



SOSUA DIVE SPOTS SPECIAL

The Dominican Republic offers scuba diving 24/7, 365 days a year and in a pristine underwater environment with access to many locations for shore and boat diving, it is an award winning diving destination that accommodates every skill level, from beginner to advanced diver. There are many official dive sites at SOSUA beach which is & 5 minutes stroll away from CASA-22. The Dominican Republic is an underwater paradise that awaits you, with more than 350 fish species and 57 species of soft and stony coral.

The area of SOSUA has more to offer than just coral reefs or wrecks: Stunning freshwater caves are the perfect adventure for TEC divers.

Some of the most beautiful dive sites of the north coast are located in Sosua. All dive shops in Puerto Plata, Sosua and Cabarete are diving here. 23 dive sites can be reached by boat within 3 to 15 minutes. Great for divers who suffer from motion sickness as you do not have to sit for hours on a boat to reach your diving destination.

Spots like The 3 Rocks, Larimar 1, West Wall, Puntilla and Canyon are perfect for beginners and training dives. They start at depths of 3m/10ft to 6m/20ft and slope down to 12m/40ft to reach a maximum depth of 18m. Current is really rare.

For the more advanced divers we have the wreck Zingara, Los Matorales, Ray Point, Coal Garden Wall, Coral Garden, Puntilla Deep and the Airport Wall which are known to be some of the best dives in the area.

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The wreck „Zingara“



The 45m/150ft coastal freighter Zingara was sunk in 1993. All potential hazards were removed and the wreck was prepared for scuba diving. Meanwhile the wreck is overgrown with sponges, corals and is home for many fish. You always see French Angelfish, grunts, schools of snappers and Green Morays. Barracudas and sharks visit the wreck every once in a while. Close to the stern you can find American Stingrays in 38m/128ft of water. Depending on the conditions and your air consumption we can multilevel the dive out at the close by wall. Nitrox certified divers can enjoy a longer dive with Enriched Air.



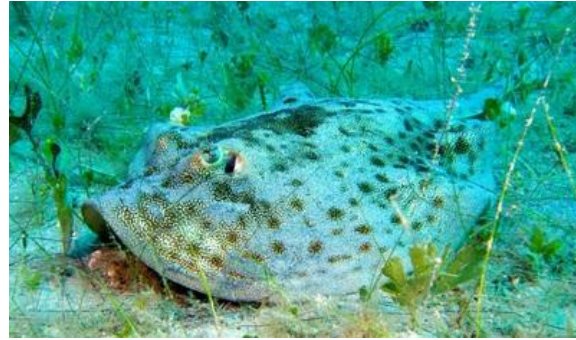
Airport

Airport Wall is a reef following the coastline in front of Puerto Plata's airport for 1-2km. It offers several different dive spots. The reef starts at 5m/15ft and drops down to 28m/93ft. The wall offers swim-troughs, little caverns and tunnels. As the Airport Wall is exposed to the open ocean you can sometimes spot Barracudas, Eagle Rays, Mantas and Reef Sharks.



Ray Point

A wall that starts at 23m/76ft and drops down to 40m/130ft and deeper. Different stingrays are common at this site and every once in a while Eagle Rays and Manta Rays are flying by.



Coral Garden Wall

This beautiful wall is overgrown with corals. The dive starts at 20m/66ft. Between 28m/94ft and 32m/106ft you find caverns where you can spot turtles and lobsters. Maximum depth on this dive 35m/116ft. We multilevel out to the nearby Coral Garden where our boat picks us up.



3 - Rocks

3 Rocks and Coral Garden Shallow: The perfect spot for beginners, snorkelers and less experienced divers who want to be surrounded by colorful tropical fish. The coral heads are in 3-12m/10-40ft of water. From the third rock we are diving down to Coral Garden Shallow where you can see beautiful fan corals and sea whips.



Mini Wall

Mini Wall - Deep Wall: It's just a 4 minute boat ride from SOSUA to Deep Wall which starts at 15m/50ft. A couple of canyons bring us down to max. 32m/110ft. At a depth of 28m/95ft a cavern is home to angelfish, king crabs and sleeping nurse sharks.



Puntilla Tief

This wall starts at 5m/15ft and drops down to 20m/66ft. The site is almost parallel to Sosua bay's coastline. A little further out you find a huge coral head which is covered with giant barrel sponges and fan corals. Max. depth is 40m/130ft. Moray eels, lobster, and crabs are hiding in the rock crevices. You can ever go for just a wall dive or multilevel out from the deepest spot to 5m/15ft.



Day excursions

"Dudu" fresh water cavern

This full day excursion is one of the highlights in the area and an absolute must-do for the experienced divers. It's a 75 minutes drive along the Dominican Northcoast to reach Dudu Blue Lagoon. We cross Cabarete, Gaspar Hernandez and Rio San Juan before we can see the crystal clear water of lake Dudu. After the briefing and equipment donning we tackle that giant stride and hit the water. We go down 6-8m/20-25ft where we find the first tunnel. What sounds a little scary looks quite familiar in the light of a diver's lamp. The tunnel which brings us to a lake in the middle of the jungle is 90m/98yd long and 6-8m/20-26ft wide. It is packed with stalactites a fossils. The light and the up to 3m/10ft long stalactites are breathtaking. A second tunnel brings us back to Lake Dudu where you can spot mouthbreeders, fresh water shrimp, turtles and eels. At the end of the lake we enter a third tunnel which is 60m/63yd long and 10m/33ft wide. We surface in an air pocket full of spectacular stalactites, stalagmites and a small cave. After 2 exciting dives we exit the water and head for Playa Grande or Playa Caletón where we enjoy delicious food and drinks. Have you ever tried a Pina Colada in a fresh pineapple? Around 4pm we go back to Sosua. An unforgettable day comes to an end.



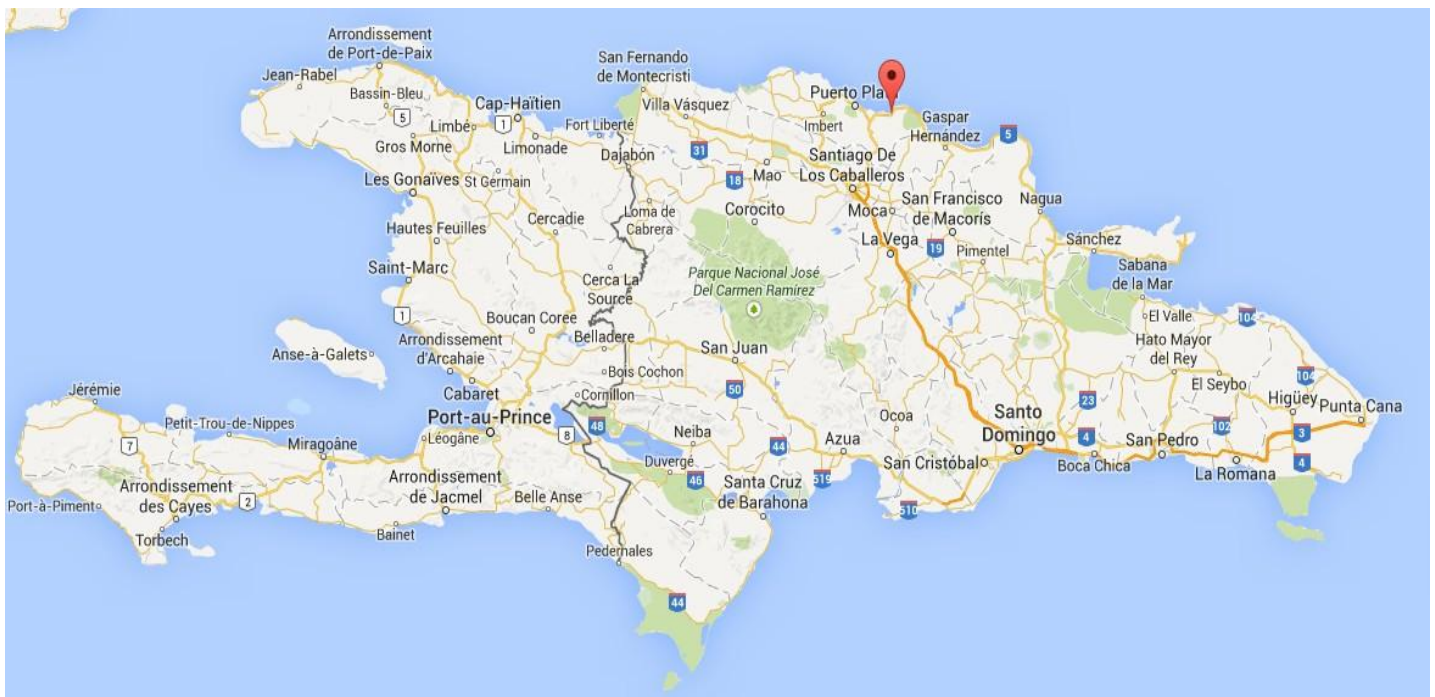


Paradise Island (Punta Rusia)

This day excursion starts at 6am. Our 3 hour journey to the west brings us to Puerto Plata and La Isabella. After a nice breakfast we'll reach the small fisherman village Punta Rucia. We set up the gear and our boat brings a magnificent sandbank in the middle of the ocean: Paradise Island. It is surrounded by 40 dive spots packed with colourful corals and sponges. The depth ranges from 5-25m/15-85ft. During the surface interval we provide soft drinks and snacks. After two dives we're heading back through the mangroves to enjoy a fantastic buffet.



A highlight of the day is the manatee park where we watch those fascinating animals in a river. We'll be back in Sosua around 7pm.





Rio San Juan

This is our day excursions for divers, snorkelers and all those who want to discover the real Dominican Republic. Rio San Juan is located just 65km/45 miles east of Sosua. The lagoon and the mangroves make it one of the island's top destinations. "Pretty as a picture postcard" said one of our divers when we cruised the lagoon and he saw the river flowing into the open ocean. Our first dive and snorkeling spot "Las Rocas" is a perfect mix of caverns and reef: spectacular structures, incredible light reflections and colorful sponges and corals wherever you look. A cavern full of stalactites makes this dive special. Our second diving and snorkeling session brings us to the "Piscina Natural", the natural pool. The reef starts at 3m/10ft and slopes down to 11m/36ft. The diversity of colorful tropical reef fish, soft and hard coral is incredible. As this is a very shallow site dive time can exceed 90 minutes depending on the divers' experience level.



At the deserted Magante beach in La Yagua we enjoy delicious food and drinks and let the day come to an end. We come back to Sosua around 5pm.

