

# Santo Domingo (Colonial Zone)

## Distance to town:

Around a 10 minute drive

## Shopping:

Head to El Conde Street for local craft shops

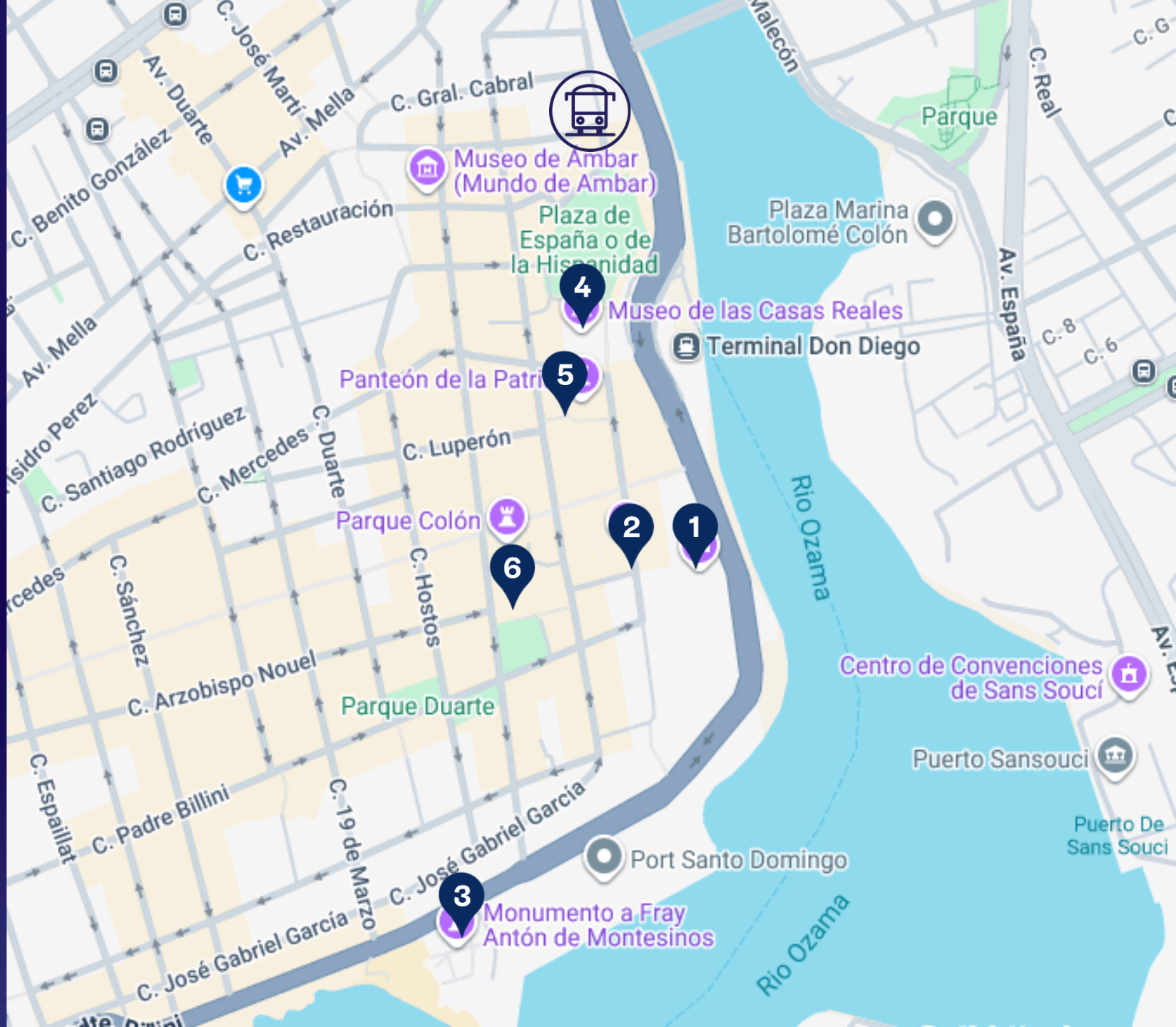


## Shuttle Drop-Off Location

## Top Sights:

- 1 Ozama Fortress
- 2 Calle Las Damas
- 3 Monument to Friar Antonio of Montesino
- 4 Museum of the Royal Houses
- 5 Pantheon of the Fatherland
- 6 Cathedral Primera De Las Américas

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# EXPLORE ASHORE SANTO DOMINGO

## USEFUL INFORMATION



### CURRENCY

DOMINICAN PESOS AND  
US DOLLAR WIDELY ACCEPTED



### LANGUAGE

SPANISH



### DISTANCE TO TOWN

AROUND A 40 MINUTE WALK OR SHUTTLE

## AT A GLANCE

This Caribbean capital is a place of firsts. It's home to the oldest university in the western hemisphere, along with the first hospital and monastery. They're all tucked within the Zona Colonial – Santo Domingo's historic heart. Here, cobblestone streets weave around 16th-century churches and down to the pretty, oceanfront Malecon.

We'll be docked in Sans Souci which is around a 40 minute walk—so it's recommended to take a taxi or the port run shuttle bus to reach the Colonial Zone. Check out your Cruise News for more information.

## OUT AND ABOUT

**Colonial Zone:** A UNESCO World Heritage Site, this historic area is home to cobblestone streets, 16th-century buildings, and landmarks like the Catedral Primada de América, the first cathedral built in the Americas.

**Columbus Lighthouse:** This striking monument commemorates Christopher Columbus and is shaped like a cross. Inside, you'll find a museum showcasing artifacts from the explorer's time and the history of the Dominican Republic.

**National Botanical Garden:** Escape the city bustle with a visit to these sprawling gardens filled with tropical plants, orchids, and a tranquil Japanese garden. A great way to relax and reconnect with nature.

**Malecón:** Stroll along Santo Domingo's iconic waterfront boulevard, lined with palm trees, historic monuments, and ocean views. The area comes alive in the evening with locals enjoying music and street food.

## BEST BEACHES

While Santo Domingo itself isn't known for its beaches, nearby options like Boca Chica (30 minutes drive) and Juan Dolio (45 minutes drive) are perfect for a relaxing escape. Boca Chica offers calm, shallow waters and lively beach bars, while Juan Dolio boasts a more serene vibe.

## SHOPPING

For shopping in Santo Domingo, head to El Conde Street, a lively pedestrian-only thoroughfare filled with local craft shops, clothing boutiques, and souvenir stores. Look out for amber jewellery, larimar stones, and hand-rolled Dominican cigars as unique keepsakes of your visit. The nearby Columbus Plaza also offers small markets where you can find authentic handcrafted items to take home.

## DO IT LIKE THE LOCALS

Try a plate of "La Bandera Dominicana", the Dominican Republic's most iconic dish, featuring rice, beans, and stewed meat, often served with fried plantains and avocado. Pair it with a refreshing glass of "Morir Soñando", a heavenly mix of orange juice and milk.

## JUST SO YOU KNOW

The Dominican Peso is the official currency, but US dollars are widely accepted. ATMs are available near the port, and most shops accept cards.

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