

# Sosúa

<b>Sosúa</b>	
<b>Municipality</b>	
<a href="#">View of Sosúa</a>	
Aerial view of Sosúa	
<a href="#">Official seal of Sosúa</a>	
Seal	
<a href="#">Sosúa is located in the Dominican Republic</a>	
Coordinates: <a href="#">19°46′06″N 70°30′47″W</a>	
<b>Country</b>	<a href="#">Dominican Republic</a>
<b>Province</b>	<a href="#">Puerto Plata</a>
<b>Municipality since</b>	1978
<b><a href="#">Municipal districts</a></b>	Cabarete, Sabaneta de Yásica
<b>Area</b> <sup>[1]</sup>	
• <b>Total</b>	152.0 km <sup>2</sup> (58.7 sq mi)
<b>Population</b> (2010) <sup>[1]</sup>	
• <b>Total</b>	29,653
• <b>Density</b>	200/km <sup>2</sup> (510/sq mi)
• <b><a href="#">Urban</a></b>	7,713
<b><a href="#">Demonym(s)</a></b>	Sosuense (in English, sosuan)
<b><a href="#">Time zone</a></b>	<a href="#">UTC-4 (AST)</a>
• <b>Summer (DST)</b>	<a href="#">UTC-4 (AST)</a>
<b>Distance</b>	27 km (17 mi) to <a href="#">Puerto Plata</a>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="#">Ayuntamiento de Sosúa</a>

**Sosúa** is a [Dominican](#) municipality in the [Puerto Plata province](#), on the north coast of the country.

Sosúa is a [taíno](#) name of the small river (Sosúa River) that crosses the city and ends in the [Atlantic Ocean](#), on the western part of the Sosúa Bay.<sup>[2]</sup>

## Location

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The municipality is surrounded by the [Espaillat](#) province to the east and to the south, the municipality of [Puerto Plata](#) to the west and the municipality of Villa Montellano to the northwest. The [Atlantic Ocean](#) is to the north of Sosúa.

## Population

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The city had, in 2014, a total population of 29,653: 14,796 men and 14,857 women. The urban population was 26% of the total population.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Geography

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Sosúa is along the Sosúa Bay, a small bay with two [headlands](#): to the east is *Punta Sosúa* ("punta" is a [Spanish](#) word that means, in this case, a headland) that was named as *Punta Seca* ("Dry headland") by [Columbus](#) in his first visit to the island; and to the west is *Punta Payne*, in front of the Sosúa Beach.<sup>[2]</sup>

The bay is divided in two smaller bays:

1. The western small bay, or *Puerto Chiquito*; it is the smaller of the two divisions of the bay and is where the Sosua River ends.
2. The eastern part, *Puerto Grande* or commonly named *Puerto Sosúa*, is larger and it was used as a [port](#) in the past; the Sosúa beach is here.<sup>[2]</sup>

Sosúa has a total area of 152.0 km<sup>2</sup> (58.7 sq mi), about 8.4% of the total area of the province of Puerto Plata .<sup>[1]</sup> The city is about 8.6 km (5.3 mi) from the Puerto Plata International Airport.

## History

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At the beginning of the 20th Century, the [United Fruit Company](#) began to grow [bananas](#) around the present Sosúa to send the [fruits](#) to the [United States](#). The company had over 1.5 million banana plants, and in the year 1900 they sent thousands of fruits to the United States alone. Many people

came to live here and to work with the company. United Fruit later closed the Sosúa banana operations in 1916.<sup>[3]</sup>

Seven hundred and fifty [German](#) and [Austrian Jews refugees](#) came to the Dominican Republic between 1940 and 1945 to live in Sosúa.<sup>[4]</sup> Here they created a [dairy](#) and [cheese factory](#) named "Productos Sosúa" that is still working. When the [World War II](#) ended, some of this refugees went to live to [United States](#) but many of them stayed in Sosúa.

On March 27, 1958, Sosúa became a [Municipal District](#) and later, on August 12, 1978, a [municipality](#).<sup>[5]</sup>

With the development of [tourism](#) in the mid 1980s in the country, Sosúa came to be one of the most important places for tourism in the northern coast.

## Administrative division

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The municipality of Sosúa has two [municipal districts](#):<sup>[6]</sup>

Municipal districts of Sosúa

Code	Municipal district	Population (2010)
180702	Cabarete	14,606
180703	Sabaneta de Yásica	5,334

## Economy

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Even if [agriculture](#) and [fishing](#) were very important activities in the past, since the mid 1980s tourism has come to be most important [economic](#) activity, with several important [hotels](#) in the city and in places near Sosúa and Cabarete.

Sosúa beach

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