



Living in the Dominican Republic

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Who has never imagined at least once in their life spending time in the Tropics, imagining a new life outside of the norm in a paradisiacal setting on the edge of a swimming pool, a white beach surrounded by lush palm trees and tropical plants? Thinking of buying your own house or property and receiving guaranteed income? If it was also a dream of yours like it happened to us, you will have asked yourself several questions about how to make it come true, which place to choose and who to contact.

If this is your desire, here you will find the main information that will allow you to obtain detailed knowledge on how to act and do, this information could, if you wish, change your life experience for the better, both in terms of quality and in terms of cheap.



In the current period of great uncertainty that we are going through, more and more people need security and points of reference.

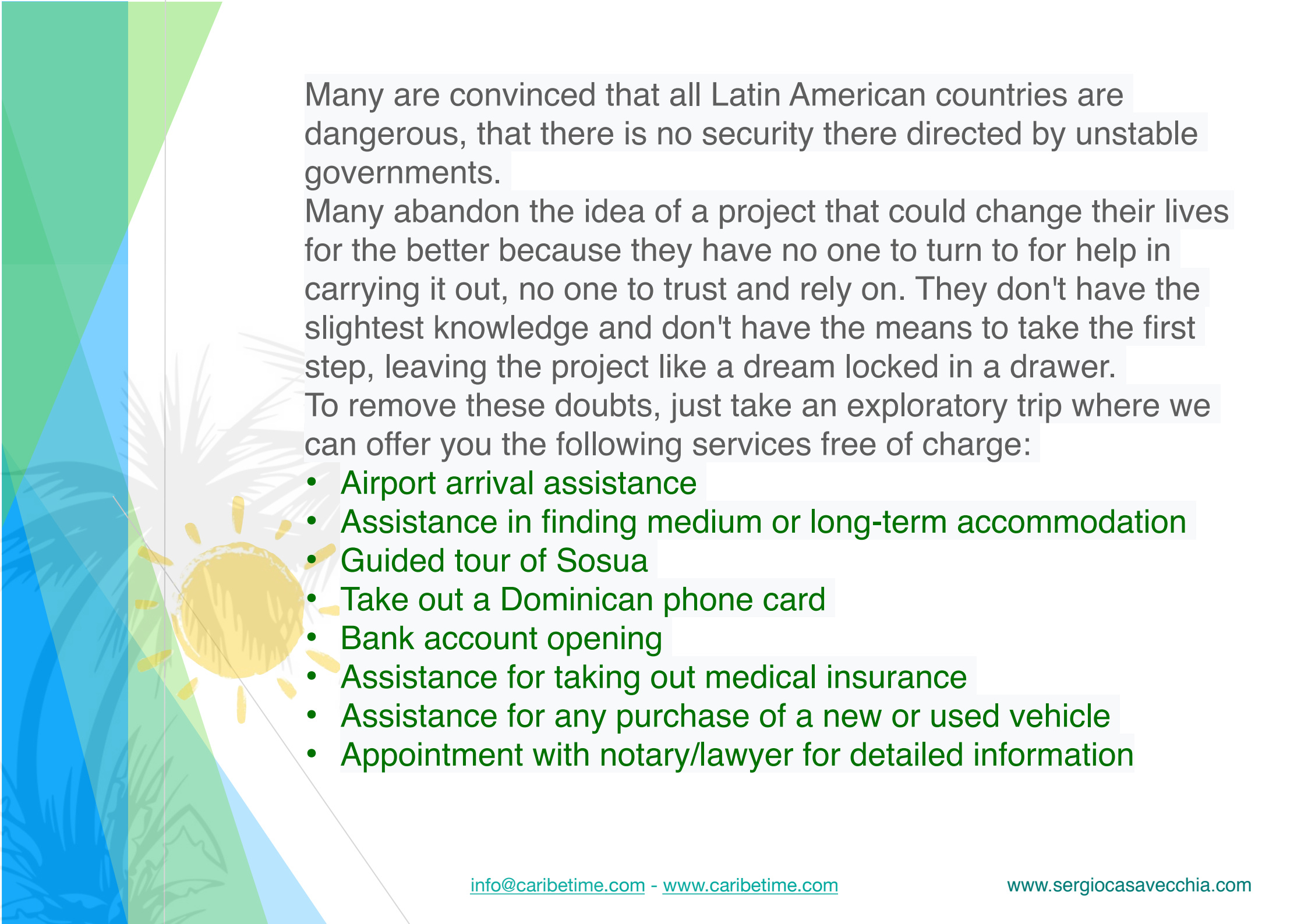
Everyone today wants to protect their capital with the strong need to improve the quality of their life.

My name is Romina Quatela, from the age of 12 I followed my parents engaged in real estate along the Caribbean routes between Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic, accumulating a great thirty-year experience in the sector and in the knowledge of the places. In this experience I obviously involved my husband Sergio Casavecchia, designer architect and... the rest of the family.



Here, in the Dominican Republic we have found the ideal place to bring our projects to life together with entrepreneur friends. Many of them have moved permanently to Dominican Republic, actively entering with experience and profit as builders, bringing to the homes that unmistakable touch of class and Italian quality, others spend only a few months a year when it is winter in the rest of the world and in the Republic, which enjoys a tropical climate all year round. Others, however, have invested their property and capital into impeccably managed tourist resorts.





Many are convinced that all Latin American countries are dangerous, that there is no security there directed by unstable governments.

Many abandon the idea of a project that could change their lives for the better because they have no one to turn to for help in carrying it out, no one to trust and rely on. They don't have the slightest knowledge and don't have the means to take the first step, leaving the project like a dream locked in a drawer.

To remove these doubts, just take an exploratory trip where we can offer you the following services free of charge:

- Airport arrival assistance
- Assistance in finding medium or long-term accommodation
- Guided tour of Sosua
- Take out a Dominican phone card
- Bank account opening
- Assistance for taking out medical insurance
- Assistance for any purchase of a new or used vehicle
- Appointment with notary/lawyer for detailed information

The Dominican Republic is the most important and largest country in

Getting to know the Dominican Republic

The official and spoken language is Spanish (English is also spoken in tourist areas). The official currency used is the Dominican peso, but the US dollar and the euro are also accepted.

For money transfers, you will find Western Union, Caribe Express and Money Gram. Visa credit cards can be used to withdraw money from ATMs. For large money transfers it is possible to do so with low-cost formulas by opening a bank account.

Opening of a current account

Foreigners who do not have residency in the country can open a bank account in the Dominican Republic with their passport. To open it you must be personally present at the bank, to date, it is still not possible to open an online current account.

In what currency can I open a current account?

Banks in D.R. they offer great advantages and services to their customers, as they give the possibility of opening a current account in different currencies:

current account in Dominican Pesos (minimum deposit for opening 5000 pesos)

current account in US Dollars (minimum deposit for opening 300 dollars)

current account in Euros (minimum deposit for opening 200 euros)



The climate in the Dominican Republic

The Dominican Republic essentially has two seasons and they are summer and autumn/spring, here there is no winter as in the "coldest" months of the year (from December to February) the temperature can reach a minimum of 20-22 degrees.

Since it is a tropical climate, the climate on the island is subject to sudden changes, suddenly it can happen that a downpour arrives for a few minutes and then clears up again.

the dry season

The dry season, runs from December to July, there are areas of the island that almost never rains in this season (the southern part of the island), however, in the northern part the rains are more frequent and the temperature is less suffocating. However, the temperature in the Dominican Republic never exceeds 35 degrees.

the cyclonic season

The rainy season, which runs from August to November, differs greatly between the north coast (more stable and less subject to bad weather) and the south coast. Therefore, those arriving in this period must be aware that they may encounter days of rain, humidity or, even if less likely, strong winds.



Tourist cities and towns where you can live in peace

Bayahibe: is located in the province of La Romana, and a tourist town well known by tourism, with beautiful Caribbean beaches.

Samana Peninsula

In the Samaná peninsula, there are some very beautiful and popular tourist towns and



they are: Samaná, Las Terrenas, Las Galeras and Sanchez.

Samaná: it is the largest town and is the provincial capital.

Very popular with foreign tourists and domestic tourism.

Las Terrenas: the most beautiful town and known for tourism and for the many residents of many nationalities who live permanently. In short, it is a multi-ethnic village, where various cultures coexist.

Las Galeras: it is a very small town, in

development, located at the tip of the peninsula, chosen by tourists who want to spend a super quiet holiday.

Sanchez: this is the only one that is not frequented by tourists, a small fishing village (they catch prawns which are then sold throughout the island).

Sosua: tourist town on the sea, very popular with American tourists. It offers its guests many services and entertainment.



Cabarete: it is known throughout the world by surfing enthusiasts, the world championships are held here. Beautiful beaches, with rough seas and lots of wind.

Higüey

Another city is Higüey, less known than the previous ones, but which has developed its economy thanks to tourism from nearby Punta Cana.

Punta Cana/Bavaro: these are the two tourist locations in the Dominican Republic best known in the world, thanks to the all-inclusive holiday offers of the tourist villages.



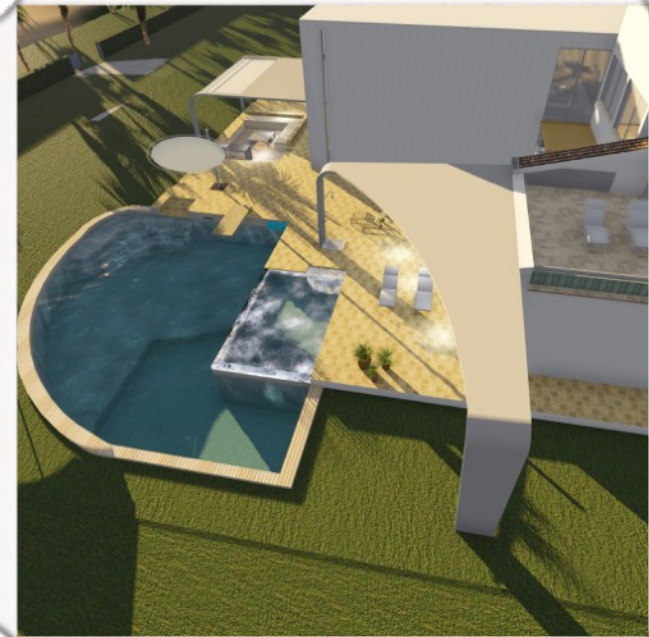
Building a house in Dominican Republic

If the project is to build a house it is possible to carry it out, we can do it by entrusting you to a serious and tested company for the choice of land, for the practices and permits, for the design if you want to rely on an architect.

Once the building license has been obtained (the times are fast), it is possible to start the work.

If you are in the trade, you will be the ones to build your house yourself (together with the workers you contact).

The best solution, not being familiar with the place, is to rely on a valid construction company, which will build your house or villa, and in approximately 5-6 months it will be delivered to you turnkey, generally including the kitchen, appliances and bathrooms furnished in accordance with the your directions.



How much does it cost to build a house?

The cost is a very important point and varies according to different factors, therefore, a priori it is not possible to say a certain construction price.

Factors that affect the cost of construction:

- The city where it will be built
- The type of terrain (flat, hill)
- Land morphology
- Type of foundations
- The construction typology
- The type of finishing materials
- The project

Therefore, the indicative price for making a standard reinforced concrete construction is around 800 dollars per square meter. To know the real price, you need to know precisely the items listed above.

As mentioned, among the various services we offer, in collaboration with a design and construction services company, we are able to offer you complete assistance, from the purchase of the land, through to the design, request for permits and construction of the villa.



Construction systems:

Traditional reinforced concrete construction

Construction with M2 construction system (5% saving compared to reinforced concrete construction)

Construction with LSF (Light Steel Frame) construction system, i.e. cold-formed steel profiles (savings of 8% compared to reinforced concrete construction)

