

TRAVEL GUIDE

COLONIAL ZONE

RECOMMENDATIONS & TRICKS FOR
TRAVELERS

After Christopher Columbus arrived on the island in 1492, Santo Domingo became the site of the first cathedral, the first hospital, customs house and university on the American continent. This colonial city, founded in 1498, was laid out following a reticular pattern that became a model for almost all urban planners in the New World.

OPTIONS FOR GETTING AROUND



Tren Chu-Chu Colonial: El Conde at the corner Isabela la Católica. The tour lasts 45 minutes and includes panoramic views and information on the most important monuments of the historic city, available seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Bicycles: An hourly rental fee of US 6 and some establishments offer guided tours, as well two and four pedal bicycles for couples and families. Sunny Bikes, Duarte #154 * Zona Bici, Arzobispo Meriño esquina Luperón.



Scotter: A three-wheeled electric scooter. Trikke Colonial City Tour, Padre Billini #54.



Vespa motor, skates or bicycles: Colonial Road, Espaillet esquina El Conde.

Ape car: The ape car is another innovative way to ride around the historical center of Santo Domingo. Rentals include a private guide. Vespa Colonial, Arzobispo Meriño #113.

RESTAURANTS CATALOG



RESTAURANTS

Dominican



Jalao: has a menu of Dominican dishes that are enjoyed in a pleasant atmosphere, under a majestic structure, combined with elements that exalt the customs of our country, but without leaving aside the modernity of current times.

Buche Perico: Buche Perico is a typical Dominican dish, which consists of a soup based on corn, vegetables and meat. Coming from the Moca area, located in the Cibao region in the center of the country. This restaurant known for its gastronomic offer dedicated to typical Dominican food, presents one with this peculiar name. It does so from the heart of the Colonial City of Santo Domingo: El Conde Street.



El Meson de Bari: El Mesón de Bari is a fundamental part of the urban fabric of the Colonial City not only for its culinary offering but also for the tradition that it constantly collects and reinvents.



Maraca: without a doubt one of its distinctive features is the architecture and interior design that provide it with a unique personality. From the name of the restaurant, Maraca, the Latin American heritage reflected in detail in the place is highlighted. Maracas are a distinctive percussion instrument in the music of Latin America and especially in the folk music of Venezuela, Cuba and the Dominican Republic.



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MEXICAN

Chilaquiles: Mr. David A. Ordóñez has vast experience delighting the Dominican public for more than a decade, infusing unique flavors typical of the southern region of his native Mexico. The love for cooking begins in the old Taco Banano restaurant, there they know us and cultivate a lot of the culinary knowledge that they currently have, perfecting day by day the dishes, recipes and the touch that characterizes their town San Pedro Tapanatepec Oaxaca, we continue with strong ties to our origins, managing to bring a little piece of their land to their second home, the Dominican Republic, in each dish.



Eat Elotes: The best flavor of elote (corn) with a Mexican touch, and a Dominican flavor. ELOTE, better known in our country as CORN, with cheese and other condiments that make you feel an explosion of flavors when you try it.



Nacho Libre Cantina Mexicana: The best flavor of elote (corn) with a Mexican touch, and a Dominican flavor. ELOTE, better known in our country as CORN, with cheese and other condiments that make you feel an explosion of flavors when you try it. The star of the restaurant's menu is Birria de Chivo, a reinterpretation of the traditional Mexican dish, but with the distinctive meat of the Dominican Republic.

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ITALIAN



Angelo Ristorante: A restaurant in Plaza España that specializes in Mediterranean and Italian food and has an area dedicated to pizza, which will be one of the attractions of the place.



Segazona: It's a cafe-type Italian restaurant.



Tribu Restaurant: here you will try fresh and original dishes, accompanied by a series of tasty international cocktails. Tribe is synonymous with family and the pleasure of sharing a gastronomic experience together in the most historic place in the DR, sitting in front of the Primate Cathedral of America.



La Locanda: at La Locanda- Malecón they will offer you a varied menu based on Italian cuisine. The chef at this place prepares perfectly cooked chicken and perfectly cooked lasagna. Here you can order good wine.



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EXPERIENCES

Naca'n Restaurant: the intersection of high culture, art, and cuisine in the pulsing heart of Santo Domingo's Ciudad Colonial. A vibrant, global destination and award-winning hotspot, this luxurious, multi-level historic building, fully restored to its original 1914 façade, celebrates the modern-day spirit of la dominicanidad and its indigenous inheritance and embrace. Beyond a hospitality project or a restaurant, this glittering jewel.

Pat'e Palo European Brasserie: Bringing the trends of exquisite European gastronomy, Pate Palo continues to create new emotions and moments. unforgettable in a casual environment, just as the pirates did they had fun Sitting in front of the Alcazar de Colón, from the first Tavern in the new world, with so many centuries of history, today's visitors do not need much imagination to let their minds be transported to the time of the Pirates.

Time Vegetarian Kitchen: Vegetarian restaurant that presents a fresh and sophisticated design. With an open kitchen and an interior garden overlooking Billini Park, guests can enjoy vegetarian dishes inside and enjoy a "green" cocktail before or after their meal in the park outside.

Valiente: Signature cuisine, Cajun fusion with Creole.

El Búho Café: A charming space to have a coffee, have breakfast and continue touring the Colonial Zone.



ALTERNATIVE

(Tapas / Coffee / Tea /
Bar / Art)

Affogato Café

Calle Arzobispo Nouel at corner of Sánchez #251



Micro Teatro Santo Domingo

a la Carte Theater, Bar & Tapas. Space at the Colonial Zone where you can enjoy a variety of 15-minute theatrical plays. Calle José Reyes #107 at corner of Salomé Ureña.

Diseño Local Store

Arzobispo Meriño # 107.



Mamey Librería Café

Las Mercedes #315.

La Alpargatería

C. Salomé Ureña #59.

Mosquito Social Club

Charming boutique hotel, bistro & signature cocktail bar located in the heart of the historic and lively Ciudad Colonial of Santo Domingo. Plaza Maria Toledo, C. Isabel La Católica #1





ALTERNATIVE

Bars/Music options

Grupo Bonyé

Every Sunday, at the San Francisco Ruins from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, free performances of merengue, jazz and son are performed.

Sugarcane La Casa del Ron-Rooftop

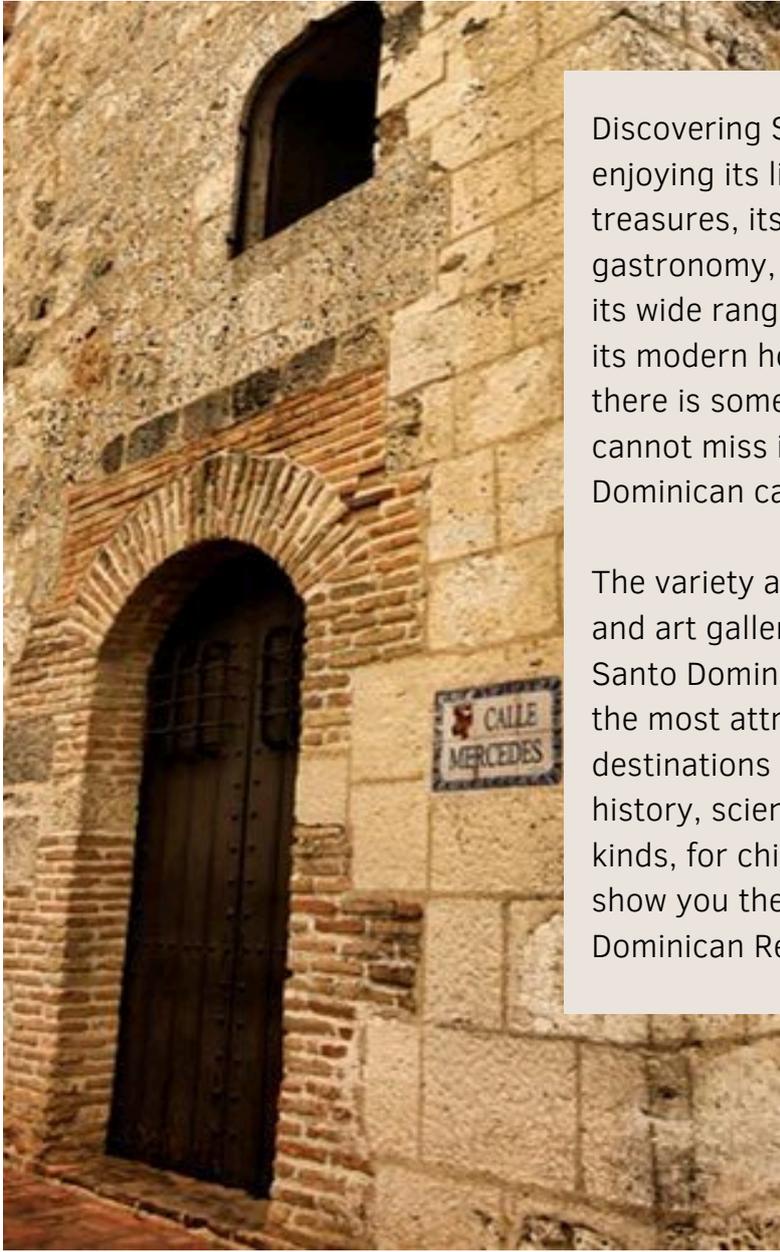
C. Arzobispo Meriño #204.

Sabina Bar

(Ballads & Boleros)

C. Isabel la Católica #210.

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITION CENTERS



Discovering Santo Domingo means enjoying its lively nightlife, its colonial treasures, its rich and varied gastronomy, beautiful natural spaces, its wide range of leisure and shopping, its modern hotels and much more. But there is something else, and you cannot miss it when you visit the Dominican capital: its museums.

The variety and quality of museums and art galleries that you can find in Santo Domingo make the city one of the most attractive cultural destinations in the Caribbean. Art, history, science, culture... spaces of all kinds, for children and adults, that show you the countless riches of the Dominican Republic.



Exhibition Centers

Arte Berri

Calle Hostos #105.

Centro cultural Banreservas

Isabel la Católica #202.

Centro cultural de España

Arzobispo Meriño at the corner of
Arzobispo Portes.

Centro cultural de Telecomunicaciones

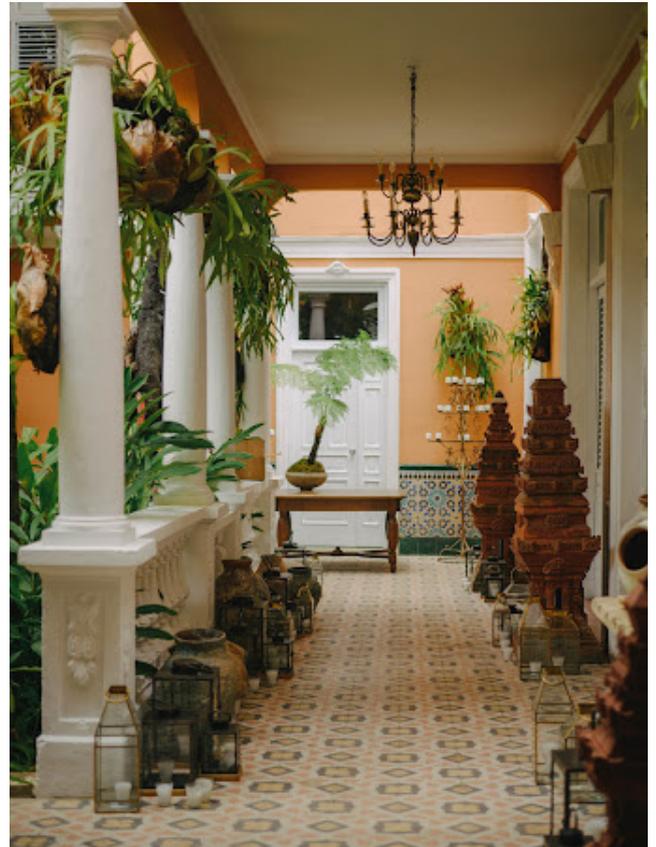
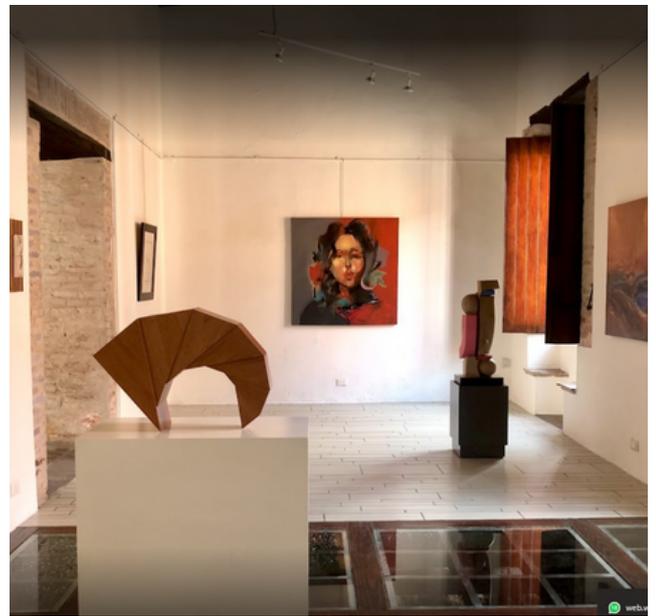
Isabel la Católica at the corner of Emiliano
Tejera.

Centro de la Imagen

Arzobispo Meriño at the corner of Vicente
Celestino Duarte.

Casa Palma Garden

Calle 19 de Marzo #166



MUSEUMS



Alcázar de Colón, One of the most popular museums in the Colonial City is also its most impressive in architecture. Completed around 1512, this Gothic and Renaissance style palace was once the home of Diego Columbus, son of Christopher Columbus, and his wife María de Toledo, niece of King Ferdinand of Spain. With views overlooking Plaza de España on one side, and the Ozama River on the other, it is the oldest vice regal residence in the Americas, and the first fortified palace, turned into a museum showcasing 16th century furniture, art, musical instruments, and weapons. Winding staircases lead towards the couple's well-preserved bedrooms, and to the lavish crystal chandelier-lit reception hall where events were hosted for the Spanish aristocracy.



Museum of the Royal Houses, Since its creation, by order of King Ferdinand the Catholic in 1511, it functioned as a Royal Court, that is, the Court of Justice, the first with jurisdiction over the New World, as well as the residence of the governors, which is why it was also called the Palace of the Governors, and as the residence of the captain generals, therefore also called Captaincy General. Events continued their course until the eastern part of the island was ceded to France and, then, the Audiencia moved to Cuba in 1799.



National Pantheon of the Homeland, located in the Colonial Zone of the city of Santo Domingo, in the Dominican Republic, it is the old church of the Society of Jesus whose building was completed at the end of the eighteenth century, specifically in 1793. The interior of the Pantheon of the Homeland is made up of a central nave with a cross floor plan and chapels on the sides. Since its inauguration, it has been used for different functions over time: theatre, tobacco warehouse or even public office headquarters. The building was restored in 1955 and has since been used as a mausoleum, housing memorials in honor of different patriots and heroes of the country. Among them are the memorial to General Santana, the first president of the Republic; and Francisco del Rosario Sánchez's niece, María Trinidad Sánchez, considered a popular heroine who was shot along with her uncle by order of General Santana.



MUSEUMS



The Naval Museum of the Royal Atarazanas, is located in a building of the old royal shipyard known as the Royal Atarazanas, which was built at the beginning of the 16th century and is one of the oldest buildings in America. For centuries, the Atarazanas served as a place to build and repair ships. The MAR museum's collection is impressive and includes a wide collection of naval and maritime objects and artefacts, including ship models, paintings and weapons. To select the collection of pieces exhibited in this museum, more than 1,400 objects were restored, in collaboration with the National Office of Underwater Cultural Heritage. Also has an interesting exhibition on the history of the Dominican navy.

Fortress of Ozama, Built by the Spanish in the early 16th century, the is the first permanent military structure in the Americas, marking the beginning of Spanish colonization. Located in the heart of a sprawling walled enclosure, the fortress was built to resemble a medieval castle and is marked by a 21-metre-high central tower. The tower's winding spiral staircase leads to a viewpoint with stunning views of the Ozama River and the port of Santo Domingo. Also visible are the original canyons that overlook the river to protect the entrance to the city from pirates and invaders. The construction of the fortress lasted from 1502 to 1508, led by the then governor of Santo Domingo, Fray Nicolás de Ovando. Admire the fort's original coral stone material and medieval appearance, but also explore its interior tunnels and dungeons where prisoners, including Christopher Columbus, were once held captive.

La Casa del Tostado, the building houses the Museum of the Dominican Family of the nineteenth century, where you can see authentic objects of domestic life from the past nineteenth century, very interesting to learn about the way of life of that time. There you will be able to see everything from furniture, bronzes, porcelain, books and paintings to objects for personal use and photographs. Thanks to its large rooms and brick arches, the house was considered the most luxurious in the colony. In addition, it has beautiful gardens where you can relax during your visit to this incredible historical heritage.



MUSEUMS

- **The Porcelain Museum**, is a large institution dedicated to the conservation, exhibition, historical study, and science of the art of ceramics.
- **The Museum of Rum and Sugarcane**, located in the colonial zone, historic center of Santo Domingo and is an interactive museum that narrates the history of Dominican rum.
- **The Amber Museum**, is a museum in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The museum is dedicated to amber, a type of fossilized tree resin found in the Dominican Republic and very few countries in the world.



- **The Larimar Museum**, the museum houses the largest collection of larimar in the world and features various exhibits on the history and culture of this fascinating stone from the Dominican Republic. The museum is also home to a library and research center, making it a perfect place for those interested in learning more about this fascinating stone.
- **Casa Alfarera**, is a workshop for making handmade artisanal ceramics with materials obtained through excavations and processed locally. In this workshop, located in the Colonial Zone, a wide variety of utilitarian and decorative objects are manufactured for daily use and for industries, as well as for private clients.





KAHKOW EXPERIENCE

- Cacao plantations make up 10% of the Dominican Republic's green area, and are vital in the protection of our natural environment. The cocoa plantations are home to many endemic species, improve the lives of field workers and contribute to the Dominican Republic's economic growth. The cacao beans at our farm, La Esmeralda, are characterized by their citrus and fruity notes that are translated into a very unique flavor in the final product, our chocolate bars.

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- <https://cacaotour.com/>



- **Kahkow Experience Tour:**

At the colonial city of Santo Domingo we invite you to enjoy chocolate in a way you have never seen before. Come and learn about the process of chocolate making in an experience that the whole family can enjoy!

- **Factory:**

Come and create your own chocolate bar at our Kahkow chocolate factory, here the fun continues and chocolate comes to life!

- **Soap Lab:**

Make your own soap with our cacao butter formula made by our workers at La Esmeralda and add a special touch with your preferred aroma.



El Sendero del Cacao

Enjoy and experience the art of Dominican cacao and chocolate making at the tours in Hacienda La Esmeralda.

Classic Cacao Tour, you'll learn the steps necessary to make quality cacao. It all begins with the sowing. You can sow your own cacao plant, learn about the harvest, the splitting of the pod and the extraction of the beans. Then we continue with the post-harvest process: fermentation and drying, which are determining factors in the quality of the chocolate. Learn about the Dominican Republic's ecosystem and why it offers the perfect conditions for growing fine cacao which is transformed into the best quality chocolate.

After that, visit the La Esmeralda Chocolate Factory, where the various chocolate aromas will enchant you. Learn about the steps needed to make a delicious chocolate bar – and even make your own!



Included:

- A delicious cup of hot chocolate, at the beginning of the tour
- A walk through our organic cacao plantation, where you will learn the origins and secrets of a quality chocolate.
- A visit to our chocolate factory, where you will learn about the different process involved in the making of an exquisite chocolate.
- Your own chocolate bar

Also available

- A traditional Dominican Lunch

****Reservation required**

El Sendero del Cacao

CHOCOLATE LOVER

As a chocolate lover, you should opt for our extended chocolate tour which includes more information and more advanced activities. "The Classic Tour" offers lessons and practice in cultivating and splitting cacao pods. You will also have the opportunity to enjoy the traditional way of making chocolate, singing and dancing with our farmers.

After an excellent local lunch, gain advanced knowledge on the fermentation and drying processes and their importance in creating a quality chocolate.



Included:

- A delicious cup of hot chocolate, at the beginning of the tour
- A walk through our organic cacao plantation, where you will learn the origins and secrets of a quality chocolate.
- A visit to our chocolate factory, where you will learn about the different process involved in the making of an exquisite chocolate.
- A traditional Dominican Lunch
- Delve deeper into the post-harvest process
- Tasting chocolate with all five senses
- Your own chocolate bar

Also available

- Transportation (minimum 2 people)

****Reservation required**

El Sendero del Cacao

Chocolate and culture

Enjoy a half day with our experts on the Classic Cacao Tour. Learn about the origins of chocolate up through its transformation into a chocolate bar and what distinguishes a product as gourmet chocolate.

The trip continues to Provincia Hermanas Mirabal (Mirabal Sisters Province), where an expert will guide you around the murals embellishing this province, painted by local and foreign artists. We conclude at the Museo de las Hermanas Mirabal (Mirabal Sisters Museum), where you will learn a little about Dominican history.



Included:

- Transportation from Santo Domingo to San Francisco de Macorís
- A delicious cup of hot chocolate, at the beginning of the tour
- Sow your own cacao plant
- A visit to our chocolate factory, where you will learn about the different process involved in the making of an exquisite chocolate.
- A traditional Dominican Lunch
- Visit to the Museo Hermanas Mirabal (Mirabal Sisters Museum) and learn a little about the Dominican Republic's history.

****Reservation required**



CHURCHES

- **The Primate Cathedral of America**, better known as the Primate Cathedral of America, was declared the first cathedral in the New World in 1546 by Pope Paul III, at the request of Emperor Charles V. This beautiful minor basilica is dedicated to Saint Mary of the Incarnation.
- **Church of the Convent of Santo Domingo**, in 1510, almost at the same time as the cathedral, the church of the Dominicans was erected as the first Catholic construction in the New World, since it was approximately in that same year when the order landed on the island of the Dominican Republic.
- **The church of the Regina Angelorum**, convent is known for being the first building of nuns in the Dominican Republic, and dates back to 1564.
- **Santa Barbara Church**
- **Temple of the Mercedes**





SHOPPING TIME

Stores:

Choco Museo

Organic products made with cocoa.
Calle Arzobispo Meriño #254.

La Casa de los dulces

Traditional Dominican desserts.
Calle Emiliano Tejera #106.

Cosas de mi país

Dominican crafts
Calle Arzobispo Meriño esquina Arzobispo
Nouel.

Manos dominicanas

Dominican crafts
Calle Atarazana #7

El Mercado Colonial

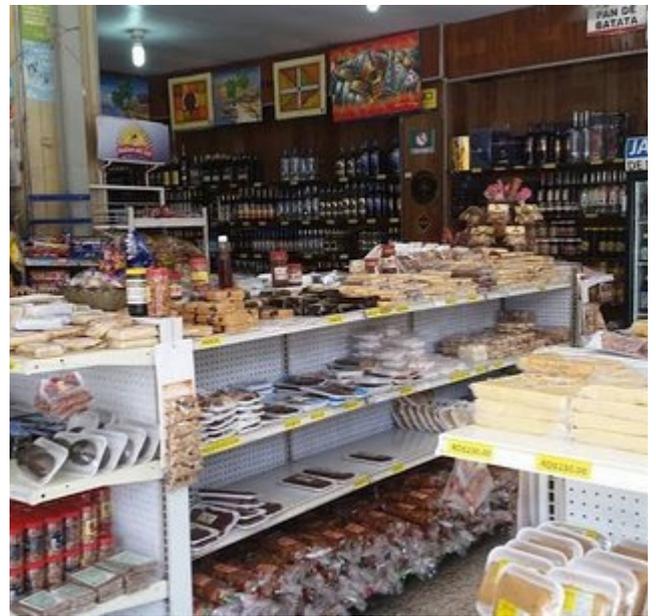
Dominican crafts
Calle Isabel la Católica #152.

Hombres de las Americas

Chacabanas, hats and cigars
Calle Arzobispo Meriño # 225.

La Leyenda del Cigarro

Cigar Shop and Factory
C. El Conde 161



ADDRESS DIRECTORY

RESTAURANTS CATALOG

DOMINICAN:

- Jalao, Calle El Conde #103
- Buche Perico, Calle El Conde #53
- El Meson de Bari, Calle Hostos at the corner of Salome Ureña.
- Maraca, Calle Arzobispo Nouel #202

MEXICAN:

- Chilaquiles, George Washintong av. next to the Napolitano hotel.
- Eat Elotes, Calle Sanchez #171 Ciudad Colonial / George Washintong av. #101
- Nacho Libre Cantina Mexicana, Calle Isabel La Catolica #116

ITALIAN:

- D' Angelo Ristorante, Calle La Atarazana #21
- SegaZona, Calle El Conde #54
- Tribu Restaurant, Colon Park Calle El Conde #101
- La Locanda, George Washintong av. at the corner of Padre Billini.

INTERNATIONAL:

- Lulu Tasting Bar, Billini Park
- Pat'e Palo, Plaza España
- Time Vegetarian Kitchen, Calle Padre Billini
- Valiente, Calle La Atarazana #9
- El Buho Cafe, Calle, Arzobispo Nouel #58

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITIONS

MUSEUMS

- Alcazar de Colon, Plaza de España Calle La Atarazana #2
- Museum of the Royal Houses, Calle Las Damas
- Pantheon of the Fatherland, Calle Las Damas
- The Naval Museum of the Royal Atarazanas, Calle Las Atarazanas
- Fortress of Ozama, Calle Las Damas #1
- La Casa del Tostado, Calle Arzobispo Meriño #266

CHURCHES

- The Primate Cathedral of America, Calle Isabel La Catolica
- Church of the Convent of Santo Domingo, Calle Padre Billini
- The church of the Regina Angelorum, Calle Sanchez #157
- Temple of Las Mercedes, Calle Las Mercedes
- Santa Barbara Church, Calle Isabel La Catolica

COLONIAL CITY MAP

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