



Casa de Campo Marina



The Spa at Casa de Campo



Altos de Chavón

CASA de CAMPO RESORT

A Well-Oiled, Activity-Packed Caribbean Playground

A golf pilgrimage with the purist in mind.



Dye Fore should be mentioned in the same breath as Cabot Links in Canada and Kauri Cliffs in New Zealand for its unbeatable scenery.

LA ROMANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Without question, Pete Dye was one of the most influential figures in modern golf course design, but did you know he was also a highly accomplished amateur golfer? Born in Ohio (in 1925), Dye won the 1958 Indiana State Amateur Championship and competed in the 1957 U.S. Open, multiple U.S. Amateurs, and the British Amateur.

After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II and successfully working in insurance, he left the business in 1959 to pursue golf-course architecture. His partnership with his wife, Alice Dye, became one of the most important collaborations in golf design.

A pivotal 1963 trip to Scotland exposed the Dyes to traditional links architecture, including pot bunkers, strategic angles, and railroad-tie construction elements that would become hallmarks of Pete's work. The duo went on to design more than 100 courses.

THEIR WINTERTIME HOME

Casa de Campo Resort has long been a luxury retreat for the rich and famous. In the late 1960s, the town of La Romana was home to the single largest sugar-producing mill in the world. Owned by Gulf+Western, the mill was a major employer, but management knew the potential

to leverage its location and climate; thus, a new industry—tourism—was born in the region. Knowing that no Caribbean resort would be complete without an ocean-front golf course, Pete Dye was hired to design a stunner.

Casa de Campo Resort is more of a town than a resort. Today, it's an outdoor lover's paradise, home to three Pete Dye courses (Teeth of the Dog, Dye Fore, and The Links), a 370-slip Marina & Yacht Club, Polo & Equestrian Club, La Terraza Racquet Center, 18,000-square-foot opulent indoor/outdoor spa, Altos de Chavón (an artisan's village modeled after a 16th-century Mediterranean village with a 5,000-seat, Grecian-style amphitheater), and the 245-acre Shooting Club. If you venture off-property, consider a tour of Tabacalera de Garcia (the largest hand-rolled cigar factory in the world) or a rum tasting at



Postcard-pretty, crystal-clear turquoise-blue water, gently lapping against pristine white sand, greets you at exclusive Minitas Beach.

Brugal Distillery in San Cristóbal.

Pete and Alice were fixtures at Casa de Campo for decades before their passing, and they were responsible for the design of all 90 holes of golf on the 7,000-acre property—63 holes of which are open for guest play. Teeth of the Dog is considered the “star of the show,” with Dye Fore and The Links providing an equally fun day of play. To show how deeply associated Pete was with Casa de Campo Resort, some of his ashes were scattered beside a pot bunker on the 8th hole at Teeth of the Dog. While Pebble Beach Resort has several holes *along* the sea, only Teeth of the Dog has seven holes *in* the sea.

Teeth of the Dog, Dye Fore, and The Links each provide distinct playing differences.

Teeth of the Dog is about coastline and courage. It's famous for its exposed coastline, railroad ties, pot bunkers, strategic angles, and small, highly contoured greens. “I didn’t have to create anything. It’s already here. I created 11 holes, and God created the other seven,” said Pete Dye. Following a one-year complete restoration overseen by Jerry Pate (a long-time friend of Mr. Dye), the course is refreshed while preserving its original character and design.

Dye Fore is almost the opposite experience, with major elevation changes. The 27-hole layout is built dramatically above the Chavón River, with seven cliffside holes dropping roughly 300 feet toward the river. Its three nine-hole loops—Chavón, Marina, and Lagos—each have a distinct personality. The Chavón nine provides elevated views; The Marina nine winds toward the river and resort marina; and The Lagos nine introduces water hazards and a more inland setting.



Since the inception of *GOLF Magazine's* “Top 100 Courses in the World” in 1983, Teeth of the Dog has been one of only 37 courses to be included in the ranking every year.

The Links is more traditional and approachable with relatively wide fairways. The course incorporates traditional British links golf within its Caribbean landscape.

A PIN ON THE MAP

American Airlines offers flights to 350+ destinations in more than 60 countries. Two years ago, it added a non-stop flight from Miami (MIA) to La Romana Airport (LMR)—the resort’s local airport one mile from its entrance and almost (but not quite) within walking distance of your room. Even factoring in time for customs, you will be from tarmac to tee in about an hour. ■

For information on seasonal packages, please visit CasaDeCampo.com.do.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

“IF YOU HAVEN’T BEEN here recently, you are in for a pleasant surprise. Our Premier Suites, stand-alone spa, and culinary delights will impress the most seasoned traveler. When you compare our pricing, our value is apparent.”

—JASON KYCEK, VICE PRESIDENT

“TEETH OF THE DOG is truly one of the best in the world, and my job was to preserve Pete’s lifeworks.”

—JERRY PATE, GOLF COURSE DESIGNER

“AN IMPORTANT ASPECT of life is immersing yourself in various cultures. The rewards far outweigh the fear of change. Our version of an ideal day includes oceanfront golf on Teeth of the Dog in the morning, lunch at Chilango Mexican Taquería within Altos De Chavón, followed by sporting clays at the Shooting Center, and, finally, a Minis Mojito on the beach under swaying palm trees while watching the sun set.”

—ROBERT BIRTEL, DIRECTOR OF GOLF OPERATIONS

“I WAS ACTUALLY the resort’s second choice for the original head professional job. The position was first offered to Bill Coore, now considered one of the best course architects on the planet. As a bilingual Canadian with playing experience and a scratch handicap, I was able to ‘check all the boxes’ for the position. Our Dye Fore course can prove visually intimidating. Don’t let its cliffside holes [that drop 300 feet to the Chavón River] distract you from your task at hand.”

—GILLES GAGNON, DIRECTOR OF GOLF EMERITUS