

La Romana, La Altagracia, Dominican Republic

A working sugar-town turned Caribbean gateway — where a replica medieval village perches over a jungle river gorge, and the best beach day of your cruise might just be an island away.

-  Pier (no tendering)
-  Typical call: 8–10 hrs
-  USD widely accepted
-  Spanish (English in tourist areas)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Dedicated cruise pier on the Chavón River — no tendering
Best For: Altos de Chavón, Isla Saona beach, cigars, golf

Walk to center: City center ~1.5 miles; not walkable — take a taxi
Don't Miss: Altos de Chavón village and amphitheater above the river gorge

 Getting around:  Taxi  \$10–15 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Altos de Chavón** — A hand-built replica of a 16th-century Mediterranean village perched 300 feet above the Chavón River gorge.
- Isla Saona Day Trip** — The crown jewel of the East National Park — a postcard-perfect tropical island with swaying palms, shallow turquoise water, and starfish pools.
- Isla Catalina Snorkel** — A 30-minute boat ride from the cruise pier leads to Catalina Island — white sand beach and an excellent coral wall for snorkeling, rated one of the...
- Cueva de las Maravillas** — One of the Caribbean's most significant archaeological sites — a vast cave system with hundreds of well-preserved Taino petroglyphs and pictographs...
- Tabacalera de García Cigar Factory** — One of the world's largest hand-rolled cigar factories, producing premium brands including Montecristo, Romeo y Julieta, and H.

BEST WALKS

- Terminal Grounds & Pool Wander** Flat | 10–20 min | Free — Easy loop from the gangway through the duty-free market, craft stalls, and pool terrace.
- Altos de Chavón Village Walk** Easy | 45–60 min | Entry or excursion fee — Wander the cobblestone lanes of the replica Mediterranean village — past art galleries, the St.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	 DAYLIGHT & MONEY Apr 6:19AM–6:52PM · Jun 5:59AM–7:13PM · Aug 6:17AM–7:02PM · Sep 6:23AM–6:37PM · Oct 6:29AM–6:12PM  USD widely accepted	
Apr	86°	73°	11d		
Jun	89°	76°	11d		
Aug	89°	77°	17d		
Sep	88°	76°	18d		
Oct	86°	75°	19d		

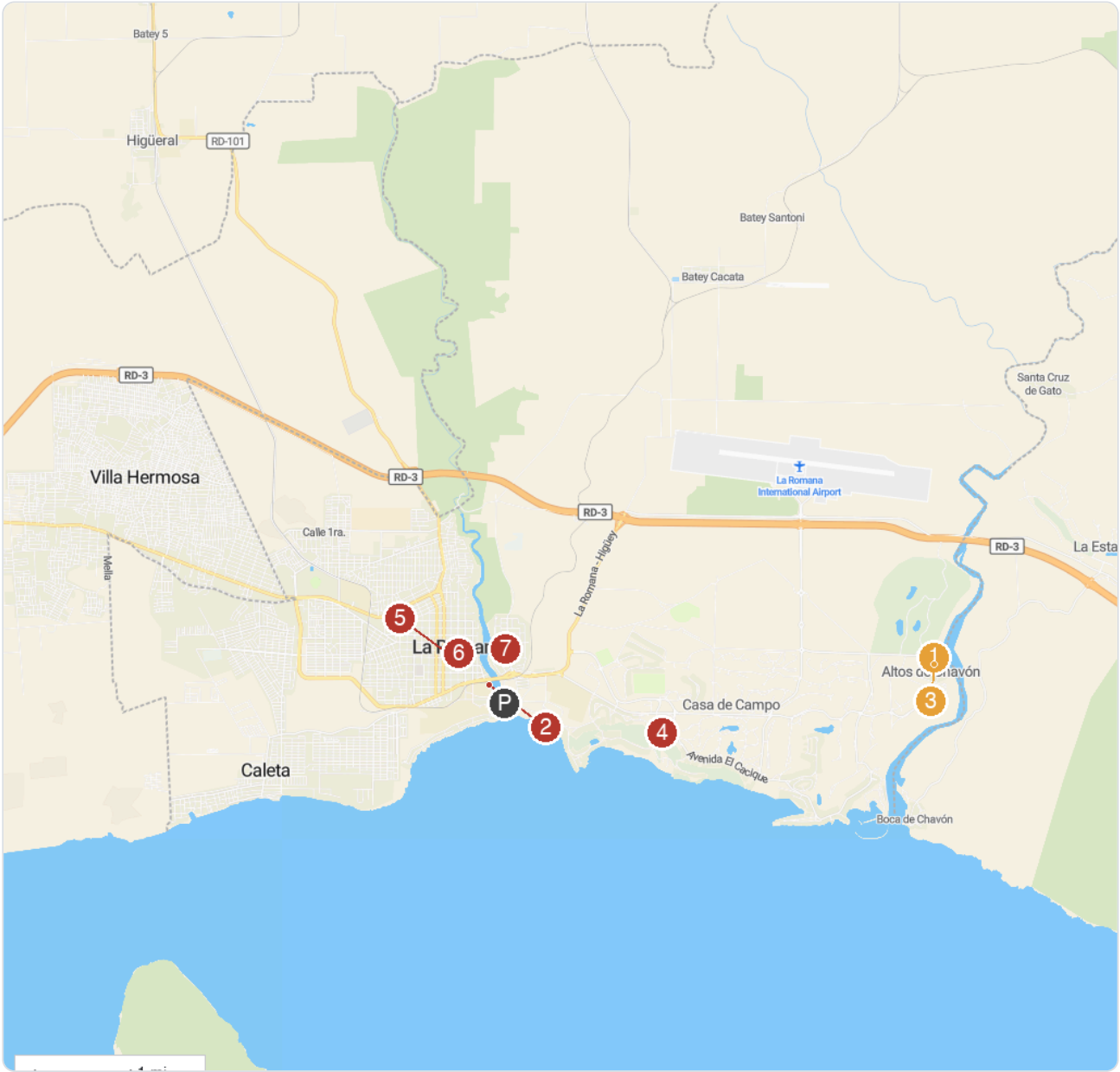
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Don't walk out of the port gates. The surrounding area is an active industrial sugar zone — not pedestrian-friendly and nothing to see. Use the official taxi dispatch inside the terminal.
- Isla Saona requires a long day. Only attempt the Saona trip if your ship is in port for 8+ hours, and book through the cruise line or a reputable operator to guarantee you're back on time.
- USD works everywhere. US dollars are accepted throughout tourist areas. Bring small bills for tips, taxis, and market stalls. Credit cards are fine at resorts and excursion operators.
- Watch ship time vs. local time. The Dominican Republic does not observe Daylight Saving Time — depending on the season, local and ship time may differ. Always go by ship time.
- Buy cigars at the factory, not the pier. Tabacalera de García is just outside the port gates — prices and quality are better than the terminal market stalls.
- Free pool at the terminal. The cruise pier has a complimentary resort-style pool — if you just want a chill, cheap day, you can stay right here with cold drinks and lounge chairs.

La Romana, La Altagracia, Dominican Republic — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1

Dye Fore Golf Course of Casa de Campo

Scenic golf course with ocean views at Casa de Campo.
- 2

Aldea Cultural Santa Rosa de Lima

Cultural village showcasing local arts, crafts, and traditions.
- 3

Altos de Chavón

Recreated 16th-century Mediterranean village with shops, art, and views.
- 4

Teeth of the Dog Golf Course, Casa de Campo Resort & Villas

World-renowned golf course with seven holes directly on the ocean.
- 5

Duarte Central Park

Lively central park, a hub for local life and relaxation.
- 6

Parroquia Santa Rosa de Lima

Historic parish church, a local place of worship.
- 7

Iglesia San Antonio de Padua

Local Catholic church dedicated to Saint Anthony of Padua.
- P

Cruise port / terminal