

# DOMINICA

Welcome to the Nature Island of the Caribbean!



# LOCATION

Sitting halfway along the Eastern Caribbean archipelago, Dominica is located just a few miles from Martinique to the south and Guadeloupe to the north. Stretching 751 km<sup>2</sup> (290 square miles) the island boasts 148 km (91 miles) of coastal line. The official name of Dominica is the Commonwealth of Dominica, which is mostly referenced in official communications and to distinguish the island from the Dominican Republic, its northerly Caribbean sister. The island faces the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Caribbean Sea to the west.



# HISTORY



Dominica's first inhabitants, the Ortoroids, arrived from South America around 3100 B.C., and lasted on the island until around 400 B.C. Next came the Arawaks, who settled in about 400 A.D. By 1400, the Kalinago or "Caribs," moved aggressively up the Caribbean from South America, eliminating the Arawak from the region, including Dominica. Migrating in waves from South America as early as 3,000 B.C., various tribes made Dominica their home, and by 1,000 A.D. were well settled, calling the island "Waitukubuli" meaning 'tall is her body' in the Kalinago language. Dominica was spotted on 3rd November, 1493 by Columbus on his second voyage to the new world. He found the island inhabited by Carib Indians, who in the 14th century had either expelled or exterminated the indigenous Arawak Indians. Ignoring the Kalinago name of "Waitukubuli," Columbus renamed the island Dominica as he first made landfall on a Sunday. The Caribs successfully resisted efforts of Spanish colonization, but the British and French followed from the 1600s on, battling each other, and the Caribs, to claim the Island. On November 3rd 1978, the island was finally granted its independence from Britain.

Dominica is the only Caribbean island to retain a colony of its pre-Columbian population. Today, over 2,000 Carib Indians properly known as the Kalinago inhabit a 3,700 acre territory on the north-western side of the island.



# CAPITAL AND MAJOR URBAN AREAS

**Roseau** is the Capital city of Dominica. It is surrounded by the Caribbean Sea, the Roseau River, and Morne Bruce, and is built on the site of the ancient Kalinago Indian village of Sairi. The quaint town is a picturesque array of 18th century French architecture, and is small enough to be easily explored on foot.

**Portsmouth** is the second largest town with 2,977 inhabitants. It lies on the Indian River on Dominica's northwest coast, in Saint John Parish. Portsmouth has its own sea port in Prince Rupert Bay.

**Other principal urban centers** are Grand Bay and Marigot.

**Places worth visit:**  
Scotts Head, Soufriere, Calibishie.

# HOW TO ACCESS DOMINICA?

Dominica has two airports: Douglas-Charles Airport (formerly known as Melville Hall International Airport) (DOM) and Canefield (DCF) Airports.

Douglas-Charles Airport is the larger of the two and most visitors to Dominica will arrive through this airport which accommodates commercial airlines. Canefield Airport, located 15 minutes from the capital city of Roseau, is only 3,100 ft long and is suitable for chartered flights and private jets. Douglas-Charles Airport which is located in the north-eastern side of the island is approximately one hour from the capital city, Roseau. International flights from the US and Europe are connected to the island through hubs in Antigua (ANU), Barbados (BGI), St. Maarten (SXM), Puerto Rico (SJU), Guadeloupe (PTP), and Martinique (FDF).



# DOMINICA IS...



## FAMOUS

Pirates Of The Caribbean.

"Dead Man's Chest" and "At World's End" had all major movie scenes filmed in Dominica.



## UNIQUE

The Boiling Lake.

The second-largest thermal lake in the world.

# ROMANTIC

The Nature Island of Dominica is one of the most exotic and romantic spots in the Caribbean. Dominica is the perfect Caribbean destination for your wedding and honeymoon. Wedding locations range from the top of one of lush green mountains, alongside the crystal clear waters of a towering waterfall, or one of fresh water lakes or the stunning Botanical Gardens. Whether it's just for the bride and groom, or you have a wedding party, family and friends coming along, many hotels will be happy to assist you with organising your wedding, reception and accommodation.



Dominica has been rated as one of the "Top Hot and Steamy Romantic Trips" by The Guardian, UK.

# DIFFERENT

In a small island like Dominica, locally-made brands like Macoucherie (the only one made with local cane), Soca and Red Cap share the market.

There's nothing better (or stronger) than the local rum. At every bar you visit on the island, you are sure to see local Bush Rum as the house spirit. Take a swig and taste the essence of Dominica's beautiful culture. Cheers!

Rum has spawned a culture so deeply associated with Caribbean life that this three-letter word conjures up images of pirates, beaches, dominoes and colourful rum shops.

Dominicans' relationship with rum does not have the same scale and reputation as other Caribbean islands, notably Barbados, Jamaica and Martinique. Dominica is doing things on a little different way and with its own style.



# DOMINICA IS NATURAL!

Morne Trois Pitons National Park is the jewel of Dominica. Encompassing much of the island's mountainous interior, the park is primordial rainforest, ranging from thick jungle with giant ferns and wild orchids, to the stunted cloud forest on the upper slopes of 1,424-meter Morne Trois Pitons.

Highlights of the 17,000-acre UNESCO World Heritage Site, include Boiling Lake; Victoria Waterfall; Trafalgar Falls; mist-shrouded Boeri Lake; Middleham Falls; Titou Gorge; Emerald Pool; and the steaming Valley of Desolation, an area of boiling mud ponds, brightly-colored hot springs, and mini-geysers. One of the best starting points for a visit to the park is the village of Laudat, 11 kilometers from Roseau.

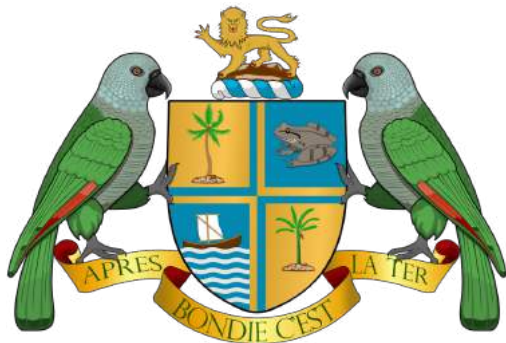




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Dominica invites  
adventurers of the mind,  
body and spirit to  
experience the unspoiled  
natural beauty and rich  
culture heritage of the  
undiscovered Caribbean.  
World-class hiking,  
amazing underwater  
experiences and the  
opportunity to unplug from  
everyday life and restore  
the body and mind.  
Come and explore the  
Nature island of Dominica!

Welcome!

The warm and welcoming people of Dominica invite you and your family to invest in Dominica and **BECOME CITIZENS OF THEIR CARIBBEAN ISLAND-NATION.**

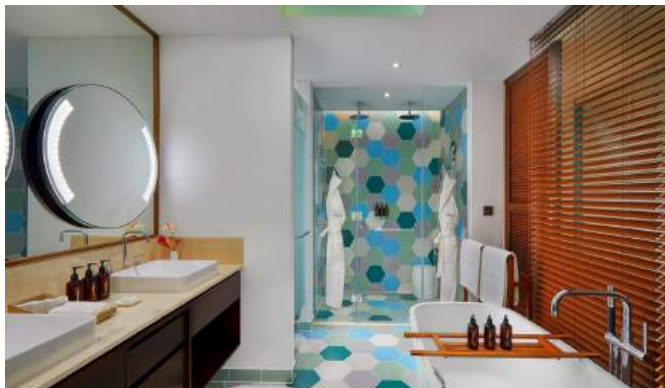




# Cabrits Resort & Spa Kempinski

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## INSPIRED BY NATURE

Surrounded by Cabrits National Park, the unobtrusive design of this peaceful, hidden away five-star luxury resort in Dominica preserves the natural beauty and ecosystem of this stunning, unexplored volcanic island. The 151-room resort, with its breathtaking panoramic view of the Caribbean Sea, invites guests to indulge in luxury with amenities such as a full-service Kempinski The Spa, international cuisine at 4 restaurants and bars, and a state-of-the-art fitness facility. It also has two floodlit tennis courts, 4 sparkling swimming pools, and meeting space for executive retreats and intimate weddings. The resort is on the doorstep to the island's matchless natural attractions, and is committed to protecting the authenticity of this pristine eco-tourism paradise while offering an enriching guest experience that strikes a natural balance between land and sea.

# Secret Bay

DOMINICA, CARIBBEAN

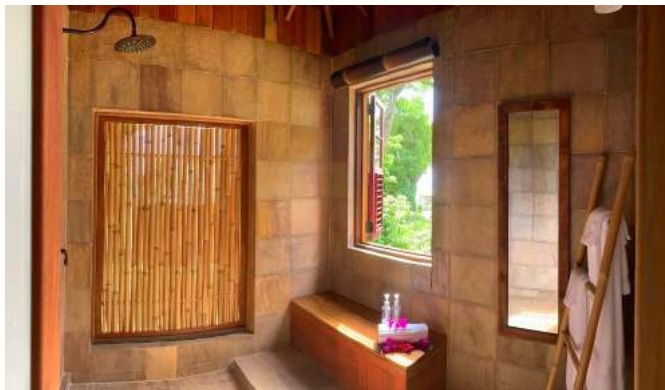




## A BLEND OF PASSION

A six-star all-villa rainforest resort experience, featuring secluded clifftop residential-style villas with private plunge pools, dedicated villa hosts, on-call concierge, chefs and guides, secret beaches and transformative experiences curated just for you. One of the world's most celebrated boutique resorts, Secret Bay brings six-star luxury to Dominica, the Nature Island of the Caribbean. Immersed in nature where the rainforest meets the sea, Secret Bay features secluded, residential-style villas with private plunge pools, dedicated villa hosts, on-call concierge, chefs and guides, secret beaches and transformative experiences curated for each guest. The privacy, luxury and immersion of Secret Bay offers the most intimate, six-star experience in the world. Here, a dedicated villa host tends to each guest's needs while a transformative culinary experience awaits at Zing Zing restaurant. This year's award for the World's Best Resort in the Caribbean, Bermuda and the Bahamas 2020 from Travel + Leisure magazine was received by Secret Bay. The resort, described by hotel guests as "a rare gem, truly one of a kind", was also named as the sixth-best hotel in the world in the magazine's "Top 100" list.





## YOGA & NATURE RETREATS

Jungle Bay is an award-winning, adventure, and wellness resort located on the nature isle of the Caribbean. They design vacations with the perfect blend of adventure, delicious organic local cuisine, spa pampering and yoga to help rejuvenate you! The property is a natural sanctuary featuring tropical fruit trees and lush forest. Jungle Bay's staff may well be the most hospitable local hosts you'll ever meet! Start your day with sunrise yoga, then join in the daily island adventure tours which are a true highlight. Finish each day being pampered in the wellness spa and dine at the al fresco restaurant, enjoying mouthwatering local organic cuisine. The Mission of Jungle Bay Resort is to enhance the natural environment and improve the livelihood of surrounding communities so that the region is improved in a sustainable way, while providing quality, comfortable nature-based experiences for the guests.





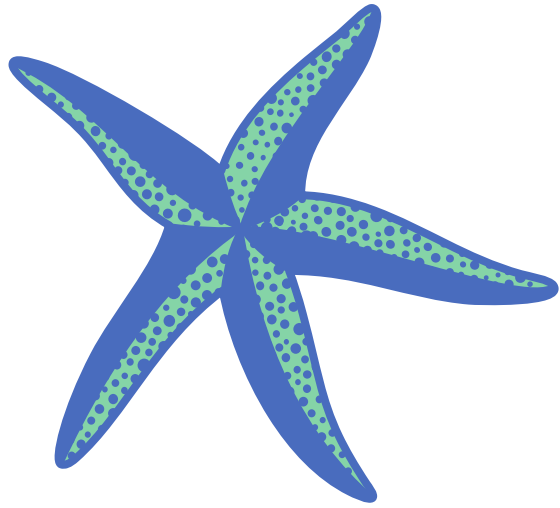
# THE MOST HOSPITABLE SERVICE

Rejens Hotel is located in the historic town of Portsmouth. The hotel is about 45 minutes away from the Melville Hall Airport (the Island main airport) along the northeast coast and approximately the same distance from the capital, Roseau, along the southwest coast. Rejens Hotel appeals to all visitors looking for comfort, elegance and friendly customer service. It's ideal for both business and leisure travelers, who are looking to make Dominica their destination choice.

The Rejens Hotel is nestled in a lush green and serene surrounding, charmed by the gracious sound of local birds and refreshed by a continuous clean, fresh and gentle breeze. Hotel is also located along the main highway that connects the historic town of Portsmouth to the capital city of Roseau. There is an unrestricted view of the surrounding hillsides and snapshots of the Atlantic Ocean.

# BEST BEACHES IN DOMINICA

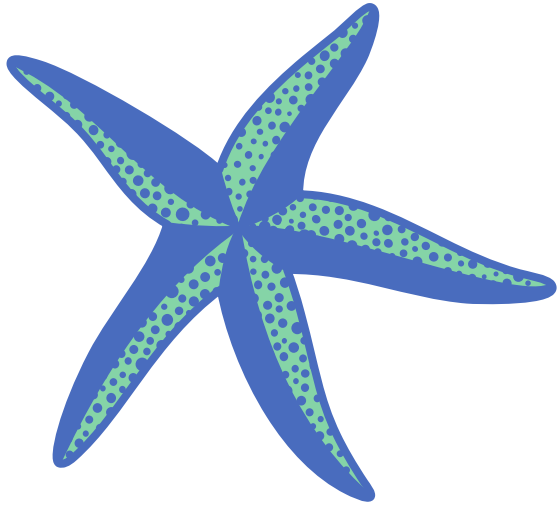




## MERO BEACH

Mero Beach is Dominica's most popular beach thanks to its proximity to the island's capital city of Roseau. The busy beach is packed with bars, music and tasty restaurants and it's a great place to party and have fun. The beach has black sand and warm, calm waters alongside public restrooms and facilities. The beach is located near to some of the island's top all-inclusive resorts and draws a big crowd.

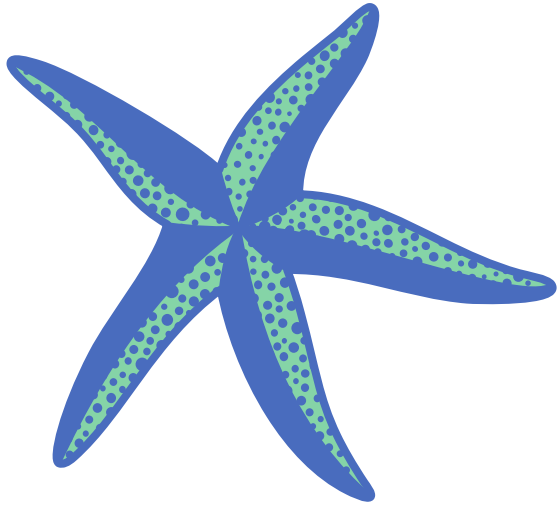




## BATIBOU BEACH

It's no wonder the directors of the Hollywood hit *Pirates of the Caribbean* chose Batibou Beach as one of their filming locations. To get to the beach, you'll need to hike for fifteen minutes through rocky terrain, meaning the beach is very secluded. The sea is choppy and it's a nice place to paddle, although it could be dangerous to swim too far out due to the large waves. It's a beautiful gray sand beach, surrounded by coconut palms.

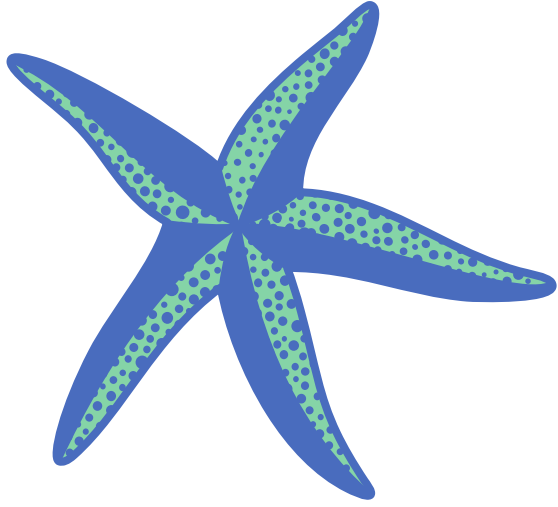




# CHAMPAGNE BEACH

Yes, there really is a beach called Champagne Beach on the island, and it's one of Dominica's most stunning. The beach is known for its bubbling waters (hence its name) as the sea lies above hot springs, meaning that going for a swim is like taking a dip in a warm hot tub. Local marine life loves the warm waters, so be sure to bring your snorkel to catch a glimpse of the tropical fish. It's also a great place for some scuba diving, for the more advanced divers. The beach is beautifully diverse, with rocks and it has crystal clear turquoise water.

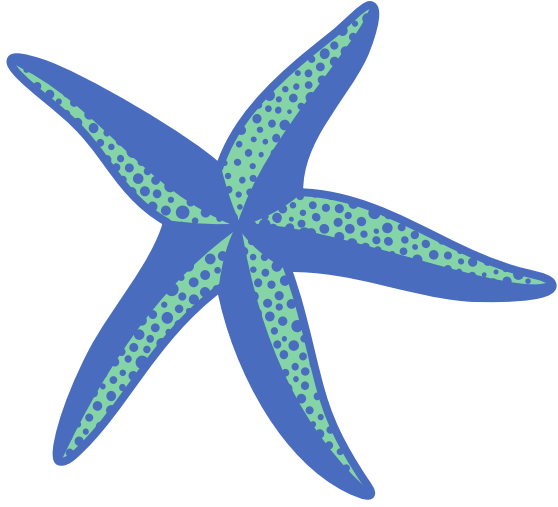




# POINTE BAPTISTE BEACH

Pointe Baptiste is located on the northern coast of the island. The beach offers stunning views out to the sea of surrounding red rocks and other nearby Caribbean islands such as Guadeloupe and Les Saintes. It's surrounded by a backdrop of coconut trees, where you can find shade during the midday heat — just be sure to keep an eye out for falling coconuts!





# PURPLE TURTLE BEACH

Purple Bay is a beach filled with fun activities. From dancing to local reggae bands to playing volleyball and doing water sports like jet-skiing or kayaking, there's plenty to keep you occupied. The beach lies to the north of the island, near to one of the island's largest towns, Portsmouth. It boasts brown sand and warm, blue waters.





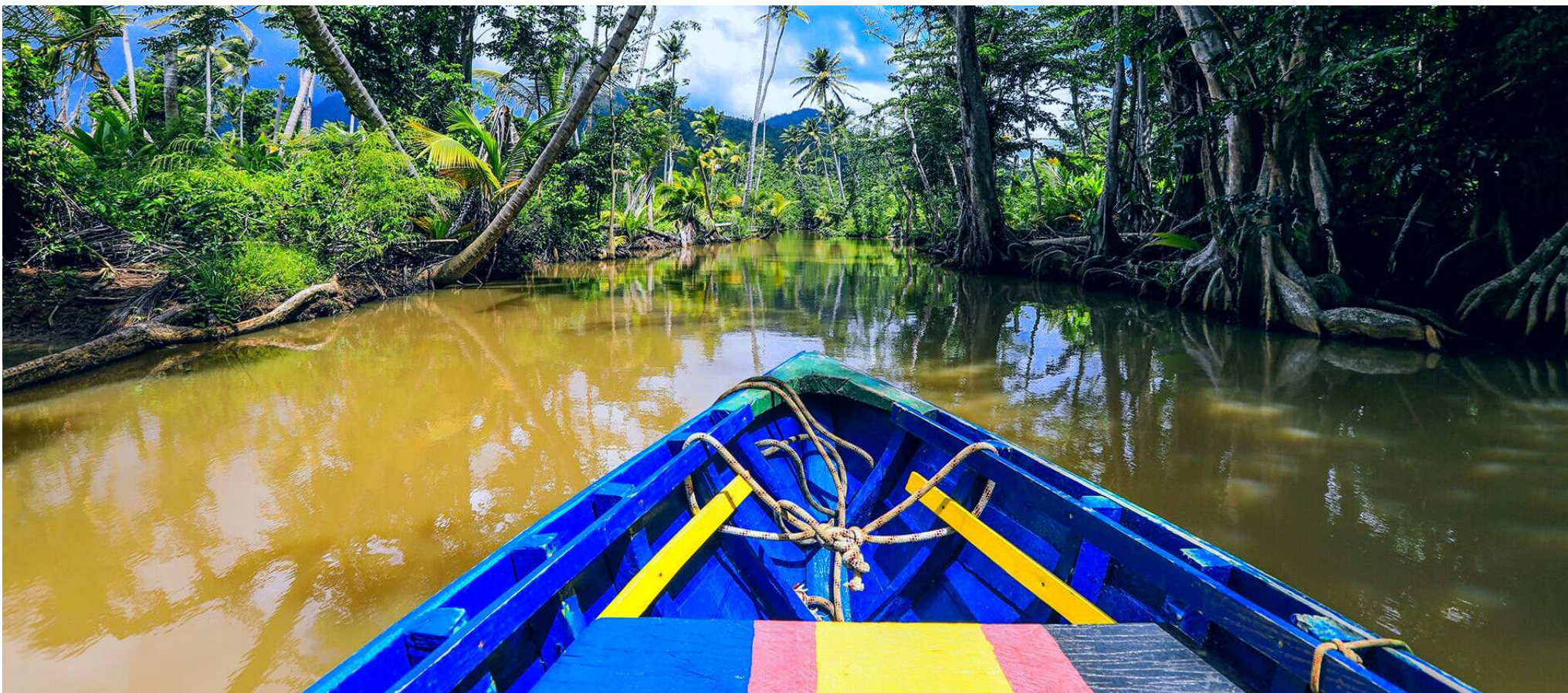
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# SCOTTS HEAD

A tiny village on the southwest coast of Dominica, Scotts Head overlooks Soufrière Bay — one of the most popular diving and snorkeling destinations in the world. The village is about an hour's drive south of Roseau — and well worth the time it takes to get there. Joining diving enthusiasts are hikers eager to make their way up the peninsula's peak and take in the inspiring landscape of the southwest coast and ocean views that stretch all the way to Martinique. It's a short and easy climb to the peak and it also marks the beginning of the Waitukubuli National Trail. But clearly the most popular draw to

Scotts Head is its pristine waters. Divers regularly request repeat visits to this site with its riveting and varied formations. Most dives begin on Swiss Cheese, a large rock formation home to Soldierfish Cave. It's not actually a cave, but a passage packed with soldier fish and grunts that form a curtain in front of you, briefly parting to swallow you into the school as you pass through.



# INDIAN RIVER

It flows to the Caribbean Sea between the town of Portsmouth and the village of Glanvillia. It is the widest river in Dominica. Be transported in minutes from the urban environment of the town of Portsmouth to the warm embrace of nature by taking a tour up the scenic Indian River. The Indian River got its name because Kalinago (Carib Indian) lived along its banks and used it as an access route to the Caribbean Sea. The river was important to their livelihood as they used it to transport goods for trade with sailors and along the island chain. With its coastal wetland dominated by the spectacular buttressed Bwa Mang trees, the Indian River is among the most picturesque of Dominica's 365 rivers. Experienced boatmen in hand-oared river boats will take you silently past many types of wild life and plant life along the swampy river bank. See for yourself where scenes from Pirates of the Caribbean were filmed. Up the river you can visit the renowned 'Bush Bar' and try our signature rum drink, smoked fish and a variety of other drinks, juices and tasty local cuisine.



# SOUFRIÈRE

In the island's southwest corner is Soufrière, a sun-drenched village near Dominica's marine reserves. It is the capital of Saint Mark Parish and has a population of 1,416 people. An 18th century Catholic church built of volcanic stone, ruins of the L. Rose Lime Oil factory, and Sulphur Springs hot mineral baths are here to explore.



# FORT SHIRLEY

Fort Shirley is the part of the Cabrits National Park and is located on a scenic peninsula just north of Portsmouth. This fortress is most famously known for a revolt by African slave soldiers in 1802, an event which would lead to freeing of all British slave soldiers in 1807. The fort itself was built within a volcanic crater and served as part of a network of defenses along the Lesser Antilles during international conflicts between Britain and France in the 18th and 19th centuries.

These conflicts left behind echoes of a different era and some of the fort's ruins are being slowly reclaimed by the encroaching forest. Much of the fort is intact or has been rebuilt, allowing you to see what the area must have looked like back when the fort was operational. Take a moment to climb the walls, look out from a row of cannons, and imagine setting your sight on ships slowly drifting into range. The Officer's Quarters has undergone a major renovation and is now home to weddings, receptions, concerts, and other events. Offering stunning views of Prince Rupert Bay, nearby beaches, and the mountains rising behind it, Fort Shirley is a natural lookout on the region.



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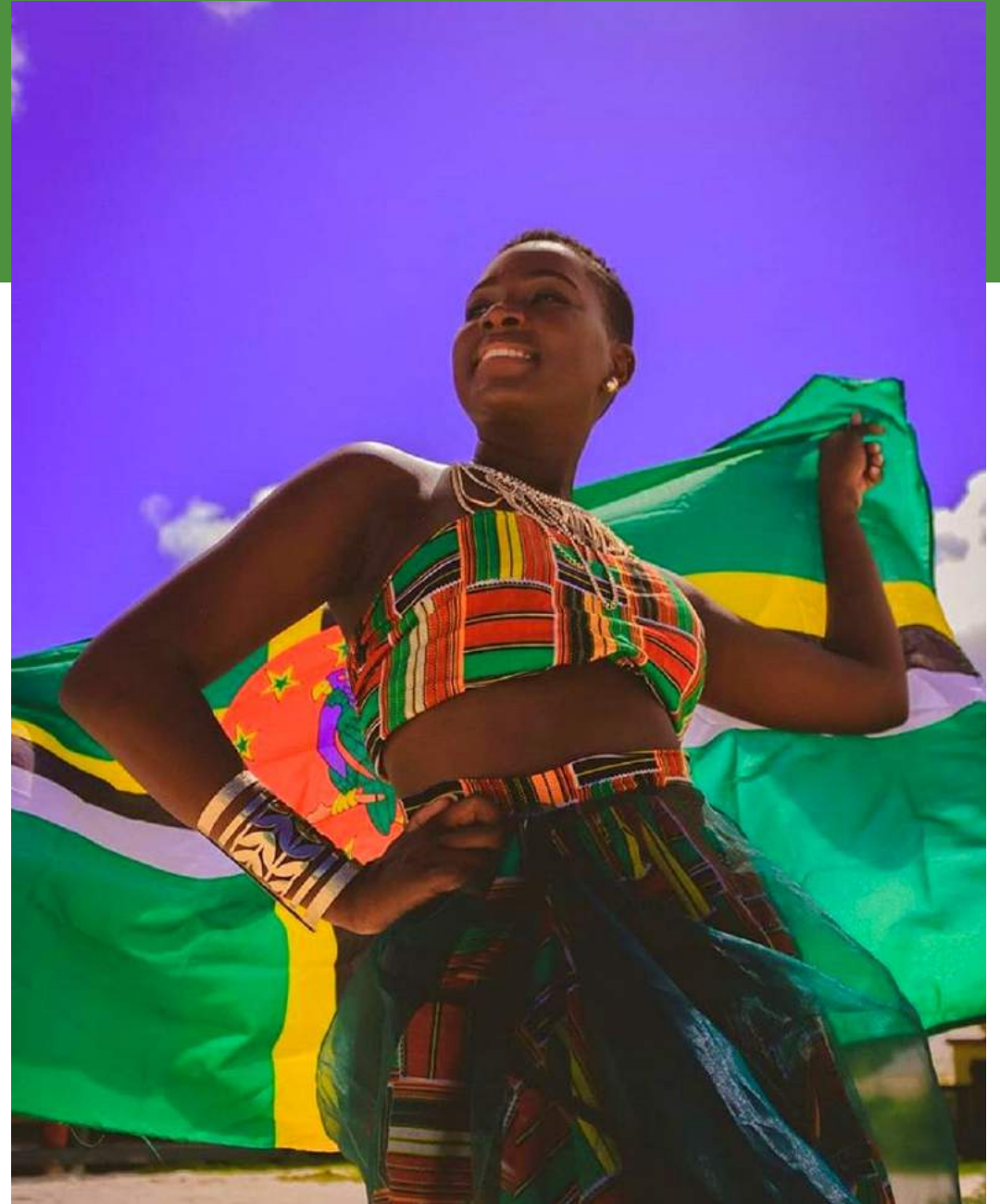
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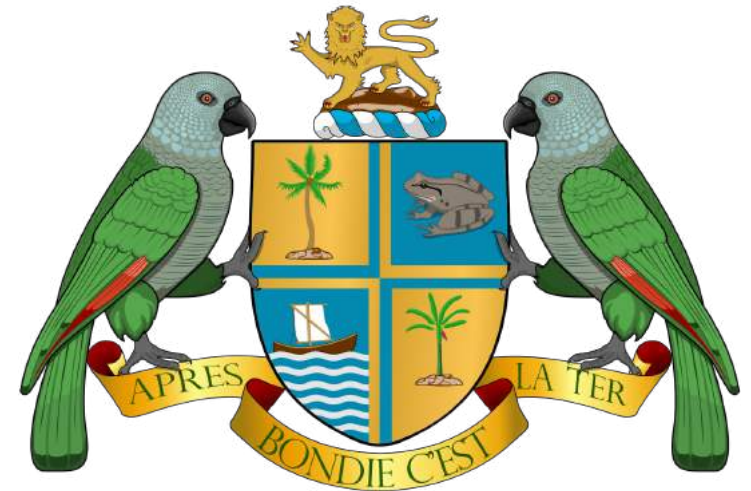
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