul><li>French West</li></ul>	<ul><li>Mali</li></ul>	Tristan de Cunha
<ul> <li>Bangladesh</li> </ul>	Indies	<ul><li>Malta</li></ul>	St. Kitts & Nevis
<ul><li>Barbados</li></ul>	<ul><li>Gambia</li></ul>	<ul><li>Martinique</li></ul>	St. Lucia
<ul><li>Belgium</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Georgia</li> </ul>	(France)	St. Maarten
<ul><li>Belize</li></ul>	<ul><li>Germany</li></ul>	<ul><li>Mauritania</li></ul>	(The Netherlands)
<ul><li>Bermuda</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Gibraltar</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Mauritius</li></ul>	St. Martin (France)
<ul> <li>Bolivia</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Greece</li></ul>	<ul><li>Micronesia</li></ul>	St. Vincent
<ul><li>Bonaire,</li></ul>	<ul><li>Greenland</li></ul>	(Federated States)	& Grenadines
St. Eustatius &	<ul><li>Grenada</li></ul>	<ul><li>Montserrat (UK)</li></ul>	<ul><li>Suriname</li></ul>
Saba	<ul> <li>Guadeloupe</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mozambique</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Swaziland</li></ul>
<ul><li>Botswana</li></ul>	(France)	<ul> <li>Nauru</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Sweden</li></ul>
<ul><li>Brazil</li></ul>	<ul><li>Guernsey (UK)</li></ul>	<ul><li>Nepal</li></ul>	<ul><li>Switzerland</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Bulgaria</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Guines-Bissau</li></ul>	<ul><li>Netherlands</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Tanzania</li> </ul>
<ul><li>Burundi</li></ul>	<ul><li>Guyana</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Nicaragua</li> </ul>	Timor-Leste
<ul><li>Cambodia</li></ul>	<ul><li>Haiti</li></ul>	<ul><li>Niue</li></ul>	<ul><li>Togo</li></ul>
<ul><li>Cape Verde</li></ul>	<ul><li>Hong Kong</li></ul>	<ul><li>Norway</li></ul>	<ul><li>Tonga</li></ul>
<ul><li>Cayman Islands</li></ul>	<ul><li>Hungary</li></ul>	<ul><li>Palau</li></ul>	Trinidad & Tobago
<ul><li>Centro African</li></ul>	Iceland	Palestinian Ter-	<ul><li>Turkey</li></ul>
Republic	<ul><li>Ireland</li></ul>	ritory	<ul><li>Turks and Caicos</li></ul>
Chad	Isle of Man (UK)	<ul><li>Panama</li></ul>	Islands
Chile	Italy	■ Peru	<ul><li>Tuvalu</li></ul>
<ul><li>Colombia</li></ul>	<ul><li>Jamaica</li></ul>	<ul><li>Philippines</li></ul>	<ul><li>Uganda</li></ul>
<ul><li>Comoros Islands</li></ul>	<ul><li>Jersey (UK)</li></ul>	<ul><li>Pitcairn Islands</li></ul>	• UK
<ul><li>Cook Islands</li></ul>	<ul><li>Jordan</li></ul>	(UK)	<ul><li>Vanuatu</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Costa Rica</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Kenya</li></ul>	<ul><li>Poland</li></ul>	<ul><li>Venezuela</li></ul>
<ul><li>Cuba</li></ul>	<ul><li>Korea (Rep.)</li></ul>	<ul><li>Portugal</li></ul>	<ul><li>Vietnam</li></ul>
<ul><li>Curacao</li></ul>	<ul><li>Kosovo</li></ul>	Samoa	<ul><li>Virgin Islands -</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Czech Republic</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Kuwait</li></ul>	<ul><li>Seychelles</li></ul>	British (UK)
<ul><li>Denmark</li></ul>	<ul><li>Laos</li></ul>	<ul><li>Singapore</li></ul>	<ul><li>Zambia</li></ul>
<ul><li>Djibouti</li></ul>	<ul><li>Latvia</li></ul>	<ul><li>Slovakia</li></ul>	
<ul> <li>Dominican</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Lesotho</li></ul>	<ul><li>Slovenia</li></ul>	
Republic	<ul><li>Liechtenstein</li></ul>	Solomon Islands	

### TWO OPTIONS FOR CITIZENSHIP

### **GOVERNMENT FUND**

The Government Fund was established through the economic citizenship programme as one component of a national capital mobilization portfolio towards an ultimate goal of national development for Dominica.

To qualify for citizenship under this investment option, there are four investment categories with different contribution amounts, based on the number of dependents included in the application, which are as follows:

- Single Applicant: a non-refundable contribution of US\$ 100.000
- Main Applicant and Spouse: a non-refundable contribution of US\$ 175,000
- Applicant with up to three dependents: a non-refundable contribution of US\$ 200,000
- Applicant with up to four dependents or more: a non-refundable contribution of US\$ 200,000 (plus USD\$50,000 for each additional dependent)

#### **GOVERNMENT FUND DONATION AMOUNTS**

#### Family of 4 with 2 children under 12

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CONTRIBUTION	US\$ 200,000	
DUE DILIGENCE INVESTOR	US\$ 7,500	
DUE DILIGENCE SPOUSE	US\$ 7,500	
PROCESSING FEE PER APPLICATION	US\$ 3,000	
CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION	US\$ 3,000 (US\$ 750 per person)	
EXPEDITED PASSPORT ISSUE FEE	US\$ 4,800 (US\$ 1,200 per person)	

Total investment US\$ 225,800\*

#### Process of obtaining citizenship of Dominica though donation to the Government Fund

- 1. The Investor and NTL sign the professional service agreement, the application forms are completed and checked by NTL Legal team and Dominica Local Agent.
- 2. The Investor pays due diligence and processing fees in full and application package is submitted to the government's Citizenship Investment Unit (CIU).
- 3. The period of due diligence check starts to run and usually takes 60-90 days. If an interview is required as part of this process the applicant will be advised. Interviews are conducted in Dominica, but if unable to attend, the applicant can do it overseas with a fee of \$3,000 for the 3 interviewing officers to travel to the chosen place.
- **4.** CIU issues the letter of approval in principal and the investor transfers the investment amount and remaining fees for the application into a designated citizenship account of the government.
- 5. The Certificate of Naturalization is issued by CIU and submitted to the Immigration Department together with the passport application and supporting documents.
- **6.** The passport is issued and delivered to the investor.

### **REAL ESTATE OPTION**

Tourism is a fuel for the county's economy. In a move to increase tourism-related development, the Citizenship by Investment programme allows for real estate purchase in approved developments.

To qualify, the investor (or investors) must enter into contract to purchase real estate worth US\$ 200,000 or more.

#### INVESTMENT AMOUNT

#### Family of 4 with 2 children under 12

REAL ESTATE PURCHASE	US\$ 200,000
GOVERNMENT FEE INVESTOR	US\$ 50,000
GOVERNMENT FEE SPOUSE	US\$ 25,000
GOVERNMENT FEE CHILDREN	US\$ 40,000 (US\$ 20,000 each dependent under 17 y.o.
DUE DILIGENCE INVESTOR	US\$ 7,500
DUE DILIGENCE SPOUSE	US\$ 7,500
PROCESSING FEE PER APPLICATION	US\$ 3,000
CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION	US\$ 3,000 (US\$ 750 per person)
EXPEDITED PASSPORT ISSUE FEE	US\$ 4,800 (US\$ 1,200 per person)

#### Total investment

US\$ 340,800\*

#### Process of obtaining citizenship of Dominica though investment in approved real estate developments

- 1. The Investor signs the NTL professional service agreement and the sale/purchase agreement with the developer, the application forms are completed and checked by NTL Legal team and Dominica Local Agent.
- 2. The Investor pays the deposit to book his interest in real estate purchasing, as well as due diligence and processing fees in full and application package is submitted to the government's Citizenship Investment Unit (CIU).
- 3. The period of due diligence check starts to run and usually takes 60-90 days. If an interview is required as part of this process the applicant will be advised. Interviews are conducted in Dominica, but if unable to attend, the applicant can do it overseas with a fee of \$3,000 for the 3 interviewing officers to travel to the chosen place.
- **4.** CIU issues the letter of approval in principal and the investor transfers the investment amount to the developer and remaining fees for the application into a designated citizenship account of the government.
- 5. The Certificate of Naturalization is issued by CIU and submitted to the Immigration Department together with the passport application and supporting documents.
- **6.** The passport is issued and delivered to the investor.

<sup>\*</sup> Professional fees for citizenship processing are required for all applications and will vary depending on the number of dependents and application complexity.

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# LIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION UNDER THE CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT PROGRAM OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

#### A. APPLICATION PACKAGE FORMS

- 1. Form 12 Application for Naturalization as a Citizen of Dominica
  - i. Must be completed in duplicate for ALL persons desirous of Dominican citizenship, children included. Forms completed for children under 18 years old must be signed by both parents or legal guardian (s)
  - ii. both parents or legal guardians of applicants under eighteen (18) years of age must sight the application From 12 on behalf of the minor:
  - iii. all Form 12s must be notarized to be complete:
  - iv. reproductions of the Form 12 are accepted;
  - v. The section of Form 12 Jaheled "REFERENCE" can be left undone.
- 2. Form D1 Disclosure Form: To be completed by all applicants
- 3. Form D2 Photographic and Fingerprint Verification Form: To be completed by all applicants
- 4. Form D3 Medical Questionnaire: To be completed by all applicants
- 5. Form D4 Investment Agreement: To be completed by the Main Applicant only

#### B. APPLICANT (S) DOCUMENTS

GENERAL NOTE: DOCUMENTS SHOULD NOT PRE-DATE THE SUBMISSION DATE OF HE APPLICATION TO THE CIU BY MORE THAN THREE (3) MONTHS

- A letter of application for citizenship by investment addressed to the Minister responsible for Citizenship stating the reasons for applying.
- Two (2) original personal references (NOT professional references) for the investor, spouse and any child over 18
  years old.
  - a. Testimonials should include a paragraph about the referee, who must be acquainted with the applicant for at least five (5) years;
  - b. Identical testimonials will not be accepted;
  - c. Testimonials should not be from family members;
  - d. For dependents of a main applicant between 18 and 25 in higher learning, they shall submit an official transcript or a duly notarized letter from a competent authority confirming the applicant's existing enrollment
  - at that institution of higher learning.
- 8. One (1) original Professional reference for the investor/applicant. References should be from person who has been acquainted with the investor's work at least for three (3) years;
- One (1) original recommendation from the investor's banker (NOT a certificate of Deposit/Bank Statement), with the following requirements
  - a. The investor must be a client of the bank at least for two (2) years;
  - b. The recommendation should contain the contact information of the bank;
  - c. Unsigned bank recommendations will not be accepted.

- 10. Original Letter of Employment for the investor. If self-employed the business trade license and most recent audited financial statement of the business:
- 11. Bank statements for the last 12 months immediately preceding submission of the application;
- Marriage certificate where applicable. If applicant is divorced and has remarried then a notarized copy of the Dissolution of the Marriage is required:
- 13. Original Police Clearance Certificate or a similar document provided by a law enforcement agency confirming the absence of a criminal record is required of all applicants sixteen (16) years old and over:
  - a. Police records are required from country of birth, citizenship and residence (where the applicant has lived for six (6) months or more):
  - b. Police records are required from a Country/State and at Federal Level;
  - c. Must be certified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or other relevant government department of the issuing country or accompanied by an apostille where applicable;
  - d. All police records must be accompanied by a set of fingerprints;
  - e. For children twelve to fifteen (12-15), there must be a sworn affidavit by parent that child does not have criminal record
- 14. Four (4) certified passport size photos. On the reverse side of at least one photo a notary public should endorse the following statement: "I certify that is a true likeness of the applicant Mr.-Miss/Mrs/Ms
- 15. Original birth certificate for all applicants;
- 16. Notarized copies of University/College diplomas;
- Completed medical check-up for all applicants. All applicants between the ages of 0-5 years will not be required
  to take an HIV test:
- 18. Non- refundable processing and due diligence background checks fee of US\$ 7,500 for the main applicant and spouse, US\$ 4,000 for all other applicants sixteen (16) years of age and over. Payments can be made in EC dollars and must be net of all bank and transfer charges. The exchange rate is US\$ 1.00 = EC\$ 2.70;
- 19. A detailed resume/business background report is requited of all applicants who are working adults. The occupation of all working adults must be clearly indicated;
- 20. Any other document deemed necessary by the Minister.

**NOTE:** This list of documents is not exhaustive and other documents may have to be provided by the applicants, depending on their particular situation. These documents may include company incorporation and good standing documents, ownership or title documents in support of SOF explanations, or any other type of document in support of the applicant's statements made on the application forms.

#### C. OTHER DOCUMENTS

- 1) Professional Services Agreement to be executed by the client and NTL.
- 2) Power of Attorney granted by the Investor in favour of NTL (wording provided by NTL)



# **DOMINICA REAL ESTATE**



#### CABRITS RESORT KEMPINSKI



### Cabrits Resort Kempinski

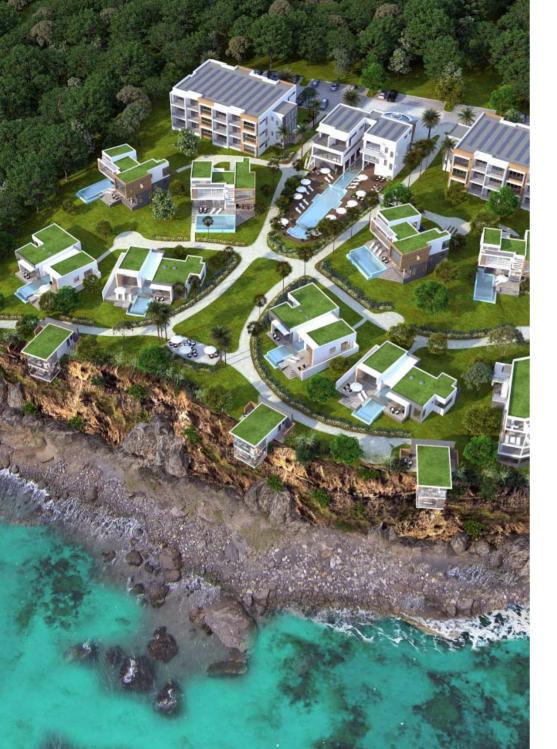
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Located in the northwest part of the island at the picturesque white sand beach on Douglas Bay, Cabrits Resort Kempinski Dominica will be the most luxurious resort in the Commonwealth of Dominica managed by oldest European hotel group. Surrounded by Carbis National Park, the resort has been designed with a perfect balance between the lush land and azure waters of the Caribbean. Available at this resort location are 101 rooms and suites, as well as various amenities that will provide the guests with memorable experiences of the finest Caribbean lifestyle.

An investment of US\$ 220,000 for a share in Cabrits Resort Kempinski Dominica, along with its myriad of tax and travel benefits, make this investment attractive for investors and their families to apply for citizenship of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

Cabrits Resort Kempinski is the real estate development approved by the government of the Commonwealth of Dominica for Citizen by Investment programme.

Cabrits Resort Kempinski, Dominica is currently under construction by Range Developments, an investment and hospitality company operating across the Eastern Caribbean.





TRANQUILITY BEACH DOMINICA



Tranquility Beach Dominica is a prestigious, environmentally-sensitive residential resort of first class accommodation quality. Contemporary clean lines mark the architecture and construction of this development, which will comprise chic one-and two-bedroom condominium suites, studio suites, and one-, two-, and three-bedroom villas situated in a full service setting. A diverse range of amenities and services complete this vacation setting: a world class spa, wellness center, gym, fine dining restaurant, large swimming pool, gift shop, private gated entry, parking facilities, and reception office.

Tranquility Beach is located on a dramatically stunning marine bluff - a masterpiece of nature, situated just outside the charming village of Salisbury, a special place known for its friendly people and abundant, juicy watermelons.

Tranqulity Beach Dominica is an approved project for the Citizesnhip by Investment Programme in the Commonwealth of Dominica.

Once opened, the resort will be operating under the world famous hotel brand CURIO by  $\operatorname{Hilton}$ .



Dominica's first inhabitants, the Ortoroids, arrived from South America around 3100 B. C., and lasted on the island until around 400 B.C. Next came the Arawaks, who settled in about 400 A.D. By 1400, the Kalinago or "Caribs," moved aggressively up the Caribbean from South America, eliminating the Arawak from the region. When Columbus ushered in the era of colonization to Dominica in 1493, the same fate that befell the Arawaks would threaten the Caribs.

Ignoring the Kalinago name of 'Waitukubuli,' meaning 'Tall is her Body,' Columbus, spotting the island on Nov. 3, 1943, a Sunday, renamed the island Dominica, after the day of the week. The Caribs successfully resisted efforts of Spanish colonization, but the British and French followed from the 1600's on, battling each other and the Caribs, to claim the Island. Through the many battles and ravaged by disease, the Caribs gradually lost control of the island. However, today approximately 2,000 Caribs remain on the island. You many note that many of village names in and around Dominica are a mix of Carib, French and English, reflecting the power struggles of the last 500 years.

On November 3rd 1978, the island was finally granted its independence from Britain. The initial year of independence was a turbulent one. In June 1979 the island's first prime minister, Patrick John, was forced to resign after a series of corrupt schemes surfaced, including one land deal to transfer 15% of the island to U.S. developers. In August 1979 Hurricane David struck the island with devastating force. Forty-two people were killed and 75% of the islanders' homes were destroyed or severely damaged.

In July 1980 Dame Eugenia Charles was elected prime minister, the first woman in the Caribbean to hold the office. Within a year of her inauguration she survived two unsuccessful coups. In October 1983 she endorsed the US invasion of Grenada.

The Dominican formalized their relations with Chinese governments in 2004 by helping to aide Windsor Park sports stadium in Roseau.

Today, the Government of Dominica is investing heavily in tourism to drive economic development, focusing on the island's unsurpassed natural beauty, and the popularity of diving, hiking and eco tours.











# **EXPLORE**

Dominica, the Nature Isle of the Caribbean, has a multitude of adventures just waiting to be discovered and experienced. There are over 40 hiking trails that wind through dense rainforests and mountains...leading to waterfalls, mountain tops and lakes. Dominica's Caribbean Sea waters provide some of the best scuba diving and marine reserves in the world. Isolated, black-sand beaches offer solitude and tranquility for those that discover them. Over 360 freshwater rivers afford opportunity to bath, swim and play in cold, crystal clear water. Visiting the Carib Territory and the native Kalinnago's gives a wealth of cultural insight to Dominica's first peoples and their ways of land and sea.

#### DIVING

If you dive to experience thrill, wonder and beauty, Dominica is for you. Here the sea below is as amazing as the land above: volcanic vents and plunging sea walls, colorful reefs and soft corals, sea turtles and sperm whales. Come dive into Dominica and find out why we are not only one of the top Caribbean diving destinations, but one of the best diving experiences in the world.

#### PRISTINE MARINE HABITAT

The underwater topography of Dominica mirrors the beautiful landscape above, with canyons and cliffs plunging to depths equal to the soaring mountain peaks above. Massive underwater boulder fields and volcanic craters accompany steep walls and pinnacles, setting the stage for some of the best diving in the Caribbean, and indeed the most breathtaking diving to be found anywhere.

#### MARINE RESERVES

Soufriere Scott's Head Marine Reserve, located in the southwest, is the oldest reserve on the island and offers the most popular volcanic underwater features. With virtually no current and unspoilt coral walls, The Cabrits National Park Marine is renowned for a large variety of rare fish. The earmarked Salisbury Marine Reserve in the central west area consists of a dozen sites with some of the healthiest and best reef diving in the Caribbean.

#### "CHAMPAGNE & VOLCANO"

Underwater volcanoes are the source of Dominica's dramatic underwater landscape: craters, chasms, sheer walls plunging thousands of feet, and soaring pinnacles formed by lava flow create an amazing underwater experience. Visit the "Champagne" dive site and swim through warm bubbling waters created by geothermal vents. You can feel the water temperature rise; the sea floor itself can be warm to the touch!







#### **SEA TURTLE VIEWING**

Four of the seven species of sea turtles visit Dominica's shores-Loggerheads, Hawksbills, Green Sea Turtles, and the huge Leatherbacks.

Visit Rosalie Beach between March and October and you may catch a glimpse of one of the most fascinating rituals in the animal kingdom. After mating in the waters, the female sea turtle will come ashore to dig her nest, lay her eggs and smooth them over with sand to avoid detection.

In a few months the hatchlings will emerge and try to make their way back to sea. Great care must be taken to keep lights away from these areas. They can scare the female turtles and disorient the hatchlings. To witness this ritual is a privilege and the experience of a lifetime.

#### NATIONAL PARKS

Morne Trois Pitons National Park was established in 1975 as a national park and was named a World Heritage Site in 1997. The Park is named after its highest mountain, Morne Trois Pitons, meaning 'mountain of three peaks.' The park is a significant area of volcanic activity and covers 17,000 acres, which includes: the Valley of Desolation-a region of boiling mud ponds and small geysers, the Boiling Lake, Titou Gorge, and Emerald Pool.

Cabrits National Park is located on a northern peninsula of the island just beyond the town of Portsmouth. Established in 1986, Cabrits National Park occupies 1,313 acres and protects tropical forests, coral reefs and wetlands. When you're there make sure to visit the English garrison, Fort Shirley.

Morne Diablotin National Park is a national park in the northern mountain ranges of the island. The park covers 8,242 acres, and was established in 2000, primarily to protect the habitat of the endangered Sisserou Parrot, the national symbol of Dominica. The park is home to 4,747 foot high Morne Diablotin, the tallest mountain on the island and the second highest mountain in the Lesser Antilles.



**HEALTH & WELLNESS** 



Abounding with physical activities, healing therapies and natural products, Dominica embodies the true essence of health and wellness. From hiking the rugged terrain, to soaking in the countless numbers of natural sulphur hot pools, the island truly lives up to its name as the Nature Island. Imagine yoga in the rainforest, relaxing with a soothing massage or revitalize with nutritious tropical juices and herbal teas. Experience aromatherapy and holistic medicine. Discover why Dominica boasts over twenty centenarians; a true fountain of youth!

Breathe in the island of Dominica, and feel the stresses of these modern times blow away in the island breeze.

You can expect an abundance of vegetables, fruits, and root crops to appear on menus around the island. Dominica's economy, after all, is based on agriculture. Sweet ripe plantains, kushkush (cornmeal), yams, breadfruit, dasheen (taro), fresh fish, and chicken, prepared at least a dozen different ways, are all staples. The local drink is a delicious spiced rum steeped with herbs such as anisette (nanny) and pweve (lemongrass). Dominican cuisine is also famous for its use of local game, such as the manicou (a small opossum) and the agouti (a large indigenous rodent), but you'll have to be an intrepid diner to go that route.





The friendly, intimate atmosphere and colorful patrons at the numerous bars and hangouts will keep you entertained for hours. Jazz, calypso, reggae, steel band, soca (a variation of calypso), and cadence-zouk, or jing ping — a type of folk music featuring the accordion, the quage (a kind of washboard instrument), drums, and a "boom boom" (a percussion instrument) — are all heard on the island. Wednesday through Saturday nights are really lively, and during Carnival, Independence, and summer celebrations, things can be intense. Indeed, Dominica's Carnival, the pre-Lenten festival, is the most spontaneous in the Caribbean. Other big cultural events include Emancipation celebrations hosted by the National Cultural Council each August.

**Carnival.** Carnival, or 'The Real Mas', is a pre-Lenten festival, and usually falls in February or March each year. It is unquestionably the most festive season in Dominica. It is hard to miss the fervour of the people's loyalty to their favourite calypsonian or pageant during the preceding months of the Calypso Final and the National Queen Show.



Independence. Every year, the country commemorates its Independence with a season of cultural activities which can last as long as four weeks. These celebrations portray vivid examples of the island's cultural influences. The traditional dances display European traces in Hill & Toe, Waltz, and Quadrille; and borrow from African native dances in Bèlè.

This mélange of Creole culture predominates at this time of year, as villages and communities throughout the island compete to show their superiority in preserving and developing different cultural expressions.



Jazz 'N Creole. Dominica's Jazz 'n Creole, first presented in 2010, is a fusion of jazz and creole music, food and culture. This family event is held annually at Fort Shirley in the Cabrits National Park during the Pentecost holiday weekend. A number of fringe events organized by private stakeholders precede the main stage event. Past performers at the festival include Arturo Tappin, Michele Henderson, Marlow Rosado y la Riquena, Ronald Tulle, Alfredo de la Fe, Monty Alexander, Beethva Obas, Eric Ildefonse Quartet, Angelique Kidjo, Cameron Pierre, Heston Francis, and Jacques Schwarz-Bart Trio.

World Creole Music Festival. The World Creole Music Festival was launched to promote Dominica as a tourism destination, to expose local musicians to an international audience and to assist in the sustainable development of an international Creole Music industry. The annual event was created in 1996 and the first edition kicked off in 1997 during international Creole month October also as a means of boosting tourist arrivals to Dominica (during its Independence celebrations), and to increase revenue from stay-over visitors coming to the island for this celebration which culminates on November 3.

The World Creole Music Festival has attracted some of the most renowned musical groups and soloists from the Creole-speaking world, such as: Kassav', Tabou Combo, Exile One, Gramacks/New Generation, WCK, Triple Kay Global, T-Vice, First Serenade, Zouk Machine, Magnum Band, Zin, Taxi Creole, Carimi, Ophelia Marie, Michele Henderson, Tanya St. Val, Sakis, and Francky Vincent.





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