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CASA BONITA TROPICAL LODGE
BARAHONA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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GET ACQUAINTED

Have you ever dreamed of visiting a majestic mountaintop enclave nestled below swaying palm trees where an unspoiled view of an aqua sea calms your soul? This dream like experience becomes a reality when travelers arrive at the Casa Bonita Tropical Lodge in Barahona, Dominican Republic. Once a private compound belonging to the prominent Schiffino family, who still own the property, manage and control the development of it; the Casa Bonita would be a delightful choice for couples not attracted to an obtrusive, rowdy Dominican all inclusive. Sustainability is the buzz word here and this concept attributes to the lodge's designation as a Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence property for both 2012 and 2013. This boutique hotel offers extraordinary farm to table cuisine, a unique woodland spa, forest canopy zip line tours, and acres of resort property waiting to be explored on foot or by horseback.

NOTE TO SELF

Renting a car for the lengthy drive from the Santa Domingo International Airport to Barahona allows for a stopover in the capital city of Santa Domingo, the country's cultural center. International dining, upscale shopping, museums and art galleries should be researched here for your enjoyment. Private transfers may also be arranged through the resort.

THE SCOOP

Reserve the spacious honeymoon suite located in a secluded end of the property. A panoramic ocean view, solarium terrace, and a private infinity pool are the upgraded amenities of this spectacular accommodation. Private dinners and couples spa treatments may be scheduled in the suite.

OUT & ABOUT

Contact the lodge concierge to book an Ecotour Barahona trip to discover the wildlife, vegetation and landscape of the Caribbean's largest protected biosphere, Jaragua National Park. Spend a day on the popular San Rafael Beach, try surfing, or mingle with the local fisherman as they bring ashore gigantic billfish. Stroll through the quaint village of Barahona to shop and meet the locals. Learn the latest dance moves by spending a late night at a recommended local dance club. www.casabonitadr.com



We Simply Adore

- Touring the organic garden with the chef whose Mother was the Schiffino family chef
- Indulging in the Tanama Spa River Treatment that includes a stone massage and a fresh herb facial
- Shopping for exquisite Larimar jewelry, that is custom designed and sold on site
- Sailing across the lush green landscape during the Lodge Canopy Zip Line Tour
- Stretching out in the Spa Pavilion yoga classes where the sounds and smells of nature are fulfilling
- Savoring the Chef's Seviche poolside with a cold beverage of choice