



The heart of Casa de Campo Resort's ocean playground is the Marina, inspired by quaint seaside villages that dot the Mediterranean coastline.

That "Fresh Paint Smell"

Casa de Campo Resort unveils its new Premier Club & Suites.



LA ROMANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: With great fanfare the new Premier Club & Suites opened at Casa de Campo Resort earlier this year. The 58 luxury suites aren't glorified hotel rooms. Special amenities to the "hotel within a hotel" feature spacious accommodations (about 30 percent larger than a traditional room), private check-in area, full-service staffed bar, 1,000 thread count Egyptian cotton sheets with customized pillows, in-room artisanal coffees, and a private golf cart to tour around the property.

"Our planning for the new Premier Club & Suites started almost five years ago," recalled Jason Kycek, vice president at Casa de Campo Resort. "We are a large property encompassing more than 7,000 acres. Before the new Premier Suites opened, we only had 248 rooms on property. To put that in perspective, the Bellagio in Las Vegas, Nevada, has 3,933 rooms across 77 acres. If you are looking for space to stretch out and be pampered, we are it."

Pictured above: With five courses, Casa de Campo Resort's reputation as an international destination for golf is warranted. *The Teeth of the Dog* is the definition of seaside golf. With sea spray hitting your face on several holes, it's as close to full contact golf you can get. *Dye Fore* offers cliff-side golf with panoramic views of the Caribbean. At several points, you can see the river, the ocean, and the mountains in one snapshot. *The Links* is the most-friendly design. It is simply fun, entertaining golf.

Pictured right: Crystal-clear turquoise blue water, gently lapping on pristine white sand, greets you at the Minitas Beach Club.





The Story Behind Casa de Campo Resort

The town of La Romana was home to the single largest sugar-producing mill in the world in the late 1960s. Owned by the Gulf+Western empire, the mill was one of the largest employers in the Dominican Republic. Company executive, Alvaro Carta, knew that for his employees to prosper, diversification beyond sugar production was critical. Thus, a push toward creating a tourist destination was born. More than 300 Dominican workers hand-carved the first of three Pete Dye designs from a rugged coral landscape in 1970. Upon hearing the workers refer to the sharp coral rock with its canine teeth as “diente de perro” (which means teeth of the dog in Spanish), naming the course Teeth of the Dog seemed fitting. To this day, more than a half century later, the course is still ranked in the “World’s 100 Greatest Courses” by *Golf Digest*.

LARGER THAN THE SIZE OF MANHATTAN, NYC

Casa de Campo Resort is an outdoor lovers paradise, home to three Pete Dye courses (Teeth of the Dog, Dye Fore, and The Links), 20 restaurants, a 370-slip Marina & Yacht Club, Polo & Equestrian Club, La Terraza Tennis Center, 245-acre Shooting Club, and the quaint village of Altos De Chavón (a replica of a 16th century European village). “We are more of a private town than a boutique hotel,” detailed Kycek. “You don’t have to travel off-site for excursions or deal with an outside tour operator. Everything is right here for your enjoyment. Our equestrian facility boards 200 horses and we rear our own birds at the Shooting Center [with 200 stations for trap, skeet, sporting clays, and pigeon rings].



The 5,000-seat, Grecian-style amphitheater at Altos de Chavón was inaugurated by Frank Sinatra in 1982.



Fernando Arata is director of the equestrian and polo facilities, originally from Argentina, and a professional polo player with ample experience in the field.

“I know Californians like to tout that you can surf in the morning and ski in the afternoon. Our version of an ideal day includes oceanfront golf on Teeth of the Dog in the morning, lunch at Chilangos Mexican Taqueria within Altos De Chavón, followed by sporting clays at the Shooting Center, and, finally, a Minitas Mojito on the beach under swaying palm trees while watching the sunset. And, best of all, you travel via your personal golf cart and never have to leave the resort,” concluded Kycek. ■

All major airline carriers fly into Punta Cana Airport (PUJ), under an hour away and Santo Domingo (SDQ), under two hours away. Private planes can fly directly into La Romana (LRM), minutes away. Passports are required for travel.

For more information, please visit casadecampo.com.do.

Did you know? Much of Francis Ford Coppola’s epic *Apocalypse Now* (in 1979) was filmed alongside the picturesque Chavón River (bordering the property), sports superstars Michael Jordan and Derek Jeter enjoyed bachelor parties at the resort, Rihanna hosted an Instagram photo shoot, and several episodes of the 10th season of *The Bachelorette* were shot on property.