International Seminar on Tourism Destinations Management in Cultural Heritage Sites and Meeting of Ministers of Tourism

Hotel Occidental El Embajador, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
17 and 18 February 2014

INFORMATION NOTE

PLACE AND DATES OF THE MEETINGS

The International Seminar on Tourism Destinations Management in Cultural Heritage Sites and the Meeting of Ministers of Tourism will be held at the Hotel Occidental El Embajador in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on 17 and 18 February 2014.

Hotel Occidental El Embajador
Avenida Sarasota 65
Ensanche Bellavista
Santo Domingo
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

http://www.occidentalhotels.com/city-hotel/occidental-el-embajador

REGISTRATION

To register for the International Seminar on Tourism Destinations Management in Cultural Heritage Sites, please visit the following link:

http://americas.unwto.org/webform/registration-form-formulario-de-registro-1

Registration will be open until 7 February 2014. For further enquiries and questions, you can contact the following officials:

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STATUS OF PARTICIPANTS

The Government of the Dominican Republic will take the necessary measures to facilitate the arrival, stay and departure of the invited participants. During their entire stay, participants shall enjoy the privileges and immunities granted to the participants of the conferences of specialized agencies of the United Nations.

ENTRY FORMALITIES

Pursuant to Law No. 875 on Visas, foreigners travelling to the Dominican Republic must hold a visa in their travel document issued at one of our consulates, except for nationals of countries with which the country has signed visa waiver agreements and nationals of countries authorized to travel to the country with a Tourist Card, provided that the purpose of their visit is tourism.

Definition: The Tourist Card is a tax the Dominican Republic charges visitors to the country. It can be obtained directly upon arrival at any of the Dominican airports. Some tour operators include the Tourist Card in their offers.

More information about the Tourist Card and the countries whose nationals are required to obtain it is available at the following link: http://www.dgii.gov.do/tarjetaTuristica/sobreTarjetaT/Paginas/default.aspx

The following are exempt from paying the Tourist Card:

- Residents of the Dominican Republic
- Holders of visas to enter the Dominican Republic
- Nationalized citizens of the Dominican Republic

Foreigners from the following countries:

- Argentina
- Chile
- Republic of Korea
- Ecuador
- Israel
- Japan
- Peru
- Uruguay

RECEPTION AT THE AIRPORT AND TRANSFERS

The Dominican Republic government will provide a reception service for delegations at Las Americas International Airport (AILA) in the city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and arrange the transfer of the participants, both on arrival and departure, to and from the airport and the hotels listed in this information note.

To allow the local authorities to arrange the shuttle service, participants who request such service in the participation form are asked to indicate their arrival, departure and accommodation details.
## ACCOMMODATION

Participants must make their own reservations with the hotels listed below and indicate that they will be participating in the Seminar on the scheduled dates.

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<td><strong>OCCIDENTAL EL EMBAJADOR</strong></td>
<td>Standard room, single: US$100.00</td>
<td><strong>Aurora Sagredo</strong>&lt;br&gt;Reservations&lt;br&gt;E-mail: <a href="mailto:asagredo@do.occidentahotels.com">asagredo@do.occidentahotels.com</a></td>
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<td>Standard room, double: US$112.00</td>
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<td>Royal Club VIP room, single: US$200</td>
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<td><strong>COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT</strong></td>
<td>Standard room, single: US$99</td>
<td><strong>Austria Ibarra</strong>&lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:Austria.ibarra@marriott.com">Austria.ibarra@marriott.com</a>&lt;br&gt;Tel: 809-685-0575</td>
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<td><strong>HILTON SANTO DOMINGO</strong></td>
<td>Standard room, single: US$145.00</td>
<td><strong>Wadis Salazar</strong>&lt;br&gt;1-809-685-0000</td>
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<td>Standard room, double: US$185.00</td>
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<td><strong>HOLIDAY INN</strong></td>
<td>Standard room, single: US$110.00</td>
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<td>Superior room: US$155.00</td>
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HEALTH AND EMERGENCIES

There are no compulsory vaccinations to enter the Dominican Republic. The telephone number for police, fire and ambulance is 911. In case of loss or theft of documents, please contact the organizing officials of the event to talk to the police and your nearest consulate.

REGISTRATION AND BADGES

Participants can register at the desk located at the entrance of the hall where the Seminar will be held at the Hotel Occidental El Embajador, where they will be issued badges and informative materials.

Participants are requested to wear their badges in a visible manner at all activities and during the Seminar.

WORKING LANGUAGES

The working languages of the Seminar on Tourism Management of Cultural Heritage Destinations will be Spanish and English. Interpretation will be provided.

WORKING DOCUMENTS

Participants are informed that, in compliance with the environmental protection policy applied throughout the United Nations system, the documents for the Seminar will not be distributed on paper at the venue. For this reason, participants are requested to bring with them their own set of documents. The documents can be downloaded from the following link:

http://americas.unwto.org/es/event/seminario-internacional-sobre-gestion-de-los-destinos-turisticos-del-patrimonio-cultural

CURRENCY

The official currency is the Dominican peso (DOP). Coins come in denominations of 1, 5, 10 and 25 pesos and bills in 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000 and 2000 pesos. Currency exchange services are provided by banks as well as by hotels and travel agencies (the latter two usually charge a percentage for the exchange). There is an illegal black market and, even though there are places where Dominicans offer currency exchange in a discreet manner, it is recommended that this be avoided as the exchange rates they offer do not differ considerably from those offered by banks. The exchange rate in the month of February is 1.00€= 58.20 and 1.00 US$= 42.90. Major credit cards are accepted, such as Visa, MasterCard, etc.

CLIMATE

In the Dominican Republic the prevailing climate is that of a humid tropical savannah. The average temperature in February ranges between 27°C and 33°C.

LOCAL TIME

Currently, the local time is five hours behind Spain.

Standard time: UTC/GMT -4 hours
Latitude: 18° 3’ North
Longitude: 69° 57’ West
OPENING HOURS OF SHOPS AND BANKS

Shops are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Banks are open Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 pm (banks that are located in malls close at 7 p.m.)

ATTIRE

For the Seminar, women typically wear formal business attire and men wear jacket and tie. For social events, the usual attire is semi-formal.

ELECTRICITY

Electric power is 110-120 volts at 60 Hz and outlets take plugs with two flat prongs, like in the United States. Nevertheless, all rooms of our hotel are equipped with at least one European-style outlet.

WATER

Tap water in the Dominican Republic is not recommended for drinking. Avoid drinking water from taps.

LANGUAGE

Spanish is the official language. However, in some tourism-intensive places, other languages are spoken such as English, German, French, Italian and Dutch.

In order to use European electrical appliances operating at 220 volts, a transformer and an adapter will be necessary.

RELIGION

It is estimated that 90% of the Dominican population is Catholic, although this question ceased to be included in the population census many years ago. There are also Protestants and Mormons.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

On Monday 17 February 2014, a themed dinner will be held, hosted by the Ministry of Tourism of the Dominican Republic (by invitation).