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Best of the Caribbean for 2012



Dominican Republic

Play: If you're a baseball fan or a coffee connoisseur, there are a few must-sees on any trip to the [Dominican Republic](#). A just-launched global travel company called [Excursionist](#) runs 22 tours in the DR that connect your personal passions with a local expert. Tour a ballpark with a member of the Dominican national team or meet farmers in small villages along the Coffee Trail.

Stay: On the island's east coast, two ultra-luxe resorts recently opened—the sprawling [Fishing Lodge Cap Cana](#), which surrounds the Cap Cana Marina, and [Eden Roc at Cap Cana](#), which has 33 freestanding suites and three bungalows.

Fly: American Airlines introduced new flights from Miami to Santo Domingo and New York/JFK to Punta Cana. JetBlue launched nonstop service from JFK to La Romana. Starting in March, Delta will add flights from JFK to Santo Domingo and Santiago. [Apple Vacations](#) also offers new packages to the DR.