

## DESTINATION INFORMATION – DOMINICA

The Caribbean island of Dominica is a scenic blend of immense volcanic peaks, spouting mountain streams, lush tropical forests and impetuous geysers. A calm exotic retreat with welcoming locals, “The Nature Island of the Caribbean” still remains off the radar for a lot of tourists, which makes it a perfect region for a family-charter getaway.

<b>COORDINATES</b>	15°25N, 61°20W	
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	English (official), French Creole (widely spoken)	
<b>CAPITAL</b>	Roseau	
<b>WEATHER</b>	Tropical rainforest climate tempered by northeast trade winds. Daytime temperatures vary from 26C (79F) in January to 32C (90F) in June. The wet season occurs from June to October.	
<b>BEST TIME TO CHARTER</b>	December-April	
<b>AIRPORTS</b>	Dominica is served by two small airports, of which Melville Hall (DOM) near Marigot in the NW is the larger one.	
<b>TIME</b>	UTC-4	
<b>CURRENCY</b>	East Caribbean Dollar (XCD); major establishments accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express and there are ATMs on the island.	
<b>ELECTRICITY</b>	230 V, 50 Hz	
<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAYS</b>	1 Jan Feb/Mar Mar/Apr  1 <sup>st</sup> Mon in May May/Jun 1 <sup>st</sup> Mon in Aug 3 Nov 4 Nov 25 Dec 26 Dec	New Year's Day Carnival Monday, Carnival Tuesday Good Friday Easter Monday Labor Day Whit Monday Emancipation Day Independence Day Community Service Day Christmas Day Boxing Day
<b>MAIN PORTS AND MARINAS</b>	Roseau, Portsmouth	
<b>RECOMMENDED BEACHES</b>	The shores around Portsmouth feature small coves with near-deserted stretches of sand, sun and waves.	
<b>CULTURAL</b>	Casual dress is usual and evening clothes are also informal, although conservative. One of the most dominant social influences is the Catholic Church. Visitors should ask locals for permission before taking their photograph.	

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