



JULY 24 - Arrival Santo Domingo Homestay 7 Nights

Arrive in Las Americas International Airport. Greeting by Interact’s Representative in the airport lobby. Transfer to Santo Domingo. Meet the Program Director as you’re introduced to your host families.

HOMESTAY FAMILIES live in Santo Domingo Este, a traditional middle class neighborhood. Most are friends or acquaintances of our homestay director. Regardless, all families are monitored and continually evaluated. Homestay families provide all meals, unless included with the excursion. Bedrooms are equipped with fans. Everyone speaks Spanish in the home. Roundtrip transfers for the included excursions are included.

Although Santo Domingo is a modern and cosmopolitan city, it is the birthplace of the American civilization. Founded in 1496, it’s the oldest city of the New World, and its Colonial Zone, with more than 300 monuments, has been classified by UNESCO as a Worldwide Heritage for Humanity Site.

JULY 25 – Historic Colonial Zone

Santo Domingo teems with Spanish Colonial History. Cobblestone streets, reminiscent of the French Quarter in New Orleans, wind their way through a historic treasure trove of monuments, churches, and museums. Walk through 500 years of history with your local guide.

Stroll down Calle de Las Damas, the first paved street in the Americas, on your way to the magnificent Alcazar de Colon, built around 1500 by Columbus’s son, Diego. In the afternoon, walk along El Conde, a bustling pedestrian street with a plethora of art galleries, jewelry stores, shops and street vendors. Have fun with your bargaining skills.

Sequence below is a sample and may vary.

JULY 26 – Chocolate *InterAction*

Today’s interaction is at a Cacao Plantation. You’ll have an opportunity to hand pick some cocoa pods, select some beans and participate in all the steps of the process. Plus, you’ll meet a group of chocolatiers who will roast, hand grind cocoa and make chocolate for your enjoyment and will ask you to participate in the process. The lesson will conclude with a demonstration on how to enjoy a good cup of Dominican hot chocolate, casaba and homemade cornbread.

JULY 27-29 – SOMOS *Humanitarian InterAction*

Participate in a two to three day VIP team project in the community of La Piedra, approximately 45 minutes from Santo Domingo. Please pack a few baseballs. Play baseball before enjoying a delightful Dominican “tipico” lunch. Brief hike (moderate) to the Ni Rahu Taino Cave for a guided eco-historical tour. Witness the most incredibly beautiful stalactites and stalagmites, columns and “flow” formations that you could ever imagine, many of them shimmering with mineral crystals.

JULY 30 - Isla Saona

Enjoy a panoramic drive along the coast to Bayahibe, where you’ll board a catamaran to Isla Saona, commonly referred to as “Paradise Island”. Explore all the amazing natural treasures that Saona Island has to offer, the largest island in Dominican waters. Our sustainable nature tour takes you off the beaten path to discover virgin beaches, mangrove forests, and coastal lagoons. Enjoy lunch at the sleepy fishing village of Mano Juan, visit a local turtle conservation center, and take a dip in on sand bar in the middle of the ocean.

JULY 31 – Departure to USA



VIP FLEXI-TOUR DATES
JULY 24-31



7 NIGHTS
Santo Domingo Este Homestay 7



ALL MEALS