



Green. The endless acres of paspalum oceanside grass on Puntacana's 45 holes of golf.

PUNTACANA RESORT

Discover a World of Pure Bliss

"The roar of the crashing waves can be faintly heard, and the white foam of the surf can be seen catching the air. Corales is bold. Birdies are not a given on my course." —TOM FAZIO

PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: In 1666, Sir Isaac Newton mapped the color spectrum that contains 12 basic hues. Color communicates so much in life. It has the power to convey moods. Examples include: he was green with envy or she was red-hot mad.

"From the smell of the salty sea breeze or the taste of a fruit smoothie poured into a fresh-cut coconut, your senses come alive," rejoiced Mark Fraser, golf sales manager at Puntacana Resort. "You don't need LASIK eye surgery to enjoy the colors of the Caribbean."

Turquoise. The water surrounding Devil's Elbow (the finishing holes on Corales) is fluorescent in nature. It reminds you of a color you would find in a pack of highlighter pens from the 1980s.



Yellow. Bright sunshine wanes as evening approaches, setting the stage for mesmerizing palm-tree shadows.



White. Stroll the powdery sand Playa Blanca (literally named White Beach).



Red. Your numbers on the scorecard after playing La Cana. Known for its playability, it's as friendly as a Dominican handshake.



Corales Golf Course plays along the cliffs, bays, and coves of the Caribbean Sea and the inland lakes and coralina quarries. Six holes play alongside the ocean, including the final three, known as the “Devil’s Elbow.” The 18th hole includes a forced carry over the cliff-lined Bay of Corales.

“Over the past nine years, the Corales Puntacana Championship has become a flagship event and a symbol of pride, passion, and excellence for Puntacana Resort and the entire Dominican Republic,” said Frank Elías Rainieri, son of Frank and CEO of Grupo Puntacana. “The championship not only raises the bar for sports in our country but also showcases Punta Cana and the Dominican Republic to the world as a premier golf destination.”

A TRUE PATRIOT

More than half a century ago, Frank Rainieri and his partners purchased 15,000 acres of Dominican jungle (at the cost of approximately \$200,000) with the dream of establishing an unrivaled resort destination. Their hard work and tenacity paid dividends. What started as a dirt runway with a handful of beachfront shacks has matured into a worldwide vacation hot spot that now welcomes eight million vacationers each year. Today, more than 50,000 hotel rooms host 100,000+ visitors daily. Last year, Rainieri was awarded the Order of Merit by the president of the Dominican Republic for his commitment to his country.

Within greater Punta Cana is Puntacana Resort—a low-density community with three miles of beach, 45 holes of golf, and three hotels, including the posh Tortuga Bay. Created by the Rainieri family, the concept of “sustainable development” was in its infancy when the first visitors were welcomed.

“Efforts to protect and restore our natural resources are an important consideration in everything we do,” continued Fraser. “Grupo Puntacana [parent company behind the resort] established the Ojos Indígenas Reserve, preserving nature in its original form. It’s a one-and-a-half-mile walk through canopies of trees and provides the opportunity to swim in several crystal clear, freshwater lagoons.

“We also recently held the grand opening of the

“Few people have managed, like Frank Rainieri, to turn a development idea into tangible infrastructure, decent employment, and international prestige for the Dominican Republic.”

— ROBERTO ÁLVAREZ, FOREIGN MINISTER
OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Located approximately a 45-minute drive from the Punta Cana Airport, the first *all-inclusive* W Hotel has recently opened. It’s a first of its kind for Marriott International.

Tortuga Bay is a member of Leading Hotels of the World and an AAA Five Diamond-awarded hotel.



Puntacana Cultural Center to showcase the area’s rich traditions, music, dance, art, and biodiversity. It’s quite special and provides a glimpse into the town’s history and spirit.” ■

The Corales Puntacana Championship—PGA TOUR returns with a full field on July 13-19. For more information on special offers, visit www.puntacana.com.



Ojos Indígenas Reserve