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Money:
Dominican
peso

DISCOVER

The Dominican Republic



The distance from Washington, D.C., to Santo Domingo is 1,473 miles or about 3,888,720 kinkajous!



Kinkajous, which live in some Caribbean countries, can grow up to 24 inches long.



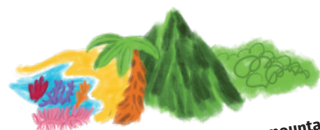
Slightly more than twice the size of New Hampshire.

Shares an island with Haiti.

Christopher Columbus claimed the island in 1492. He named it **Hispaniola**, meaning "Little Spain."

HAITI

Home to one of the largest gold mines in the world.



Has coral reefs, mountains, fertile valleys and tropical rain forests.

Main crops: sugarcane, coffee, tobacco.

Home to 5,600 plant species and 303 bird species.



Located in the "hurricane belt," with severe storms from June to October.

Capital city of Santo Domingo is home to almost 3 million people.



Some animals that live here: marine turtles, dolphins, humpback whales, and the endangered rhinoceros iguana.



Stats

Dominican Republic



United States



Population

10,606,865

323,995,528

People Living Below Poverty Line

30.5%

15.1%

Languages

Spanish

English, Spanish, Asian, Pacific Island and Indo-European

Religions

Roman Catholic 95% other 5%

Christian 68.2% other 25.2% Jewish 1.9% Mormon 1.6% Muslim 0.9% Jehovah's Witness 0.8% Buddhist 0.7% Hindu 0.7%

Typical Family Income

\$15,900 per year

\$57,300 per year



People don't have enough fresh water that's safe to drink, and many can't afford to buy bottled water.

Mosquitoes infect people with the Zika virus.



Compassion builds water-cleaning centers and helps families pay for clean water.

Compassion shows kids and pregnant women how to avoid bites and helps them get medical help if needed.