

# ■ TropicTrek Itinerary ■

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**Destination:** Dominica  
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**Travel Style:** Cultural Explorer & Nature Lover  
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## ***11-Day Luxury Itinerary: Dominica - The Nature Isle***

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**\*\*Budget Level:\*\*** Luxury  
**\*\*Special Interests:\*\*** Art, Beaches, Hiking, Cultural Experiences  
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## **\*\*Introduction to Dominica: The Nature Isle\*\***

Welcome to Dominica, a truly unique Caribbean island renowned for its unspoiled natural beauty, lush rainforests, volcanic landscapes, and vibrant Creole culture. Unlike many of its sandy-beach neighbors, Dominica offers a dramatic topography of mountains, rivers, waterfalls, and black sand beaches. This itinerary is designed for the discerning traveler like Isaac, who seeks a luxurious blend of adventure, cultural immersion, and serene relaxation, while focusing on art, pristine beaches, invigorating hikes, and authentic cultural experiences.

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## **\*\*Pre-Departure Information\*\***

\* **\*\*Currency:\*\*** Eastern Caribbean Dollar (XCD). USD widely accepted.  
\* **\*\*Language:\*\*** English (Official), Dominican Creole French (Patois).  
\* **\*\*Time Zone:\*\*** Atlantic Standard Time (AST), UTC-4.  
\* **\*\*Plug Type:\*\*** Type D and G (230V, 50Hz). Bring an adapter.  
\* **\*\*Arrival Airport:\*\*** Douglas-Charles Airport (DOM), formerly Melville Hall.  
\* **\*\*Visa:\*\*** Check specific requirements based on your nationality. Many nationalities do not require a visa for stays under 90 days.  
\* **\*\*Safety:\*\*** Dominica is generally safe. Exercise caution as you would in any unfamiliar place. Be aware of weather conditions, especially during hurricane season (June-November).  
\* **\*\*Health:\*\*** Consult your doctor about required vaccinations. Bring insect repellent, sunscreen, and any personal medications.  
\* **\*\*Connectivity:\*\*** Wi-Fi is available in hotels. Consider a local SIM card for better connectivity on the go.  
\* **\*\*Driving:\*\*** Left-hand side of the road. A temporary driving permit is required (approx. XCD 30 / USD 11, obtainable from the car rental agency or Traffic Department).

\* \*\*Dress Code:\*\* Casual and comfortable for daily activities. Pack light, breathable clothing, swimwear, rain gear, and good hiking shoes. For evenings, resort casual is generally appropriate.

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## **\*\*Accommodation (Luxury Boutique Resorts)\*\***

This itinerary assumes stays at high-end, eco-luxury resorts that offer exceptional service, private amenities, and a deep connection to Dominica's natural beauty.

\* \*\*Jungle Bay Dominica:\*\* Eco-luxury wellness resort, ideal for nature lovers, offering private villas, exceptional service, and stunning views.

\* \*\*Cabrits Resort & Spa Kempinski Dominica:\*\* A premier luxury resort with world-class amenities, multiple pools, and proximity to historic sites in the north.

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## **\*\*Itinerary: Day-by-Day\*\***

### **# \*\*Day 1: Arrival & Roseau Immersion\*\***

\* \*\*Morning (Arrival):\*\*

\* \*\*11:00 AM:\*\* Arrive at Douglas-Charles Airport (DOM). Be greeted by a luxury private transfer (pre-arranged, e.g., from Jungle Bay or Kempinski). Enjoy a scenic drive (approx. 1 hour) through lush landscapes to your luxury accommodation near Roseau (e.g., Jungle Bay Dominica).

\* \*\*12:30 PM:\*\* Check-in to your private villa/suite. Enjoy a welcome drink and a light, locally inspired lunch at the resort's restaurant.

\* \*\*Afternoon (Art & History):\*\*

\* \*\*02:30 PM:\*\* Private guided tour of the **Dominica Museum** in Roseau. Learn about the island's rich pre-Columbian history, colonial past, and vibrant culture. (Entrance Fee: ~XCD 5/USD 2, check opening hours).

\* \*\*04:00 PM:\*\* Explore the **Old Market** area and walk through the historic streets of Roseau, admiring the colorful colonial architecture and local street art. Visit small galleries if open.

\* \*\*Evening (Local Flavors):\*\*

\* \*\*06:30 PM:\*\* Sunset cocktails at your resort, overlooking the Caribbean Sea.

\* \*\*07:30 PM:\*\* Dinner at **The Old Stone Grill & Bar** in Roseau, known for its fresh seafood and Creole fusion cuisine in a charming setting. (Expect XCD 100-200 / USD 37-75 per person).

\* \*\*09:00 PM:\*\* Return to the resort. Relaxation and prepare for tomorrow's adventure.

### **# \*\*Day 2: Volcanic Wonders & Hot Springs\*\***

\* \*\*Morning (Geothermal Exploration):\*\*

\* \*\*08:00 AM:\*\* Breakfast at the resort.

\* \*\*09:00 AM:\*\* Full-day private guided tour to **Titou Gorge** and the **Boiling Lake Trail**.

\* \*\*Titou Gorge:\*\* A short but exhilarating swim through a narrow gorge to a hidden waterfall. Wetsuits and life jackets provided. (Entrance Fee: Included in guide package or ~XCD 10/USD 4, no specific opening hours, but best during daylight).

\* \*\*12:30 PM:\*\* Enjoy a packed gourmet lunch provided by your resort or a local eatery near Laudat.

\* \*\*Afternoon (Challenging Hike & Relaxation):\*\*

\* \*\*01:30 PM:\*\* Embark on the challenging **Boiling Lake Trail** (approx. 6-8 hours round trip, highly recommend a professional guide). This iconic hike takes you through varied terrains to the

world's second-largest boiling lake. It is strenuous but incredibly rewarding.

\* \*\*07:00 PM:\*\* After the hike (or earlier if opting for a shorter afternoon), truly relax at the **Ti Kwen Glo Cho Hot Springs** or **Wotten Waven Sulphur Springs**. Indulge in a private pool for a therapeutic soak, surrounded by nature. (Entrance Fee varies, ~XCD 15-25 / USD 5-9).

\* \*\*Evening (Culinary Delight):\*\*

\* \*\*08:30 PM:\*\* Dinner back at your resort, perhaps a private chef experience or a special dinner arrangement to soothe tired muscles. Enjoy fine dining with a focus on fresh, local ingredients.

## # **Day 3: Indigenous Culture & Atlantic Coast**

\* \*\*Morning (Kalinago Heritage):\*\*

\* \*\*08:30 AM:\*\* Breakfast at the resort.

\* \*\*09:30 AM:\*\* Private transfer to the **Kalinago Territory** (formerly Carib Territory) on the island's east coast (approx. 1.5 hours drive).

\* \*\*11:00 AM:\*\* Immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of the indigenous Kalinago people. Visit the **Kalinago Barana Autê**, a cultural village showcasing traditional dwellings, crafts, and practices. Engage in interactive demonstrations of cassava bread making, basket weaving, and traditional dance. (Entrance Fee: ~XCD 20/USD 7).

\* \*\*Afternoon (Art & Nature):\*\*

\* \*\*01:00 PM:\*\* Enjoy a traditional Kalinago lunch within the territory, prepared with local ingredients.

\* \*\*02:30 PM:\*\* Explore the **L'Escalier Tête Chien**, a natural rock staircase steeped in Kalinago legend, offering dramatic coastal views.

\* \*\*04:00 PM:\*\* Visit a local Kalinago artist's studio or gallery if available (pre-arranged by your guide) to appreciate their unique craftwork and art (basketry, wood carving). Consider purchasing a high-quality, authentic souvenir.

\* \*\*Evening (Coastal Serenity):\*\*

\* \*\*06:00 PM:\*\* Return transfer to your resort.

\* \*\*07:30 PM:\*\* Dinner at a highly-rated restaurant in Roseau or your resort, perhaps focusing on international cuisine with a local twist.

## # **Day 4: Trafalgar Falls & Emerald Pool**

\* \*\*Morning (Waterfall Wonderland):\*\*

\* \*\*08:30 AM:\*\* Breakfast at the resort.

\* \*\*09:30 AM:\*\* Private guided excursion to the iconic **Trafalgar Falls** (approx. 30-minute drive from Roseau). A short, easy walk leads to a viewing platform of the "Mother" and "Father" falls. For the adventurous, you can boulder closer to the falls and dip into the hot and cold pools. (Entrance Fee: ~XCD 10/USD 4, hours vary but open during daylight).

\* \*\*11:30 AM:\*\* Continue to the **Emerald Pool**, a serene grotto with a sparkling waterfall and clear, green water perfect for a refreshing swim. This is a relatively easy, beautiful walk. (Part of the sight pass, or ~XCD 10/USD 4).

\* \*\*Afternoon (Botanical Beauty & Local Life):\*\*

\* \*\*01:00 PM:\*\* Enjoy a picnic lunch prepared by your resort, set in a scenic spot near the falls, or a casual lunch at a local eatery.

\* \*\*02:30 PM:\*\* Visit the **Dominica Botanical Gardens** in Roseau. Stroll through the lush grounds, home to a wide variety of tropical plants and the famous "Smashed Bus." A relaxed way to enjoy the afternoon. (Free entry).

\* \*\*04:00 PM:\*\* Explore the local markets for fresh produce and spices, engaging with friendly vendors.

\* \*\*Evening (Taste of Dominica):\*\*

\* \*\*06:00 PM:\*\* Participate in a private **Creole cooking class** at your resort or a local culinary school. Learn to prepare traditional Dominican dishes.

\* \*\*08:00 PM:\*\* Enjoy the fruits of your labor for dinner. This experience offers a deeper understanding of local cuisine and culture.

## # \*\*Day 5: Whale Watching & Champagne Reef\*\*

\* \*\*Morning (Marine Majesty):\*\*

\* \*\*07:30 AM:\*\* Early breakfast.

\* \*\*08:30 AM:\*\* Head to the Roseau waterfront for a private \*\*whale and dolphin watching tour\*\*. Dominica is a year-round home to sperm whales, and you're likely to see them along with various dolphin species. Opt for a luxury catamaran with comfortable seating and refreshments. (Tour duration approx. 3-4 hours. Cost: ~XCD 150-300 / USD 55-110 per person for shared tour, private custom tour higher).

\* \*\*Late Morning / Afternoon (Underwater Art & Snorkeling):\*\*

\* \*\*12:30 PM:\*\* Return to shore and have lunch at a seaside restaurant specializing in fresh seafood, perhaps near Scott's Head.

\* \*\*02:00 PM:\*\* Go snorkeling or diving at \*\*Champagne Reef\*\*, where volcanic vents release warm bubbles, creating a unique underwater "champagne" effect among vibrant coral and marine life. Equipment and guide provided. (Site Fee: ~XCD 10/USD 4, equipment rental extra). For a deeper experience, a private guided dive can be arranged to explore the reef's unique geological features and marine biodiversity.

\* \*\*Evening (Sunset & Relaxation):\*\*

\* \*\*05:30 PM:\*\* Relax at Scott's Head, where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Caribbean Sea, offering spectacular views, especially at sunset.

\* \*\*07:30 PM:\*\* Dinner at \*\*Riverstone Bar & Grill\*\* in Champagne, known for its local specialties and relaxing ambiance by the sea.

## # \*\*Day 6: Northern Serenity & Bubbly Beach\*\*

\* \*\*Morning (Scenic Transfer & Luxury Check-in):\*\*

\* \*\*09:00 AM:\*\* Enjoy a leisurely breakfast.

\* \*\*10:00 AM:\*\* Check out from your current resort near Roseau. Private transfer to your next luxury accommodation in the north of the island (e.g., Cabrits Resort & Spa Kempinski Dominica). This scenic drive will take you along the beautiful west coast.

\* \*\*11:30 AM:\*\* Check-in to your exquisite suite at Kempinski. Take time to explore the resort's world-class facilities.

\* \*\*Afternoon (Beach & Bubbles):\*\*

\* \*\*01:00 PM:\*\* Lunch at one of the resort's fine dining restaurants or a casual beachfront eatery in Portsmouth.

\* \*\*02:30 PM:\*\* Visit \*\*Batibou Beach\*\*, a secluded, picturesque black sand beach often considered one of Dominica's most beautiful. Enjoy swimming, sunbathing, and the tranquility. (Some parts may require a small access fee).

\* \*\*04:30 PM:\*\* Head to \*\*Bubbly Beach (Pointe Baptiste)\*\* near Calibishie, where volcanic activity creates natural "jacuzzis" in the shallow waters, a unique and fun experience.

\* \*\*Evening (Resort Indulgence):\*\*

\* \*\*07:00 PM:\*\* Pre-dinner cocktails at the resort's bar, enjoying the sunset views over Prince Rupert Bay.

\* \*\*08:00 PM:\*\* Dinner at \*\*Cabrits Market\*\* (Kempinski's main restaurant) or a specialty restaurant within the resort, offering a diverse menu with local and international flavors.

## # \*\*Day 7: Indian River & Cabrits National Park\*\*

\* \*\*Morning (Nature & Film):\*\*

- \* \*\*09:00 AM:\*\* Breakfast at the resort.
- \* \*\*10:00 AM:\*\* Embark on a private, guided boat tour of the **Indian River**. Glide silently through the mystical mangrove forests, famous as a filming location for "Pirates of the Caribbean." Your guide will explain the ecosystem and local folklore. The tour typically includes a stop at a rustic riverside bar for local rum punch. (Cost: ~XCD 25-50 / USD 9-18 per person for shared boat, private tour higher).
- \* \*\*Afternoon (History & Views):\*\*
- \* \*\*12:30 PM:\*\* Lunch at a local restaurant in Portsmouth, sampling fresh fish and Creole dishes. Ask your guide for the best local spots.
- \* \*\*02:30 PM:\*\* Explore **Cabrits National Park** and the historic ruins of **Fort Shirley**, an 18th-century British garrison. Wander through the restored barracks and enjoy panoramic views of Prince Rupert Bay and the coastline. Your guide will share the history of this strategic fort. (Entrance Fee: ~XCD 10/USD 4).
- \* \*\*Evening (Cultural Performance):\*\*
- \* \*\*06:00 PM:\*\* Return to the resort for some relaxation.
- \* \*\*07:30 PM:\*\* Arrange for a private cultural performance at the resort, featuring local music (Cadence-lypso, Bouyon) and traditional dance. This provides an intimate cultural experience.
- \* \*\*08:30 PM:\*\* Dinner at the resort, perhaps enjoying a relaxed al-fresco setting.

## # **Day 8: Secret Beach & Sea Caves**

- \* \*\*Morning (Hidden Gems):\*\*
- \* \*\*09:00 AM:\*\* Breakfast at the resort.
- \* \*\*10:00 AM:\*\* Private boat trip from Prince Rupert Bay to discover **Secret Beach**, a hidden gem accessible only by sea. Enjoy swimming and relaxing on this secluded stretch of sand.
- \* \*\*11:30 AM:\*\* Continue by boat to explore the sea caves along the coastline, including the **Syndicate Sea Caves**, offering dramatic rock formations and the chance to observe marine birds.
- \* \*\*Afternoon (Beachfront Lunch & Snorkel):\*\*
- \* \*\*01:00 PM:\*\* Enjoy a luxurious beachfront picnic lunch prepared by the resort on Secret Beach, complete with champagne and fresh local delicacies.
- \* \*\*02:30 PM:\*\* Snorkel in the pristine waters around Secret Beach or the caves, discovering vibrant coral gardens and marine life.
- \* \*\*Evening (Spa & Wellness):\*\*
- \* \*\*05:00 PM:\*\* Return to the resort.
- \* \*\*06:00 PM:\*\* Indulge in a luxurious spa treatment at your resort's wellness center. Opt for a deep tissue massage or a rejuvenating facial to fully unwind.
- \* \*\*08:00 PM:\*\* Dinner at the resort, choosing a lighter, healthy option to complement your wellness evening.

## # **Day 9: Syndicate Nature Trail & Birdwatching**

- \* \*\*Morning (Lush Rainforest & Endemics):\*\*
- \* \*\*08:00 AM:\*\* Early breakfast.
- \* \*\*09:00 AM:\*\* Guided hike along the **Syndicate Nature Trail** within the Morne Diablotin National Park. This relatively easy loop trail is famous as one of the best places to spot Dominica's endemic parrots: the colourful Sisserou Parrot (Imperial Amazon) and the Jaco Parrot (Red-necked Amazon). Your expert birdwatching guide will help you spot them. (Entrance Fee: ~XCD 10/USD 4, plus guide fee).
- \* \*\*Afternoon (Art in Nature & Refreshment):\*\*
- \* \*\*12:00 PM:\*\* Post-hike, enjoy a packed gourmet lunch amidst the rainforest, a true immersion in nature.
- \* \*\*02:00 PM:\*\* Visit a local art studio or gallery in the north (if available and open) that specializes in nature-inspired art or crafts made from local materials, perhaps even a woodcarver.

\* \*\*04:00 PM:\*\* Relax at \*\*Pointe Baptiste Estate\*\* (Calibishie) and enjoy their famous fresh juices or homemade ice cream, along with stunning coastal views.  
\* \*\*Evening (Farewell Northern Dinner):\*\*  
\* \*\*06:00 PM:\*\* Return to the resort for leisure time.  
\* \*\*07:30 PM:\*\* Special farewell dinner at a premium restaurant within the Cabrits Resort & Spa Kempinski, perhaps a private dining experience with fresh catch of the day and fine wines.

## # \*\*Day 10: Unspoiled Beaches & Last Adventures\*\*

\* \*\*Morning (Black Sand Beauty):\*\*  
\* \*\*09:00 AM:\*\* Breakfast at the resort.  
\* \*\*10:00 AM:\*\* Explore the stunning black sand beaches of the north, such as \*\*Picard Beach\*\* (closer to Portsmouth, often more lively) or the more secluded \*\*Mero Beach\*\* further south. Enjoy swimming, sunbathing, or a leisurely stroll.  
\* \*\*Afternoon (Optional Activity - Choose Your Adventure):\*\*  
\* \*\*Option A (Active):\*\* Return to the Roseau area for a final hike, perhaps to \*\*Middleham Falls\*\* (moderate hike, stunning waterfall).  
\* \*\*Option B (Relaxed):\*\* Enjoy a final pampering session at your resort's spa or simply relax by the pool overlooking the ocean.  
\* \*\*Option C (Cultural):\*\* Visit a rum distillery such as Macoucherie Rum Distillery near Salisbury for a tour and tasting (check operating hours and availability for private tours).  
\* \*\*01:00 PM:\*\* Lunch at a chosen location depending on your afternoon activity.  
\* \*\*Late Afternoon (Souvenir Hunt):\*\*  
\* \*\*03:30 PM:\*\* Head back to Roseau for some last-minute souvenir shopping. Look for unique local crafts, spices, essential oils, or Kalinago basketry.  
\* \*\*Evening (Final Dominican Flavors):\*\*  
\* \*\*06:00 PM:\*\* Check into a luxury hotel near Roseau for your final night to minimize travel time to the airport for the morning departure.  
\* \*\*07:30 PM:\*\* Indulge in a final, exquisite dinner at a top-tier restaurant in Roseau, perhaps \*\*The Great Old Manor\*\* (for an elevated local experience) or a private dining experience at your chosen hotel, reflecting on your incredible journey.

## # \*\*Day 11: Departure\*\*

\* \*\*Morning (Leisure & Departure):\*\*  
\* \*\*[Time based on flight]:\*\* Enjoy a final breakfast at your hotel.  
\* \*\*[Time based on flight]:\*\* Private transfer to Douglas-Charles Airport (DOM) for your departure. Allow ample time for check-in and security.  
\* \*\*Flight:\*\* Depart Dominica, taking with you unforgettable memories of "The Nature Isle."

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## \*\*Budget Considerations (Luxury Level)\*\*

This itinerary is designed for a luxury budget. Here's a rough breakdown of estimated costs per person (excluding international flights), which can vary significantly:

\* \*\*Accommodation:\*\* USD 300-800+ per night for luxury resorts. (USD 3,000 - 8,000 for 10 nights)  
\* \*\*Private Transfers:\*\* USD 100-200 per segment, depending on distance. (USD 500-1000 for entire trip)  
\* \*\*Private Guided Tours & Excursions:\*\* USD 250-600+ per full-day tour, depending on activity and guide. (USD 2,000 - 4,000 for 8 tours)  
\* \*\*Fine Dining:\*\* USD 75-150+ per person per meal with drinks. (USD 2,000 - 4,000 for all meals)

- \* \*\*Spa Treatments:\*\* USD 100-300 per session.
- \* \*\*Miscellaneous (Tips, Souvenirs, Small Fees):\*\* USD 500-1000
- \* \*\*Total Estimated Cost (per person):\*\* USD 8,000 - 17,000+ for 11 days.

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## **\*\*Local Insights & Insider Tips for Isaac\*\***

- \* \*\*Art Scene:\*\* While not as prominent as some other islands, Dominica has a burgeoning art scene deeply connected to its nature and culture. Look for galleries in Roseau (e.g., The Dominica Art & Craft Producers Association) and keep an eye out for roadside stalls selling unique wood carvings and paintings. Engage with local artists – they're often keen to share their stories.
- \* \*\*Nature's Canvas:\*\* Many local artists draw inspiration directly from the vibrant flora and fauna. Consider looking for pieces that capture the Sisserou parrot, the boiling lake, or the lush rainforest.
- \* \*\*Hidden Beaches:\*\* Beyond the main ones, ask your guides about lesser-known small coves or river mouths that lead to a quiet patch of sand.
- \* \*\*Sulphur Springs:\*\* While Wotten Waven is popular, many smaller, more private sulphur springs can be found. Your luxury guide can arrange a more exclusive experience.
- \* \*\*Cultural Immersion:\*\* Don't just observe; participate. Try learning a few Creole phrases ("Bonjou" - Good morning, "Mèsi" - Thank you). Engage with locals at markets and ask about their traditions.
- \* \*\*Water Shoes:\*\* Essential for exploring rivers, waterfalls, and some rocky beaches.
- \* \*\*Rain Gear:\*\* Even outside the wet season, sudden showers are common. A light, packable rain jacket is crucial.
- \* \*\*Insect Repellent:\*\* High humidity means mosquitoes, especially in the evenings and rainforests.
- \* \*\*Hydration:\*\* Always carry plenty of water, especially on hikes.
- \* \*\*Respect Nature:\*\* Dominica is pristine. Stick to marked trails, don't litter, and respect the natural environment.
- \* \*\*Guides:\*\* For a seamless luxury experience and access to the best insights, professional, licensed guides are invaluable. They can also ensure your safety on more challenging hikes.
- \* \*\*Flexibility:\*\* While this itinerary is detailed, be open to slight changes based on weather or local recommendations for an even more authentic experience.

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This itinerary is designed to offer Isaac a luxurious, immersive, and unforgettable journey through Dominica, blending his passion for art, beaches, hiking, and cultural experiences. Enjoy "The Nature Isle"!

■ **Have an Amazing Caribbean  
Adventure!** ■

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