

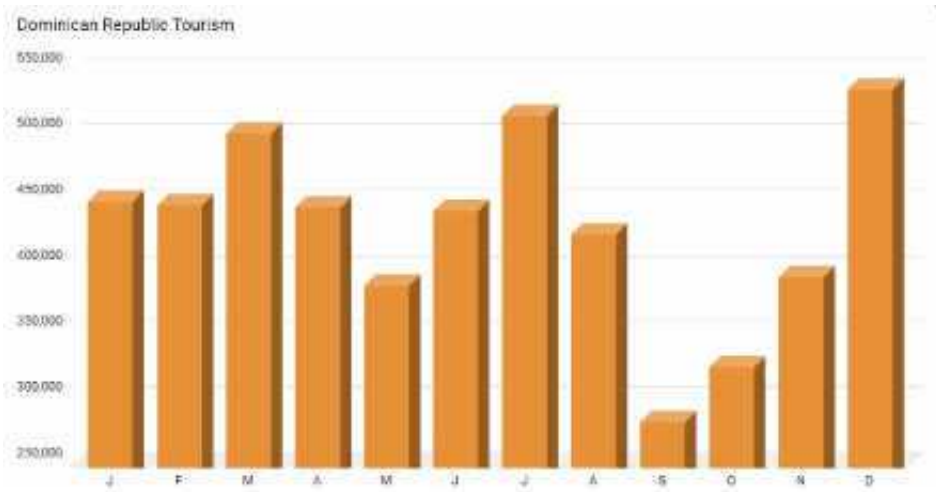
Dominican Republic Tourism Statistics

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Dominican Republic tourism statistics clearly show popular and unpopular times to visit this country on the Caribbean island of Hispaniola.

Unlike most Caribbean islands, Dominican Republic is much more popular with resort visitors than cruise visitors.

The country attracts more than 5 million stopover visitors a year. It is by far the largest number of stopover visitors of any Caribbean destination. By comparison, it receives about a half million cruise visitors a year, according to statistics from the [Caribbean Tourism Organization](#).



Dominican Republic tourism by month. © 2018 Scott S. Bateman

Stopover visitors are any visitors who spend one or more nights there. The majority of them spend their time at two major resort destinations in Punta Cana and Puerto Plata.

Most and Least Popular Months

The most popular month to [visit Dominican Republic](#) is December. Vacationers often go to the Caribbean in December to escape cold northern winters. Many of them are families who are on winter breaks from schools.

The other two most popular months are July and March. Again, these are times when families have breaks from schools.

The least popular month is September, which is the peak time of activity during the annual Caribbean hurricane season. September historically has the most rainfall, tropical storms and hurricanes.

October is the next unpopular month for the same reason, followed by a near tie between November and May. November is the final month of the hurricane season. May has a brief rainy season.

Punta Cana Versus Puerto Plata

Punta Cana on the far eastern tip of the country and Puerto Plata is on the far northern tip. They have slightly different weather patterns.

Their different weather patterns can affect the amount of tourism for each location.

Both destinations have average high temperatures in the upper 80s Fahrenheit or about 30 Celsius during the summer and early fall. But the two destinations have different dry and rainy seasons.

Punta Cana weather is much like the rest of the Caribbean. It has a dry season that goes from December through April, a brief rainy season in May and usually more rain in the late summer and early fall.

Unlike the rest of the Caribbean, Puerto Plata has a rainy season that begins in November and goes until May.

So tourism in Punta Cana and Puerto Plata will have different high and low points during the year according to the amount of rain they receive.

Tourism statistics help vacation planners chose times to visit there with smaller crowds and the best chance of good weather.

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