

Punta Cana Golf Adventure

Westin Punta Cana Resort, Dominican Republic

February 5 - 12, 2022



The SFGA last visited Punta Cana in 2018 and we enjoyed a week of sun and fun and great golf at the Punta Cana Resort. All who participated enjoyed the trip and found the resort to be most accommodating and comfortable. The Punta Cana Resort and Club's Westin Beachfront Hotel will be home to our group once again in 2022. The Westin Punta Cana Resort & Club features miles of white-sand beaches, water sports, restaurants, two championship golf courses, and the consistency of Marriott's Westin brand. The resort provides free shuttle service around the resort, so you can enjoy the golf courses, tennis center, full-service spa, 87,000-foot aquatic playground and the nearby shopping village.

From the time you are handed your welcome drink to your last bite of dessert you will be aware of just how good (and healthy) the contemporary cuisine is. Our golfers will enjoy the outstanding breakfast buffet prior to teeing off. The three courses we play are three of the best courses in all of the Caribbean. Scroll down for more...



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Package Inclusions:

- Seven (7) nights' accommodations in spacious traditional rooms(409-463 sq ft) with King-size beds at The Westin PUNTACANA Resort.
- Airport transportation and VIP Service from and to the Punta Cana International Airport(PUJ) **Air Fare Not Included**
- Breakfast Buffet in Anani Restaurant each morning from 6:00 AM until 10:30 AM
- Lunch at the Corales and La Cana Clubhouses, the 28th Hole Grill at La Cana, Playa Blanca and the Grill at Westin.
- Dinners in any of the Westin Hotel restaurants & Playa Blanca. Please note the Food and Beverage facilities at Tortuga Bay and La Yola Restaurant are excluded from this package plan.

- Complimentary beers, house wines by the glass and premium drinks are included in all of the resort bars and lounges. During the rounds of golf at La Cana and Corales Golf Courses the drink service on the beverage carts is included as well. ** The Mini Bar Service in the Westin, Room Service, Snacks, Candies and any food, other than meals, is not included regardless of outlet**
- Two rounds of golf on the PB Dye designed La Cana Golf Course, featuring 14 ocean view holes and 4 holes playing on the ocean.
- One round of golf at the magnificent Punta Espada Golf Course. (Transfer included. Note that Lunch and Beverage cart is an additional cost).
- Two rounds of golf on the Tom Fazio designed Corales Golf Course offering play on six Oceanside holes with views of coral reefs, rocky cliffs and the Caribbean Sea. You will receive a golf gift from Corales Golf Club.
- Morning tee times will be confirmed in advance. And the practice facilities are available and included in your plan throughout your stay.
- Access to Puntacana Ecological Reserve with 13 natural spring water lagoons and walking trails.
- Daily complimentary WIFI in all public areas and rooms. Use of the Westin Workout Fitness Studio® and a Daily activities program.
- Government taxes and resort service charges are included.

Please note:



- Air is an additional expense that is not included as part of this package. Participants should fly in and out of Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ). Most major airlines fly to Punta Cana and with the abundance of flights available, you can fly direct to Punta Cana from these major cities: Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, New York, Newark, Montreal, Philadelphia, and Toronto.

- Fore - Caddies are mandatory for each of the rounds we'll play, the fee and tip is not included in your package and will be an additional expense. The recommended fee and tip at Corales and Punta Espada is \$25 per golfer. The Fore -

Caddies at La Cana are optional, however the same \$25 fee and tip is recommended. The fee and the gratuity is paid in US Dollars or Dominican Pesos directly to the Fore - Caddy at the completion of each round. It cannot be charged to your room.

Accommodations:

I think most of our members are familiar with the contemporary upscale facilities that the Westin brand is known for. This particular Westin is located on the magnificent Playa Blanca beach, just a few minutes away from the airport and our group will enjoy the Westin Punta Cana Resort & Club's VIP Airport Shuttle Service to and from the resort.

This 200 ocean-view room Caribbean getaway resort features five restaurants, meeting facilities, an expansive outdoor pool, beachside grill, lobby bar, hand rolled cigar bar, walking trails, and access to white sand beaches. Additional amenities include a 24-hour business center and the brand's signature Westin WORKOUT gym experience. Oh and some world class GOLF!!!

Our members will stay in the Westin's Traditional King Ocean View guest rooms which face the crystal blue waters of the Caribbean. You can take in spectacular ocean views from your balcony. These rooms are comfortable and spacious, in fact all of them are in excess of 400sqft. You will enjoy Westin's Heavenly Bed® and marble Heavenly Bath® with curved shower rod for extra room. All rooms are equipped for comfort with a 40" flat screen TV, alarm clock with iPod docking station, wireless Internet access, safe, desk, ergonomic chair and refreshment center.



Dining Options:

Our package includes breakfast lunch and dinner each day however, we'll have private group dinners that will feature a welcome dinner the first night and an awards dinner our last evening. So, you will have four nights where you can dine at any of the following venues.

Anani

Ananí Restaurant offers contemporary breakfast, lunch and dinner. The breakfast is a buffet and offers an excellent selection with lots of tasty hot and cold choices available of both the American and Dominican variety. There are also several choices of tropical juices and fruits. Lots of pastries, great tasting coffee, and more. A buffet is also offered for dinner most evenings with a nice variety of different selections.

Hours: Monday through Sunday: Breakfast: 6:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Lunch & Dinner: 12:00 pm – 10:30 p.m.

The Grill

This Caribbean-Mediterranean grill commands breathtaking views of La Cana Golf Course and the sparkling Caribbean Sea. A perfect bookend to a round of golf, El Grill is conveniently located at La Cana Golf & Beach Club. El Grill is the ideal destination for a casual beachfront lunch or dinner. If you prefer lighter fare, we serve a wide variety of options, including an artfully prepared Caesar salad with greens from our organic gardens. Reservations not required. Lunch hours: Monday through Sunday 11:30 am-5:00 pm

Open for dinner: Wednesday through Saturday 7:00 pm – 10:30 pm

Playa Blanca

Playa Blanca is one of the resort's most popular dining venues for both lunch and dinner since it is located beach side overlooking the Caribbean sea. This tropical restaurant and bar serves fresh local seafood, grilled meats, and cocktails for lunch and dinner daily. The lobster risotto gets high marks! Live music by local musicians featured weekly.

Hours: Lunch 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm; Dinner 7:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Bar is open from 12pm - 10:30pm

Brassa Grill & Bar The Brassa Grill & Bar showcases American heritage such as USDA Prime steaks. The restaurant is open air and is located near the beach. You hear the waves as you dine and can see the water lapping the shore. The food seafood is very fresh and the ceviche is excellent. The wait staff is very friendly and tries hard. I suggest this restaurant for dinner and note that is a very romantic location.

Hours: Lunch: 12:00pm - 5:00pm Dinner: 6:00pm - 11:00pm

Tentative Itinerary:

Saturday – February 5, 2022

- Check in at the Westin Punta Cana Resort after transport from the Punta Cana Airport.
- 6:00pm guests will meet for drinks at Lobby Bar.
- 6:45pm Welcome Dinner at the resort, the specific dining room has yet to be determined.

Sunday – February 6, 2022

- Breakfast at the hotel's Anani Restaurant served from 6:30am to 11:00am
- Golf - THE LA CANA GOLF COURSE - TEE TIMES BEGIN AT 9:30AM – Mixed Scramble.
- The shuttles will depart from the main lobby entrance, it is only about a five minute drive. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your tee time.
- Lunch is available at Corales and La Cana Clubhouses, the 28th Hole Grill at La Cana, Playa Blanca and the Westin's Brasa Grill.
- Dinner at a choice of the following restaurants: Playa Blanca, The Brasa Grill, Anani Restaurant and La Cana Golf & Beach Club's Grill.

Monday – February 7, 2022

- Breakfast at the hotel's Anani Restaurant served from 6:30am to 11:00am

- Golf - CORALES GOLF COURSE - TEE TIMES BEGIN AT 9:30AM – Modified Best Ball(1 Best on 5's & 2 Best on 3's & 4's)
- The shuttles will depart from the lobby entrance, it is only about a ten minute drive. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your tee time.
- Lunch is available at Corales and La Cana Clubhouses, the 28th Hole Grill at La Cana, Playa Blanca and the Westin's Brasa Grill.
- Dinner at a choice of the following restaurants: Playa Blanca, The Brasa Grill, Anani Restaurant and La Cana Golf & Beach Club's Grill.

Tuesday – February 8, 2022

- Breakfast at the hotel's Anani Restaurant served from 6:30am to 11:00am
- Golf - THE LA CANA GOLF COURSE - TEE TIMES BEGIN AT 9:30AM – Mixed Scramble.
- The shuttles will depart from the lobby entrance, it is only about a five minute drive. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your tee time.
- Lunch is available at Corales and La Cana Clubhouses, the 28th Hole Grill at La Cana, Playa Blanca and the Westin's Brasa Grill.
- Dinner at a choice of the following restaurants: Playa Blanca, The Brasa Grill, Anani Restaurant and La Cana Golf & Beach Club's Grill.

Wednesday - February 9, 2022

- Breakfast at the hotel's Anani Restaurant served from 6:30am to 11:00am
- Today is a free day for you to relax and enjoy the resort's amenities.
- Golf - for those who wish to golf the resort has offered a special rate to play La Cana Golf Course for \$120 after 12:30pm.
- Lunch is available at Corales and La Cana Clubhouses, the 28th Hole Grill at La Cana, Playa Blanca and the Westin's Brasa Grill.
- Dinner at a choice of the following restaurants: Playa Blanca, The Brasa Grill, Anani Restaurant and La Cana Golf & Beach Club's Grill.

Thursday – February 10, 2022

- Breakfast at the hotel's Anani Restaurant served from 6:30am to 11:00am
- The shuttles will depart from the main lobby entrance, it is only about a 25 minute drive.
- Golf - PUNTA ESPADA GOLF COURSE - TEE TIMES BEGIN AT 10:00AM – 1 Best of 4(Separate Ladies and Men competitions).
- Lunch is available at Corales and La Cana Clubhouses, the 28th Hole Grill at La Cana, Playa Blanca and the Westin's Brasa Grill.
- Dinner at a choice of the following restaurants: Playa Blanca, The Brasa Grill, Anani Restaurant and La Cana Golf & Beach Club's Grill.

Friday – February 11, 2022

- Breakfast at the hotel's Anani Restaurant served from 6:30am to 11:00am
- Golf - CORALES GOLF COURSE - TEE TIMES BEGIN AT 9:30AM – 2 Best of 4, Couples.
- The shuttles will depart from the lobby entrance, it is only about a ten minute drive. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your tee time.
- Lunch is available at Corales and La Cana Clubhouses, the 28th Hole Grill at La Cana, Playa Blanca and the Westin's Brasa Grill.
- 6:00pm guests will meet for drinks at the lobby bar.
- 6:45pm Awards Dinner at at the resort, the specific dining room has yet to be determined.

Saturday – February 12, 2022

- Breakfast at the hotel's Anani Restaurant served from 6:30am to 11:00am
- Check out of hotel for transport to Punta Cana International Airport. Have a safe flight home!



The Golf:

P.B. Dye launched the golf boom in Punta Cana back in 2001 when he designed the La Cana Course at Puntacana Resort and Club. The area now boasts nearly a dozen courses but our members will only play the top three; La Cana, Punta Espada and Corales. Both La Cana and Corales are located on the large grounds of the Punta Cana Resort. Punta Espada is in the nearby Cap Cana development about 20 minutes away. I've had the good fortune to travel and golf all over the world and I can't remember playing three such outstanding courses that are so close to each other.

La Cana Golf Course at the PUNTACANA Resort & Club, is one of the longest in the Caribbean. P.B. Dye landscaped the oceanfront layout into a voluptuous course reminiscent of a Matisse sculpture. The Caribbean Sea is visible on 14 of the 18 holes all of which take advantage of the natural splendor of the country's eastern most point. La Cana is certainly among the better courses in the Caribbean and one of the best in the Dominican Republic. Golf Magazine has compared La Cana to Pebble Beach and declared it the "number one course in the Caribbean." That is high praise, but I actually think both Punta Esada and Corales are even better!!!



Punta Espada Golf Course is a Jack Nicklaus Signature Design Golf Course located in Cap Cana, about 25 minutes from the Westin Punta Cana Resort.

Punta Espada Golf Club is ranked as the best golf course in the Caribbean and Mexico by GolfWeek. It is the only course in the Dominican Republic that has hosted a PGA Tour event and is also home to a PGA Senior Tour Champion's Tour stop. Punta Espada is an exclusive championship golf course located inside the Cap Cana Real Estate project. This 7,000 yard par 72 Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course has 8 holes along the Caribbean ocean and you can see the ocean from all 18 holes.

Punta Espada was designed to incorporate the natural features of the landscape into its topography; the bluffs, the Beach, the waterways and the foliage. The design guarantees that golfers of all levels are accommodated, including those playing at world championship level. Enjoy spectacular sea views and close-up encounters with nature while you tackle these challenging links.



Corales Golf Course is designed by Tom Fazio and opened in 2010. Corales is an exclusive and dramatic 18-hole course with six Caribbean Oceanside holes. Designed along the natural cliffs, bays, ocean coves and the inland lakes and coralina quarries, Corales Golf Course rates among the World's finest golf experiences. The exhilarating challenge culminates playing the Devil's Elbow, Corales's last three holes.

The Devil's Elbow features the striking eighteenth hole with a dramatic forced carry over the cliff lined Bay of Corales, an inspired capstone to a memorable and breathtaking golf experience.



Corales is also home of the first PGA TOUR Event held in the Dominican Republic. The fourth edition of the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship will be hosted from March 21 to 27, 2022 at Corales Golf Club, the exclusive 18-hole course with miles of natural cliffs and majestic coralina quarries; where more than 132 professional players will have the chance to earn points of the FedExCup. Our SFGA members can also watch the event on the Golf Channel to see how the PGA Tour Pros play the same holes you played a month earlier!

Things to do when not playing Golf:

The Indigenous Eyes Ecological Park and Reserve: A 1,500-acre private reserve owned and maintained by the Ecological Foundation, the Park and Reserve are set aside for scientific research, conservation of native and endangered species, and recreational activities of our guests. The Ecological Reserve is comprised of a network of trails that lead to 12 freshwater lagoons and provides habitat for an abundance of birds, reptiles, insects, and other local flora and fauna. The Ecological Park is an interpretive trail that features distinct attractions related to the natural and cultural history of the island, including an iguana habitat, petting zoo, sugarcane exhibition and a fruit tree garden.

Protecting the Ridgway Hawk is an ongoing mission at the Reserve. The Ridgway's Hawk (*Buteo ridgwayi*) is found only on the island of Hispaniola and is one of the rarest animals in the world. With a total population of just 300 remaining individuals in the wild, the Ridgway's Hawk is highly threatened with extinction due to habitat loss and indiscriminate hunting of the hawks. The Puntacana Ecological Foundation has teamed with the Hispaniola Ornithological Society (SOH) and the Peregrine Fund in an attempt to increase the population of these hawks through controlled reintroductions in the Punta Cana region coupled with a comprehensive environmental education program. Since 2009, the project has successfully reintroduced eight hawks into the Indigenous Eyes Ecological Park and Reserve. The end goal is create and sustain a breeding population.

Six Senses Spa and Wellness Center: Puntacana Resort & Club is proud to be the only location within the Americas to feature the world renowned Six Senses Spa, located in La Cana Golf & Beach Club. Six Senses Spa and Wellness Center offers individual or couples treatment packages. The Six Senses Spa features an array of treatment rooms. All are serene, peaceful settings in which you can enjoy the rejuvenating therapies of our international team. Whether you are undergoing a facial treatment or embarking on a Sensory Spa Journey, the Six Senses Spa and Wellness Center offers total tranquility for your heavenly Six Senses experience. For information regarding the spa please call us at 809.959.7772 or email us at reservations-puntacana-spa@sixsenses.com. The cost for spa treatments are NOT part of our package.

Horseback Riding at El Rancho in Punta Cana: The resort offers one and two hour beach rides daily and a romantic hour long weekly sunset adventure. For newcomers, we've prepared a special ride called Meet Puntacana, a unique tour of our beautiful resort. The cost for this is NOT part of our package.

As a new service to resort guests, they are now offering adult riding classes for beginners. Learn the basics in horse care and riding; then test your new skill on one of our beach tours. For the younger horse fans, our ponies and school horses are ready to teach them all they need to know about the great sport of riding. And don't miss the opportunity to check out some of the beautiful horses that are boarding with us.

Playa Blanca: When people speak of Playa Blanca, they refer to the beach that the Westin Punta Cana is facing. The Caribbean water is crystal clear, lagoon-like as you can walk for quite a distance without getting in over your head. The water almost appears white in some areas. The sand is oh so white, with palm trees and gardens lining the beach. This is a peaceful peaceful place and an ideal location to relax after a round of golf.

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