

**Free Island Girl Invites You to Visit the Dominican Republic
A Tour to Explore:**

Living, Working & Investing Abroad-The Expat Dream

June 11 – June 20, 2021



Tour Itinerary and Details

This tour is designed as an exclusive experience for Free Island Girl's You Tube Followers. As you know, Kelly (Free Island Girl) moved permanently as a single parent to the Dominican Republic over three years ago and has shared her personal journey, real estate opportunities, living and working abroad as well as emphasizing intension and mindfulness in life. Now with well over 8,000 followers, Free Island Girl has partnered with Global Academics to provide a unique cultural and educational tour to help you explore the depths of the country and hopefully sway your decision to make the move, or investment, long or short term, to the Dominican Republic.

June 11: Santo Domingo

- Fly to Santo Domingo (SDQ airport code) and plan to arrive by 5pm
- Take free shuttle/private car from the airport and check into the [*Renaissance Jarajua hotel*](#) or similar
- 7:00pm Hosted *Free Island Girl Welcome Dinner* at the hotel
- Brief Evening Lecture: "The Political Landscape of Santo Domingo and Its People"

June 12: Santo Domingo, Historic District

- 8:30am Breakfast at the hotel
- 9:30am depart from hotel for days activities
- 10:00am Discussion on the "The African Heritage of Santo Domingo" with guided walking tour
- Hosted Lunch 12:30-2:00pm
- 2:30-4:00pm "The Musical Traditions of Santo Domingo: An Immersion Experience"
- 4:30pm Dinner on your own (recommendations will be provided)
- 7:00pm Group Cocktail Hour and Reflection

June 13: Las Terrenas

- 9:00am Breakfast at the hotel
- 10:00am Depart to Las Terrenas on private bus

- 1:00pm Hosted Lunch at Campo Kitchen
- 2:30 pm Check into our beach front accommodations [Wyndham Hotel La Samana](#)
- Free afternoon to relax and explore
- 6:00pm Dinner with Lecture on “Race, History and the Global Black Experience of the Dominican Republic and the Samana Peninsula” Dr. Siri Brown, Historian

June 14: Las Terrenas

- 8:00am Breakfast at the hotel
- 9:00am Panel Discussion “Living in Las Terrenas: The Expat Experience”
- 11:00am Real Estate Tour: Visit to Houses, Condos and Land for Sale in Las Terrenas and the surrounding area
- 1:30pm Hosted Lunch Tre Caravelle
- 3:00pm Visit to an organic *Coffee Farm to meet elders who have mastered the craft*
- 5:00pm Guided Meditation with Free Island Girl with Ritual of Ancestral Thanks at the ocean
(**Note: Please wear all white and wear flip flops for this beach/ocean experience**)
- 7:00pm Dinner and celebration at a local restaurant on the water with fresh caught fish

June 15: Las Terrenas

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Free day in Las Terrenas. Optional activities are available (shopping, snorkeling, ATV rides and more)
- Lunch and Dinner is on your own



June 16: Las Terrenas

- 8:30am Breakfast at the hotel
- 10:30am Lecture from political leaders of Las Terrenas on “Las Terrenas: Commerce, Investment and Improvement Projects”
- 12:30pm Hosted Lunch at *Nana Gorme*
- 2:30pm Expat Panel Discussion “Business, Residency and Working Remotely in Las Terrenas: The Expat Experience”

- 5:00pm Dinner on your own

June 17: Las Terrenas

- 8:30am Breakfast at the hotel
- 10:00am “Education in the Dominican Republic” with Tour of local Schools. Participants donations of school supplies will be given to local families
- 12:30pm Hosted Lunch
- 2:00pm Real Estate Tour-Visit to additional homes for rent and for sale
- 7:00pm Dance Performance and Lesson on “Traditional and Popular Dances in the Dominican Republic”

June 18: Las Terrenas

- 8:30am breakfast at the hotel
- 10:00am Guided boat trip to Parque Haitises (to explore the ecological wonders of the area) and Cayo Levantado for snorkeling and enjoying yet another amazing white sand beach. Lunch included
- Dinner on your own

June 19: Las Terrenas

- 8:00am Morning Mediation with Free Island Girl
- Free day to relax
- 4:00pm at Playa Bonita
- 6:00pm Closing Hosted Dinner at *Mosquito Bar* with group reflection of the experience

June 20: Airport in Santo Domingo

- 7:00am Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:00am departure to Santo Domingo to the airport
- All flights should be booked to depart 2pm or later

About Las Terrenas and the Dominican Republic:

The Dominican Republic is located in the upper Antilles of the Caribbean, sharing a land mass with the country of Haiti. Originally peopled by the Taino and other indigenous communities, the arrival of Christopher Columbus in 1492 would change the face of the island and forever impact the lived experiences of original inhabitants and the African people brought under enslavement to enrich the Spanish crown. Culturally, the Dominican Republic is a culmination of this history and the influence of the Black Haitian creole and French culture. Las Terrenas is a small, tropical town on the Samana Peninsula, the eastern most part of the Dominican Republic. Its rich history includes a strong African presence and intertwined history with African Americans who came to the region in the 1800's. Considered a “hidden jewel”, Las Terrenas has miles of white sand beaches, waterfalls, rich terrane and people who are kind and full of the cultural richness that makes Las Terrenas a place to visit....and never leave. Join us as we explore the history, culture and opportunities to live and invest in the Dominican Republic.

COVID-19 Precautions:

All COVID-19 related precautions and protocols are adhered to on this tour. Guides, participants and lecturers are required to either show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of the beginning of the tour. Updates will be provided on any changes to the protocols as needed.

Cost and Payment Plan:

\$2,850.00 USD Installment Plan: Pay overtime March 1- June 1, 2021. \$500 pp non-refundable deposit is due at registration. Costs includes double occupancy hotel accommodations, all breakfasts and listed hosted meals, all scheduled lectures, excursions, tour entry fees, in-country private bus and driver, and bi-lingual guide. Cost **does not** include flight to and from the Dominican Republic, tips, nor meals not indicated. **ADD \$800 for single room occupancy.**

How to Register:

Go to www.global-academics.org and click on "Register Here First" in the top right-hand corner. Follow the Instructions from there. This is a secure site.

Your Flight:

Remember that you are to book your own flight to and from Santo Domingo (SDQ), as it is not included in the package price. Please ensure that you arrive on June 11th by or before 5pm and Depart 2pm or later on June 20th.

Tour Organizers:

[Free Island Girl](#) (youtube channel host aka Kelly Wolfolk) is an Oakland, CA native, attorney, realtor and tri-lingual single parent who made the permanent move to Las Terrenas, Dominican Republic over 3 years ago. On her youtube channel she chronicled the ups and downs of her move and the many opportunities for a better quality of life--spiritually, culturally, physically and economically for those able to invest and make the move. Free Island Girl now has over 8,000 followers who enjoy learning about social issues, real estate, cost of living, raising a child in another country and more. Due to the success of her channel, over 20 US followers have also made the permanent move to Las Terrenas and over 100 have come to visit and enjoy the beauty of the land, sea and people.

Dr. Siri Brown is a Professor of African American and Ethnic Studies and Educational Administrator in California, USA. Dr. Brown with over 20 years of leading educational tours to the Black world. Visit [Global Academics](#) for more information on Dr. Brown or contact (510) 649-5664, tours@global-academics.org for inquiries.

