

PUNTACANA RESORT & CLUB

The golf destination in the Caribbean



“My Corales Course at Puntacana Resort & Club is one of the few great golf courses in the world with a series of holes that play directly on the ocean. It is a bold course with some of the widest fairways I’ve ever designed to mitigate trade winds.” – TOM FAZIO

PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Three-quarters of the earth’s surface is covered with water, yet 98 percent is not suitable for human consumption.

The latest U.S. government statistics report 3.9 *trillion* gallons of water is consumed in America per month, of which slightly less than one percent is used by the country’s 17,000-plus golf courses. America isn’t alone in addressing water usage and conservation.

Puntacana Resort & Club is known as *the* island golf destination. In addition to 45 holes of Tom Fazio and P.B. Dye golf, guests have access to Tortuga Bay (the only AAA Five Diamond awarded hotel in The Dominican Republic), The Westin Puntacana Resort & Club, and a three-mile powdery sand beach.

“Over 80 percent of the year is rain free,” explained Julio Cesar Díaz, golf course superintendent at Puntacana Resort & Club. “We have a responsibility to preserve our resources. Our balanced approach limits our impact on the environment. We sodded our Corales Course with

paspalum supreme grass to withstand a high level of salinity. Heavy use of native plants was used to limit watering needs. We have an efficient irrigation system,” continued Díaz. “We use 100 percent treated water. Our irrigation system is the most sophisticated in the Caribbean. With over 3,300 sprinkler heads, we can target water usage.” ■

Puntacana Resort & Club is 100 percent self-sufficient. The resort has its own power plant and waste treatment facility; a bilingual international school; a modern telecommunications system; 500,000 square feet of commercial space (with a broad range of shopping and dining options); and a 60-boat marina. Its airport handles flights from 28 countries and 96 cities, has 28 nonstop flights and 6 million passengers each year.

For more information on seasonal packages at Tortuga Bay and The Westin Puntacana Resort & Club, please visit www.puntacana.com.