



TOURIST VISA

Foreigners who are allowed to travel to the EU, USA, UK or Canada can also visit the Dominican Republic for tourism purposes without a Visa; only a Tourist Card is necessary.

As of April 2018, the tourism entry tax (previously known as tourist card) is no longer collected upon arrival, rather should be included in your air fare. Contact your airline or tour operator if you're unsure whether you have already paid this fee. On arrival you will normally be granted a 30- day stay. This can be extended to 60 days by asking for a delay and paying the required fee at the *DIRECCION GENERAL DE MIGRACION* office, <http://www.migracion.gob.do/>

As a foreign citizen and in order to get into the country, you will be asked to leave your fingerprints and have a photograph taken.

You must carry your original passport, proof of onward or return travel at all times, so that you can present them if necessary (or asked by authorities). Your entry may be rejected if you don't have proof of onward or return travel.

PASSPORT VALIDITY: if you're travelling as a tourist, your passport must be valid up to at least the date of your proposed return from the Dominican Republic to your country of origin. If you're visiting the Dominican Republic for any other purposes, your passport should have at least six months validity.

Travelling with children: According to the Dominican Republic authorities, visitors under 18 travelling to the Dominican Republic don't need written authorization from their parents as long as they enter and leave with the same person or people. If visitors are between thirteen (13) and (18) years of age and are travelling alone, or in a group with no one over eighteen (18) years of age, then parental authorization is not required as long as the group remains the same on entry and exit. Otherwise, a visitor under the age of eighteen (18) must carry a sworn affidavit drawn up by a solicitor and signed by the child's parents or legal guardian(s) authorizing their travel.

You can apply for a Tourist Visa if you are not resident in any country of the EU, UK, USA or Canada, and if your country does not request a visa to visit the Dominican Republic. Please visit the website http://www.migracion.gob.do/Content/main_side_banner_01.pdf to see if your country of origin demands for a visa.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Visa Application Letter** – it is not necessary to notarize this document, however it has to be addressed to the Consul **FRANCISCO FERNANDO CACERES LIRIANO**, signed by the applicant including name, nationality, place of residence, activity and purpose of travel
2. **Visa Application Form**– filled in in Spanish either electronically or by hand in a very clear handwriting. The form can be found at the Consulate Office as well as on our website: www.consuladodominicanomilano.com
3. **One (1) passport-size photograph** – preferably taken recently with a white background to attach to the application form
4. **Valid passport plus a photocopy of it** – minimum validity of six (6) months, with at least an empty double page
5. **Return flight reservation** – recommended that tickets are bought after the visa has been issued
6. **Health Insurance** – covering the whole period of your journey in the Dominican Republic: as per the relevant Dominican legislation, all foreigners applying for a short-term visa to the country in question are asked to submit a valid medical insurance covering the same duration of their visa. The medical insurance must satisfy the minimum requirements i.e. coverage for medical treatment of sudden illness and coverage for transfer of the deceased policy holder
7. **Immigration Status** – that include a photocopy of the National Identity Document of the applicant, and a photocopy of the Residence Card, if the residence results in another country
8. **Travel History**– photocopy of the Dominican visas and visas from other countries

9. **Photocopy of the Hotel Reservation or Invitation Letter**, including address and general information of the host in DR

ATTENTION: If you are invited to the Dominican Republic and your plan is to **stay at a residences' house**, it is necessary to present a **Guarantee Letter**, notarized and legalized at the *Procuraduría General de la República Dominicana*. The document must be shown by the applicant together with the other documents on the day of the interview at the Dominican Consulate. It is essential that the Guarantee Letter contains the following clause, so that it can be accepted by our mission: *WARRANTY CLAUSE: "Garantizo que (Name, Nationality and Passport No.), no permanecerá en la República Dominicana más tiempo que el concedido por la Dirección General de Migración, ni solicitará residencia o cambio de estatus migratorio desde el territorio dominicano, dedicándose exclusivamente a la actividad por la cual le fue otorgado el visado. "Me hago moral y económicamente responsable al retorno de su país de origen, asumiendo pagar a favor del Estado Dominicano cualquier gasto en que dicha persona pueda incurrir durante su estancia en el país, o que se origine como consecuencia de su repatriación o deportación del mismo"*

10. **Proof of Financial Independence** – bank statement(s) from your account savings book, checking account or bank certificates. Could also be a vehicle registration if you own one

11. **Labor Certificate** – showing your date of entry to the company, position you occupy in the company, salary.

- **Submitting a visa application does not guarantee automatic issuance of a visa.**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic needs to examine your application and only after the process, it can be concluded whether the applicant is eligible for a visa. You are kindly advised to take this into account when making your travel arrangements and/or buying your ticket. In case you have bought your plane ticket before obtaining your visa, this is a personal risk and does not ensure the issuance of the visa, nor for speeding up the visa procedures.

- **Visa processing takes a minimum of ten (10) working days** however this time period is flexible depending on the volume of demand for visas at the time of application. Therefore, it is suggested to submit applications as far ahead of the intended travel date as possible. **The Consulate does not have an “express visa” system.**

- The Dominican Consulate in Milan receives tourist visa applications on weekdays between 10.00 and 2.00 pm.

- The applicant will be required **to visit the consular office in person.** The printed originals of all documents must be brought to the Consulate at the time of the interview.

- For public holidays when the Consulate is closed, please refer to our facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/consuladodominicanomilano/>

- The visa fee is available to pay through cash (EUROS) and should be paid on the appointment date. The visa fee will not be refunded if the application is not successful. Single entry visa fee: **100 EU.**